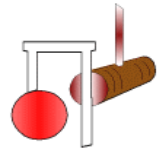


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## Newsletter No. 88, December 2019



Mulling over what I should start off this December Newsletter with I said to myself "Don't start with the almost three months of rain since finals weekend", so instead I will mention the fairly good summer we had, enabling us, mostly, to play our club and league matches on the allocated days. Gone was the long dry heat of 2018, although we did have some very hot days as well as a sprinkling of chilly, windy days.

During the year we said a fond farewell to two of our members - Jenny Burrows who died in February and Pam Manasseh who died in May. Pam's family has made a kind donation of a bench in her memory together with a generous monetary donation for which we are extremely grateful.

Our League matches started in May. Our GC Handicap team ended up 5th out of 7, and our GC High Handicap team ended up at the bottom of their group. In Association Croquet we fared a little better with the Intermediate team coming 4th out of 7 in their group. Thank you to the team managers and to the team members for all their efforts on our behalf in the leagues. It has to be said that some members were in both Golf Croquet teams (that's allowed as they are two separate leagues) and particular thanks go to them for taking part in twice the number of matches they would normally expect to play in.

Undaunted we will be entering these three leagues again next year with the addition of one more in Association Croquet - the Short Croquet League. This is a new league, thanks to Des Honey, who brought the idea to our club committee and, with our full support, then took it to the South West Federation where it was approved at their

AGM. Well done Des!

This means that we have four league team entries, which in turn means we need players. I know the team lists will not appear before April, but please spend some time over winter thinking about and deciding that you can join one or more of the teams - we really do need more players. For the **Golf Croquet High Handicap League** you need a handicap of 8 or higher, so this is ideal for members who have not played in the league before, less experienced or new members. For the **Golf Croquet Handicap League** you need a handicap of 10 or below, although we can include one player whose handicap is 11 or 12. For the **Association Croquet Intermediate League** you need a handicap of 9 to 18, although we can include one player with a handicap of 20 or 22. For the new **Short Croquet League** at least half of the games played by each team must be played by players with *Short Croquet* handicaps of 6 or above. So, plenty to think about over winter.

### Our AGM

Having seen the list of apologies for the AGM beforehand I must confess that I approached the event somewhat despondent. However, I am pleased to say that I closed the meeting feeling more positive. As was indicated on the nomination form, Colin was unable to stand again for election as Tournament Secretary because he had completed three three-year terms and the constitution precludes members standing for a fourth term. We had no nominations for the post, but I am pleased to say that Dorianne Forsdick volunteered to take it on and was immediately proposed, seconded and elected. With Jennifer Whetter accepting nomination, unopposed, as a committee member we now have a full committee again.

Welcome to Jennifer and welcome back to Dorianne.

Another retiree at the AGM was Des Honey. He remains on the committee but has retired from the role of lead for the grounds committee and working group. Des has undertaken this task for quite some time and decided to take a rest from it, although he has offered to still help with various tasks when called upon. I am sure you will all want to join me in thanking him for all the work he has done over the years.

Sadly, despite an appeal at the AGM nobody has come forward to take on the role so I am filling in until we can get a volunteer. Fortunately we have a good group of members who answer my calls for help in working parties from time to time so I am hoping that, not only will they continue, but others will join their ranks. If you think you can help in any way, no matter how small, please let me know.

A question which came up at the AGM was concerning the item in our accounts - sponsorship - and it is worth noting here that this comes from NFU Mutual Insurance and this is the fifth year that we have received this sponsorship. Initially it was donated directly by the NFU, but in recent years it has come from Ian Maddever personally, the representative from the NFU Liskeard Office. To show our appreciation of this it would be appreciated if members would consider the NFU if they are thinking of changing their insurance.

### Next Year

So, what's going on next year? Our first priority will be to try to enrol more members. Over the years this has become more and more important as members become unable to play for health reasons or, sadly, died. As you will have seen from the accounts, membership subscriptions are our main reliable source of income. Not only that; we also need members to join our league teams, as mentioned above. So throughout the year we will be trying out various ways to encourage people to try croquet and join the club. You will have a large role to play in this, so please look out for requests for help!

You may remember that this year we started off competitive play fairly early reviving the Croquet Association Charity Short Croquet Tournament. This raised funds for the Alzheimers Society. Next year we will be entering again and the CA nominated charity will be Macmillan Nurses. I am sure you will agree that this is a very worthwhile charity and many will have had first hand experience of its work. This competition is intended as a fun day where all you have to do is run all the hoops ahead of your opponent - simple as that. Rules are minimal and will be explained on the day. We ask for a donation of £5 minimum to take part and the whole of this will go to the charity.

Later in the year we will hold our own club charity one-ball day. Run on similar lines, but this time the proceeds go to a local charity - details later.

Something else for 2020 will be a new club competition - the Porthpean Trophy - for level play Golf Croquet doubles. This is at the request of the joint captains of the GC Porthpean team, Kathryn Smith and Kathleen Moorshead. We look forward to

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some good entries, so start thinking about who you could team up with for this one! Last, but not least, in June next year we will be running an open AC tournament over two days. This will be open to all members of the Croquet Association so we are looking forward to entries from players from other parts of the country joining in. We will be needing help for catering on the days and for 'sprucing up' our facilities beforehand. We will let you know more of what is needed nearer the time but any help will be most welcome.

### GC Rules - hitting a stationary outside agency

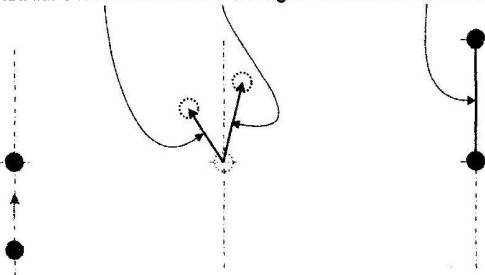
Browsing through older newsletters I came across guidance on what to do if a moving ball hits an outside agency. Rule 9.2.3.(a) and (b) apply in this case.

" (a) If a moving ball hits an outside agency, including a ball or player from another game, which was stationary from when the stroke was played until the collision occurred, the stroke is not replayed.

(b) The opposing side chooses whether to leave the ball where it stopped or to place it where they (or a referee, if present) judge that it would have stopped if there had been no interference."

Under Rule 9.2.2. the original stationary ball is replaced to its original position, but how do players work out where the moving ball would have travelled to? One method is suggested in the earlier article and is reprinted here:

Add this distance to this distance to give the distance red would have travelled



Red hits Green and they come to rest as in the middle diagram. Green goes back to in its original position. Red is placed along its original path at a distance from the point of impact by adding the two distances that the two balls travelled after impact.

### Finals Weekend

And finally! A few memories of Finals Weekend



*President, Howard Rosevear presents the trophy for the GC Summer Competition to the winner, Keith Wakeford.*



*President Howard Rosevear presents the Golf Singles Trophy to the winner, Graham Varcoe*



*Howard Rosevear presents the AC President's Cup to the winner, Peter Cutting*





*Bob Cash is presented with the Rosemary Bradshaw Bowl for the AC summer Short Croquet series*

**And at the AGM .....**



*Joyce Wilson presents the Joyce Wilson Trophy to Phil Simmons for the most improved Golf Croquet player, 2019*



*Ian Wilson presents the Wilson Salvors to Peter Cutting and Rhona Foster for the AC Doubles competition.*



*Chairman, Rhona Foster, presents the Daphne Jennings Memorial Trophy to Bob Cash for the most improved Association Croquet Player, 2019*



*President Howard Rosevear presents the Dowding Cup to Bob Cash, winner of the AC handicap knockout competition.*

