

The Bears

January 2015 Newsletter



From the archive - The Bear's visit to Cornwall CC in August 2007

Happy new year

The search for a new home continues energetically and whether we end up with one lawn or two, as owners or tenants, we will need access to significant funds in order to create the club we would want and with a good playing surface.

In this issue, you will find pieces about finances, plans for 2015 and information and advice. As always, the monthly newsletter is the main vehicle for keeping you informed so please don't be too hasty in scanning and dumping it!

“Great achievements never come from comfort zones.”

Annual Subscriptions are now due and should be paid by 31st January.

Please note there is a change in the way subs need to be paid. Because of our change of name, new bank accounts are in the process of being opened. **Payments by electronic transfer are preferred** and if you have done this before, you will need to amend your records as follows:

Bank Sort Code **09 06 66** Bank account number **41503328** (currently unchanged)

Account name has been changed to **The Bears**

Please type your name in the "Reference" box so Richard can identify your payment

If you pay by cheque, please make it payable to **The Bears** and send it to Richard Way, Sun Cottage, Scar Hill, Minchinhampton. GL6 9AH.

Subscriptions for 2015 are £30 for full membership and £15 for distant country membership.

Fundraising initiative

The following idea was sent to us by Klim Seabright, secretary of Cheltenham CC.

Hi Rob

You may wish to try the following as a fundraiser - it has worked for me a couple of times!

Stage 1 - Ask members if they are likely to be making a significant outlay on something - car, double glazing, new boiler etc.

Stage 2 - Member negotiates to point of satisfactory price.

Stage 3 - Member then says to supplier "you only need to do one more thing to seal the deal"

Supplier - What's that?

Member - "On completion you give me a cheque for x made out "The Bears" - I usually manage about £150 but others may be bolder.

Good luck
Klim

If you can raise some money for us by this method, we would all be grateful. Have you any more ideas for fundraising? Please feel free to take the initiative. The club is opening a savings account to hold donations ready for the big day - even though we don't yet know when that will be.

Keys

All of our equipment has been removed from The Bear and is being stored by the great kindness of Ian. We now have no need for the keys to the hotel's pavilion store so please could you return your key to a committee member for onward delivery to the hotel. Hang on to the cupboard key though because one day you will need that key again.

Games and matches for this year.

Richard W is busy arranging league matches and dates will be announced as soon as he has the complete picture.

Team Managers will be able to use the on-line calendar to upload details of their teams and everyone will be able to get the information they need from there.

Members wishing to play in the Short Croquet tournament at Nailsea on 11th April should give their names to Robert asap.

CA Tournaments you may wish to enter.

The following is a selection of CA tournaments which you may like to consider entering. Non-CA members are permitted to enter one tournament without joining the CA (that is one per life-time not one per year) but after that you will need to join up. (See last months newsletter for details of reduced price membership).

JUNE	Handicap range
13 - 14 Nailsea C Level advanced	5 - 12
20 - 21 East Dorset Handicap Tournament	20 -
25 - 26 Phyllis Court/Blewbury Handicap Tournament	18-

JULY	
4 - 5 Ramsgate Handicap Singles	all
11 - 12 Nailsea B Level Advanced	1 - 8
25 - 26 Hamptworth B Level Singles	3 - 8

AUGUST	
1 - 2 Hamptworth Class Singles	6 - 16
7 - 9 Cheltenham Handicap Doubles	20-
8 - 9 Nailsea Handicap Singles	all
14 - 16 Pendle Handicap	all
15 - 16 Ipswich Handicap	all
22 - 23 Ramsgate C Level Advanced	3 - 12
29 - 31 East Dorset Class Singles	24-

SEPTEMBER	
11 - 13 Sidmouth C Level Advanced	6 - 12
15 - 17 Cheltenham Handicap	20 -
18 - 20 Budleigh Handicap	18 -

There are many more but I thought these may be of particular interest. Ask any CA member if you want to know more.