

Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

Newsletter – May 2014



Off to a good start



The season began well with the Short Croquet team trouncing the rest of the block to take the trophy. Winning 14 out of the 16 games, the closest rival only managed to win 8/16. Caroline, Richard W and Robert were joined by Erica, an honorary Bear for the day. Because this was the first time we had entered this tournament, we were automatically placed into Division 4 but by the end of the day, we had been promoted into Division 3 which is where we will be placed for 2015. Some clubs field two teams so if there is sufficient interest next year, we could have two Bear teams – suggestions for team names are invited.

Snooker Champ.



Howard was the undisputed champion of this winter's snooker tournament and received his trophy from Richard, the tournament manager, host and one-time winner.

Matthew and Robert each received an Easter egg: Matthew for being the runner up and Robert for holding the record for the most white balls pocketed.



Handicap Cards.

We need to remember that having an up-to-date handicap card with us at all matches and tournaments is now a specified requirement. The message, as described in last month's newsletter, is now formalised and published in the Croquet Gazette so it is increasingly likely that cards may be inspected on arrival at a match.

CA Awards.

The person administering CA Awards last year is ill so if you qualified for an award and have not received it, you should contact the CA office because the record of your achievement may have been lost.

Update to Proposed Changes

The CA has completed its programme of regional consultation conferences and is now digesting the feedback before coming up with specific proposals which will be tabled at the AGM in October.

Unsurprisingly, there is much debate, analysis of results and conflicting opinion but one source of astonishment within the CA is that some clubs charge so little for membership.

Did you know that copies of the Croquet Gazette are pinned to the notice board in the pavilion so that everyone can be kept fully informed? If you would like to take it home to study, please feel free but other members would appreciate it being returned when you have finished with it.

Your copy of the SWAN

magazine awaits collection from the pavilion (one copy per family – not one per member, please)

Roddy's progress.

Coaching – 5 . Jump shots



"Coach says..."Stand well forward, hit down hard and yellow should jump over blue so yellow scores the hoop". He doesn't expect much of me, does he!"

Have you absorbed the new rules about bisques?

Last month, you will have studied the feature about how to calculate bisques when playing doubles matches. This is both complex and important so Don has prepared the following to reinforce what was printed last month. There are, though, some developments because as some SWF matches have already taken place under the old rules, the SWF committee has decided that for fairness LEAGUE MATCHES for this year will be played using the old system. With two systems running simultaneously, there is clearly room for confusion so Don's document below is in a "print and keep" format so that you can take it to matches to help resolve any possible dispute.

DON'S JUDGEMENT.

The CA has changed the way that handicap doubles bisques are calculated. The document below is intended to explain how this works.

HOWEVER! The **SWF** has decided that for this year, **the existing system will still be used for league matches**. Because of this, as the club's handicapper, I have decided to use the **existing system for this year also at the Bear, both for friendlies and the doubles KO**.

HOWEVER! HOWEVER!! If any of you play in a **CA doubles event**, you will have to use the **new system**, so please read on.

IMPORTANT FOR ALL MEMBERS

New Calculations for handicap doubles.

You will have seen on Rob's April newsletter that the CA has issued a new way of calculating bisques IN HANDICAP DOUBLES MATCHES.

At first sight it seems very complicated but it is in fact not too bad. On the minus side you need your handicap card for the calculation, but on the plus side, there are no part bisques to worry about.

Let's have an example.

Imagine that Carol Pittaway (18) and Paul Mills (14) are playing Don Gaunt (0) and Rosemary Danby (14)

In the **old system** C and P would have a total of 18 plus 14 divided by 2 = 16

D and R would have a total of 0 plus 14 divided by 2 = 7

So C and P would get 9 bisques.

*What happens in the **new system**?*

From the h-c card C has an index of 1000 and P has an index of 1100,

while D has an index of 2000 and R has an index of 1100

You now add the indices and divide by two

Thus C and P calculate as 1000 plus 1100 divided by 2 = 1050

Looking at the h-c card, 1050 equates to a h-c of 16

and D and R calculate as 2000 plus 1100 divided by 2 = 1550

Looking again at the h-c card 1550 equates to a h-c of 4.5

So C and P now get 16 minus 4.5 = 11.5 bisques.

So you see that D and R give an extra 2.5 bisques.

Q&A

Q Do I use my actual current index?

A No, you use the index for your handicap from your handicap card.

Q What happens if a calculated index does not directly equate to a trigger point?

A You take the nearest trigger point down, ie for 1525, you use 1500 (h-c 5)

Q Do these rules apply to short croquet?

A No, SC has its own rules.

Q What about shortened games?

A No change, work out the bisques, then reduce according to the table in the rule book.

Examples

Here are two examples. The answers are given in the old and the new system. See if you can do the working and arrive at the same answers.

1. Crawford (16) and Jean (9) play Kate (4.5) and Peter (1)

Old system 9.75 = 10. New System 9.5

2. Ian (16) and Brian (11) play Caroline (8) and Pat (14)

Old System 2.5 New System 3

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Our Club Website- www.faydon.com/Bear/Bear

Archived newsletters and coaching hints - <http://www.faydon.com/Bear/News>

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