



# The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

October 2010  
Newsletter

## CHAMPION BEARS

**We have done it! The best season in the club's history!  
Congratulations to all who have taken part in the various rounds during the season and to those who held their nerve in the finals.**

**Parkstone Qualifier League (1<sup>st</sup> Team) –PROMOTED TO THE TOP LEAGUE.**

**Federation League (2<sup>nd</sup> Team) – CHAMPIONS**

**Intermediate League (3<sup>rd</sup> Team) – SEMI-FINALISTS**

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This newsletter was held back in order to include the results of today's final. Reading the headlines, you will see why. This month started with the

**Federation semi-final – 5-2 win**



Seven very close games gave an exciting day's play at Bristol who hosted the semi-final between the Bears and Kingston Maurward. Matthew (Capt.), Kate and Robert all won one singles game but Richard Way won two singles games almost triggering yet another handicap change. Robert failed to take his second game and Matthew and Kate just failed to take the doubles but a 5-2 victory at this level of the competition is creditable. But it gets better! Today, the Bears lifted the Federation trophy.

**Federation final – 5-2 win**



At 6.00a.m. and after deciding to play despite the weather, Matthew, Richard, Brian and Kate left home at daybreak to travel to the East Dorset Club in Poole for the final against Sidmouth in quite appalling weather conditions. Thanks to East Dorset's hospitality including hot soup to offset the atrocious weather conditions, The Bears achieved a resounding success. With Kate and Richard winning both their singles games convincingly and Brian winning the fifth game, they brought the trophy back to Rodborough.

Three hours drive, six hours play and a three hour return journey shows the stuff our Bears are made of!

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### **Intermediate (North) semi-final**

– lost 2-5. Played at Cheltenham against Taunton who fielded a very strong team – some of whom were given handicap reductions after this match. Congratulations go to all Bears who played so valiantly in both intermediate teams and special mention of Jean and Crawford Alexander who played their debut match for The Bears in this semi-final winning their doubles game.

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## **Congratulations**



### ***The Austrian Open at Salzburg.***

*Paula Le Moignan, Don Gaunt, Tony Le Moignan, Stephen Mulliner, Klaus Gollhofer(Manager).*

Don Gaunt beat the three times British Open champion Stephen Mulliner, currently ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in Britain and 8<sup>th</sup> in the world, to reach the finals of the Austrian Open Croquet Championship held at Salzburg last month.

Don, ranked 50<sup>th</sup> in Britain and 102<sup>nd</sup> in the world, almost took the title but was beaten by Tony Le Moignan, British number 14 and world number 23. However, he returned home clutching a glass and silver bier stein and automatically qualifies for next year's championship.

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### **SWF – AGM.**

As previously announced, the AGM of the South West Federation of Croquet Clubs is to be held at The Batch Country Hotel, Lympsham (near Weston-S-M) on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10.30 a.m. A good lunch and bar are available. Robert will have spaces in his car if anyone would like a lift. Rosemary needs to let them know how many to cater for so please tell her ASAP if you intend going.

(At SWF AGM's Robert's speech is extremely short!)

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### **Annual General Meeting.**

**Wednesday 27th October 2010**

**7.00 p.m. at RDS** (by kind permission of Richard Danby). RDS is midway between Aston Down glider field and The Ragged Cot pub. Look out for "Works Entry" signs.

Formal AGM notices will be sent to you shortly.

### **Reminder.**

If you have not already done so, please will you send to Robert a list of tournaments you have entered this season together with any special achievements.

**An amendment** – due to popular request, AOB has been restored to the agenda. However, please let Rosemary know in advance of any items you wish to raise so that they can be afforded a proper place.

**100% attendance** at an AGM is a chairman's dream and is very nearly achieved each year. Can we make it this time? The speeches will be short (ish), the business brisk, reminiscences vetoed until afterwards, but the company – second to none.

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### **Hotel events**

We have given an unprecedented level of help to the hotel this year with us covering 19 events involving 360 hotel guests and with 22 of our members teaching/coaching/entertaining them. Some of our members helped on three occasions.

## Coaching in 2011

Several members have expressed an interest in coaching or referees courses and advance notice has just been obtained. To start you thinking, the following are *provisionally* planned:

Courses within the South West Federation  
**13 April** East Dorset LTCC - Golf Croquet Laws/Referees Course

**14 - 15 April** East Dorset LTCC - Graded Coaches Qualification Course

**16 - 17 April** East Dorset LTCC - Silver Coaching Course

**26 - 27 April** Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club - Bronze Coaching Course

**19 - 20 June** Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club - Silver Coaching Course

### Other courses

**30 - 31 March** The Croquet Academy - Coaches Workshop

**2 - 4 April** The Croquet Academy - Triple Peel Course

**5 - 6 April** The Croquet Academy - Tournament Managers Course

**7 - 8 April** The Croquet Academy - Laws Course & Referees Examinations

**9 - 10 April** The Croquet Academy - Gold Coaching Course

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**This is the last newsletter of 2010.** Look out for the first one of 2011 in three months time. I hope you do not have too many withdrawal symptoms in the meantime.

Until then....

**The SNOOKER SEASON begins soon and Pub Nights begin in November – details to follow.**

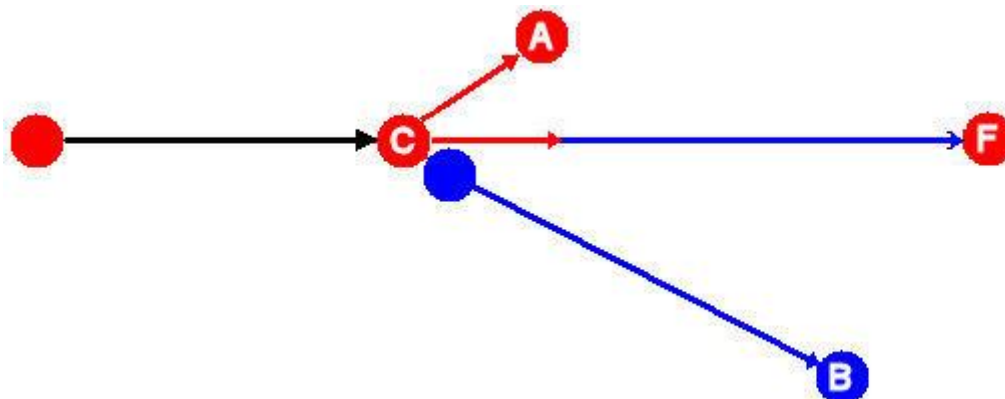
**See you all at the AGM.**

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## I wish I had known this before!

I found the following on The Oxford Croquet website. We know that after our ball hits an outside ball in a double banked game, we have to replace the outside ball in its original position and estimate where our ball would have ended. The following is more precise:

**Where a Ball Ends Up after a Collision – A Simple Theory.** If a moving ball collides with a stationary one, then the moving ball should be replaced along its original trajectory at the point corresponding to the sum of the distances travelled by both balls from the point of collision.



**Restoring balls after a collision (Simple Theory).** The red ball collides with the blue at point C and the balls are scattered. The red ball should be restored to position F along the original trajectory (black line) where the distance  $C..F = C..A + C..B$

There is another more complex formula that the Australians use, and for Kate, there is a quite hysterical version to be found on the Oxford webpage [www.oxfordcroquet.com/tech/collision/index.asp](http://www.oxfordcroquet.com/tech/collision/index.asp) under “Appendix”. This is only for mathematicians. You have been warned!

If you haven't found Oxford Croquet yet, it has an immense amount of information and advice and will keep you quiet through the winter months [www.oxfordcroquet.com](http://www.oxfordcroquet.com)

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### For more information:

Our Club Website- <http://www.faydon.com/Bear/Bear.html>

Croquet Association (of which the club is a member) -[www.croquet.org.uk](http://www.croquet.org.uk)

South West Federation of Croquet Clubs (to which we are affiliated) – <http://www.swfcroquet.org.uk>

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