Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club

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Newsletter

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Croquet is not an Olympic Sport….. why not?

It was once….. in Paris in 1900
The combination of skill and strategy
with today's amazing recording technology
would make it very entertaining ….

A competitor in the Paris Olympics 1900

In future please could CPCC's referees dress accordingly??
Our standards appear to have dropped……

Croquet has been included only once in the Paris Olympic Games 1900 and is recorded as the first Olympic event to include women. Marie Ohnier, one of three women croquet competitors, was the first woman to compete in an Olympic tournament. Sports on subsequent days which included women were archery, sailing, equestrianism, boules, life-saving, fishing, golf and tennis. In 1900 Charlotte Cooper, a tennis player representing Great Britain, was the first female athlete to win an Olympic Gold Medal.

In Croquet all the competitors were French: seven men and three women.
There were three events with the following (gender specific?) titles:
Men's Doubles: Gold was won by Georges Johin and Gaston Aumoitte.
No other competitors are recorded, so maybe they were the only ones!
Individual 1 Ball Men: 9 competitors including three women.
Gold: Gaston Aumoitte Silver: Georges Johin Bronze: Chretien Waydelich
Louise Anne Marie Despres was 5th
Individual 2 Ball Men: 8 competitors including either two or three women
Gold: Chretien Waydelich Silver: Maurice Vignerot Bronze: Jacques Sautereau
Louise Anne Marie Despres was equal 5th

This photo is of a tennis competitor at the 1900 Olympics.
Is this similar to women croquet players' attire?

CPCC Club News

Welcome Bryn Jones and Helen Craig Jones who have joined the Club!
"Old members" please introduce yourselves and make them feel at home!
Pleased to report that there are lots of new members this year… do make sure that everyone, old and new, mixes in on club days.

CPCC Summer BBQ on 27 July was a great success: good food…. sunshine and games!
Thanks to everyone who participated and also to those who formed the morning's Work Party!

There is no Work Party organised for August however the rainwater drainage works are planned for **THIS SATURDAY 17 August.** Man with drainpipes and a digger requires able-bodied assistants with shovels and wheelbarrows as labourers to shift the gravel!
Contact David for more details d.milford@yahoo.co.uk Many hands…. Light work!

League Match Results: full match reports on our website:

12 July GC High Handicap v Bath	**won**	**11½ -8½**
18 July GC Handicap team B v Bath	**won**	**10½ -9½**
24 July GC High Handicap v Weston Super Mare	**won**	**14 - 6**
26 July GC Level Play 5+ team B v Sidmouth	**drew**	**10 - 10**
30 July Short Croquet v Taunton Deane	**drew**	**8 - 8**
2 Aug GC Level Play 5+ team A v Budleigh Salterton,	**lost**	**8 - 12**
6 Aug GC Handicap team A v Bath	**lost**	**9½ -10½**
9 Aug GC Level Play 5+ team B v Taunton Deane	**won**	**11 - 9**

Team captains are reminded that results must be recorded with SW Federation.
Please also notify me for the newsletter Acrofts857@aol.com
and Andy for the website Andyloakes@hotmail.co.uk

Playing Away? Several of our members play in tournaments around the country but I don't know who is doing what, where and when!! Please can those people let me know by email where they have been and how they got on. Acrofts857@aol.com

CPCC Summer Tournaments are well underway with **Finals Day on 12 October.**

Something new: On the evenings of Thursday 5 and Thursday 12 September Peasedown St John Scouts and Cubs are each having an Archery training session on our grassed parking area. If it proves successful and people are interested we could organise a Archery taster for our members in the future?

Taster Sessions are happening regularly and have all been very enjoyable. They also raise valuable funds for the Club. To date a total of £430. If you would like to organise a taster session for friends or a club please check available dates.
Help is available with the croquet or catering if requested in plenty of time.
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Lunch: Thursday 29 August at 12 noon at Meadgate Farm Café Timsbury BA2 0NH
Please sign the Notice in the Club House or contact Marion marion.button@yahoo.co.uk
Numbers are needed to reserve a table……

100 Club This month's lucky number was*:* **65** **Sandra Fraser**
Please contact Nigel to buy numbers: nigelwulcko@yahoo.co.uk

Bath Christmas Market. A Craft Stall is booked for **Tuesday 3 December**.
Mo Boys and Sue Wagstaff are organising this once again.
Please contact them if you are able to assist in any way.
Moboys@talktalk.net Sue.wagstaff2@btinternet.com

Reminder: Please log in to CPCC's website to book play: not essential but very helpful on all counts. There is also a book in the Club House to sign in…and out?

DIARY DATES

Saturday 12 October:	**Finals Day and BBQ**
Saturday 26 October:	**Quiz Night at Claverton Village Hall**
Tuesday 3 December:	**CPCC Craft Stall at Bath Christmas Market**
Tuesday 10 December:	**Christmas Lunch in the Club House**

More great newspaper articles in Midsomer Norton/Radstock Journal…

Camerton and Peasedown in croquet victory

Croquet

Phil Hendy on his knees playing a very tight, but ultimately successful, hoop shot. Nigel Wulko, as a qualified referee, observes the shot closely.

THE Camerton and Peasedown Short Croquet team travelled to Lym Valley at Lyme Regis on Thursday, July 4, for their second match of the season. The CPCC team were Ann Manton (H6), Simon Dunk (H6), Simon Manton (H6), Mo Boys (H5)

Election Day had dawned and life went on as usual at Lym Valley; the sun was out and the Lym valley team made their visitors very welcome.

They then explained about their lawns, half of which are on the outfield of the cricket pitch. During the spring this area had been a lake and was now so dry that large cracks were everywhere, not to mention some mysterious holes, probably made by the local wild life. It was a challenge, to say the least, and made for some interesting and frustrating play.

Having decided that each of the Camerton and Peasedown team would stay on the same lawn for the whole day, the CPCC players drew straws resulting in Ann and Mo using the cricket outfield and Simons D and M the croquet lawns.

This may or may not have made a difference to the outcome, but both Simon D and Simon M won all four of their games and Ann won two. Lym Valley team players held Short Croquet handicaps of between H10 and H 3.5. So the final result 10 – 6 to Camerton and Peasedown was well deserved and meant that the Camerton and Peasedown Short Croquet team have achieved 100 per cent wins so far!! Match report from team captain: Mo Boys

Meanwhile the Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Handicap A team are also enjoying a fine summer. They have played three matches so far and have a 100 per cent record.

The Camerton and Peasedown Handicap 'A' team, represented by Marion Button (capt.), Jill Parker, Jill Shaw, Nigel Wulko, Phil Hendy and Andy Loakes, visited Weston-super-Mare on Wednesday, July 3rd, and came away victorious with a 12.5 to 7.5 win.

CPCC scored steadily before lunch and then came out strongly after lunch playing impressively in the afternoon sessions. The host team may have been struggling after indulging in a splendid lunch; CPCC had wisely eaten only light refreshments. Fine homemade cake was served at the end of the day in the club marquee: and thanks go to Weston super Mare club for their splendid hospitality.

Jill Parker

Camerton and Peasedown lose to Budleigh

Croquet

Budleigh Salterton players have an 'unconventional' way of shaking hands!

RAIN was forecast for the Level play Golf Croquet match between Camerton and Peasedown and Budleigh Salterton on July 6th; however it turned out to be sunny.

Budleigh Salterton CC, whose home ground was formerly the 'South West Croquet Academy', have 11 perfect lawns and over 200 members, so they had a wealth of talent to choose from; they came with a strong team of six with handicaps of 0, 2, 2, 2, 2 and 3.

After the first round of games honours were even, but the second round proved disastrous for the Peasedown team who lost all 4 games. In subsequent rounds play was more equal until Budleigh finally pulled ahead to win 13-7.

Notably, four of the games were narrowly lost, 6 hoops to 7, on the golden hoop. Budleigh showed nerves of steel to run the 13th hoop from the boundary line and also made successful long jump shots to 'seal that final hoop'.

Budleigh have an unusual end-of-match hand shaking technique. Traditionally this is face to face but they prefer a position with arm outstretched, over the shoulder and without eye-contact.

Team: Colin Britt (capt), Phil Hendy, Charles Fingleton, Des Back, David Milford and Andy Loakes.

Andy Loakes

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Sport

Camerton and Peasedown enjoy croquet victory over visitors Bath

Croquet

CAMERTON and Peasedown High Handicap Golf Croquet team welcomed six players from Bath on a cloudy day with a few very light showers.

The first round of four games had to be played on two lawns double-banked as, when play started at 10am, the groundsman was still working on lawns 3 and 4.

CPCC took the lead 3-1 in those games and kept their noses in front all day, running out 11½ – 8½ winners. There were a number of very close games, with CPCC winning two on the golden hoop. The very competitive nature of the match was illustrated by the fact that only two of the twenty games were won 7-3: all the rest were closer.

Three of CPCC's players (Simon Munton, June Farley and Peter Buchanan) won 3 of their 4 games, while Bath's most successful player was Valerie Stanley with 4 wins from 5 games.

Referee Nigel Wulcko (with his canine assistant Pepper) made a very valuable contribution to the day's proceedings, with the Bath captain saying that she had learnt some useful lessons. Reporter: Peter Buchanan

Colin Britt (left) and Andy Loakes earned joint third place at the National Doubles Golf Croquet Championships at Budleigh Salterton.

And in other news: Des Back captained the Camerton and Peasedown CC handicap team 'B' to an away win at Bath CC on July 18.

In the Croquet England National Doubles Championship weekend, held at Budleigh Salterton on July 27th and 28th, Andy Loakes and Colin Britt were placed equal third.

On the Saturday a field of 16 pairs, including many England and a few New Zealand players, were split into two blocks. The Camerton and Peasedown pairing won four of their seven games and progressed to the Sunday knockout rounds.

These took the form of the best of three 13-point games, and kicked off at 9am with the quarter-finals. Colin and Andy won theirs 2-0. In the semi-final they came up against a very strong pairing of Chris Clarke and Helen Reeves of New Zealand. Colin and Andy took the first game but couldn't maintain their form and finally lost out 1-2.

In the 3rd/4th play-off against a pairing of Jenny Clarke, Chris Clark's wife who is the second best woman player in the world, and Roger Goldring, a solid, straight-hitting competitor from the UK, the match was tied at one game all when the tea whistle blew and they agreed on an amiable draw; both teams coming in at equal third place. The winners of the Championship were Sam Cuthbert and James Death.

And……last but not least…….Pepper the Referee's assistant!

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