Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club

www.camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk

Newsletter

February 2025

Quiz Night: Saturday 1 March

Claverton Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm

£12…….Same format at before: Fun and Yummy Food!

Sign up in the Club House or contact Fran Franralli@gmail.com

CPCC AGM: Saturday 8 March

The Club House at 2pm

A new Committee will be elected at the AGM. New faces are needed with ideas, experience and enthusiasm. The current committee is: Fran Ralli (Chair) David Milford (Treasurer) Angela Crofts (Secretary) Des Back, Marion Button, Phil Hendy and Andy Loakes. Meetings are currently held on the morning of the first Monday in the month but this can be altered to suit. There is a role/job to suit all. **Please give this some serious thought:** you may like to join the Committee or you know of someone you think would be good. We need nominations…….
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CPCC's Diary 2025 (first version) has been sent to all. There will be updates……..
If you would like to organise your own **taster session** for friends and neighbours or know of local organisations that would enjoy a croquet evening let Angela know so they can be added to the Diary. Arrangements are flexible: you can organise your own event, recruit other members to help you or, with the Committee and catering team onboard, have a fully catered and "staffed" event? Acrofts857@aol.com

Beginners' Course: Mo is heading a team running a four session course for new players starting on Sunday 16th March 2pm til 4pm.
The following three sessions will be arranged at a time to suit the participants.
PLEASE ENCOURAGE ANYONE THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO JOIN..
The first session is free, then £20 for the following three sessions redeemable against the membership fee when joining the Club.
You will have received a separate email and copy of Mo's poster.
If you know anyone who would be interested contact Mo Moboys@talktalk.net

Improvers' Course: Andy is running a course consisting of 3 x 2 hour sessions, passing on tips, tricks and stategies that he has learnt.. The sessions will be on Sundays 16th, 23rd and 30th March from 10am til noon. Sign up in the Club House. The course is free and suitable for Improvers**…** that is almost **everyone?**
Andyloakes@hotmail.co.uk

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: David Richards

Handicap Games: HELP???? New Advantage Rules: No more extra shots!!!
You will be aware that new rules have come into place in handicap tournaments so Nigel will be running a friendly CPCC competition called **Crocus Croquet Challenge:** to help us all prepare for the coming season when all handicap matches will be played under the Advantage system. It is on **Saturday 15 March starting at 9.30am.** Suitable for all handicaps (we all need to understand and practice this new system). Morning will be played in blocks of 4. Afternoon will be knock out with the leading 8 players competing for the "Cup" and the remainder playing for the "Plate".
Entry: £1 to cover the cost of prizes. Sign up by 8 March. Nigelwulcko@yahoo.co.uk

South West Federation League Competitions. You will have received an email with details about our matches this Summer. You may already have been contacted by the team captains. If not and you are interested in playing in any of our teams **please let Angela know as soon as possible** and you will be put in touch with the relevant captain. Match dates are in the Diary. Acrofts857@aol.com

CPCC Summer Tournaments: Colin will be organising our Summer Tournaments which will include all GC: Level Singles, Handicap Singles, High Handicap Singles. Level Doubles, Handicap Doubles, Short Croquet plus AC Handicap. Invites for entries will be sent out at the end of April. The dates of the competitions will be in the next version of the Diary. Colinbritt1945@hotmail.com

Winter Lawn Treatments are ongoing….. we are now playing on Lawns 3 and 4 rainstorms or frost permitting. Please check **before** you set the lawns which ones are available and that they are definitely flood and frost free…. It is planned to re-set all four lawns to their summer configuration on Thursday 13 March

Drop-In Sessions, first Sunday of every month from 2pm until 4pm for anyone interested in finding out more about croquet.

Next Soup'n'Hoop Lunch in the Club House is on 10 March from 12 noon.
Hot soup, rolls and cake at £5 per person.

100 Club Lucky number: 48 Margaret Jupp
Please contact Nigel to join or buy more numbers nigelwulcko@yahoo.co.uk

Next Lunch is Thursday 27 February 12 noon at
The Fromeway 62 Frome Road Radstock BA3 3LG
Please sign the notice in the Club House or contact Marion.
Numbers are needed to reserve a table…… marion.button@yahoo.co.uk

DIARY DATES

Saturday	**1 March**	**Quiz Night at Claverton Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm**
Sunday	**2 March**	**Drop-In Session 2-4pm**
Saturday	**8 March**	**AGM at the Club House 2pm**
Saturday	**15 March**	**Crocus Croquet Challenge**
Sunday	**16 March**	**Beginners and Improvers Courses start…..**
Saturday	**29 March**	**Progressive Doubles Competition in aid of Alzheimer's Society**

Great publicity….. Thanks to Jill P

Like chess – but played on a lawn

CAMERTON and Peasedown Croquet Club is expecting a busy year with beginners' courses starting in March.

Over several weeks new players are introduced to all the strokes that they need to play a full game and they can then claim a reduction on the annual membership fee if they subsequently join the club.

The club runs a number of internal club tournaments, summer and winter, to suit players of all skill levels; there is a special tournament for beginners, so no-one is left out.

Club teams also compete in the South West Croquet Federation Leagues for Golf Croquet, Short Croquet and Association Croquet. There are four weekly club sessions when players can simply turn up and play a social game.

There is also a social side to the club with regular lunches, including the new for 2025 Soup and Hoop Mondays, and Quiz evenings in a local village hall.

Looking ahead to the 2025 season CPCC will be entering teams in Golf Croquet Level Play and Handicap Leagues and in Association Croquet and Short Croquet competitions.

A charity event

All four lawns in action

They are excited to be hosting the Croquet England Golf Croquet "All England" Handicap Finals in September. This will be a chance to watch some of this country's best players in action on the lawns of the Mendip Hills.

Last year it hosted two important national events and the Croquet England On-Ball charity event in aid of The British Heart Foundation.

Success came last year with wins in Division 4 of the South West Federation Autumn short croquet tournament and with their Golf Croquet Handicap 'A' team topping their group in that league.

Success also came to Andy Loakes and Colin Britt as members of the Somerset team when they won the England National Division 1 Inter-County Championship at Southwick. They also had individual success through the season and, as a pairing, achieved equal third in the 2024 National Doubles Championship at Budleigh Salterton.

Details: https://camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk/ enquiries@camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk

Mendip Times (above) Midsomer Norton Journal (below)

Croquet Club plays through winter

CROQUET

EVEN on the dullest days of this dull, dull winter, members of Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club have been out playing.

In the autumn of 2024 the winter lawns were set and, provided the lawns were not flooded or frosted, play has continued. The lawns are always reset for winter so that the full sized summer lawns get a chance to recover and the professional grounds men can apply restorative treatments to the grass.

This winter the lawns were set using the clubs 'second best' hoops which is a popular choice as these hoops are just a tiny bit wider, and everyone finds them easy to score.

Croquet is a very accessible game and it can be played socially or competitively. The game uses a combination of mallet and ball skills, strategy and tactics; age is no barrier and men and women play together on equal terms. It gets you out in the fresh air and mixing with other people.

The club will be running a 'turn up and play' session on the first Sunday afternoon of every month throughout the spring and summer. Just turn up at the club's lawns in Whitebrook Lane in Peasedown St John (accessed through the Peasedown Cricket Club entrance, BA2 8LD), wearing flat soled shoes and you will be provided with a mallet and shown some basic shot making.

After minimal practice you will be able to play a game on the same afternoon and you could sign up for a Beginner's Course of lessons from the club's qualified coaches. These courses start in April and, if you subsequently decide to join the club, the Membership Fee is reduced.

There is a 'turn up and play' session planned for Sunday, March 2. Why not go along and see what all the fun is about.

The club website www.camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk has more information.

And finally……. A Question:

What is this???? **Boys only game on a winter's day????**
Suggestions to……. Acrofts857@aol.com no prizes!

Angela Crofts CPCC Secretary Feb 25