Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club

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Newsletter

April 2025

Happy Easter and a Croquet Bunny!

Our round of the One Ball Competition in aid of The Alzheimer's Society on 10 April raised £170

15 members, wearing blue, were divided into 3 groups for a round-robin start.
The first four then played a semi final: Ann played Trish, Phil played Simon D.
Phil and Trish played the final with Phil the winner…!
Two players are eligible to play in the National Final in Surbiton on 17 May.
Well done all…. And big thanks to Mo for organising.

Annual Subscriptions……if you haven't paid yet please do so quickly:
they are now overdue!
£276 (£200 if you live more than 25 miles away). £50 (social members).
Bank transfer: Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club,
sort code 30-90-54, account number 41274968 ref your name and SUBS.
Cheque: Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club given or posted to David Milford
3 Eckweek Lane, Peasedown St John, Bath BA2 8PH.
If you prefer to pay by instalments please let David know. d.milford@yahoo.co.uk

Taster Sessions are being booked during the summer. Please think about organising one for friends/neighbours, local companies or organisations who would enjoy an afternoon or evening of croquet. Arrangements are flexible: you can organise your own event, recruit other members to help you or, with the catering team onboard, have a fully catered and "staffed" event. Acrofts857@aol.com

Beginner's Course. Thanks to everyone who came to "Meet the Members" on Sunday 13 April. A happy occasion, much enjoyed by the Beginners, which it is hoped will encourage them to join. This year there were 9 people on the course. Thanks to Mo and her team..

Drop-In Sessions continue on the first Sunday of every month from 2pm until 4pm for anyone interested in finding out more about croquet. Please ecourage friends and neighbours to come along.

Progressive Doubles Day on 29 March was played under the new Advantage rules. A fun day of croquet: Charles Fingleton was the winner! Thanks Jill S

Peasedown St John's Party in the Park Saturday 14 June. We have a Tombola Stall booked, raising funds for our Club. Do you have any things suitable as prizes? Please bring them to the Club House or contact Marion. marion.button@yahoo.co.uk

Cricket Club. CPCC members are also members of the Cricket Club.
Their Club House has been much improved recently and has a nice bar.
Please remember this facility (when it is open!) is available to you.
Security If you are playing on your own or on a day when there is obviously no one at the Cricket Club **please always leave the main gate apparently locked with the security chain looped over.**

Improvers' Course took place on three cold Sunday mornings….. over 20 people took part learning useful practice routines, strategies at each hoop and how to be aware of individual strengths and weaknesses in your game. Thanks Andy

PS: I think we might need another one!

Training Sessions: Thanks to Brian for running the recent sessions on rules.
If you are unclear and would like some advice Brian will be happy to help.
bwilson71e@icloud.com

South West Federation League Competitions start this month. Team Captains are reminded to record their results and let Andy (website) and Angela (newsletter) know the scores and the stories! Andyloakes@hotmail.co.uk Acrofts857@aol.com

CPCC Summer Tournaments: Colin is organising our Summer Tournaments: Invites for entries have been sent out. Please sign up for as many competitions as possible. Any queries contact Colin. Colinbritt1945@hotmail.com

Other Tournaments: Individual members are now taking part in matches organised by other clubs or by Croquet England. If that is you **please** could you send a brief report and a photo so this can be added to the newsletter. Acrofts857@aol.com

100 Club This month's lucky number: 59 **Barbara Knight**
Please contact Nigel to join or buy more numbers nigelwulcko@yahoo.co.uk

The last Winter Soup'n'Hoop Lunch in the Club House was on 10 March.
It is proposed to continue on the second Monday of each month with
Hoop'n' Ploughmans…. Cheese, pickles, rolls and cake £5 starting 12 May.
If there is sufficient interest this will continue through the season.

Next Away Lunch Thurs 24 April 12 noon at **Jolliffe Arms Kilmersdon BA3 5TD**
Please sign the notice in the Club House or contact Marion.
Numbers are needed to reserve a table…… marion.button@yahoo.co.uk

And finally…. Another great article in the Newspaper. Thanks Jill P

Sport

27 teams played in Mendip's Mendacious Bowmaker

GOLF

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A TOTAL of 27 teams played in Mendip's Mendacious Bowmaker. The event was won by Chris White/Nick White/Steven Baker with 74 points. 2nd came Peter Grafton/Patrick Wiseman/James Darby Jones with 73 after count back from Justin Barrow/Nigel Cheshire/Tony Taylor. Geoff Collard/Stefan Golledge/David Golledge were fouth with 70.

65 Ladies played in the nine-hole qualifying Stableford. Division one was won by Linda Papadopoullos with 17 points after count back from Fran Davies and Lynne Vowles. Division two went to Chris Down with 18 points with young Harper Howerd second with 17 after count back from Karen Cookson. However, the best score of the day was in division three from Rebecca Edwards with a fine 22 points, one point ahead of Suzie Howe with Caroline Laws third with 19.

105 Seniors played in the Singles Stableford. Division 3 went to Robert Berry with 37 points, Andy Price was second with 36 after count back from Sandy Keen. Division two was won by Martin Wilkins with 38 points, Phil Brocks was second with 36 and Colin Davies was third with 35. Division one went to the in form Nigel Cheshire with 35 after count back from Martin Stephens with John Stembridge third with 33. However the overall Winner, well clear of the field was Chris Giles with 41 points.

Tony Williams

Ann and Simon Munton

Muntons are Most Improved Players

CROQUET

STAFF REPORTER

AT THE recent annual meeting of Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club, Ann and Simon Munton were jointly recognised as the most improved players of the 2024 season.

Ahead of the routine business of the AGM members were entertained by Andy Loakes who gave an amusing presentation about the improvements to the technology within the new clubhouse and other IT advances. These included the writing, by a club member, of an App to help with the Advantage Play system which will be introduced into all Handicap League matches.

Club chair Fran Ralli presented her report noting that 2024 had been a record year of wet weather but there was now a big brush available for removing morning dew from the grass! She thanked the members who had so successfully organised both the summer and winter tournaments, the One-Ball Charity event (which had raised £175 for the British Heart Foundation) and the Taster Days when the club opened up to visitors who enjoyed a game of croquet. The 'Roll up and Play' Sundays had also proved a great success as had the Soup and Hoop Mondays.

She noted the Beginners course for 2025 would start on March 16, the Improvers Course would also commence on March 16 and she encouraged all club members to sign up for these courses which are run by the club's own qualified coaches. She also confirmed that Camerton and Peasedown would be hosting a round of the Croquet England 'B' level and 'C' level tournaments and the new Croquet England 'D level' tournament in the summer and also the Croquet England GC All-England Handicap Final in September. There would also be more Club Fun Days and Barbeques arranged in 2025.

Fran's advice to all, as she stepped down after holding the chair for four years, was to find, in the Club; "Fun, Friendship, Support and the Power of Togetherness".

David Milford then presented the teasurer's report. He reminded the members that the biggest cost for the club was for the professional maintenance of the four full sized lawns and that this cost was covered by annual Membership Fees. Other sources of income were extremely valuable and used for maintaining and improving the new clubhouse and its surrounds; there were projects in hand for 2025. His report was unanimously accepted by the members and Fran Ralli thanked him for his hard work throughout the year.

Then followed reports from the tournament organisers, Colin Britt and Nigel Wulko. Mo Boys then presented a report on the 2024 One Ball competition and told the meeting that the chosen charity, for this year's event, would be The Alzheimer's Society. Mo also said six new members had joined following the 2024 Beginners Course and eight people had already booked in for the Beginners Course for this month. She said that information about this course could be found on the club website and this year it would include an extra 'Meet the Members' afternoon planned for April 6.

In 'Any Other Business' a request was made to look into the possibility of getting a defibrillator installed at the club.

Two speeches of appreciation and thanks for the work that Fran Rally had done for the club during her years as chairperson were followed by a presentation of appropriate gifts.

The club website can be found at https://camerton-peasedowncroquet.co.uk

Angela Crofts CPCC Secretary April 25