Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club

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Newsletter

November 2025 .

The Quiz Night at Claverton Village Hall

A great success. Everyone had a lot of fun and a lot of food!
Big thanks to Charles and his Quiz team, to Trish and Lynn and their catering team and to Marion and her Raffle… Over 70 people attended and we expect to have raised around £700 for Club funds.

The result was a draw between The Jellyatrics (Lesley, Julie, Roger, Geraldine, Marion and friend Martha) and The (Key-Pugh) Keep You Guessing team (Ros, Dave and friends Wendy, Geoff, Janet and Patricia).
The Grandparents (David, Shona, Simon, Ann and friends Kay and Dave) were third.

CPCC AUTUMN GC SINGLES TOURNAMENTS are now underway……
organised by Nigel…. with everyone hoping the weather will be kind.
It is proposed that the Finals be played on the morning of Saturday 13 December before the Croquet Christmas Lunch but, due to the weather, that will need to be confirmed nearer the time.
Hopefully all competitors paid their £2 entry charge. **If not, please do so now!**

The Firework Display at the Cricket Club was very popular.
Everyone got VERY WET including the Croquet Club Marshals
Angela, Marion, Max and Phil.

100 Club August's lucky number: 11 **Brian Wilson**
Please contact Nigel to join or buy more numbers nigelwulcko@yahoo.co.uk

New member: We are pleased to welcome John Putt.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 27 November: Next Lunch at
The Cross Keys, Midford Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5RZ at 12 noon.
Please let Marion know if you are going, she needs to confirm numbers.
marion.button@yahoo.co.uk

Wednesday 3 December: Bath Christmas Market: CPCC has a Stall for the day. Everything on sale will have been made by Club Members and all profits will benefit our Club. Mo and Sue have plenty of knitted wares already but will be pleased to receive any suitable craftwork to sell on the stall.
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Monday 8 December: Soup'n'Hoop Lunch in the Club House…
November's lunch followed a very wet morning, seagulls visited the lake-on-lawn-one! **BUT** the soup was **so good** it saved the day, the seagulls left and play was possible in the afternoon. 12 people enjoyed the lunch!
Now happening on the second Monday in the month throughout the winter.

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER CROQUET CHRISTMAS LUNCH
This will follow the usual format with everyone contributing and sharing scrummy food! A list will appear in the Club House shortly. Please sign up if you will be there and indicate what food you will bring.
Hopefully the Finals of the Autumn Competition will take place in the morning.

CPCC's WhatsApp Group keeps you up to date day-by-day If you are not already on the WhatsApp group please contact Andy: Andyloakes@hotmail.co.uk

First Aid: We have previously discussed having a First Aid Talk/demonstration. Does anyone have any useful connections/knowledge to help set this up.

Note: There is a defribrillator on the external wall of the Cricket Club House and a First Aid Box in our Club House.

And finally……

Wilson headlines in The Somerset Guardian…….Congratulations!

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Please keep your reports to 400 words at the most

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SPORT

croquet and golf

Wilson rewarded for his dedication

With the croquet season beginning winding down following the end of summer, Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club's (CPCC) Brian Wilson has been awarded with a Croquet England Diploma.

At an informal gathering on the lawns at the club, Wilson was presented with a framed and illustrated text acknowledging his major contributions to the game of croquet over many years. He was awarded the Diploma following a submission made to the Croquet England committee.

In a surprise 'This Is Your Life'-style moment, the citation was read out and Wilson, possibly for the first time in his life, was left speechless.

Wilson's contribution to croquet began in 2001 when he joined Lansdown. In 2012, some members of Lansdown relocated to a virgin site, close to Peasedown St John Cricket club, where four new full-sized croquet lawns could be laid.

Wilson was instrumental in organising and raising funds for the move and served on the newly-formed CPCC committee as minutes secretary and liaison officer.

He became a golf croquet coach and subsequently, in 2015, a golf croquet grade 1 coach. Since then, he has continued to coach, generously, to both CPCC members and players in many local clubs.

In 2022, CPCC needed to raise a substantial amount of money for a new clubhouse and Wilson used his energy, contacts and skills to successfully raise the funds. The new clubhouse was opened in 23.

Wilson then became a golf croquet referee in 2023 and has offered his services on numerous occasions, both at CPCC and at many other clubs in the area.

Wilson has served the South West Federation of Croquet Clubs in various roles, including chairman, and has represented the South West at Croquet England. At the time of his referral for the Croquet England Diploma, Wilson was a trustee of Croquet England - a position he held until recently.

He is currently a Croquet England development representative for the South West.

Over the years, Wilson has written numerous articles for the press about his own club, and has taken part in several interviews with local radio to promote CPCC and the game of croquet.

Wilson's enthusiasm for the game is infectious and he is always willing to help or offer advice.

EVERY year, CPCC organise and host a Golf Croquet Open Doubles Tournament as part of their general round of national GC tournaments. Because it is one of the few tournaments exclusively for doubles play, it attracted people from all over the South West and beyond.

Results are not recorded on handicap cards, so it is also a very relaxed event despite being competitive in a pleasant and sociable way.

The 2025 tournament saw 22 pairs apply but, even with double banking on all four lawns, only 16 could be accommodated. When divided into four blocks, the morning play was in the all-play format.

The event was seeded, using the average D grade for each pair, which determined the starting order of play. The 'block' play slightly favoured the top seeds but, as always, there were one or two surprises.

The morning rounds ran to time but, as the generous hospitality and friendly chat in between games became longer, the time schedule slipped a little.

In the afternoon, a Knockout ensued for places 1-8 and a Plate for places 9-16. Nigel & Peter Balchin from Glamorgan won all three of their games to claim the Shield, with Phil Harris & Steve Pearson from Sidmouth snapping at their heels.

The Plate was dominated by Matt Pearson & Rob Ware from Bradford on Avon, the winners from 2024.

As the Shield was presented, tournament manager Mo Boys said: "The standard of play was generally very good, keeping the tournament referee Brian Wilson on his toes.

"The appetite and thirst for tea and cakes was as healthy as ever and this kept CPCC members Jill Parker and Sue Wagstaff busy all day. Thank you to them and all those who helped to put out hoops and make sure that the four CPCC lawns were ready for play.

"The work of the Camerton and Peasedown CC hosts was very much appreciated by all the visiting players. We were very fortunate to have had a day without rain, although the cold north wind reminded us that winter is just around the corner."

Camerton & Peasedown CC lawns are located at Whitebrook Lane, Peasedown, BA2 8LD. Enquiries from new or potential members are always welcome, visit *www.camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk*.

Brian Wilson (right) receives his Croquet England Diploma from Camerton & Peasedown Croquet Club member Andy Loakes

day of sociable competition at Camerton and Peasedown CC, Glamorgan CC players Nigel & Peter Balchin lifted f Croquet Open Doubles Trophy for 2025

GOLF

Fewer clubs no issue for Park

The Turkey Trot season got underway at Mendip Golf Club with 93 men playing in the three clubs and a putter event.

Division One went to Ben Park with 38 points, proving that four clubs are just as good as the usual 14. Justin Barrow was second with 37, with Kevin Keene a further point back in third.

Division Two was won by Danny Durbin with 37, three clear of Cameron Elliott after countback from David Golledge. Division Three saw a win for Craig Drew with 32, two ahead of Clive Down with Kevin York a further point back.

A Texas Scramble had 44 ladies competing, with Dee Garnsworthy, Sue Needham, Penny Oliver & Diane Stanton coming out on top with nett 59.

Two points behind were Rosemary Brown, Lena Warren, Ros Wither & Min Woodward with 61, one clear of Kay Clarke, Wendy Collins, Pat Roscow & Lesley Stone who beat Anne Collins, Fran Davies, Debbie Godwin & Lynne Vowles on countback.

The annual match between the ladies' Alliance A and B teams, played off handicap, turned out to be a very competitive affair after ending 3.5-3.5.

Wins for the A team came from Aimee Sawyer, Libbie Dezis and Marion Speed, with Brown, Anit Butcher and Louise Scott successful for the B side. Connie Cox a Lally Gibson halved their match.

The Hospital Plate, a knock competition for those who exi the first round of the Hospital C was won by Jeremy Lawrence victory over Chris Betenson in final.

The Duffers Cup, open t players who have a handica 15.7 or higher and is then play handicap, has this year go club chairman Alan Edward lowing his win over Colin Da the final.

The Anderson Goblet, con for by players with handicap or higher and played off went to Ken Webster (12. also beat Lawrence (11.6) showpiece.

Please send any information you would like to be included in the next Newsletter to Acrofts857@aol.com Angela Crofts CPCC Secretary November 2025