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The Newsletter of Kenilworth Croquet Club

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Successful End of Season Dinner



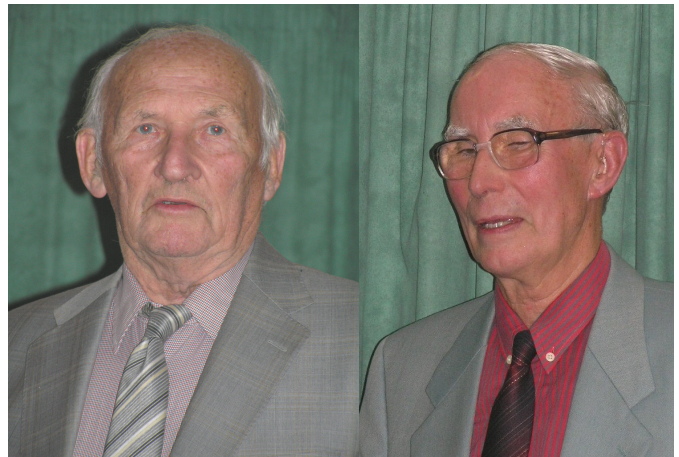
Thirty seven members, their family and friends enjoyed the dinner held at the Kenilworth Golf Club on the 3rd November to mark the end of an extremely good season for the club. The evening passed rapidly with a warm atmosphere and a constant buzz of conversation. The venue was voted a great success, it had a nice room with plenty of space, welcoming staff and no parking problems !

After the meal Bill Sidebottom said a few words. He mentioned the sad passing of Bill Browne. He was pleased to see so many members despite the bonfires, and was particularly glad to see Pat Wright, a member

for many years until he moved away. He said the lawns were a credit to the club and reflected well on Peter Dennis and all those volunteers who helped to keep them in such a good state.

He would have presented the trophies except that most had been given out on the day and several of the winners were not able to be present. He felt that one extra prize should be awarded — to the best lawn side pundit. After consultation it was unanimous that it, a pot of Bill's home made crab apple jelly, should go to John Leader.

John Handy then made a surprise presentation to two members who have done a great deal over the years to make the club one of the best — Bill Sidebottom, who has announced that he is not continuing as chairman, and Doug Taylor, the longtime membership secretary & treasurer.



He would have made a third, to Peter Dennis, but he was away in China or Spain and so this would have to be left to another occasion.

For the Xmas Stocking !

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CROQUET COMPETITION WINNERS

2007

St. George's Cup. Association Knockout.	Adrian Morris
Taylor Cup. Half lawn Association Knockout.	Adrian Morris
Kenilworth Cup. Golf Croquet Knockout.	John Leader
14 Point Trophy. 14 Point Association Block.	Peter Dennis
Douglas Trophy. High Handicap Block.	Amanda Haslam
Secunderabad Cup. Association Block.	John Leader
Pindi Cup. Golf Croquet Block.	Adrian Morris
Ladies Trophy. Golf Croquet Tournament.	Amanda Haslam
Castle Cup. Advanced Tournament.	Henry Fellows
Shanghai Trophy. Golf Croquet Fun Day.	Peter Moody
June Tournament. Association Croquet.	Frank Hibberd
July Tournament. Association Croquet.	Adrian Morris

Bill Browne 1921 - 2007

Bill's many friends were saddened to learn that Bill had passed on on the 17th October.

Bill was an old-style gentleman. He was one of those rare people who were always a pleasure to meet, and when you parted, you always felt better and happier for being in his company. He and Sheila were a lovely couple.

Bill discovered croquet late in life and fell in love with it. He was as happy watching from the lawn-side as he was playing. He was enthusiastic for all things associated with the game; he was a keen and clever competitor; he produced the best, and most precise white lines, that I have seen. He served on the club committee for many years. His many friends have enduring memories of Bill; he will be greatly missed.

Bill Sidebottom



Kenilworth win West Mids League

In the crucial, final league match of the season Kenilworth started well and at the lunch break were leading 3-1. The afternoon session, however, was a reverse of the morning with a good fight back by Shrewsbury in some very tight games to earn the 4-4 draw. Cliff Daniel scored



two victories for Kenilworth with one each for John Leader and Adrian Morris. This gave us the well earned Association Cup with Shrewsbury runners up.

We also came second to Stourbridge in the Golf Croquet League.

Finals Weekend

Saturday was Association Croquet day and John Leader used his bisques well to win the Secunderabad Cup from Henry Fellows while Adrian Morris won the Taylor Cup by beating Frank Hibberd who was not up to his usual form.

In the afternoon John Leader and Adrian had an exciting match for the St George's Cup. Adrian made a good start but John continued his good form from the morning to catch up and take a commanding lead. John then made one or two rare errors allowing Adrian back into the game and take a close victory. The Golf Croquet finals were held on Sunday and honours went to John Leader, beating Ray Clipson in the Kenilworth Cup and Adrian Morris winning his third trophy of the weekend by beating Peter Dennis in the Pindi Cup.

Ladies Golf Croquet



Left to Right: Tina Haslam; Glenys Tunstall; Chris Sanders; Emma Haslam; Anne Fairburn; Amanda Haslam; Pauline Dennis; Kate Nichol

This year's championship was held on Sunday 23rd Sept when 8 members took part with some close games being played. Both sections ended with the top 2 players having an equal number of games so the winner was declared on number of hoops run. This resulted in Glenys Tunstall just beating Pauline Dennis and Amanda beating her mother Tina in the battle of the Haslams. In the final Amanda won the Ladies Trophy by beating Glenys. Congratulations.

You thought it was all over !!



But actually a lot of work goes on during the off-season. Such as clearing the leaves and digging out these fungi, the quaintly named Trooping Crumble Caps. If you can help with

odd jobs phone David Green on 01564 777124

Articles were by several members but any errors are down to me, Ray Clipson. Anything for the next issue by 1st January please.