



newsletter



Rod Ashwell runs 3-back(!) in his game against George Woolhouse. See below for the details.

Advanced tournament 2/3 August

The time: 11.30am on Sunday 3rd August 2014, two hours after the start of play.

The place: Wrest Park.

The event: The club's Advanced tournament, attended by 11 experienced players.

The scene: See above.

The Law: 2 THE COURT

(b) VARIATIONS TO THE STANDARD COURT

(4) TOLERANCE ON SETTING Each hoop and the peg may be displaced up to 6 inches from its standard position provided that . . . etc.

(5) ACCEPTANCE OF SETTING Once players have started a game, it is deemed that they have accepted that the locations of all boundary markings, hoops and the peg are correct. Material discrepancies may be remedied under Law 55.

The circumstances: Days before the tournament it was determined that lawn 1 would be moved about three yards further south, and the new lines were duly marked and new hoop holes made. Early on Sunday morning the hoops were dropped into the holes prior to their being reset, but hoop 4 was accidentally placed in the old hole. The lawn had flooded the day before, and scraping off the water had left the surface a little rough, so George Collin (the ROT) decided to mow the lawn before play, lifting the hoops out of the way and replacing them en route. The hoops were then set and play started. At around 11.30 a double-banked game was due to start on lawn 1, and it was at this point that

one of the players in the new game (who happened to be the ROT) was the first to notice that something was amiss.

The remedy: The ROT exercised his right and moved and reset the hoop there and then, wondering, as we all did, why nobody had noticed it before. It just shows it can happen to anyone.

And what became of it at last? Rod and George later played each other (on lawn 1, naturally) to decide the overall winner. In a close game Rod eventually prevailed at around 7.15pm after George had just fallen off the south boundary when taking off to Rod who was joined up near corner 4 wanting 2-back and rover. The rover peel was perfectly executed, which was just as well as all the balls were within two yards of each other. The only witness was your reporter, as everyone else* had long since left.

*Chris Roberts, Frances Colman, Jonathan Wolfe, Keith Rhodes, George Woolhouse, Terry Mahoney, Nick Steiner and David Woolley.

Being in a hurry and not having the full results to hand I sent this report and a photo to the CA, but it has yet to appear on their website.

Match results

**Mary Rose v Northampton (away)
12 & 19 August**

Lost 3-4

Bryan Harral (½) and David Marsh (½) beat Mike Hills (1½) and Nick Evans (2) +15

David Woolley (8) lost to Richard Meacock (3) -15

Bryan Harral beat Mike Hills +24

John Bevington (1) beat Richard Meacock (3) +16

David Marsh lost to Nick Evans -9

John Bevington lost to Peter Stansfield (3) -3

David Woolley lost to Peter Stansfield -2

The last two games had been pegged down and were concluded a week later.



David and Bryan watch Mike Hills's uphill struggle.

The poet John Clare, a patient at St Andrew's Hospital shown in the photo above, once wrote "And what is Life? An hour-glass on the run . . ." The same might be said of our match. Day 1 drew to a close at 6.30 as the lawns were needed for a WI group. At this point we were 3-2 up. Bryan and David won the doubles and David Woolley lost to Richard. John and Peter pegged down. After lunch Bryan won in quick time and later John won and David Marsh lost to make it 3-2, leaving John and David to finish their games against Peter another day.

Day 2. 10.30 start, John (penult and 5, with a lift) vs Peter (penult and penult). After several mishits, missed rushes and other incompetence on my part Peter got to peg and peg and had one away. I had caught up somewhat by this time and later was on rover and peg when a too short approach saw my ball struggle through and fall back. Peter hit in from the side boundary.

David then took the field against Peter, each of them having, as far as I can remember, clips on 4-back and penult. I took myself off to visit Nick Evans's model shop and came back in time to see Peter peg David and himself out. David hit in and tried to get position for rover, and Peter hit again (or at least I think that's what happened). All credit to Peter. If I can play like that when I get to his age I would be more than happy.

GC doubles day 19 July

Report by manager Richard Keighley

Six pairs of club members entered this tournament. A dire weather forecast prompted the adoption of a flexible Swiss format, but the clouds all blew over and 5 completed rounds were possible with each pair playing every other pair.

At the start of the final round, three pairs had won 3 games out of 4 respectively. It was all to play for. Two pairs, Tony and Sue Meredith and Linda Potton and Vera Pearson duly proceeded to record a 4th win. However, Lawn 1 featured a closely fought game between the 3rd successful pair Keith Palmer and Lynn Prior and Peter and Pam Lovell. Richard worked out that if Keith and Lynn triumphed, the winners of the

tournament would be decided by countback and benefit Linda and Vera. However, a win for Peter and Pam would give the trophy to Tony and Sue on the "who beat whom" basis.

Peter and Pam edged home 7-5 so Tony and Sue were presented with the cups. Last year's winners Linda and Vera, who had been pipped at the post, provided a splendid tea for everyone. Vera relaxed a little too much and whilst she was leaning backwards her chair tipped over in slow motion in the soft ground at the edge of the paved area. Keen cameramen spotted a photo opportunity and snaps were taken before Vera was rescued, happily none the worse for her experience.



Vera Pearson, Tony and Sue Meredith and Linda Potton.

Dates for 2014

September

13-14 CA AC Handicap tournament

20 EACF AC Leagues playoff

Anyone organising home matches, group visits or any other events must let me know the proposed dates as soon as possible so they can be included in the calendar in the pavilion and on the website. Please provide approximate start/finish times and the number of lawns required. Although we will always try and keep a lawn free for casual play this cannot be guaranteed, particularly when a CA tournament is scheduled.

Casual water



Lawn 1 at 4pm on Saturday 2nd August.