

# Ramsgate Croquet Club

## News Sheet February 2016

Welcome to a new season at Ramsgate Croquet Club, depending on weather and ground conditions, **we hope to be able to open some lawns in March; a further email will be sent out to confirm this.**

Please note the following dates for your diary, those marked in **Red** are for **everybody** to take part. More information is given below but also see the notice board in the club for sign-up sheets, etc.

<b>Club Signing-in Day</b>	Saturday 19 March	1 to 4 pm
<b>Club Cleaning Day</b>	Saturday 16 April	10am – 1pm
Kent Cup (AC)	Sat-Sun 16-17 April, at Tunbridge wells	0930
<b>President's Day – Opening Day</b>	Saturday 23 April	0930 for 1000
<b>RCC v Watford Friendly GC Weekend</b>	Sat-Sun 7-8 May	0930
Ramsgate Ladies Open Golf Singles	Sat-Sun 21-22 May	0930
SECF AC Club Doubles Weekend	Sat-Sun 21-22 May	0930
<b>Club Open Day</b>	Sun 5 June	12-5 pm
Ramsgate Open Golf Championship	Sat-Sun 11-12 June	0930
<b>RCC AC Coaching &amp; Rules</b>	Mon 13 June	0930
<b>RCC GC Coaching &amp; Rules</b>	Tues 14 June (2 lawns)	0930

### News over the winter

Many thanks to Jo Frankish for organising the annual lunch which, I believe, most people thoroughly enjoyed.

Dennis Shaw (RCC's founder member) is now quite frail and has been admitted to a care home in Folkestone. If anyone would like to visit or send cards, his address is "The Grange Care Home 22 Cornwallis Avenue. Folkestone, Kent. CT 19 5JB".

Ashton Hulme has been unwell and after a spell in hospital has moved to Grosvenor Court care home in Cliftonville for recuperation.

### Committee

The committee are extremely concerned about the lack of support from the membership to serve on the committee or to assist in organising more minor events. RCC is a club managed and organised by the members, we get no assistance or funding from the council or other outside source.

We must have more members to assist with the following through the season, and ask that members contact any of the committee to volunteer -

- Junior coaching, Saturdays 10-1230.
- Assisting with catering for evening and weekend events.
- Assisting as helpers for evening events.
- Assisting with the U3A "coaching" in June & July, 4 Wednesday afternoons only, 2.30 to 5. This brings new members and therefore income to the club.
- National Croquet "Open Day", Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 1-5pm

### Cleaning Day, Saturday 16 April, 10am to 1pm

Please come along & help get the club ready for the start of the season. Remember, many hands make light work, please let me know if you can attend. [trlongman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:trlongman@hotmail.co.uk), Tel 01304 448271

### President's Day – Opening Day

Our official opening day of the season will be Saturday 23 April, please be at the club by 0930 for a 1000 start.

### RCC v Watford Friendly GC Weekend

Watford CC are visiting us for a friendly GC competition on the weekend of 7-8 May. We expect about 20 visitors and would like as many of our own members to play as possible. It will be run on a flexible format and members can play as little or as often as they like, and there will be a notice posted in the club for names and availabilities.

We will be hosting an evening meal on the Saturday and would like members to join us with our visitors, the cost will be £5 per person. Lunches will also be available to members for the same price.

### Club Open Day

June 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 will be the CROQUET NATIONAL DAY for the whole country, to try to get more people interested in croquet. The CA hope for lots of coverage in the national press & we will also try for this in the local press. RCC will be hosting an open day and would like members to help in this.

### Evening Events

After membership fees, evening events bring in the highest income to the club. Events will be starting at the beginning of June & we request all members paly their part by assisting at some of these events. A meal is provided, free of charge, for all helpers.

### Coaching Events

Cliff Jones will again be holding coaching sessions, plus rules tuition, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June (AC) and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June (GC) (NB: 2 lawns will still be available for other club members this day). Look out for sign-up sheets on the noticeboard.

### GC Handicaps

A new GC handicap system has been adopted by the CA from 2016. Roger has the new style HC cards and will issue them to GC members, having filled in their new HC index, **please use these cards for competitions from the start of the season**. You will see that your HC "Index" will have changed, but for most members the actual HC has not. CA tournament members will have received the new cards & will be able to do this themselves. New HC record cards have also been produced for AC.

**The following internal competitions will be held as 1 or 2 day tournaments over the season, please note these dates and watch the notice board for the sign-up sheets.**

Trophy	Tournament	2016 Date
<b>GC Competitions</b>		
Trevor Cobb Tankard	GC singles level play (HC 5+)	TBA
Eileen & Dennis Shaw Shield	GC Doubles Handicap play	Sat-Sun 30-31 July 0930
Mixed Ability GC	Mixed Ability GC Day	Sun 24 July, 0930
GC Family Doubles	GC Family Doubles Day	TBA
<b>AC Competitions</b>		
Ramsgate C.C. Trophy	AC Doubles Handicap	Sat-Sun 6-7 Aug, 0930
The Miller Trophy	AC Knock Out Competition (HIGHEST 8 HC entrants)	Wed 31 Aug, 0930
Mixed Ability AC	Mixed Ability AC fun day	TBA
<b>Other Competitions</b>		
The Terry Ballard Shield	End of Season competition	Sat 1 Oct, 1230