



# 2012

## BEDS & HERTS

### ASSOCIATION CROQUET LEAGUE

| Round | To be completed by:       | Home team                             | Away team                             |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1     | 29 <sup>th</sup> April    | Wrest Park<br>Enfield<br>Letchworth   | Watford<br>St. Albans<br>Northampton  |
| 2     | 20 <sup>th</sup> May      | Watford<br>Wrest Park<br>Northampton  | Letchworth<br>Enfield<br>Melgrave     |
| 3     | 10 <sup>th</sup> June     | Melgrave<br>Letchworth<br>St. Albans  | Enfield<br>Wrest Park<br>Watford      |
| 4     | 1 <sup>st</sup> July      | Watford<br>Enfield<br>Letchworth      | Melgrave<br>Northampton<br>St. Albans |
| 5     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July     | Enfield<br>St. Albans<br>Wrest Park   | Letchworth<br>Northampton<br>Melgrave |
| 6     | 12 <sup>th</sup> August   | Melgrave<br>St. Albans<br>Northampton | Letchworth<br>Wrest Park<br>Watford   |
| 7     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> September | Melgrave<br>Watford<br>Northampton    | St. Albans<br>Enfield<br>Wrest Park   |

Clubs with only one court may choose to play “home” fixtures away. The schedule is for guidance only and you can reverse the venue if both sides agree. The idea is to play matches, not to win by default.

Colworth will not be participating again in 2012, St. Albans will rejoin as a team on its own, and Meldreth will instead be combining forces with the new club Bygrave, identified here as “Melgrave”. The Home and Away venues are mostly the opposite of last year, but not in every case because of the changes in the entry.

The East Anglian regional play-off between the Beds & Herts, Essex & Suffolk and Northern league winners will be at Wrest Park on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Watford were the Beds & Herts League winners in 2011.

The following match rules will apply:

- Teams of four.
- Doubles in the morning, singles in the afternoon in handicap order.
- Standard Handicap laws, **played to Base 10 for both singles and doubles.**
- The maximum individual handicap allowed is 20. The team captain should ensure that handicaps are correct and that any new players have been assessed by the club handicapper in accordance with the CA Club Handbook.
- 3-hour time limit on all games when single-banked, or 3¼ if double-banked.
- Visitors take their own lunch, home team to provide a light tea.
- No player may represent more than one club in the league in the season.

Where there is only one court it is suggested that the match involves teams of three instead, with a doubles and singles game in the morning and the same again in the afternoon but with a different doubles pairing. Otherwise when two courts are available please try to arrange 4-a-side matches, but if as a last resort a 3-a-side match is necessary then play the best of 5 games (am: 1 doubles and 1 singles, pm: 3 singles, no repeats).

The matches are scored with 2 points for a win, 1 point each for a draw, and the winner of the league is the club with the most points at the end of the season. If points are equal then the winner will be determined by the difference between the total number of games won and lost, and if that is tied then by the who-beat-whom rule, and if that is tied then by the number of matches won, and if that is tied then by a play-off.

As usual you will be able to keep track of all the league results on the East Anglian Croquet Federation website at <http://www.angliacroquet.co.uk/>. You can also find there the full set of B&H League rules, and results from previous years in the archives.

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\* Please report all the league match results to me promptly – normally the winning team’s responsibility. Thank you.

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