



2009

BEDS & HERTS

ASSOCIATION CROQUET LEAGUE

Round	To be completed by:	Home team	Away team
1	3 rd May	Wrest Park Watford Enfield	Letchworth St. Albans Colworth
2	24 th May	St. Albans Colworth Northampton	Letchworth Wrest Park Enfield
3	14 th June	Letchworth Wrest Park Watford	Enfield St. Albans Northampton
4	5 th July	Enfield Letchworth Wrest Park	Watford Colworth Northampton
5	26 th July	Watford Colworth Northampton	Wrest Park St. Albans Letchworth
6	16 th August	Letchworth St. Albans Northampton	Watford Enfield Colworth
7	6 th September	Enfield Colworth St. Albans	Wrest Park Watford Northampton

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.

Note that Meldreth will not be participating in 2009, so there is an odd number of clubs in the League this year and therefore each club has one round as a “bye”. Also, in order to ensure that each club has 3 Home and 3 Away matches in 2009, a couple of Home and Away venues remain the same as in 2008, while all the other venues are reversed from last year as usual.

The East Anglian regional play-off between the Beds & Herts, Essex & Suffolk and Northern league winners will be at Hunstanton on Saturday 26th September.

Wrest Park were the Beds & Herts League winners in 2008.

The usual match rules will apply:

- Teams of four.
- Doubles in the morning, singles in the afternoon.
- Standard Handicap laws.
- 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 (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).

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 last year, 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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