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Association Croquet Spring H'cap Doubles Tournament 2015

Brian Bucknall & Hugh Crook (Winners)

Winners receive the
Barnses Cups

Block	C&P	T&H	F&R	J&J	E&R	B&C	Victories	Rank
Chris Roberts (1.5) & Pauline Wood (24)		6	5	10w	11w	11w	3	3
TJ Johansen (5) & Helena Fensome (20)	18w		18w	11w	12w	7	4	2
Frances Colman (6) & Richard Peperell (22)	18w	2		9w	9	6	2	4
June Robinson (6) & Joanna Iyer (24)	9	6	5		11w	10	1	5
Elizabeth O'Dair (9) & Raghu Iyer (18)	10	9	13w	8		9	1	6
Brian Bucknall (8) & Hugh Crook (20)	10	17w	8w	15w	16w		4	1

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16 May - Bucknall & Crook team up to win AC Spring Doubles

With the experienced hand of Brian Bucknall (handicap 9) providing the guidance, AC newcomer Hugh Crook (24) shone, as the pair won our Doubles Handicap tournament held over the past two days.

'Six 'master and apprentice' partnerships contested the Barnses Cups, as is the usual arrangement for this event.

Unfortunately we were without Chairman Harry Midgley this year as he had an important Charity fund raising event on day 2, but he did see us all off and spectate for much of Day 1, after which a collection was made for his worthy cause

Chris Roberts (1.5) and Pauline Wood (24) lead the field undefeated after three games at the end of the first day but they couldn't maintain that form, and were skittled out cheaply by Frances Colman (6) and Richard Peperell (22) on the morning of day 2.

This set up the exciting prospect of tournament victory being possible by any one of three contenders going into the last round of games.

Roberts and Wood needed to beat TJ Johansen (5) and Helena Fensome (20) which was clearly going to be a tall order as the latter had grown in AC confidence and was rouqueting and hoop running from all manner of unlikely distances!

She 'has the GC shots' that could prove a big asset if she continues with her AC learning, which one sincerely hopes she does.

Johansen and Fensome duly got the win and then had to watch the last 15 minutes of Bucknall & Crook's last match, hoping they came unstuck against Colman & Peperell.

It was a close one, with Peperell (who had earlier 'peeled' his senior partner) having a last turn break chance that he shouldn't have been afforded, but an attempted controlled hoop run 'blobbed' and that was that.

Bucknall & Crook tied on 4 wins from 5 games with Johansen & Fensome but had won their head to head match, and so won the event on the 'who beat whom' rule. Thanks to Raghu Iyer for a well conceived and run tournament, which was enjoyed by all and our five novices especially.