

PEGGING OUT



A MURDER MYSTERY

Background

Following the surprise announcement by the International Olympic Committee that croquet is to be included as a demonstration sport in the 2012 Olympics, the rush is on to find a suitable venue. Bawdrip Allied Mallets (BAM) is at the forefront of the competition, and keen to host the event at any price.

Tonight their facilities are being inspected by members of the IOC, and they want to put on a good show, despite the protests of local rivals, the Sutton Mallets. In an attempt to impress the inspectors, the tour of the site will be supplemented by a supper and entertainment from a vocal trio, Triple Peel.

Guests

Ken Peel	President of BAM	
Barry Tone	BAM member	
Kirby Peel	Property developer	
Mark DeGras	Groundsman	
Lady Lawn	Local landowner	
Dick Shone	BAM member	
Casey Joint	IOC inspector	
“Ace” Striker	BAM's star player	
Trudy Hoop	President of SM	
Ian Spectre	IOC inspector	
Roland “Ro” Kay	BAM's secretary	

About You

You are Ken John Peel, the president of BAM. You are devoted to croquet and to the club, and demand the same devotion from all members.

You are a stickler for the club rules, which can include everything from dress code to voting rights, and can cite swathes of regulations in support of your argument (be inventive and somewhat ridiculous). Star player Ace is not known for his adherence to these rule, so whilst you admire his skill, you are frequently in conflict with him.

You are desperate for BAM to host the Olympic events, and will do anything to win – this will include sucking up to the inspectors and acceding to their every wish – except their demands to see inside the kit store – make the excuse that you've just received a new shipment and it's a bit of a mess.

Your wife, Kirby, is a successful property developer, and you want her company to carry out the ground improvements for the Olympics – which will include a compulsory purchase order on some of Lady Lawn's land...

Secrets

At around 6pm as you were setting up for this evening, you discovered the body of Mark DeGras in the kit store. You were in the building with Dick, Kirby, Ro and Ace and have agreed to hush things up until the inspectors have left.

He was struck a deadly blow from the back with a croquet mallet.

You and Trudy had a 3 year affair, but you dumped her to concentrate on the bid.

How it works

You have each been given a character to play, and a little bit about yourself. Your character will have a background and things that should be made obvious to all and sundry... for instance you could be a flirt or maybe you distrust someone.

You may also have a secret or secrets which should only be revealed when instructed or if you need to gain an advantage. You should also reveal them (reluctantly) if questioned by the detective.

You have also been given an envelope containing several cards, which must be read by you only at certain key points in the event.

Not every detail about your character can be included – unless stated otherwise, you can flesh out your back story with appropriate ad-libbed nonsense in response to others' questions etc.

The number of cards you have will depend on your character, but if you are playing with a full deck, they will be coloured thus:

WHITE -At the start of the event

GREEN - After the toast

YELLOW - After the buffet

RED – After dessert

Each card gives you certain things to do - maybe argue with someone, maybe ask questions, maybe respond to questions. Make sure that you do whatever you have been asked in full hearing and sight of the other guests, and try to stay in character.

If you are given nothing specific to do, react as appropriate to the situation, and how you perceive the other guests.

If you are questioned, and your card instructs you of your response, you should play fair and answer as directed. Following the questions, everyone will have a chance to guess the perpetrator(s) and their motive.