

Croquet Communique 7th July 2022



A busy time of the year and with better weather and long days, people are taking delayed and long overdue holidays and playing croquet!

The British Open Golf Croquet Tournament

The British Open Golf Croquet tournament was held at Southwick, 23rd – 26th June, and featured two Roehampton Club Members. Tim Russell qualified for the Championship final with five wins but was disappointed to lose out in the quarter final.

Reg Bamford having won six qualifying games, went on to the final, where he lost to Roger Fulford, two of the best players playing exceptional positional croquet and showing that hard hitting is not always required.

Croquet Association 'B' Level Golf Croquet Tournament

The CA 'B' level GC tournament at Hamptworth had a good turn out with three players from Roehampton Club. Diana Wilson, Mark Green and Robert Scallon enjoyed the two-day event with mixed fortunes. Robert had a hard time, Mark made the final of the Plate event, but Diana with consistent play, particularly on Saturday, won the event and qualified for the National Final later in the year.



The Association Croquet British Open

The Association Croquet British Open is currently in play at Hurlingham, and there are four Roehampton Club Members entered: Tim Russell, Harry Fisher, Joel Taylor and Reg Bamford. Report will follow after the event.

The Hedge

Work began this work on the preparatory works for the second 'winter' air hall for the tennis courts.

Sadly, this has involved the removal of the boundary hedge at the end of croquet lawns two and three. There has been much discussion surrounding the works, its necessity, the process, and the future replacement to the mutual benefit of all. There will be some disruption and noise and a temporary fence will be placed along the wall.



An open view of the tennis courts (Right)



Over enthusiastic pruning? (Left)

CA GC Interclub National Tournament

The semi-final of the CA golf Croquet Interclub competition will be against Bowden Croquet, who defeated Nottingham in their quarter final.

They have a very strong team led by England Captain, John Paul Moberly. We also have a strong team and will host them in the semi-final at Roehampton Club on 3rd September – a definite diary date!

Upcoming Events:

The Longman Cup AC

We entertain Hurlingham in our second-round association croquet match at home on Friday, 15th July, at 10am

The Murphy Shield AC

We are away at Ryde on the 18th July in our next association croquet match

Good luck to both teams!

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain