

Croquet Communique 21st July 2022



Stop press

Last evening (Wednesday 20th July, at Hurlingham), in the Association Croquet National Interclub Championship Roehampton Club defeated Hurlingham 4-2 in the semi-final.

Congratulations to the Roehampton Club team on reaching the final. Report in next *Recorder*.

AC Croquet Association British Open, Hurlingham Club, 5th to 10th July 2022

Three Roehampton Club Members qualified through to the Championship Knock Out Stages with Joel Taylor losing to Jose Riva.

Reg Bamford and Harry Fisher made it through to the semi-final where they faced each other, Reg going through to the final, where he lost to James Death over four games.

Longman National Association Cup

Playing at home on 15th July, the Club team played with great determination and spirit to defeat Hurlingham by six matches to one.

Well organised and managed by Elaine Phillimore, the Roehampton Club team was Tony Salem, Nick Yates, Diana Wilson and Andrew Wilson.

Of special note was the doubles game, in which Tony and Nick came from behind, with Tony racing to 'beat the clock' and just succeeding. Just proves you are never out of it!

Also, many congratulations to Nick Yates, who we discover qualifies for a Croquet Association Silver Merit Award for achieving a 12-hoop break, without the use of bisques, whilst playing his match against Martin Read of Hurlingham.



Tony Salem, Elaine Phillimore (Manager), Nick Yates, Diana Wilson, and Andrew Wilson

Our next opponents in the quarter-finals are Ealing.

Murphy Shield National Golf Croquet Competition

18th July saw a GC Team play overseas – well Ryde, Isle of Wight – we definitely crossed water, some by ferry, some by hovercraft.

The team of Nicholas Halton, Diana Wilson, Andrew Wilson, and Nick Yates, supported by Section Captain, Mike Pattison were relieved to be playing away from the heat of London and enjoyed a bearable 29 degrees.

The day was hard fought, with seven games going to Golden Hoops, however Roehampton Club ran out as 6-1 winners, a score which doesn't reflect the level of Ryde's competitiveness and commitment.



One means of transport (left), Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (right)





Andrew Wilson, Diana Wilson, Nick Yates, and Nicholas Halton (left)
Our next opponents in the semi-finals are Guildford.

Blewbury AC Advanced Weekend

In a strong field containing some current and past 'Mac', (MacRobertson Shield), players, the winner of the event was Joel Taylor of Roehampton

Club. Many congratulations to Joel!

Joel Taylor at Blewbury, South Oxfordshire (right)

Sidmouth Golf Croquet Open Tournament 9th and 10th July

Tim Russell (Roehampton Club) reached the semi-final where he lost a hard-fought match against Tim Jolliff, who went on to win the tournament.

Croquet Association National Seniors AC Tournament

Tim Russell also competed in this tournament held at Budleigh Salterton, on 11th to 16th July. The main event was won by Tim Jolliff, with Tim just one win behind.

Future Events

The Ranelagh Gold Cupe

Roehampton Club's premier Association Croquet open singles event (boasting the Club's most handsome trophy) is to be held at Roehampton Club on 23rd / 24th July. Do come and watch some expected excellent play.

The fabulous Ranelagh Gold Cup (right)

SECF (South East Croquet Federation) GC League

On 28th July Roehampton Club host Purley Bury club.

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain

