

Croquet Communique 18th August 2022

A busy summer continues with several Roehampton Club Members competing in open tournaments.

World Golf Croquet Championships

Sussex County Croquet Club in Southwick, 30th July to 7th August 2022

Roehampton Club players Tim Russell and Joel Taylor entered the qualifying tournament and played well with Joel making it through to the Championship Round, played over seven days with a field of sixty-four players from all around the world.

Reg Bamford, also a Roehampton Club Member, won through to the semi-final, where he lost to Roger Fulford, in a marathon match, by three games to two, played over nearly eight hours! Two of the 'greats' of the game in an absorbing contest.

Roger went on to lose in the final against Matthew Essick, a young (23) star from the USA.



Matthew Essick receiving the World Cup



Southwick Croquet Club



Reg Bamford



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Reg Bamford supervises repairs

AC Championship of Surrey 07/08 August 2022

Three Roehampton Club players were in a very strong field for this AC tournament played at Surbiton. All three made the quarter-finals: where Joel Taylor, lost a close contest by 2-1 to Samir Patel, Mark Van Loon came up against fellow Roehampton Club Member, Harry Fisher, with Harry winning and going on to beat Samir to reach the final.

Having won the first game against Mark Avery, the result has still to be decided as there was insufficient time to complete the match. Good Luck Harry!

Hurlingham Week, 06 – 14 August

Hurlingham host a number of AC Tournaments and Roehampton Club was represented in four of these. Peter Siddall in the Turner Cup won 3 of 5; Elaine Phillimore in the Hurlingham Salver won 2 of 4; Tim Russell finished third in the Jubilee Cup, with 4 wins from 5; however, the star performer was Joel Taylor, who continued his excellent form to win the Hurlingham Cup, with wins over Phil Cordingley, Aston Wade, Gabrielle Higgins and, in the final, Tom Coles.

Well done, Joel!



Joel Taylor

SECF (South-East Croquet Federation) Golf Croquet League

On 5th August, Roehampton Club played Hampstead Heath in a GC Handicap League match. Having started well the lunch break 'refreshed' our opponents however we held on to run out 5-4 winners.

Roehampton Club team – Mike Pattison (Captain), Carmel Brancen, Charlotte Oades, and Robert Scallon.



Robert Scallon, Charlotte Oades, Mike Pattison, and Carmel Brancen

Lynn Pearcy

Lynn had a busy week in early August. She competed in the East Dorset 'A' Level Golf Croquet event, (part of the Croquet Association series), (6/7 August), where she had a very creditable 5 wins from 7 games to make the championship round.

Earlier in the week, (2/3 August), she was competing in the Hamptworth AC Summer Tournament, where she triumphed winning the event and the splendid trophy – well played!

Lynn Pearcy receiving the Hamptworth AC trophy



Croquet and Bridge versus AELTC report by Ron Wood.

On 10th August, three pairs from each club met for what turned out to be a highly enjoyable and sociable day, our first such fixture against All England.

Three rounds of GC in the escalating heat of the morning resulted in a 7-2 win for Roehampton Club. After a sumptuous lunch featuring the Chef's latest signature cod dish, we adjourned to the air-conditioned comfort of the bridge room. With insufficient pairs for a duplicate match, we played three rounds of Chicago.

The score stood at 4-all as the last table was still playing their last hand, which All England won by just +20! So overall the day's match was considered a satisfactorily sociable draw.

Thanks to our team: Ron Wood and Nigel Aspinall, Diana Wilson and Tony Salem, Joan Cookson and Jacqs Pearson.

Philpott Cup AC Tournament at Roehampton Club

The Philpott cup, played this year on 13th / 14th August, was, as always, expertly managed by Nigel Aspinall. Despite a few withdrawals, fearful of the extreme heat, a good field enjoyed some excellent croquet

David Mooney of Roehampton Club won retaining the cup from last year. A tie for second place was resolved by a 'one-ball' contest between Alan Clark (Watford) and Nick Yates (Roehampton) with Nick winning 1-2. Well played both!



David Mooney receiving the Philpott Cup from Anne Wilkinson



Nick Yates receiving second prize from Anne Wilkinson



Nigel Aspinall with Anne Wilkinson and Nick Yates



Cocktails and Croquet

A very successful Cocktails and Croquet event to introduce Members to the section was held on 3rd August. Twenty-two Members, new to the game, enjoyed an evening of social play assisted by delicious cocktails with the able supervision of section members, who kindly helped.

Several attendees expressed an interest in further play and coaching, which we will organise and contact when dates are finalised.



After the heat, this wet Wednesday on the lawns stopped play!



Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison
Croquet Captain