

Croquet Communique 15th September 2022

Another busy fortnight for the croquet section, and I am very pleased to report more success from Roehampton Club Teams and players.



National Inter Club Golf Croquet Tournament

As already mentioned, we entertained Bowdon in the semi-final, on 3rd September. Up against a very strong team including England Captain J.P. Moberly, we faced a daunting task.

The team got off to a tremendous start winning the doubles – Harry Fisher and

Joel Taylor defeating J.P. Moberley and Angharad Walters 2-1, a very close contest, (7-5, 3-7, 7-6).

The two morning singles were also won by Roehampton Club's Tim Russell beating Nigel Matthews, (7-6, 7-5), and Mark Van Loon beating Jack Good, (7-3, 7-2).

So, a three-win opening session with only one more required from the singles. Losing the first two, we waited with bated breath for the final two to finish and with Harry Fisher, and J.P. Moberley at one game all, we were pleased to see Mark Van Loon win by 2-1 and seal the match.



Congratulations to the team on reaching the final.

Hunstanton 3rd and 4th September 2022

Hunstanton hosted the Croquet Association GC 'B' level finals. Two Roehampton Club players, Diana Wilson and Nicholas Halton were representing the Club.

Diana had the most success winning six of her 'block' games to reach the Championship round, where she was very disappointed to lose in a close match, 10-9. However, she went on to win the Shield.

Well done to both on reaching the final and representing the Club.



Staff v the Croquet Section

We had the Annual Staff Match on 7th September. The staff were represented by twelve members from all areas of the Club.

Paired with different section members for three games, played to a time limit, the aim to achieve as many hoops as possible for the staff member.

A fun and very competitive evening saw some great croquet and the winner fittingly on his last appearance was Tristan McIlroy with 27 hoops. Thanks to John and Tristan for organising.



The Hussar Cup AC Tournament

On 10th and 11th September, we hosted The Hussar Cup, an end of season tournament. Well organised by John Pearson, a field of sixteen from as far as Edinburgh, Norfolk and Bath to mention a few places.

Roehampton Club had three representatives, Elaine Philimore, Lynn Percy and Andrew Wilson.

Played over two days with good weather, it was an enjoyable event for all if not with the results they would have liked. Andrew Wilson excelled to win the event - his first AC tournament, winning all five games, (and he only played because his wife Diana, had to pull-out at the last moment, due injury). Second was Tony Elliott of Ealing, and third Jordan Waters of Merton.

Congratulations to Andrew Wilson.



Andrew Wilson with John Pearson and Anne Wilkinson





Tony Elliot runner-up

AC Friendly v Hurlingham

We played Hurlingham in a friendly AC Match and the Roehampton Club team of Nicholas Halton, Anne Wilkinson, Jean Oades and Ron Wood had an enjoyable day against some old friends and were victorious.

Upcoming Events: Spectators Welcome!

National Murphy Shield Final GC

This weekend you are encouraged to visit Ealing Croquet Club, Lammas Park, Culmington Road, Ealing W5 5JH to watch.

Roehampton Club take on Watford in the final of the Golf Croquet Murphy Shield tournament.

We wish the Roehampton Club team of Diana and Andrew Wilson, Nicholas Halton, and Elaine Philimore good fortune.

Fairacres v Rest of the Club Section Golf Croquet Match

On Tuesday 20th September in the afternoon, we play an enjoyable and light-hearted friendly between Fairacres residents and the rest of the section.

If you would like to play please contact Tony Salem for Fairacres, or sign up in the Pavilion for Rest of the Section or email Mike Pattison.

National Inter Club GC Tournament Final

Having reached the final, a tremendous achievement, we are pleased to be hosting the event. The final will be against Watford or Sussex County Croquet Clubs on Saturday, 24th September. This is a significant event for the section and is an ideal opportunity to watch the Club compete at the very top level. Please do come and give your encouragement to the team.

National Inter Club GC Tournament Trophy

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison

Croquet Captain

