

## Croquet Communique – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Winter has well and truly arrived! – it must be some years since we had ‘lying’ snow so early.

Croquet has been disrupted as one would expect and in one case in a slightly surprising way

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Using the new covers to curb the frost on lawns two and three, we had a morning when the unprotected lawns one and four were deemed unfit for the day – lawns two and three, when the covers were removed, were open at 10.00 – excellent!

However, the temperature failed to rise and by late morning a frost was forming, so first lawn three, then lawn two had to close.

There will be huge benefit to lawn availability, under average conditions, however with extreme cold we will have to be careful.

***When is it too frosty?*** if you look behind yourself and see footsteps, its unplayable – please leave the lawns and call Reception to let them know to close the affected lawn.



*Lawns without covers*



*The new covers*

While looking back at a brilliant year for the Croquet Section – particularly winning four of the top five Croquet Association National Competitions, (celebrations coming – look out for the invitation), we never stop and are currently planning for next year.

We will be hosting some of the Association World Championships, which are based at Hurlingham.

There will also be a slightly reduced programme of our normal competitions which will appear in the calendar.

We are planning to organise more coaching and create more competitive play where desired.

### **Croquet Association Most Improved Player Awards 2022**

Congratulations to Roehampton Club Player Diana Wilson for recognition of her outstanding year. *Improved Player GC Female (The Colman Trophy): Winner Patricia Mulcahy, also nominated – Sandra Cornes, Debbie Lines and Diana Wilson.*

It remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Season of Goodwill and look forward to a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Enjoy your Croquet!

**Mike Pattison**  
**Croquet Captain**