

Croquet Communique – 1st December 2022

England win the MacRobertson Shield

‘Roehampton Club’s Harry Fisher in victorious team’. Played between New Zealand, Australia, United States of America and England, every four years, this Association Croquet competition, the premier team event in world croquet, takes place over three weeks with each country playing twenty-one matches, (best of three games), against each other.

England started well with a 15-6 win against United States of America, but had to fight hard to defeat New Zealand, 11-10, and then faced a determined Australian side, (also unbeaten). After the first fifteen matches, England had achieved an imposing 10-5 lead.

Needing only one win from the last six singles, England were in a strong position – Australia battled to the end, taking four of the matches to three games, but in the end the matches were halved three each, giving England a decisive 13-8 victory. (A home team last won in 2010).



The MacRobertson Shield

The MacRobertson Teams

Well done to Harry Fisher and the England team for a great victory!



England’s ‘Magnificent Six’: Harry Fisher second from left



Harry Fisher watches partner James Death

Previous Roehampton Club MacRobertson players, (and still playing at the club), Nigel Aspinall (1969 - 1986), and David Openshaw, (1979 - 2000).

Winter Lawn Closures

From 5th December 2022 to 5th April 2023, we will once again have one lawn closed on a rotation, to rest the lawn:

Lawn 1: closed 5th December – 2nd January 2023

Lawn 2: closed 2nd January – 30th January

Lawn 3: closed 30th January – 27th February

Lawn 4: closed 27th February – 5th April

Winter Roll-Up

Along with the Golf Croquet Rainbow Competition, players with handicaps are reminded that we have started the normal winter roll-ups of:

One Ball

Monday 13.00 – 16.00; Suitable for all competent GC and AC players – tuition available

GC 8 and Under

Wednesday 14.00 - 17.00, open to all GC handicaps of 8 and under.

AC Roll Up

Thursday 10.00 – 13.00 (handicaps 8 and under) and Thursday 13.00 – 17.00 (handicap required)

AC Roll Up

Saturday 13.00 – 16.00

The usual roll-ups continue:

GC Roll Up for Handicapped Players: Sunday 10.00 – 13.00

GC Roll Up for All GC Players: Monday 10.00 – 13.00

Enjoy your Croquet!

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