

## Croquet Communique – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### The frost continues ...

Global Warning - Huh?

Looks like a traditional winter to me!

Play on the croquet lawns continues to be disrupted by heavy frosts and low temperatures. The use of covers has allowed play on some days when even the golf course has been closed. However, we need to be mindful that the ground can freeze during the day after covers have been removed. Also, the covers cannot stay on for long periods as the grass will suffer from the lack of light.



Lawn Four

Still, we are a long way from the winter of 1962/1963 – a picture of the frozen Thames and two of deep snow from Northumberland, (my home back then), which I remember!



**On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January**, we play our *first floodlit Challenge Match of the year* against Dulwich at Golf Croquet starting at **18:00** – a great way to spend a ‘balmy evening’ watching two strong teams containing a sprinkling of international and minus handicapped players. Hopefully without the interruption experienced against them last time.

Dulwich: Guy Scurfield (captain), Pierre Beaudry, Jonny Claxton and Martin Gill  
Roehampton Club: Tim Russell (captain) Harry Fisher, Mark Van Loon, Nick Yates and reserve Dan Pearson.



### **Rainbow and Roll Ups**

Hopefully some better weather will see some more activity on the GC Rainbow – a fun, single game contest – counts towards your handicap! It would be good to see the normal contenders challenged so the gauntlet is down!

Also, except for the Sunday GC Roll Ups, there is plenty of space on both GC and AC Roll Ups – open up your game and meet others – join in!

Enjoy your Croquet!

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