

Croquet Communique – 4th May

The competition season is now underway, and the last few weeks have seen Roehampton Club players competing in external tournaments.

Inter Club GC National Tournament

This Friday 5th May our golf croquet team play the first round of the GC Inter Club tournament away to Phyllis Court at Henley.

Roehampton Club team: Tim Russell (Captain), Joel Taylor, Dan Pearson, and Nick Yates.

It will be a tight match with their team slightly stronger.

External events involving Roehampton Club players



Sidmouth GC Championship played over the weekend 22/23 April at Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club. Tim Russell won through the block stages to the main knockout where he lost to Stuart M Smith (England), who undoubtedly benefited from local knowledge as it was at his home club!

East Dorset Women's' GC Tournament: on 29/30 April, Lynn Percy (Chair) entered this open tournament with a field including some top ranked players. After qualifying through the block stages, she was disappointed to lose in the quarter final but finished a creditable 5th overall.

Surbiton GC Championship (Open Series): on 29/30 April Tim Russell and Diana Wilson entered this popular event and found themselves playing a number of Spanish players, (who have very generous handicaps)!

Fortunately, in different blocks, they didn't play each other, they did however appreciate how good the Roehampton Club lawns are, as the playing surface was disappointing.

Tim qualified through the block stages to the main knockout, where he lost in the quarter finals to an eventual finalist. However, he won the Shield.





Diana went through to the Plate competition, where she played well to finish second.

Friendly Matches 2023: we are still looking for players for both GC and AC friendly matches.

AC away to Hurlingham on 13th June

AC away to Woking on 20th June

AC home to Surbiton on 29th June

GC away to Surbiton on 20th June

GC home to Woking on 9th August

GC home to Hurlingham on 1st September

Please check your diaries and sign up on the list in the pavilion.

Charity One Ball

Report from John Pearson

We had a slightly smaller (though stronger) field this year, with twelve players signing up. Nevertheless we raised the largest sum ever (well over £200) for this year's chosen charity – UNHCR for Ukraine. Many thanks to the generous contributors – though any more contributions would be gratefully received!

The acclaimed winner (and long-term supporter) was Adrienne Sackin, winning four matches out of four. We would probably have needed a couple of play-off games – David Openshaw having won three out of three and Diana Wilson three out of four – but David kindly withdrew, knowing that he would not be able to attend the National Finals, even if he saw off Diana and Adrienne. So, congratulations to Adrienne and Diana who will both be attending this year's final at Surbiton on Sunday 7th May. Diana was our winner last year and went on to be the runner-up in the finals. Best of luck to both of them.

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain