

## Croquet Communique – 15th June

Roehampton Club recently competed in two of the National Croquet Tournaments with mixed results.

### Murphy Shield Golf Croquet

On 2nd June we were drawn away at Hurlingham and on a beautiful summer's day, we made a good start and led 2-1 at lunch. The afternoon saw continued strong play by Roehampton Club, winning 3 of the 4 singles to take the match by 5-2. Our next round will be against Phyllis Court (Henley). Thank you to the Roehampton Club Team of Andrew Wilson (Captain), Mark Green, Mike Tumath and Trevor Campbell.



### Longman Cup Association Croquet

On 8th June we started our defence of the Longman Cup with a difficult match against Sussex County in Hove. We started well, leading 2-1 at lunch. However, we only won one of the afternoon singles to lose overall by 3-4. The Roehampton Club Team was Diana Wilson (captain), Andrew Wilson, Nicholas Halton, and Trevor Campbell.

### Wrest Park GC Open Championship

Played over the weekend of 3rd and 4th June Tim Russell, (Roehampton Club) won the event at Silsoe. In a closely contested final with two 'golden hoops', Tim won 7-6, 7-6. Congratulations Tim!

### Women's Open Golf Croquet Tournament

Roehampton Club had two representatives, Lynn Percy and Diana Wilson who had qualified for this competition, played at Budleigh Salterton, Devon, over 3 days, 2nd-4th June.

Block A was won comfortably by Jenny Clarke of New Zealand, winning 6 games from 6. Block B was a much more competitive group, with three people ending with five wins. In the last group game Diana (on 5 wins) faced Lynn (on 4 wins). As expected, it was a very close match, and took almost five hours to reach a conclusion with Lynn winning 6-7, 7-6, 7-3.



There was no time for a 'play off' so Lynn went through to the championship round by having more 'net' hoops. She met Jenny Clarke in the semi final and although losing, managed a very credible 4-7, 6-7 score line. (The closest game Jenny had over the tournament). Lynn finished joint third overall. Diana went on to finish 6th overall, losing in the plate final.

### **Bridge Croquet Match 9th June *Report by Ron Wood***

Our annual internal croquet and bridge event was held in glorious sunshine on Friday 9th June. Ron organised the event with his customary efficiency, and a full field of 12 pairs enjoyed the day. We played five 30-minute golf croquet matches in the morning, then 18 boards of duplicate bridge in the afternoon.

The overall winners of the combined event were Tim Russell and Nigel Aspinall, with David and Shirley Lee a close second just one point behind. David and Shirley were outright winners of the Bridge. The Croquet prize went to Allen Lever and Wendy Gilbert who came second behind Tim & Nigel who had already won the combined prize.

### **Golf Croquet Referees**

I am very pleased to report that Roehampton Club now has more golf croquet referees. At a recent Croquet Association course held at the club, Charlotte Oades, Diana Wilson, Howard Railton, Mark Green, and Andrew Wilson all passed both practical and written exams to qualify as Golf Croquet Referees.

Congratulations to them all and our thanks for undertaking the course, which will benefit the whole section.

### **Golf Croquet 'Club Coach'**

Congratulations also go to Mike Tumath, who has almost completed the Croquet Association Golf Croquet Club Coach qualification.

Enjoy your Croquet!

**Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain**

