

Croquet Communique – 29th June

We have been enjoying perfect croquet weather and some great entertainment on the lawns.

Golf Croquet Open Series

Over the weekend of 17th and 18th June Roehampton Club hosted a round of the Golf Croquet Open Series Tournament. Points are scored for first to fifth places and the accumulated scores over the series determine the final results.

Roehampton Club had four entrants, a welcome sight, Nick Yates, Dan Pearson, Diana Wilson, and Tim Russell, who also organised and managed the event. Perfect weather saw some excellent play and the only disappointment being the low number of spectators.

Tim Russell met Nick Yates in the quarter final, which was a close encounter with Tim edging it, 6-7, 7-6, 7-5. Diana Wilson also reached the quarter final, where she lost to the eventual winner.

In the semi-final, Tim lost narrowly in another close contest, 7-6, 6-7, 5-7 to Stephen Constance-Baker, (Taunton) who went on to beat Chris Roberts, (Phyllis Court and previously Roehampton Club).

Special mention of the 'bonus cabaret' as players were treated to an excellent view of most of the planes, which had taken part in the King's birthday flypast as they flew over the lawns just after 1pm.



June 17th and 18th Woking Golf Croquet 'A' level Series

Lynn Percy (Roehampton Club) entered this event (handicap 0+) and enjoyed a positive if frustrating weekend. She won 8 out of 11 block games, putting her in the first to fourth knockout, where she lost to the winner in the first game and then in third/fourth place play-off, promoted her opponent into the 'jaws' at the 'golden hoop'. A well-deserved fourth place – well done Lynn.

June 20th and 21st British Open GC Doubles

Roehampton Club's Tim Russell partnered with Jonathon Powe (East Dorset) entered and came through Block qualifying to lose in the quarter final to the eventual winners Robert Fletcher (New Zealand), and Dominic Nuns, (Sussex County).

22nd to 25th June British Open GC Singles

A very strong entry including Reg Bamford (Surbiton and Roehampton Club), Robert Fletcher, Stephen Mulliner, Tobi Savage, Aston Wade, Ian and Euan Burridge, and Jenny Clarke (New Zealand).

Tim Russell had a very competitive block, which included the final winner, and unfortunately did not make the Championship rounds. The final was won by Robert Fletcher, (New Zealand) who beat Reg Bamford 7-0, 7-5, (he didn't lose a match through the whole tournament).

24th June Hunstanton Golf Croquet 'B' series

Robert Scallon (Roehampton Club) made the long journey to Hunstanton and despite seemingly qualifying from his block for the semi-final was thwarted by some anomaly in the interpretation of positions. However, well done Robert!

21st June GC Friendly versus Cheam

We played Cheam at home, who were formidable opponents, and proved to be the better team on the day. Roehampton Club Team: Alison Breathnach, Allen Lever, Howard Railton, and Gill Bray



Staff Match 21st June

Late afternoon on a beautiful summer's evening, we played the annual staff match with twelve staff members and the winner being decided by the player, whose team scores the most hoops. Captained by Louis Laville, staff were paired with section members for three games. The some very entertaining and competitive play coupled with a degree of amusement, saw the eventual winner, being Louis with Gary the runner-up. Thank you to John Pearson and Louis Laville who organised the match and a big thank you to all who took part.



Lawn Availability

As we undergo normal summer maintenance and preparation for the World Ac Championships (15th – 22nd July), the lawns are shown as closed for a lengthy period. This is to allow Grounds staff plenty of opportunity to do works and include an element of 'insurance time' in the event of poor weather or problems.

Historically the works are completed within the time so please be patient and check the booking site, lawns will be made available as soon as possible.

Saturday 8th July at 10am

Croquet Association Interclub Association Croquet National Tournament

A huge match for Roehampton Club defending the title won last year, and we host Hurlingham in the semi-final of this year's event.

Roehampton Club Team of Tim Russell (Captain), Harry Fisher, Mark Van Loon and David Openshaw are ready for the challenge. Please come and support the team, it is appreciated.

Enjoy your Croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain