

Croquet Communique – 27th July

World Association Croquet Championships 15th – 23rd July

Based at Hurlingham, a number of other clubs including Roehampton Club, Surbiton, AELTC, Ealing, Woking and Dulwich were involved.



Roehampton Club hosted three days of practice, followed by three days of ‘block’ matches, then ‘championship’ rounds. We were pleased to welcome many of the world’s best players to our lawns and watched some excellent and exiting play.

All four Roehampton Club Members appeared at some stage and had mixed results. Unfortunately, neither Reg Bamford, Harry Fisher, Mark Van Loon nor Joel Taylor made it through to the final stages but are to be congratulated on being involved.

On Friday and Saturday, we had some tremendous matches and the Bowl and Shield semi-finals with Debbie Lines and James Death, (both English), recording great victories. James completing two sextuple peels (sxp). Both went on to win their finals on Sunday.

The Grounds Team, led by Chris Hughes, with Simon and Russell produced an excellent playing surface and did much work to provide the best possible conditions including some new boundary boards.

Thanks also to the efforts of Louis Laville (Golf and Games Manager) and Club Member Peter Siddall (Club Event Manager) and Tony Salem who all did a tremendous job and Lynn Percy who assisted, also John Pearson who attended all the pre-tournament meetings ...

The final winners:

Championship	Robert Fulford (England)
Bowl	Debbie Lines (England)
Shield	James Death (England)
Plate	Robin Brown (England)



Photos taken at Roehampton Club



Mark Van Loon



Gabrielle Higgins



James Death



James Death



Reg Bamford



Reg Bamford



Spectators



Robert Fulford



Logan McCorkindale



Alain Giraud



Debbie Lines



Thomas Balding



Harry Fisher



Joel Taylor

Association Croquet Men's and Women's Championships 14th and 15th June

The Mixed Doubles was won by Harry Fisher (Roehampton Club) and his partner Gabrielle Higgins.

Harry Fisher won the Men's Championships, beating James Death in the final.

A great performance, congratulations to Harry!



National AC Senior Championship and Golf Croquet Veteran's Championship

Tim Russell (Roehampton Club) competed in two major events recently: In the National AC Senior Championship at Budleigh Salterton, coming third in his event, then the following week, he won the Golf Croquet Veteran's Championship held at Southwick 19th and 20th July. Well done, a good win against a strong field.

East Dorset Open GC Championship

Diana Wilson (Roehampton Club) entered this event, which had a quality field that posed a significant challenge and Diana qualified for the knockout stages where she lost a competitive match to Stuart Smith who went on to win the event.



The Murphy Shield

In the Murphy Shield we were drawn away to Phyllis Court, (Henley) and had a close encounter, losing the match 4-3 at the golden hoop' in the last game. Roehampton Club Team in white (from left) Mark Green, Mike Tumath, Andrew Wilson captain and Trevor Campbell.

Annual Croquet and Bridge Match versus Hurlingham

Report from Ron Wood: On Friday 7th July, on one of the hottest days so far in July, we enjoyed a friendly (but competitive none-the-less) croquet and bridge match against Hurlingham.



We were the hosts this year and managed to beat our guests at both the Golf Croquet in the morning and Teams of Four bridge in the afternoon. For lunch, our Chef had invented a new dish called 'Poached Salmon Poke Bowl' which was absolutely delicious!

Our team was: Ron Wood and Nigel Aspinall, Tim Russell and Adrienne Sackin, Jacqs Pearson and Andrew Wilson, Tony and Gill Salem.

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain

