

Croquet Communique – 24th August

7th World Croquet Federation Women's Golf Croquet World Championship

We are following on from the report in the last Recorder, which saw Roehampton Club entrants, Diana Wilson and Lynn Percy, four games into their six-match block still trying to qualify for the Championship knockout round.

Diana returned to winning ways, beating Bev Cardo (USA), 7-4, 7-3 and Lindsey Hobbs, (South Africa), 7-2, 7-3, and qualified for the 32 player knockout.



Diana with Dame Mary Berry (who opened the Worlds Women's GC Tournament)

Lynn also maintained her form, beating Ghada Karam (Egypt) 7-4, 7-3, and then lost narrowly in a very close encounter to Dallas Cooke (New Zealand), 6-7, 7-5, 6-7, however she also qualified for the final 32.

Sadly, both were knocked out in the Championship by Egyptian players, Diana to Noha Mamdouh 7-4, 4-7, 5-7 and Lynn to Sarah Hany 7-6, 5-7, 3-7.

They then competed in the 'Bowl', where Diana won her first match against Glynis Davis (England), 5-7, 7-4, 7-5, only to lose to Begona Elzaburu, (Spain), 5-7, 7-4, 2-7, whose hoop running in the final game was unstoppable.

Lynn faced Helen Reeves (New Zealand), and narrowly missed out in a very close match with two golden hoops, 7-6, 3-7, 6-7.

Whilst disappointed not to have gone further, both Diana and Lynn are to be congratulated on a tremendous achievement, to reach the top 32 in the Championship of the World is truly amazing, and everyone at Roehampton Club congratulates them.

The championship was won by Jamie Gumbrell (Australia), who defeated Rachel Gee (England). Rachel having defeated the reigning world champion Soha Moustafa in a very close semi-final, that went to five games in nearly seven hours, and was decided on the 'golden hoop' in the last game!



Lynn discussing a point with an Egyptian player



Lynn Percy with a great jump shot



Diana Wilson

Roehampton Club Members in action elsewhere

Hunstanton Golf Croquet Championship Series, 13th August

Tim Russell, (Roehampton Club), qualified from the Block Stage, won all his matches and went on to the Championship final, where he faced Richard Bilton (Gainsborough and England) who he defeated 7-4, 7-4. An excellent performance!



Hurlingham Summer Tournament – AC Handicap, 10th August

This popular event saw Howard Railton win the Jubilee Cup. He won all five of his matches including two against Tim Russell and Joel Taylor and as a result has reduced his AC handicap to 14.

Nigel Wachman, whose handicap fell to 14 just before the tournament, won four out of five matches to become runner-up and win the Baillieu Plate. Well done to both!



Hurlingham Cup Association Croquet 11-13th August

An 'Open' AC Tournament, Joel Taylor, (Roehampton Club), having won his first match lost to Aston Wade (Hurlingham) the eventual winner. However, he went on to win the Plate event, recording seven victories. Well played Joel!

Enjoy your Croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain