

## Croquet Communique – 11th August 2023

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

The WCF Women's G C World Championship featuring the top players from around the world is being held at Sussex County Croquet Club in Southwick near Brighton.

Play is from 7th August to 14th August and involves 56 players from 16 countries.

I am delighted to report that Roehampton Club have two entrants – Diana Wilson is joined by Lynn Percy who had to play through three days of qualifying to gain her place.

Both Diana (Block A) and Lynn (Block B) started well in their matches.

Diana defeated top Egyptian, Manal Khodeir, 7-6, 7-6 and then Anne Lehmann from Germany, 7-4, 4-7, 7-6, in a closely fought match. She then went on to play the current world champion, and number one seed, Soha Moustafa, and, having lost the first game 7-1, she fought back strongly to take the second, 7-4. The match was paused overnight and resumed on Wednesday morning with Soha winning the deciding game, 7-3. Who knows what might have happened had the game continued without the overnight break, but it was a very creditable performance for Diana. Her next match was against Liz Farrow of England who, with the benefit of home advantage, won a very close match 6-7, 6-7.

Lynn began with a match against Ghada Karam from Egypt and scored a significant victory 7-4, 7-3. She then went on to defeat Simone Huber from Switzerland, 7-3, 7-2, before meeting Egyptian Amany Hassan, who proved too strong, and who took the game 7-1, 7-4. Her next match against Helena Jansson, from Finland, saw a return to winning ways with a 7-3, 4-7, 7-5 victory. Lynn then went on to play Jayne Stevens (UK) where she won a very close match 5-7, 7-6, 7-6. (Scores up to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August evening)

They play six matches in their blocks with the top four progressing to the knockout stage



*World England Team*



*Lynn Percy and Diana Wilson*



*World's Interested Spectator*



*Diana Wilson*



*Diana Wilson*



*Lynn Percy*



*Lynn Percy*



*Sussex County Croquet Club*

### **Budleigh Salterton Open Series Golf Croquet – 5th and 6th August 2023**

A strong entry in this event included Tim Russell (Roehampton Club), who progressed from the Block Stages into the Championship Knock-Out, and then to the final where he met Andy Loakes (Camerton and Peasedown). Watched by a good crowd a high-quality match with both players producing some excellent croquet saw Tim take the first game, but he lost the next two at the 'golden hoop', congratulations on reaching the final ...

### **SECF Golf Croquet League Match away to Merton Croquet Club 8th August 2023**

We were drawn away to Merton, who only have one lawn in very pleasant surroundings. Played in 'summer' weather of almost consistent rain, Roehampton Club found themselves facing an unknown lawn and some high handicap differences, which when playing the 'advantage scoring' did prove very difficult for Roehampton Club. The final score Merton 8, Roehampton Club 1.

*Roehampton Club Team: Stephen Breathnach, Gill Bray, Howard Railton, Mike Tumath pictured:*



### **Golf Croquet Friendly v Woking 9th August 2023**

Played at home, Roehampton Club enjoyed a successful day winning comfortably, 7-1.

*Janine Railton, Brian Giffen, Sue Tumath and Chris Bray pictured:*



Sadly, I announce the passing of two Croquet Section Members.

Philippa (Pippa) Lyons, a Roehampton Club Member for some 50 years and a regular croquet player and competitor in internal competitions.

Neil Sinclair, also a long-standing Member and croquet player.

Our sincere condolences to Susan Sinclair and Derek Lyons and their families.

**Mike Pattison**

Croquet Captain