

Croquet Communique – 5th October

We are approaching the end of the season, and the final matches of the summer tournaments will soon be complete.

Last weekend saw the Inter Club AC team retain the Trophy which we won last year and we have two remaining major fixtures. On 8th October we play away against Hurlingham for the Association Croquet Centenary Bowl.



Threatening Sky by Andrew Wilson

From Friday 13th to Sunday 15th, we are hosting and competing in the inaugural European Club Cup Finals (Golf Croquet) between teams from the UK, (Roehampton Club, Dulwich and Ealing), Latvia (ikskile), Switzerland (Cern) and Spain (Sherry Jerez) who have all won through qualifying rounds. This promises to be an interesting competition and will be worth watching, so spectators are very welcome.

Final of National Inter Club Association Croquet Cup

Last Saturday, 30th September, Roehampton Club Members travelled to Blewbury Croquet Club in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside to compete against Nottingham in the final.

Blewbury was chosen as a neutral venue and the date was decided by the Croquet Association. The Roehampton Club Team, resplendent in Club tops, was captained by Tim Russell with Harry Fisher, Mark Van Loon, and Joel Taylor.



Images by Mike Pattison



Roehampton Club got off to a good start with Harry Fisher and Mark Van Loon winning the doubles against James Death and Omied Hallam +13. Tim Russell won the first of the singles against Will Gee +17, giving us a 2-1 lead at lunch time.

We reluctantly gave a walk over in one game as Nottingham insisted the second singles should start at 10.30am, which we couldn't accommodate. However, the afternoon went well with Harry Fisher beating James Death +26, Joel Taylor beating Will Gee +26,

Tim Russell beating John Davis +23 with Nottingham's only win of the day being Mark Van Loon losing to Omied Hallam -17.

A great victory for Roehampton Club against a strong Nottingham team, retaining the trophy we won last year. Many congratulations to the team.

Diana Wilson

Diana competed in two recent events – the final of the GC Series 'A' Level Tournament played at East Dorset over the weekend 23rd – 24th September. Diana won four of her block games to make the championship knock out – here she went to the semi-final losing to the eventual winner, Giles Pepperell. Her final result put her in fourth place, no mean achievement – well done to Diana.



Over the weekend 30th September – 1st October, Diana competed in the Surbiton 'ARK' Advanced Handicap AC Tournament, and after a very close semi-final, made it to the final. A nail-biting game saw a very close finish with hoops and time a factor and she lost narrowly by 23-24 to Simon Tuke of Ealing. A great performance to be in the final – a win isn't far off!

The Annual Dinner complete with prize giving is on 20th October, all are welcome. We look forward to seeing you all there – booking is open until 12th October.

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain