

Croquet Communique – 11th January 2024

A very happy New Year to all croquet players!

Some notable highlights of last year:

- Roehampton Club retaining the National Inter Club AC Trophy

Joel Taylor, Mark Van Loon, Harry Fisher, Tim Russell
(image right)

- Two Roehampton Club players in the Women's World Golf Croquet Championship: Diana Wilson and Lynn Percy (below):

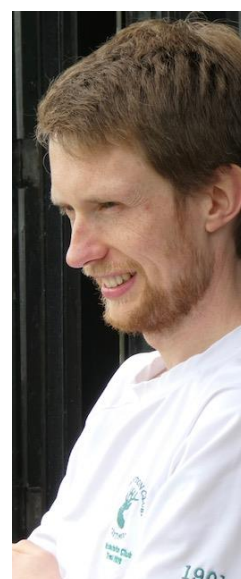


- Four Roehampton Club Members competed in the World AC Tournament: Harry Fisher, Mark Van Loon, Joel Taylor and Reg Bamford.

- Hosting inaugural European Club Challenge (below)



- Mark Van Loon (Roehampton Club) represented England in the Home AC Internationals and also the Solomon Cup v the USA (image right)



2024

Along with our regular fixtures, we will be hosting an International Croquet Test Match between England and Spain on 21 – 23 June – a tremendous opportunity to watch some top-class Croquet being played on the Roehampton Club lawns.



New Recruit

Our latest recruit is the friendly fox who regularly visits the lawn and seems to take quite an interest. A 'warning' has been issued for 'interference' for repositioning a black ball as it came to rest, (assumably it mistook it for a crow as it passed him from behind!)

Grandparent / Grandchild

Not for the first time a game took place over the holiday featuring a grandparent / grandchild challenge with Howard Railton supported by Henry, and David Gabriel with Max aided by some creative handicapping enjoyed a fun light-hearted contest.

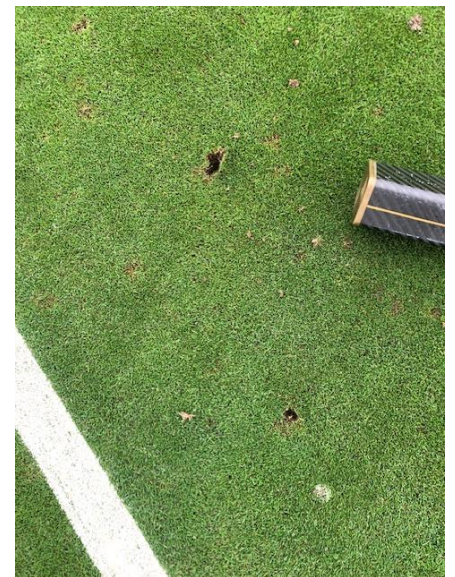


Howard and Henry, David and Max

Lawn Damage

We continue to suffer lawn damage from our avian friends whose beaks create significant holes.

However, there is increasing evidence of 'Mallet Damage' – please repair any damage as it occurs (divot repair tools are in the Pavilion).



Fixtures

We have several floodlit Golf Croquet matches scheduled and we recommend them to our 'hardy' spectators.

- The first is on 18th January against Dulwich – 18.00 start.
- The next is on 13th February against Hurlingham

2024 has started with extremes of winter weather – heavy rainfall followed by freezing temperatures and some snow! As I write, the frost covers are being deployed on lawns 2 and 3 and will continue to be used when there is a forecast of frost.



Recent snowfall during a 'One Ball' match illustrated two shots very well – the perfectly run hoop (left) and a missed roquet (right)!

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison
Croquet Captain

