



Croquet Communique – 11th April 2024



Thanks to the Garden Team for the beautiful display of bulbs at the croquet pavilion.

Floodlit Friendly Golf Croquet Matches

The final friendly floodlit matches were successfully completed despite some challenging weather.

On 7th March against Merton we won 4-2.

The Roehampton Club team was John Pearson, Tony Salem and Nicholas Halton.



On 14th March we hosted Phyllis Court and won convincingly by 8 ½ to 1 ½.

The Roehampton Club team was Tim Russell, Diana Wilson, Dan Pearson and Nick Yates.



Dan Pearson

One Ball Charity Competition on 8th April

An excellent event as ever, organised by John Pearson who reports:

A nicely competitive afternoon, with no rain or wind and three players in contention towards the end – Peter Siddall, Kevin O'Connor and Diana Wilson, with Diana ultimately beating Kevin, despite giving lots of bisques, to emerge as the winner.

She will therefore be eligible to go to the Finals at Surbiton on 5th May. We will be entitled though to send another player due to the amount of contributions (at least £250) raised for the British Heart Foundation.



Diana Wilson and Adam Black

An obvious choice is Joel Taylor, being the current holder of the Championship, but who was prevented by the train strike from playing yesterday. I have just asked the CA if, as holder, Joel would be eligible to play, with the response that his inclusion would be in the gift of the Manager.



Charity One Ball Organiser and Competitor: John Pearson



Mark Green

I have as a result (with Peter and Kevin's kind agreement) concluded that we should offer Joel our second place. Fingers crossed that he and Diana can be as successful as last year!

New Members

Sue Tumath and Robert Scallon, who arrange inductions for new Members have just completed a series of supervised play sessions for 32 of our newer Members. Hopefully they will continue to play and join the Monday Roll Up. Thanks to Sue and Robert.



Jinni Featherston Witty and Nicholas Halton

Coaching

A new coaching programme is being prepared and will be released shortly. In the meantime, I am pleased to report that Diana Wilson and Howard Railton have completed a coaching course and will soon be available to join our team of coaches.



England Development Squad GC

Lynn Percy and Dian Wilson attended a development squad training session at Wrest Park Croquet Club, Bedford, over the weekend 6th – 7th April.

Forthcoming Events

This Sunday 14th April we have our opening Competitive Team event of the year. The Inter Club GC Team face East Dorset Croquet Club away at Poole. We wish our team of Tim Russell, Nick Yates, Mark Van Loon and Joel Taylor good luck.

The Mary Rose AC team are at home to Tunbridge Wells on 3rd May.

The Longman Cup AC team are at home to Compton, Eastbourne on 04th May.

The Murphy Shield GC Team are away to Compton, Eastbourne – date to be confirmed.

On 24th April we are hosting a 'C' level Golf Croquet Open Competition – handicap 7 and above. Pleasing to report that there are eight Roehampton players competing and we wish them a successful day.

Spectators are welcome to all events, so do come and support your fellow players.

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain