

Croquet Communique – 8th August 2024



At last, some summer weather, (although some rose-tinted glasses may be required)!
A busy month saw individual members and teams in action along with two 'Open' Tournaments.

The Philpot Cup, an Open AC Tournament for handicaps O+ was held 6th – 7th July and organised in his own inimitable style by Nigel Aspinall. The weather held fair, and the event was won by Stephen Harbron of Ealing, with Andrew Wise, of Hurlingham, the runner-up.



The participants with Nigel Aspinall



David Mooney



Peter Siddall



Andrew Wise and Nigel Aspinall

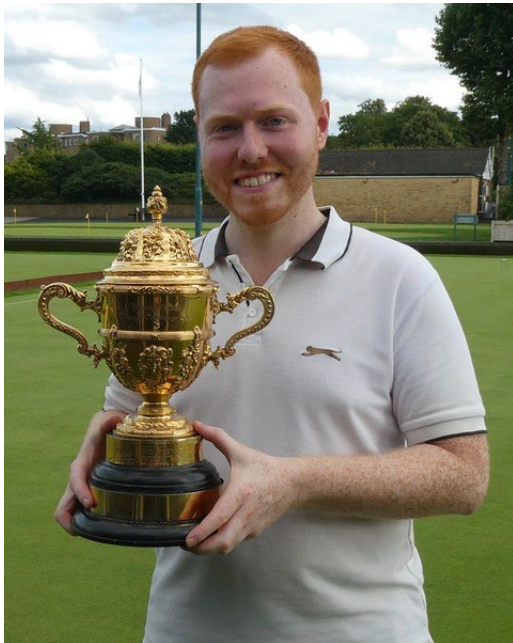


Stephen Harbron and Nigel Aspinall

The next tournament was the prestigious Ranelagh Gold Cup held 20th – 21st July, which attracted a strong entry, including Joel Taylor and Christian Carter of Roehampton Club. The event was organised by Peter Siddall, and managed over the weekend by Mike Town, (Woking), who also competed. The event was won by Jordan Waters (Merton), with Debbie Lyons (Peterborough) runner up.



Christian Carter



Jordan Waters with the Gold Cup



Mike Town



Debbie Lines



Joel Taylor



Mike Town presenting Jordan Waters with the Gold Cup

At the Longman National AC Cup held on 26th July, Roehampton Club played against Sussex County. Sadly, the Roehampton Club team of Lynn Percy (Captain), Andrew Wilson, Howard Railton and Trevor Campbell lost 5-2.



Trevor Campbell, Andrew Wilson, Howard Railton, Lynn Pearcy (Captain)



Lynn Pearcy



Concerned looks from Trevor Campbell and Andrew Wilson



Howard Railton

On 1st – 4th August the European Women’s’ Golf Croquet Open was held at Compton Croquet Club (Eastbourne).

Roehampton Club interest centred around Lynn Pearcy and Diana Wilson, who both won through the block stages to the Championship round, where they sadly were knocked out, and progressed to the Bowl competition, which Diana went on to win.



Frances Coleman presenting the Bowl to Diana Wilson



Lynn Percy



Diana Wilson

Other Events

On 23rd – 25th July the GC Veterans Championship was held at Sussex County. Roehampton Club Member Tim Russell won ten of his block games to proceed through to the Championship round, which he won to retain the Alan Oldham Memorial Trophy.

Championship of Surrey was held 2nd – 4th August at Surbiton, with Joel Taylor (Roehampton Club) losing in the quarter-final to the eventual winner, Robert Fulford.

At the Budleigh Salterton GC Open Series Tournament held 3rd – 4th August, Roehampton Club were represented by Tim Russell, who won through his block, to the Championship, but sadly lost a very close match in the semi-final.

At the Croquet England AC Open Championships held over 6th – 14th August, Roehampton Club's only interest, Joel Taylor, lost in the final of the singles plate. He also competed in the double.

On 20th – 21st July the Dorset GC Open Series, held at East Dorset, saw Lynn Percy (Roehampton Club) taking part in a strong field, sadly losing in the final of the Plate.

Apologies for any omissions or errors. Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain