

Croquet Communique – 5th September 2024



August has been a very busy month with the internal summer competitions reaching the final stages. There have been some very interesting and exciting matches to watch, and I recommend spectating as the competitions reach their climax.

It's also been a busy month for some Roehampton Club Members playing in other tournaments.

Hurlingham Class AC Singles 5th – 6th August

Peter Siddall and Diana Wilson competed in the Hurlingham Class AC Singles with Diana coming second in the Younger Cup.



Peter Siddall



Diana Wilson



Tim Russell

Hurlingham Cup AC 9th – 11th August

Joel Taylor had an excellent Tournament winning through to the final against Aston Wade, where they shared the cup, one game all, as time did not permit a conclusion. Joel 26-12. Aston 26-17.

The Budleigh Salterton Summer Week 13th –

18th August

Tim Russell and Joel Taylor both competed with mixed fortunes, Joel finishing third in the Singles with six sins from nine matches.



Joel Taylor

North of England AC Championship 24th – 26th August

Joel Taylor competed in this annual event, but sadly lost in the final of the Plate.

GC Eights 25th – 26th August:25-26: Budleigh Salterton

Tim Russell and Diana Wilson both competed in the second Eight. Being in the same block, they obviously played each other with Diana just edging past Tim. Diana went on the wing the Second Eight Bowl, and as a result her World GC Ranking is down to 35. An excellent achievement – many congratulations Diana!

Hurlingham GC Friendly 30th August

A very enjoyable and hospitable day at Hurlingham was enjoyed by the Roehampton Club team of Charlotte Oades (Captain), Chris Bray, Pam Waring and Jacqui Pattison. Hurlingham won 5-4, with many games going to the Golden Hoop.



Chris Bray, Pam Waring, Jacqui Pattison and Charlotte Oades with the Hurlingham team

England Women's Development Squad

Lynn Percy and Diana Wilson both attended an England weekend development squad.

The Annual Staff vs Section Croquet Match 4th September

Despite gloomy and thunderous weather forecast the conditions were fine with play as planned in the early evening.

Team captains, Louis Laville (staff) and John Pearson (section) had assembled a strong group of competitors and despite some not having the expertise, the staff played with great enthusiasm.



The staff all ready to start

Excellently managed by John, the format pairs a staff member with a section player and they play rounds of doubles with the staff member accumulating the hoops scored.

This year's winner was staff member Gary Evans. Thanks to Louis for organising refreshments for what was another enjoyable and successful event.



Team Captains checking the scores



Gary Evans and John Pearson

Coming up

Inter Club AC Semi-final versus Hurlingham away 15th September. The winning team will face Nottingham in the final.

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain