

Croquet Communique – February 2025

This is the first *Roehampton Club Recorder* report from the Croquet Section of this year so, very best wishes to all for a happy and competitive croquet 2025.

Dinner and Prize Giving

The major event of the year to date was the annual Dinner and Prize Giving held on 17th January. Because of the renovation works in the Clubhouse we utilised the Club Café Bistro area which gave the organisers Charlotte Oades and Jacqui Pattison a few challenges but with the assistance of the events and catering team, all went well, and an excellent evening was enjoyed by nearly 80 Members.

Thanks to Charlotte and Jacqui and also a mention to the chef who served a splendid meal.

Lynn Percy (Chair) hosted the evening and spoke on behalf of the Captain who was unwell and the prizes were presented by Anne Wilkinson – Board Member and past Croquet Chair and Captain.

Thanks to all who supported the evening and all the winners who were present to receive their trophies.







Matches

Despite the inclement weather we have played three competitive 'friendly' matches so far.

The annual Bridge and Croquet match against the All England club was a smaller event than normal with four players a side. The result could be called a tie as they won the Bridge and we won the Croquet

Floodlit Golf Croquet Friendlies (open)

We have played two floodlit matches to date, the first against Surbiton who sent a very strong team and won 7-3

The second against Hurlingham was a much closer affair with two strong teams competing and Roehampton Club winning by 7-5



Summer Internal Competitions

Don't forget that entries for this year's competitions close on Friday 28th February.

Louis Laville - Golf and Games Manager

Louis is leaving Roehampton Club at the end of February to start a new career in Melbourne Australia with Major League Pickleball Australia. We thank him for all his help and assistance since he took over from Tristan and wish him every success in his new venture.

It is much sadness that I announce the passing of a number of past and present Croquet Section Members in the last two months.

Douglas Gurney

Peter Honey

Maureen Halton

Tony Salem

Croquet Court Booking System

Members are reminded that bookings may only be made two weeks in advance.

The exception is an internal Summer Competition match and it must be preceded with "COMP" Bookings made in advance are subject to cancellation.

Hopefully the weather will improve at some point, the days may be getting longer but I am sitting here during the day with the lights on!

Enjoy your croquet

Mike Pattison

Croquet Captain