

Croquet Communique 23rd June 2022

National Inter Club Golf Croquet Championship

On the evening of Thursday, 9th June, we hosted Dulwich to the GC Inter Club Quarter Final. Fielding our strongest team of Harry Fisher, Mark Van Loon, Joel Taylor and Tim Russell, Roehampton Club played good croquet to win.

This despite an unexpected interruption, when the water-sprinklers came on. Fortunately, the evening was able to continue, thanks to the efforts of Marc Newey (Chief Executive), who managed to turn them off, getting his suit very wet in the process!

We now face either Bowden or Nottingham in the semi-finals.



Harry Fisher (left), Mark Van Loon and Guy Scurfield (Dulwich) (right)



Simon Carter (Dulwich) and Tim Russell (left), The Sprinklers! (right)

Croquet Association Golf Croquet 'C' Level Tournament

Also on Thursday, 9th June, we hosted a Croquet Association GC 'C' Level, (Handicaps 7+). Aably managed by Tony Salem, we had three Roehampton Members competing – Carmel Brancen, Charlotte Oades and Sue Tumath, who was runner up.

Event Manager Tony Salem on the left and Sue Tumath on the right (right)



Annual Bridge and Croquet Day

Ron Wood organised our annual internal combined Golf Croquet and Bridge competition on Friday 10th June, with his usual efficiency, aided by the amazing spreadsheet he has designed.

Five games of GC were played in the morning, with Diana and Andrew Wilson and Nigel Aspinall and Ron Wood tying for first place. After lunch, Sue Gabriel and Susan Sinclair won the Bridge, with Diana and Andrew coming second. So, Diana and Andrew won the combined competition.

Bottles of wine were presented to all three winning pairs.



At the start of the day (left), Nigel Aspinall and Ron Wood, Joint Croquet Winners (right)



Diana and Andrew Wilson Overall Croquet and Bridge, and Joint Croquet Winners with Ron Wood (left), Susan Sinclair and Sue Gabriel, Bridge Winners with Ron Wood (right)

Women's Golf Croquet Open

Congratulations to Lynn Percy, (Roehampton), who entered the Women's G.C. Open held at Surbiton Croquet Club from 10th to 12th June. Her first entry at this level saw her progress through her block, winning four matches, to qualify for the Championship round. Overall, Lynn finished seventh.

Lynn Percy (right)



Woking Association Croquet Open Tournament

Both Peter Siddall and Tim Russell competed in this event run 10th to 12th June.

In the Doubles, they played together, winning two of three matches. In the singles, Peter won three of his games, while Tim went on to defend the title, he won last year. Well done, Tim!

Tim Russell receiving his trophy (right)



Croquet Association Open Event, 18th and 19th June

Last weekend saw Roehampton Club host a Croquet Association 'Open' Event for the first time. Well organised and managed by Tim Russell, a good turnout including Roehampton Club players Tim Russell, Nick Yates and Andrew Wilson had an enjoyable competition.

We were pleased to welcome four Spanish players to the club, who enjoyed the competition, with Ignacio Arturo Goss winning the Bowl Competition.

Nick Yates and Tim Russell met in the semi-finals, with Nick claiming the win after three games. Sadly, he could not quite maintain his form and lost to Christ Roberts, (Phyllis Court and past Club Member), in the final. Andrew Wilson playing his first top level event won the Plate competition.

Very well done to all.



Andrew Wilson and Tim Russell (left), Ignacio Arturo Goss and Tim Russell (right)



Nick Yates and Tim Russell (left), Chris Roberts and Tim Russell (right)

Other News:

- Congratulations to Mark Green, who won the Plate in the Guildford Croquet Association 'B' Level Golf Croquet competition. *Mark Green (right)*
- Also, congratulations to the Spanish National Team, who defeated England in the 'Test Match' held at Hurlingham Club over the last weekend of 18th and 19th June. Roehampton Club are due to host the 2024 event. A couple of photos, one showing Aston Wade, (England), successfully jumping black and blue balls.



England's Richard Bilton watched by partner Stephen Mulliner (left), England's Aston Wade jumping (right)

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain