

Croquet Communique

Mary Rose Association Croquet National Knock-Out Cup

It was a cool, damp and overcast morning, on Sunday, 30th May, when our three-man team, arrived at High Wycombe for our first-round match.

As the morning progressed, the clouds cleared, and the sun appeared. Perhaps, the sight of red kites, wheeling overhead, like expectant vultures, was an omen – sadly with Roehampton Club the prey!



Despite valiant efforts, we lost to a determined High Wycombe team, whose hoop placement was amazingly consistent. We wish them well in the next round.



The teams were: for Roehampton Club: Peter Siddall, John Pearson and Peter Honey, and for High Wycombe: Richard Peperell, Keith Pound and Mike Porter.

Golf Croquet Inter Club

Surbiton recently defeated Hamptworth, so will be our opponents in the quarter-final. Details will follow.

Jimmy James Memorial Bowl (Golf Croquet)

Played in honour of long-standing Club Member and keen tennis and croquet player, Jimmy James, who died in 2020.



He played croquet stopping at 101 years old. When he was 100, his golf croquet handicap was reduced from 12 to 9. A perfect partner, his accuracy was excellent, and whatever you asked for, he invariably achieved.

This competition, in his memory, was a Doubles Golf Croquet Tournament, designed for players with handicaps of 9 and above, (being Jimmy's level).

Twelve pairs entered and played in two blocks, the winning pair in each block, playing a final.

Many new Members to the section and some of our youngest players took part.

The final was between Alan Lever and Brian Woodbridge against Charlotte Oades and Felicity Irlam. A tightly contested match was watched by all competitors, and several spectators. Good shots were enthusiastically applauded. The winning score being 7-5.

Congratulations to all who took part and thanks to Tony Salem for managing this inaugural event, (note his tee shirt!).





The Cherrywood Bowl, (made from the cherry tree that stood by the ramp to the pavilion), was presented by Anne Wilkinson, (Croquet Chairman), to Alan and Brian and the two Spoons, (from the same cherry tree) to the runners up, Charlotte and Felicity.



My Mallet

There have been enquiries about the *My Mallet* features, obviously with the lawns now fully open and with some degree of caution, it has returned to playing.

However, this week it is 'overseas' having a break (Isle of Wight), and is pictured using a telescope to view the activity on the Solent.

Enjoy your croquet!
Mike Pattison
Croquet Captain

