

Croquet Communique - 24th June 2021

Croquet Association Golf Croquet 'C' Level – 10th June 2021

Roehampton Club hosted a round of the above tournament, which takes place at clubs around the country with the winners qualifying for a final – this year at Ryde Croquet Club, Isle of Wight.

Sixteen hopeful entrants played six matches to decide a winner. Five Roehampton Club Members; Jeanette Burn, Mark Green, Alan Lever, Robert Scallon and Ena Siddall, (playing her first tournament), joined players from Phyllis Court, Guildford, Cheam, High Wycombe and Southwick.

Fair weather, with no rain although cloud obscured the partial solar eclipse, saw Robert Scallon, (Roehampton) win the day, and qualify for the final – this year at Ryde. Mark Green, also of Roehampton, came third.

The day was seamlessly managed by Peter Siddall, assisted by Carole McLoughlin, who provided the photographs. Everyone commented on how enjoyable the tournament had been.



Robert Scallon preparing



Mark Green in the foreground

Inter Club National Golf Croquet Tournament, 20th June 2021

Last weekend, (20th June), saw Roehampton Club drawn away to Hamptworth, (deepest Hampshire) in the quarter finals.

The Roehampton Club team of Tim Russell, Mark Van Loon, Dan Pearson and Lynn Percy met stiff and determined opposition and despite leading 2-1, at the break, only managed one win in the second session, to go down 3-4. Well done to Lynn Percy, who won both of her matches.

Nottingham, who beat us, in the final last year, were also knocked out in their quarter final by Bowden 1-6.



We had some interested spectators – Tim Russell’s dog, ‘Woody’, and were they, those expectant vultures again?



Women’s Open Championship – 12-14 June, 2021

Many congratulations to Lynn Percy, (Roehampton Club), who entered the Women’s Open Championship, (Golf Croquet), held at Nottingham, 12-14 June.

Lynn won through her block, after a ‘play-off’, to the Championship stages, where having won the quarter final, against Debbie Lines, (England), 7-1, 7-6, she met the World Number

One, Rachel Gee in the semi-finals. Rachel won 7-4, 7-2. A tremendous performance by Lynn, (Handicap 2) in a very strong field, led by Rachel Gee (Handicap -4).

Woking AC 'A' Class Open Tournament – 11-13 June, 2021

Tim Russell (Roehampton) entered the above competition played over 3 days against strong opposition. He won all six of his matches to record his first win an 'A' class Tournament. A brilliant performance by Tim!



Tim Russell

Cheltenham Croquet Club Men's Challenge Trophy AC – 16-20 June, 2021

A field of twenty, top-ranked players competed for the above, played 16-20 June. Roehampton Club interest featured Harry Fisher, who lost in the semi-final to James Death of Nottingham, (a frequent Club visitor). James went on to win the final against Stephen Mulliner, to retain the trophy, that he won in 2019. A great effort by Harry.

Return of GC Club Mornings

Monday 21 June, saw the return of a GC Club morning, (albeit not the same casual turn up and play, as pre-registration is now required), the first since 16 March 2020.

Two sessions were held, 10.00-12.00, and 12.00-14.00, and despite continual rain, members turned out (20 first session, and 10 the second), and enjoyed convivial and competitive games. The Roehampton Club Croquet Player is a hardy specimen, and not to be put off by gentle rain showers.



The format is 24 people across 3 lawns – registration is via the online Booking System or via Reception, a week in advance, at 09.00. Reduced capacity on 28 June due to a tournament running.



Lawn Maintenance

Week commencing 5th July, there will be lawn maintenance – check the booking system for an update of the current situation.

Fixtures

- This weekend, 26-27 June 2021, sees Roehampton Club host a AC 'B' Level tournament, the Philpott Cup.
- On Monday, 28 June, we host Cheam in the first round of the Murphy GC Cup.

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison
Croquet Captain