

Croquet Communique – 22 July 2021

CA Association Croquet British Open

This event was held at Surbiton from 6th to 11th July, 2021.

A top-class field with all the highest UK ranked players entered, Roehampton Club interest featured Harry Fisher, (regular team and competition player), and Reg Bamford. Both won four games in the Qualifying Rounds and went into the Championship Knock Out.

Harry beat Peter Trimmer and Joel Taylor to reach the semi-final. Here he met an in-form Roger Fulford, who won. Still a great performance by Harry and we congratulate him.

Reg Bamford had an impressive run, to the final, beating Samir Patel, Alain Giraud and Paddy Chapman, where he avenged Harry's defeat by beating Roger Fulford, (who he has faced many times in Finals), to win by three games to one.

This is Reg's twelfth Open win, a quite remarkable achievement, and we all offer our congratulations on a superb achievement.



Harry Fisher



Reg Bamford

C.A. Seniors AC Championship

C.A. Seniors AC Championship was held from 12-17 July at Budleigh Salterton croquet club Devon.

Congratulations to Roehampton Club's Tim Russell who competed in the top event and took some notable scalps, finished fourth having won five of his matches.

Nottingham 'B' Level golf Croquet

This series of 'B' Level events on 14th July, saw Lynn Percy (Roehampton Club) defending

her 'B' Level win of last year. Once again, Lynn found some good form and reached the final. However, she ended runner-up

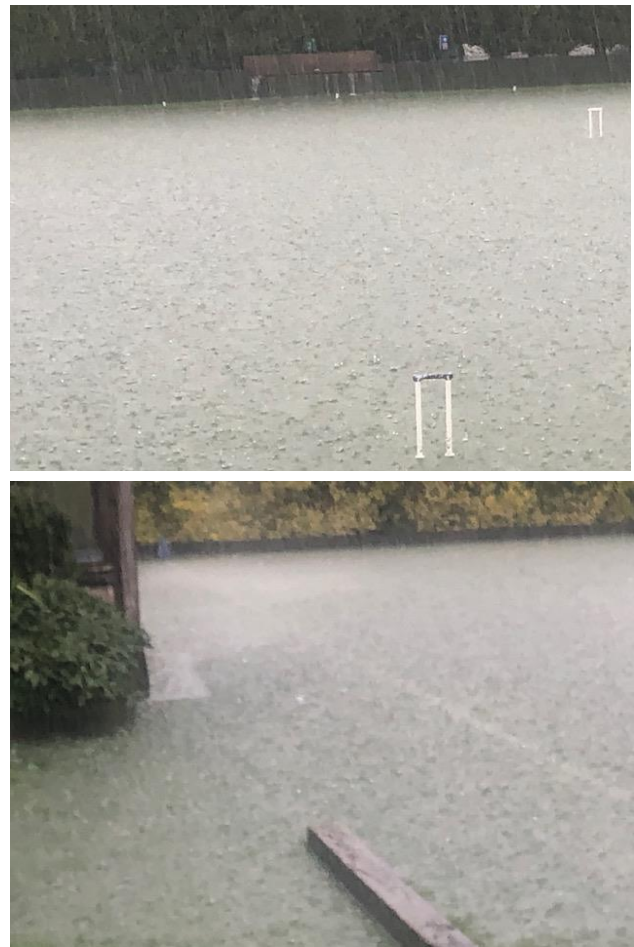
Nottingham 'C' Level Golf Croquet

The following day, 15th July saw Mark Green take part in the 'C' Level event also at Nottingham. He also had a good day and won through to the final where he lost to the same person, who had beaten Lynn the day before. Well done to both Mark and Lynn.

Flash Flooding at Roehampton Club

At 15.50, on Monday 12th July, I was sitting on the Croquet Pavilion Deck, wondering why we had cancelled a Beginners' Session, due at 16.00. Fifteen minutes later, as the sky went dark it became very apparent why! The initial fifteen minutes was just heavy rain, which began to flood the lawns in the expected areas.

However, the next twenty minutes saw the most extraordinary rainfall, I have ever seen at the Club. As could be seen in the photos, on lawn one, the 'halfway' markers disappeared, a ball on lawn two was one-third submerged, and the water was lapping the pavilion decking. There were waterfalls from under the seats at the back of the lawn, (caused by the build-up of water behind the wall). Within the hour, every green surface, (croquet, tennis lawns, putting and pitching green) was totally submerged.



Despite the flooding that caused lakes on the lawns the excellent drainage work done by the groundsmen, over the last year, meant that the lawns were all playable by 12.00 next day. It is estimated that between 65-70mm rain fell that evening (rain gauges overflowed!)

Golf Croquet SECF against Woking

On 20th July, we were away to Woking for a SECF Golf Croquet match. The Roehampton team consisting of Mike Tumath, Robert Scallon, Mark Green and Gill Bray, had an enjoyable day, winning 5-4. (the last doubles timed out with Woking leading 3-2)



Ranelagh Gold Cup Level Advanced Weekend

This weekend, 24-25 July, we host the Ranelagh Gold Cup, a top Association Croquet Advanced Competition, which runs all day Saturday and Sunday. Roehampton Club Members Mark Van Loon and Tim Russell are among those competing.

... some New Members flying in?!

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison
Croquet Captain

