

Croquet Communique – 25th November 2021

Floodlit Friendlies

We are continuing with a series of 'Mini' Matches under floodlights on Lawn Two, with Lawn One undergoing extensive levelling works.

Last week, saw two matches, one against Parsons Green Croquet Club, and one against Hurlingham.

The Parsons Green club has recently been reformed. They closed some years ago due to development at their ground but are now trying to re-establish the club with one lawn and an option of another on a bowls green. They have very few members, but we were keen to lend some support, and invited them to play.

Their Golf Croquet (GC) team consisted of three established players, (they all play at other clubs), and failed to grasp the idea of 'matched handicaps', giving the Roehampton Club team of Sue and Mike Tumath, and Nicholas Halton quite a challenge. The score remains a mystery, but an enjoyable evening was had by all.



The following evening saw an entertaining GC challenge match between Mark Van Loon and Tim Russell (Roehampton Club) against Mark Ormerod and Tom Coles (Hurlingham). Despite the rapidly dropping temperature there was some excellent play with Mark and Tim winning 2-1.

Lawns

The levelling work on Lawn One is progressing well and we have been fortunate with the weather. Hopefully it will remain reasonably dry to facilitate the levelling as it becomes impossible if the ground becomes too wet.

Winter frosts are on their way so we can expect some delay to the morning start times if it doesn't thaw quickly. An interesting observation will be the benefit of the 'growth light' in combating frost.



Enjoy your croquet!

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Croquet Captain