

Croquet Communique, 9th December 2021

MacRobertson Shield

The Mac Robertson Shield is the premier World team croquet tournament.

It is played between England, Australia, New Zealand and USA and is next due in 2022.

We are delighted to announce that Harry Fisher (Roehampton Club Member) has been selected to represent England, a great honour, and we send Harry our congratulations

The tournament is played every four years and the host Country in 2022 is Australia.

We will keep you updated with news.

Winter

Winter has begun to create challenging conditions for croquet. The first 'frost'-delayed start last week was a reminder of what is to come! Having played later that day under lights I can confirm that it was very cold!

It was interesting to see the benefit of heat generated from the 'growth lights' on the ground in the immediate vicinity.



Floodlights

Don't forget that the floodlights are available to all – just call Reception from the Pavilion and ask them to turn on the lights.

The GC Rainbow Competition

The Rainbow is picking up momentum after a slow start – remember that it is only one game – handicaps (reduced lawn) apply and you only need to book one hour. You will need to do this on the booking system manually as it books two hours as standard, or via Reception.

Lawns

Work continues on lawn one and as can be seen the levelling is fast approaching the end of the lawn. A significant hollow has been taken out and the general area levelled using the laser as a guide. It is hard work, but steady progress is being made, however the expected rain will cause some delay. The next step is the levelling at the side boundary and replacing the turf.





Looking for a Christmas present?

How about a jigsaw? The ground staff would, I'm sure, be happy to turn your lawn into the 'greenest' jigsaw ever!



Christmas Croquet

While the club is closed on 25th and 26th December it will be possible to use outdoor sports facilities including Croquet lawns. Sign in at the Security Gatehouse and the team will open the pavilion if access to lockers is required.

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison
Croquet Captain