

Croquet Communique

Jimmy James Memorial Bowl

2nd May saw the return of the Jimmy James Memorial Bowl tournament for Roehampton Club Golf Croquet doubles with handicaps 9 and above.

Twelve pairs were briefed by manager, Tony Salem, and played in two 'blocks' with the winner of each block contesting a final.

Charlotte Oades and Carmel Brancen were clear winners in their block with five wins from five games.

David and Sue Gabriel won the other with four wins, on a countback with Brian and Pam Waring who also had four wins.

The final was a great game watched by a large crowd and went to the Golden Hoop where Carmel and Charlotte won the day going one better than their second-place last time.

Excellently organised by Tony Salem a good day was enjoyed by all. Jimmy was remembered and a 'glass raised' in his memory



Early morning briefing



Watching the final



The winning shot



Carmel and Charlotte presented with the Trophy



The winners with David and Sue Gabriel, Tony Salem and Captain (pictured left)

The Longman Cup

Saturday 7th May saw Roehampton Club host Merton in the first round of the National Association Croquet Longman Cup.

Elaine Phillimore, (non-playing captain), organised the team of Tony Salem, Tian Pee and a debut for Diana and Andrew Wilson, playing their first competitive club match. At lunch, Roehampton Club lead 3-0 winning two singles, and a very competitive and close doubles, and the team went on to close out a victory of 5 games to 2.

Congratulations to all. We will meet either Hurlingham or Sussex County in the next round.



The winning team with Elaine Phillimore



Tian Pee and Tony Salem watching, waiting, hoping!



Diana Wilson



Andrew Wilson pegging out

East Dorset Women's Golf Croquet Open Tournament

Held at the East Dorset Club in Poole, over the weekend of 30 April/1 May, Lynn Pearcy of Roehampton Club qualified for the Championship Knockout by winning four of her 'block' games.

Great play in the Championship Rounds ended with Lynn winning the tournament. A tremendous achievement against strong opposition over a long weekend, well done.

Lynn Pearcy with winner's Trophy pictured right



The National Charity One Ball Final

After rounds played around the country, forty-four players met at Surbiton Croquet Club on Sunday 08 May to contest the final.

Roehampton Club qualifiers, Howard Railton and Diana Wilson, both took part, as did Joel Taylor also a Roehampton player. Howard in his first competition had a good day winning four of his games and losing four, two of those narrowly on the 'peg'.

Diana enjoyed an excellent day, winning all but one of her matches to qualify for the final against James Galpin from Nailsea. Unfortunately, her opponent's experience and -5 handicap gave him the edge, and Diana finished runner-up. In such a big field with several minus handicap players it was a great achievement, the first of many!



Surbiton Club



Diana Wilson and James Galpin

DIARY NOTE

On Sunday 29th May Roehampton Club host Woking Croquet Club in the **National Interclub Association Croquet Tournament**.

A strong Roehampton Club team of Harry Fisher, Mark Van Loon, Joel Taylor and Tim Russell face a competitive contest.

Spectators are welcome to support the team in this important match so do come and watch.

Well done to all our section Members, who took part in competitions over the last two weeks.

Enjoy your Croquet!

Mike Pattison
Croquet Captain