

## Croquet Communique – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

The season has started, Courts at full size, being mowed and looking good. Weather has also been kind, with some beautiful sunny days, although we had a slight blip on Tuesday, with a torrential rainstorm flooding the lawns for a couple of hours in the evening – they were back to normal by the morning.



### National Charity One Ball Competition

Our first tournament of the year was the Roehampton Club round of the National Charity One Ball competition on Monday 7th April. We attracted a strong field and with the event being played with handicap, there were several 'rows of bisques' to be seen. The results:

1. Jenny Gaskin
2. Tim Russell
3. Joel Taylor
4. Diana Wilson
5. Adam Black
6. Buzz Dodds



We will be sending two players to the National final at Surbiton on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Thanks to the generosity of the Members and Marc Newey, on behalf of the Club we will be sending the nominated charity, Alzheimer's Society, £500. Thanks to all the competitors and to Howard Railton for his organisation of the event.



*One Ball Contestants*

### European Club League

The weekend of April 12/13, saw Roehampton Club compete in and host a qualifying round of this year's European Club League, in which forty-four teams from ten countries take part in rounds held in Czechia, England, Germany, Ireland, Latvia and Spain.

The tournament saw teams from Newbridge House (Ireland), El Tiro C C, (Spain), Club de Campo Vigo (Spain), and Roehampton Club play.

The Roehampton Club squad of Tim Russell, Joel Taylor, Mark Van Loon, Diana Wilson, Lynn Pearcy and Nick Yates proved to be too strong and won all their matches, (total games won 27-3). We now play in the final held this year at Southwick Croquet Club on October 10-12.



*The Teams*



*Nick Yates contemplating his next move*



*Mark Van Loon Jump Shot*



*Diana Wilson*



*Tim Russell receiving a plaque from C C Campo de Vigo*



*Some of the Spectators enjoying the European National League play*



**Other news**

Mark Van Loon started his competitive season in fine style winning The Ealing AC Advanced Tournament. He was unbeaten.

**Roehampton Club C Level Competition**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April sees an open tournament for handicaps 7+ and we have sixteen entrants from eight clubs, (six from Roehampton so support is welcome).

**Ball Carriers**

We have had to replace all the croquet Ball Carriers as they had been broken.

Would players please 'place' the balls in the carrier, not try to hit them in from a distance.

Enjoy your croquet!

**Mike Pattison**

**Croquet Captain**



*Mark Van Loon*