

Croquet Communique – 12th June 2025



A busy time of the year for the Croquet Section with the annual 'summer' week competitions, teams taking part in National Inter Club Competitions, individuals competing in 'open' tournaments and much activity on our courts with the summer competitions in full swing.

Summer week competitions

Creyke Cups 17th – 18th May

The annual Creyke Cups Tournament was played over the weekend of the 17th and 18th May.

Elaine Phillimore reports:

Before the final round of matches Simon Turner and Margaret Page from Ealing were on four wins with Julie Tremble and John Gosden from Guildford and Raghu Iyer from Phyllis Court and Elizabeth Kennedy from Surbiton were each with three wins. Simon and Margaret who had played a steady game throughout the tournament went on



to win the fifth game and Julie and John won their match to become the runner ups with four wins. Congratulations to Simon and Margaret who were outright winners and Julie and John runner ups.

The top four pairs were:

1. Simon Turner and Margaret Page (5 wins)
2. Julie Tremble and John Gosden (4 wins)
3. Raghu Iyer and Elizabeth Kennedy (3 wins/+25 hoops)
4. Tony Elliott and David Graham (3 wins/+13 hoops)

The event was very well managed by Elaine Phillimore who commented that it was good to welcome back so many people who regularly play in this event and to see new pairs joining us.



Roehampton Club players Nicholas Halton and Mary Knapp



*Elaine Phillimore and the winners
Simon Turner and Margaret Page*

Jimmy James Memorial Bowl 19th May

This annual competition in memory of Jimmy James for doubles made up of players with handicaps of 9+. A good entry saw some entertaining croquet, well managed by Lynn Percy. The runners up were Bev Morley Brown and Kyoko Walker, who received the 'wooden spoons' and the winners were Margaret Swain and Libby Dand who received the 'Memorial Bowl'.



Bev Morley Brown, Lynn Percy, Kyoko Walker and the 'Wooden Spoons'



Libby Dand, Lynn Percy, Margaret Swain and the 'Memorial Cup'

Trevelyan Bowl 21st – 22nd May

The Trevelyan Bowl (AC Handicap) was played on 21st – 22nd May with 14 competitors, including Jenny Gaskin, Howard Railton and Diana Wilson from the Club. The weather challenged us on the first day, with a delayed start once our wonderful groundsman had squeegeed the lawn for us and a further delay in the afternoon for a massive hailstorm and further squeegeeing.

Despite that, three games were completed on the first day and a further two on the second day, with some close results. Two front-runners had emerged by the end of the fourth game, with four wins each. The nail-biting final went to time, with Mark Gardner (Canterbury) emerging the winner with a one-hoop victory over Colin Dykes (Crake Valley). Second, third and fourth places were determined by 'who beat whom', with three players on four wins. Colin was runner-up, Simon Turner (Ealing) third and David Graham (Ealing) fourth.



Lynn Percy with Mark Gardner (Canterbury)

Brooke Cup AC Advanced Level Singles 24th – 25th May

Again no rain this year with quite a lot of sunshine, but, unusually, accompanied most of the time by a strong westerly wind blowing right across three of the lawns with the fourth enjoying more protection.

A good number of new entrants this year, though we were again glad to welcome long-term entrants David Houston from Edinburgh (a former winner and joint runner-up last year), Charlie Martin from Ramsgate (another former winner) and Tony Elliott from Ealing. Diana Wilson from the home club, the other joint runner-up last year, was the clear deserving champion this year, winning all her five matches, though one win was particularly close. There were three runners-up: Charlie Martin, Ludolph van Hasselt and Guy Hewitt (both from Hurlingham), each with four wins out of five.



Diana Wilson lining up a shot



Ludolph van Hasselt



Charlie Martin



Diana Wilson



Diana Wilson, the Brooke Cup and John Pearson

National Inter Club Competitions

Mary Rose AC Tournament

We were drawn away against Surbiton.

The Roehampton Club team captained by Peter Siddall, with Diana Wilson, Nick Yates and Andrew Wilson lost a tough match 5-2.



Inter Club Golf Croquet 5th June 2025

To allow both teams to field competitive teams, the match was played at home on the evening of 5th June.

Roehampton Club captained by Tim Russell were pleased to include Reg Bamford in the team along with Harry Fisher and Nick Yates.

Against a strong Dulwich team of Guy Scurfield (Captain), Pierre Beaudry, Simon Carter and Duncan Catterall, some outstanding croquet with exciting matches, saw Roehampton Club with a 5-1 win with a match unfinished, an excellent result. Well done to the team!

We now meet Sussex County in the next round.



Harry Fisher executing a 'jump' shot



Tim Russell and Nick Yates



Reg Bamford, Harry Fisher, Pierre Beaudry and Simon Carter

GC 'C' Level (7+) Championship Series 5th June

Roehampton Club hosted a round of this National Tournament managed by Mark Green.

Sixteen players from several clubs entered with Janine Railton being the only Roehampton Club representative.

The overall winner was Carol Huntington with Paul Stroud runner up. Kevin Currie won the Plate.



Mark Green and Carol Huntington



Mark Green and Paul Stroud



Mark Green and Kevin Currie

Inter Club Bowl 7th June

Our first entry into this GC competition. The Roehampton Club team on the day Mike Tumath (Captain), Charlotte Oades, Kevin O'Connor and Howard Railton faced visitors from Purley Bury croquet club.

An excellent performance from all, saw Roehampton Club win 7-0. Thanks to Mark Green for organising.

Individual news

Tim Russell:

- Competed in the GC European Championships held at Budleigh Salterton winning six of seven block games to proceed to the Championship Round, where he lost in the quarter final to Euan Burridge, the eventual winner. A great performance!
- Championship GC Series at Hunstanton 7th – 8th June, won five of seven block matches to proceed to the championship round where he lost to the eventual winner Mark Avery. Tim went on to win the Shield.

Lynn Percy:

- Competed in the 'Open' Series GC Competition at Hampworth. She had mixed fortunes but made the final of the Plate, where she lost by the narrowest of margins 6-7, 6-7.
- She also entered Wrest Park where not only was the weather and the lawns a challenge, but also her opposition.

Tim Russell and Diana Wilson (Surrey), Harry Fisher (Middlesex), and David Mooney (Cheshire) played in the Inter Counties AC tournament held at Southwick.

Forthcoming Events

This Saturday 14th June, National Interclub GC Semi-final, Roehampton Club host East Dulwich in the semi final. The team is Tim Russell (Captain), Harry Fisher, Mark Van Loon and Diana Wilson. Please come and support your team!

Weekend 21st – 22nd June, Roehampton Club hosts a round of the National GC Championship. An opportunity to see some of the best GC players in the country including Stephen Mulliner, Don Aarvold, Euan Burridge, Tobi Savage, Chris Roberts and Aston Wade, including Roehampton Club Members Tim Russell, Reg Bamford, Diana Wilson and Nick Yates.

July 5th – 6th AC Philpott Cup

July 19th – 20th AC Ranelagh Gold Cup

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain