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# PHYLLIS COURT CROQUET

## News

### 29 March - . . . and we are back playing again!

Play got off to a cracking start today (the first day of slightly relaxed covid restrictions) with double banked singels games on both courts as the clock ticked past 10am.

### 29 March - Sad news: Nina Cox has died

I am sorry to have to tell you that very long-standing Croquet Club member Nina Cox died peacefully in her sleep on Friday (26 March). Nina was a lovely lady of advanced years who had unfortunately not enjoyed the best of health in recent times, yet she always stayed positive with a keen interest in all that went on within the Croquet Club and the wider Phyllis Court Club.

She was serving on the Croquet Club committee i/c Golf Croquet, at the time I joined as a beginner in 2009, and I have learnt from Raymond and Pauline Wood, that Nina was already an established croquet member as long ago as 2005.

As well as Nina's croquet being rooted in social play, she was a very good supporter of our doubles tournaments, the highlight of which was when she partnered Helena Fensome to the runners-up position in the Cave and Wolf Salvagers tournament as recently as 2016.

Arrangements for Nina's funeral will be made in the coming weeks and with the current gathering restrictions, will doubtless see only very limited numbers able to attend. Pauline Wood is our contact for this.



### 28 March - Hoops in place for tomorrow's first day back for croquet! - And meet our new Bowdry

Welcome to new member Stuart Drew.

Rick and Chris sited the hoops on courts 1 and 2 today, in readiness for croquet's restart tomorrow. We also unpacked our new 'Bowdry' water removal machine (and here is rick posing with it)

### 26 March - LAST CALL for entries to our season-long competitions (closing date is 31 March)

This 'last call' was sent to all members today. We have record numbers participation again - please do join in!



## **22 March - Call for entries to our Charity One Ball Tournament (The British Heart Foundation )**

A call for entries to our Charity One Ball tournament (in aid of the British heart foundation) (on 15 April) was sent out today - email entries to Chris Roberts.

## **20 March - Call for entries to our first 10+ tournament**

A call for entries to our first 10+ tournament (on 12 April) was sent out today - email entries to Chris Roberts must be received BEFORE the allocation date (1 April).

## **15 March - 20 members book to play within two minutes - and 35 by the end of the day!**

The expected rush to book courts from 29 March was realised this morning when 10 email requests were received in the first minute that the booking system was opened. 20 players were immediately booked in and by the end of today 35 had bookings in place. It's great to be reporting such positive news!

## **12 March - Court bookings to open at 0900 on Monday 15 March**

All members were e-mailed with the above news today

## **08 March - Advice and encouragement to enter Tournaments away from Phylis Court sent**

A good number of our members enjoy playing in tournaments away from Phyllis Court any you can easily join them.

In particular, there are over 50 tournament opportunities in the national B-level (3+) Series and C-Level (3+) Series spread all around the country throughout the season, and you are all earnestly encouraged to 'give it a go'.

All the dates were sent to members in an e-mail today, and I can easily send them to you again on request.

Entry is via the CA website Tournament Entry System, which I will be pleased to help you with - PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL for advice as to the right tournaments for you! :o)

## **04 March - Season-long competition ENTRY FORMS sent out**

Entry forms and an explanation page were sent to all members today.

This season we have added a new competitive level (10+) for our higher handicapped players so, now more than ever, there is 'something for everyone'.

Our offering this season also includes 'plate' events for first game losers at each of these levels:

**Open Singles**

**3+ Singles**

**7+ Singles**

**10+ Singles**

**Handicap Singles**

\* Some Doubles competitions will be added later if/when court demand/capacity has been assessed.

- Please support your organisers by submitting your entries in good number :O)