

Golf Croquet 80+ Singles One Day Tournament 2020

Winner receives The 'Yellow Ball' Trophy

27 July - Fensome retains 80+ Tournamernt title just, as Pitkethley returns

Hot favourite Mike Fensome won the Phyllis Court Croquet internal Veterans 80+ Tournament between the showers today but he didn't have it all his own way by any means. Fensome retained the title that he won in 2019, in the first year he was eligible, and was again the youngest field of seven that included nonagenarian Ray Broadhead as its senior.

Liz Toms valiantly represented the fairer sex and will hopefully act as a recruiting sergeant for other women players to enter next year; she was joined by fellow debutant by Mike Sayer who only started his croquet career last year.

The morning block games went with the seedings by handicap and produced two very close semi-final ties from which Fensome emerged the 7-5 victor over Michael Christmas and Bill Pitkeathley endured some last hoop drama in getting past Don Rutherford 7-6.

It was good to see Pitkeathley returned after lockdown and getting straight back into competitive action with a new grip and top of the range Dave Trimmer mallet.

In the final, Pitkeathley made light of his higher handicap 7 status and matched scratch player Fensome hoop for hoop and actually lead 4-3 at the half-way point.

Fensome's canny ball placement wrestled the lead back at hoop nine and, after good contests at the next three hoops, he wrapped up the game and tournament 7-5.

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	MF	DR	RB		<i>net hopps calc.</i>	WINS	Rank
Mike Fensome		7w	7w			2	1
Don Rutherford	3		7w			1	2
Ray Broadhead	3	3				0	3

Mike Fensome	7w
Mike Christmas	5
Don Rutherford	6
Bill Pitkeathley	7w

Mike Fensome	7w	1st
Bill Pitkeathley	5	2nd

Mike Christmas	7w	3rd
Don Rutherford	3	4th

	MC	BP	MS	LT	<i>net hopps calc.</i>	WINS	Rank
Mike Christmas		3	7w	7w		2	2
Bill Pitkeathley	7w		7w	7w		3	1
Mike Sayer	4	5		7w		1	3
Liz Toms	1	0	0			0	4

Mike Sayer	-
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Ray Broadhead	7w
Liz Toms	1

Mike Sayer	7w	5th
Ray Broadhead	4	6th

Liz Toms	-	7th
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