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25th June - Frances wins at Surbiton

Frances Colman won the Yarranton Cup with Kevin Carter at Surbiton yesterday, the pair ending a day's AC doubles undefeated. Some may remember Kevin at Phyllis Court last year when he helped us out by managing our Pink One Ball heat (he was the one in the huge pink bow tie and stripy socks! More soberly dressed the winning pair are pictured, left)

- Highs & Lows at UK Open Championships

Stephen Mulliner (who played against our team in last seasons Inter-Club Championship) won the GC British Open at Southwick, Brighton yesterday, taking an improbable last 4 hoops to defeat newly crowned AC World Champ Reg Bamford in a deciding game. Chris Roberts improved on his 18th seeding, winning more than he lost, whilst late entry Helena Fensome had more of a torrid time. In the Doubles on Thursday, Roberts and Frances Colman just failed to make the semis when their unfinished game against fellow Clubmates Charlie von Schmeider & TJ Johnsen was left unresolved in a mistake by the manager. So that was two 'ties' in four days between these two pairs (following Sundays Solstice 'time-out' draw).

18th June - End of Murphy Shield Road

Watford were just too good for our '2+' team today and won in emphatic style by 6 rubbers to 1. Only the Doubles pairing of Helena Fensome and Frances Colman saved our blushes as Watford took all the Singles ties in two straight games. Raymond Wood and Mike Fensome completed out line-up, as all eyes now turn to our other National Cup campaign & the entertaining of Broadwas from Worcester on Friday 20th July.

- First Win League for PCC 'C'

Basingstoke were no match for PCC 'C' on their first GC visit to Phyllis Court today as our side ran-out comfortable winners 9 - 3. The doubles pairings of Rosie Richardson & Ian Norris and Hugh Crook & Anne Attfield (pictured right) won all four of their ties for the best possible start before Hugh and Ann became the 'stars of the show' by winning both their singles rubbers too. Rosie won one and lost the other as Ian toiled unsuccessfully with Basingstoke's top player who was the '3' handicap.

[See the latest league Table here:](#)

- Pat Topples top seed Michael

Michael Wiles exited the 7+ competition at the hands of Pat Eades. This two game win, coupled to her defeat of Ralph Chambers in the previous round, not only saw Pat into the semi-finals but also earned her a handicap reduction down to '6' - *really well done Pat!*

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17th June - 80+ Tournament 'Sign Up' Poster now in Pavilion

Were you born on or before 9th June 1932? - Then this Tournament is for YOU!
Calling all Octogenarians for a Special Day of Leisurely Paced Croquet - on Monday 9th June.



As well as the Trophy Singles, there will be some Doubles games organised for those that prefer.
"So please do join in your Special Day".

- Ryde win Solstice at last

Charlie von Schmeider & TJ Johansen were beaten at last in the Southern Croquet Federation's 'Solstice' Tournament (GC Doubles). The three time winners succumbed to hosts' top two pairs who duly went on to be 1st & 2nd in the event. Charlie & TJ finished 3rd overall, whilst our other pair Frances Colman and (in particular) Chris Roberts struggled throughout a disappointing day. Honours were shared in the 'all Phyllis Court' tie that was 'timed out at 6 - 6.

15th June - PCC 'A' impress at Winchester

We moved into pole position in the Southern Federation Level League on Wednesday with victory over fancied Winchester on their own turf. The hosts fielded the well known 'scratch' player Roger Barnacle who started well by winning his doubles games but he was taken apart in the singles, firstly by Frances Colman (who as a handicap 3, collected a 'hat-full' of index points) and then Chris Roberts turned the same trick. Earlier PCC 'A' had matched Winchester in the doubles games for a half-time scoreline of 2-2. Our second pair TJ Johansen and Raymond Wood then won a singles rubber each and Colman & Roberts added further victories over Winchester's second stringer to those over Barnacle for a resounding final score of 8-4. PCC 'A' entertain Ryde on Friday 20th July in a likely title decider, which should be a good one to watch, so get that date in your diaries.

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- CRASH! Norris beats fancied Wood

Ian Norris sprang this season's first big surprise with victory over seasoned campaigner Raymond Wood to signal a real step up in achievement. Norris, who won our 7+ Competition in his first season last year, has enjoyed team recognition this term but this victory is his top mark so far. The win sees him achieve a handicap reduction to '6' - *really well done Ian.*

- Cave & Wolfe Salvors stay with Stanner & Fensome

Last time they were the Cats, this time they were the Cuckoos, but their name made no difference to John Stanner & Mike Fensome, who retained this 5+ Tournament crown yesterday. They went through the day undefeated and were worthy winners for the second time this year (*they won the much postponed 2011 badged event just six weeks ago*). Runners-up were the surprise package of Rae & John Kennedy who lived up to their bird of prey 'Kestrals' moniker to kill off all but one opponent on their way to the final. All 13 pairs all seemed to enjoy the day, with the only downside being the timeliness of some games that resulted in only the main final of the 6th Round games being played as the chill that preceded evening rain started to bite. For Full results, press this button:

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10th June - Frances earns AC Bronze Medal Award

The AC career of Frances Colman, hit another milestone last week when she achieved the Croquet Association's Bronze Medal award at The Tyneside Midweek Tournament. Completing a full 12 hoop break with bisques, in an CA fixtures book listed event and winning the match, is a stiff standard and Frances 'knocked it off' whilst playing against no less than Roger Staples who is the CA's Head of Coaching! Not having the real thing to present to Frances, the Tynesiders thoughtfully nipped out to source a medal made of chocolate! Frances (who finished the tournament in fourth (with 4 wins from 7) was even more pleased to have beaten Chris Roberts (5 from 8) for the second time in a week and recounted the detail of her victory to him for most of the long drive home!

- John Chalfont Becomes a 5 handicap

Congratulations are due to John Chalfont (*pictured left*) for his close win over Mary Gaynor in the Open Singles Competition on Friday. His 2 -1 victory sees him join Mary on the 5 handicap mark.

- National Cup Opponents are known at last

Following recent games our opponents in our two National Knock-Out Competitions are now known and the following dates have been agreed.
Monday 16th July - AWAY v Watford - Inter Club 'Murphy' Shield
Friday 13th July - HOME v Broadwas - Inter Club Championship

- AC Competitions Get Under Way

Nearly all our established AC players took part in a day of competition matches on Saturday, with morning Doubles action giving way to Singles games after lunch. See the competition progress via the 'Assoc.Croquet' button on the right.



1st June - Wimbledon too good for PCC 'Friendly'

We were pleased to welcome The All England Club, Wimbledon for a friendly GC fixture but the visitors won easily 2 - 6, reversing the fortunes of last season. Our team of Nina Cox, Pauline Wood and the Earshaws - Dilys and Alex; kept honours even in the first pair of games but Wimbledon soon pulled away to victory.