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PHYLLIS COURT CROQUET

The Rainbow 2022

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Indigo, 2 wins	J.Forster	Probitts	M.Ward	Walker	
	I.Forster	Kingon	L.Smith	Williams	
Violet, 1 win	Ahara	Houlihan	Hampton	Summers	Fish
	Brett-Holt	Franklin	S. Peperell	P.Taylor	

Awaiting first win				Sharman-Crawford	
Ahara	Green	D.Hall	Stuart Lee	Shanks	H.Taylor
Askew		Hodgson	Sandra Lee	Sharp	Toms
Boyle	A.French		Pearce	A.Smith	S.Ward
Brazier	R.French	Huntington	Pendennis	Staines	J.Walker
Cotterill		Michael-Barklett	Sinkleldam	Steinle	Warburton



04 October - The End of the Rainbow 2022

Madeleine Probert & Hilary Cowley report:

The Rainbow season closed on 30 September and we are delighted that 33 players took part during the season, and that 56 Rainbow games were played.

The Rainbow was open to players on Handicap 11+ and the participants were a mixture of established members and Beginners. Started in 2021, the Rainbow is part of the range of playing opportunities for higher handicapped players, which includes the weekly Mix-Ins, together with (appropriately classed) Evening Series, day-tournaments and season-long competitions. The aim is to help members to get to know each other and to find out what sort of croquet they like to play.

Prominent amongst the participants this season were:

Daphne Spiers, who is to be commended for reaching the top of the Rainbow with 7 wins, the first member to do so (*no pot of gold, though, Daphne!*), Hilary Cowley (6 wins), Aly Warren (5), Stuart Crippen (4) and Ruth Raunkiaer (4).

Well done to them and to all who participated this year, expanded their playing circle and helped with the integration of our newer members.

If you think you would like to take part next year, there is information about the scheme (BELOW).

Hilary Cowley will take over as the Rainbow Manager next year, so, do let her know of your interest for 2023.

One of this year's players has already been in touch: "I would definitely like to be part of the Rainbow next year. I think it's a great idea!"



Photos: The two Rainbow games were played on 13 May - Lesley Warburton v Bundy Walker (top) and Cliff Hampton v Danny Hall.
(photos by Madeleine Probert)

The Rainbow is a playing scheme designed to help new members integrate into the Croquet Club

This is a scheme to allow players to contact each other for games in a social environment, but with the additional focus and motivation of winning games and moving up the Rainbow. The main focus is on helping newer members get to know, and play croquet with, other members of the club.

It is aimed primarily at newer members and those with handicaps 11 and over (11+).

Participants in the Rainbow must be prepared to be contacted and offered a game by any other members in the scheme.

To register, please email Madeleine Probert - my email address can be found on the Members List (sent to you by the Membership Secretary

We do hope that you would like to join in the Rainbow, and hope that it will give you an opportunity to meet other members and improve your croquet!

- Madeleine Probert, Secretary, Phyllis Court Croquet Club

THE RAINBOW - how it works

- Any member may join or leave the Rainbow at any time during the season.
- The Rainbow will run from May to the end of September.
- Any player in the Rainbow may contact any other player and offer them a game. Therefore, you should be prepared to be contacted by any other player and, within reason, play a game with them.
- Participants all start in the white area below the Rainbow; a first game win moves the player to violet; a second win to indigo, and so on up to red. There is no penalty for losing a game, players simply stay where they are on the Rainbow.
- Rainbow contests are one 13-hoop, singles game
- You will probably want to continue playing until the end of your booked session, but only the result of the first game in that session will count for the Rainbow.
- No two players may play more than one Rainbow-qualifying game against each other in the season.
- When booking a court for a Rainbow game, you should declare that that is what you are doing and it will be marked on the booking sheet for you).
- After the game, the results will be reported by the winner to [Chris Roberts \(info@kickphoto.co.uk\)](mailto:info@kickphoto.co.uk) who will administer the Rainbow which will be pictorially displayed on the website (as above).
- Individual results will not be published on the website or otherwise. Only the current status of the Rainbow will be published (which will indicate how many games each participant has won, not how many they have lost).
- **It is important to understand this is not a competition**
Participants may derive motivation, interest and, maybe, pride from moving through the colours, but there will be no "winner" of the Rainbow and no prizes at the end of the season. However, it is an opportunity for all participants to get know each other in a social way!

2021 participants who have not so far entered in 2022

	J.Rumford	S.Rumford	
B.Dent			
Bower	Farrall		Giardina
Strachan		G.Symons	
A.Clayton		C.Hall	Wadsworth
S.Dent		Taylor	
Douglas-W.	A.French		