PHYLLIS COURT CROQUET

News

31 July 2014 - PCC 'Asssoc' beat Blewbury

Harry Midgley and TJ Johansen beat their Blewbury visitors this morning to give PCC 'Assoc' the match with one game still to be played at a later date. This was match in the SCF B-Level Advanced League (for AC players in the handicap range 0 - 8). Our team lost their first match to Aldermaston and have one further match to play against Winchester.

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24 July 2014 -

Madeleine Probert bags second Drawn Partners win, with Ian Norris

For the first time that anyone could remember, Madeleine Probert became the winner of two consecutive Drawn Partners tournaments, this time assisted by Ian Norris.

A field of 28 players (14 pairs) battled well an perhaps that hottest day of the year and particular mention should be made of Geraldine Clayton and Joyce Goldring (playing in their first and second tournaments respectivly) who's partnerships both made the lunchtime 'top half cut'.

Also it was good to welcome back Dilys Earnshaw to tournament play after her long lay off.

Nearly everyone played on into the afternoon and as usual the bottom half of the filed was augmented by (two) players who pitched up for 'all comers' not realising it was a tournament day.

Most of the lowest handicapped players successfully piloted their partners to the semis where Norris & Probert beat Raghu Iver & Rosemary Noel-Clarke, and Roger Goldring & Joanna Iver beat Frances Colman & Jean Pinquet.

It was lovely to see so many players stay to watch the final (so nice for the participants) which started very evenly and was tied at the sixth hoop after a series of good clearance shots from both junior partners. Then Norris moved into another gear, ran the 7th from the boundary, set up Probert for the next two hoops and then hit a 'grandstand finishing shot' to run the winning 10th hoop from ten yards!

All agreed that this was another lovely installment of this very popular tournament format the third and final one of which is on Thursday 11thSeptember.

The entry poster will go on display four weeks beforehand as usual - this year's beginners are especially encouraged to join in).

See the today's full results here:

Drawn Partners 2





22 July 2014 - PCC 'A' suffer second level league loss

PCC 'A' were defeated 3 - 4 at High Wycombe today where the hosts actually featured two PCC members (Don Rutherford and Richard Peperell) in their ranks.

Chris Roberts and Ian Norris won their doubles rubber in the morning and then won their singles matches too in the afternoon.

But Raymond Wood and Mary Gaynor were undone by Wycombe's number 3 & 4 players (Peperell playing at 3). With those players providing four results to the match score, the wins in the top players' rubbers just weren't enough to scrape a victory.

Congratulations to Peperell, who's wins today took him down to a 5 handicap.

After several years of being effectively homeless, High Wycombe's new lawns were found to run true enough, all be it, with ruts still in evidence where seeding hasn't taken as well as it would have been hoped. It is a small but impressive facility that they now have, and all looks good for our neighbors in the years to come.

Current Level League Table	Р	W	D	L	Pts
Winchester	4	3	0	1	6
Ryde	2	2	0	0	4
High Wycombe	4	2	0	2	4
Phyllis Court A	2	0	0	2	0
Littleton	2	0	0	2	0

21 July 2014 -

Latest win for PCC 'C' sees them into league second place

John Chalfont captained PCC 'C' to a good 8 - 4 victory over Wingrave last week to see the team move into second place in the SCF Handicap League (North) just behind PCC 'B'. Dianne Brown was 'star of the show' in winning both her singles maatches.

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The 'B' play away v Wingrave this week and will be confident of extending their lead in the division despite a long journey to Leighton-Linslade CC Bedfordshire, where Wingrave play their home games.

GC Results Leagues

Current Handicap League Table	Р	W	D	L	Pts
Phyllis Court B	3	3	0	0	6
Phyllis Court C	4	2	1	1	5
Dogmersfield	4	1	1	2	3
High Wycombe	2	1	0	1	2
Wingrave	3	1	0	2	2
Blewbury	2	0	0	2	0



12 July 2014 - Raghu lyer is the player of the moment

Raghu lyer displayed some excellent GC handicap tactics this past weekend using his 'extra turns' to devastating effect. He planned the use of every one, rather than using them willy-nilly or to get out of trouble as we so often see. Heeding his early season coaching and investing in a good croquet book really paid off for Raghu. He scored two magnificent victories over two senior players in consecutive days, booked his place in the Handicap Singles semi-finals, and reduced his handicap to 6 - Congratulations Raghu, really well played.

11 July 2014 - Robin Morrell retains the 80+ Trophy

Despite a set-back just before lunch, Robin Morrell bounced back to retain our 80+ title on Friday, ahead of Brian Bucknall in a field of eight.

Newly qualified Ralph Chambers beat Morrell in the last of his block games forcing a three way tie with Derek Toms.

All had two wins to their credit, and with the who beat whom rule failing to separate the trio, net hoops came into play, to give but Morrell and Chambers the nod by just one hoop over the unlucky Toms.

The pair qualified for the afternoon semi-finals where they met the winner and runner-up from the other block which was more clear cut.

Another newly qualified player, Brian Bucknall, sailed through to the semis undefeated and Ray Broadhead suffered only the one defeat (to Bucknall) to qualify.



After lunch, the two top seeds Bucknall and Morrell made it to the final which had all the prospects of being a tight affair. In the event though, Morrell got away to a smart 3-1 lead running his hoops very boldly and then really put the pressure on Bucknall by running a 10 and a half yard hoop 5 from the boundary! The finalists then exchanged the following hoops and Morrell held his lead to win 7 -3.

See the full results here:

80+ Singles T

9 July 2014 - PCC 'Friendly' win at Blewbury

The Regatta lay-off did our higher handicapped GC players no harm it seems as a PCC 'Friendly' team recordeed a 11 - 5 victory at Blewbury today. The one senior player in the ranks Raymond Wood, captained our team: Sylvia Thomson, Roger Goldring, John Etheridge, Nina Cox, Pauline Wood, Helen Morton and Madeleine Probert.