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PHYLLIS COURT CROQUET

News

30 May - NEW times for Sunday Mix-in trial - now 1400 - 1700 (courts 3 & 4 only)

The trial Sunday mix-in starting at 1600 have attracted only paltry numbers so we are trialling the above earlier timings. Because Sunday afternoon is a proven popular time for social bookings, and we don't want to upset that until the demand for Sunday mix-ins is truly known, the new times sessions will be on Courts 3 & 4 only (for the time being at least). Please **REMEMBER** to sign the Attendance Register so that we can monitor the numbers coming along and judge how to allocate court time in the future.

29 May - **Phyllis Court members at the GC European Championships - Day 4**

Roberts finishes 14th in Championship - Fensome does well in the Plate, ending 21st overall

Chris Roberts {Wales} really got the better of rival International player Stuart M Smith in this tournament, beating him for a second time today, albeit a closer run-off this time 7-6, 3-7, 7-5. And even closer still was his 13/14th place play-off against Spain's Nico Denizot (who will be his county's reserve player at the forthcoming England v Spain test match at Hurlingham on 17-19 June).

The pair fought out a marathon match which was the last of the whole Championship to conclude, with our man going down 7-5, 6-7, 6-7

Helena Fensome {Finland} (playing as Helena Jansson) completed a very tidy tournament with two more wins in the 21st-24th position bracket, beating Daniel Larsson (Sweden) 10-8 and Daniel Studerus (Switzerland) 10-9 to take the 21st position (which was very good improvement on her 29th place seeding)

Frances Colman (Appointed Referee) drew praise and a big cheer from the all players at the end of tournament presentation time, as she stepped forward to receive a bottle of wine in her now trademark large pink hat which was so easy to the players to spot when they needed to call her into refereeing action.

28 May - **Phyllis Court members at the GC European Championships - Day 3**

Roberts exits the main event at hands of English Open Champion; Fensome has good day in the 'Plate'

Chris Roberts {Wales} got the middle game off the English Open Champion Aston Wade with a boundary hoop run at 13, but was 'hit all over the park' in the other two games as the 21 year-old hit top form.

Centre-ball clearances from the length of the court were common-place in an almost flawless display.

Roberts then faced Anders Alveraz-Sala (Spain) in a re-match of their day 1 encounter, and with the same 0-2 result to the Iberian.

The Phyllis Court man will be up against England International Stuart M Smith in another repeat match and will be hoping to repeat his day one straight games victory, as the pair join another Spaniard and a Latvian for places 13 -16.

Helena Fensome {Finland} (playing as Helena Jansson) bounced back from a poor day 2 with three single game wins in the 'plate' event, to win her block of four impressively.

She then played a close 19-point game in the plate knock-out but lost 6-10 to Trond Jansen (Norway).
On the last day of four tomorrow, she will play against an Irishman, a Swiss and a Swede, for places 21 -24 (in a field of 32)

27 May - [Phyllis Court members at the GC European Championships - Day 2](#)

Roberts wins 3 times to qualify for Championship knock-out stage

Chris Roberts {Wales} won 3 of his 4 (best of three) matches today to successfully qualify for the Championship knock-out, finishing one place higher in his block than seeded. He was at his best in his second match of the day when he took former World Champion Stephen Mulliner to a deciding third game before going down 6-7, 7-5, 7-3. Having played his last block game ahead of schedule this evening, he gets a deserved lay-in before playing either English Open Champion Atson Wade or Wales captain Ina Burridge at around 11am.

Helena Fensome {Finland} (playing as Helena Jansson) couldn't repeat her good performance on day one, and today lost all 4 of her matches, taking just the one game victory along the way. She too has earned a late start tomorrow, and will compete in the consolation plate event starting in the late morning.

26 May - [Phyllis Court members at the GC European Championships - Day 1](#)

Fensome and Roberts win well on opening day

Chris Roberts {Wales} also won two of his three matches, including beating England international Stuart M Smith in straight games.

Helena Fensome {Finland} (playing as Helena Jansson) bounced back well from a heavy first match defeat to Wales captain Ian Burridge, to win her next two 'best of three' matches, recording a good first day return.

Frances Colman (Appointed Referee) was kept very busy indeed today covering all 11 (yes, eleven!) courts here at beautiful Budleigh.

27 May - Blewbury 'A' 1 - 7 Phyllis Court 'A'

Phyllis Court 'A' dominated this opening fixture of their league season and a windswept and bitterly cold Blewbury today.

Roger Goldring wasted no time in thrashing the hosts' Steve Fisher in straight games, and both Chris Roberts and Ian Norris followed on in similarly quick style to dispatch Peter Allan and Joe King respectively.

Robin Coates came into the Phyllis Court team at number 4 and took a while longer to defeat John Garnet 2-1 to give Phyllis Court a commanding 4-0 lead at lunch with four afternoon matches to follow.

The weather improved into a nice afternoon but the hosts' hopes for a revival were quickly ended when Roberts and Norris beat King and Allan easily, Coates saw off Fisher in straight games too and the only disappointment was to see the suffering Goldring, who is going through a tough patch, lose 0-2 to a delighted Garnet.

PCC 'A': Roberts (-2), Norris (-1), Goldring (0), Coates (1)

26 May - Third Evening Series event sees competition fully underway

The third of the 10+ Evening Series events took place this evening in this popular competition that has attracted some 65+ entrants.

[Contact Russell Robinson for more details](#)

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Early/Mid May - News to come . . .

I'll be catching up with this shortly



13 May - First games played in the 2022 Rainbow

Madeleine Probert reports

The first two Rainbow games were played today, each with a new member playing a member who joined in the last two years.

Over 20 players have now signed up to play in the Rainbow, including 5 new members.

The Rainbow is a great way to meet more players and widen your circle of Croquet friends.

it will be running until the end of September for anyone with a handicap of 11+.

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