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Most Improved Female GC player - The Colman Trophy

[Patricia Mulcahy](#)

Phyllis Court's Patricia Mulcahy was recognized by the Croquet Association with the Award for the Most Improved Female GC Player of 2022

Patricia was presented with 'The Colman Trophy' by Frances Colman at our Prize-giving Dinner on 29 November 2022.

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[The Colman Trophy](#)

- Comissioned and gifted to the Croquet Association by Frances Colman
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[The Most Improved Feemale GC Player 2022](#)

Patricia Mulcahy recieved The Colman Trophy form Frances Colman, on behalf of the President of the Croquet Association
(Photo by Paul Franklin)

Patricia Mulcahy

Nomination for the Most Improved Female GC player - The Colman Trophy

Patricia Mulcahy has made a remarkable improvement this year.

Patricia first ventured on to the C-Level (7+) Series tournament circuit in 2021, which was ambitious move for a player with a handicap of 12. She embraced the tournament scene with gusto and was undaunted by frequent losses in miss-matched games, taking these as the 'learning curve' necessary to acquire experience.

Patricia was determined to improve, even if it had to be done the hard way!

In that first competitive season playing away from her home club, Patricia played in no less than 9 tournaments on the C-Level Series circuit, many in far-off places, amassed a total of 71 games, and qualified on points for the National Final.

Impressive though this tally of games is there were more losses to endure than wins, but impressively, this only made Patricia more determined to succeed.

Availing herself of winter playing and coaching opportunities, including Raouf Allim's 'swing doctor' sessions, Patricia emerged for the 2022 season, displaying a new found more positive style and a confidence to boot.

Now with a handicap automatically reduced to 10, she entered a record 13 C-Level Series tournaments and, with steady improvement reduced her handicap further to 8, she reached her first final at Wrest Park in May.

With some encouragement, Patricia made the very bold move to enter the Women's GC Open Championship as the rank outsider (handicap 8), and was rewarded handsomely when she took some good scalps (including 'best of three' match wins over Andrea Huxley and Sophie McGlen) and she increased her Ranking by 91 points.

Patricia returned to the C-Level Series with heightened confidence and she reached three more finals at Guildford, Bath and Hamptworth, reducing her handicap down to 5, and along the way, improving her ranking by a further 94 points.

Patricia played in her second C-Level National Final in September.

She also had a very good season at Federation and club level as detailed below:

In 2022, Patricia has:

- improved her handicap by 5 grades (10 to 5) - all earned automatic reductions.
- improved her Ranking DGrade by 276 points - the largest improvement by any female player in the world (and second only to one US male player).
- reached the final of 4 C-Level Series tournaments and qualified for the National Final.
- played and won games at the GC Women's Open Championship (despite a handicap of 8 at the time).
- captained a Phyllis Court team to the Southern Federation Advantage League title.
- won the Phyllis Court 10+ Doubles season-long competition and 8+ Singles day tournament.

http://rank.worldcroquet.org/gcrankdg/player_full.php?pfn=Patricia&pfsn=Mulcahy

15 November - Top National Award for Patricia is a first for our Club

I am delighted to bring you the news that, for the very first time, a Phyllis Court member has won a Croquet Association Most Improved Player Award - ***It's Patricia!***

Patricia Mulcahy is the UK Most Improved Female GC Player of 2022

Huge congratulations to Patricia!

The award is judged by the CA Handicap Committee and awarded annually by the Croquet Association.

Statistically, Patricia has achieved the largest increase in international Ranking Grade of any female player in the World, and she is second over all to a male US player.

Patricia's prize is her name on the impressive 'Colman Trophy', a beautiful cast bronze and carved wood piece, designed by Phylis Court member and artist Allan Henderson, commissioned and donated to the Croquet Association by our own Frances Colman. A presentation will be made in due course.

