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21 December 2014 - The Denise Keir Gallery is now open

Our very own croquet artist Denise Keir has added some new portraits to her portfolio and has agreed to share them with us all. How many of your club-mates can you recognise?

See Denise Keir's Gallery here:

[Denise Keir Gallery](#)



16 December 2014 - John Turner ~ sad news

Members will be sad to learn of the death of John Turner a few days ago. John was a lovely man and always a pleasure to be with off or on court, where he was a very good supporter of GC tournaments despite his advanced years and understandable slowness of pace. Philip Allison visited John not long before he passed away and he reports that 'Some of his last words to me, in hospital, were *"It won't be long before we are on the croquet courts again"*. John will be missed very much by us all.

15 December 2014 - Chairman Harry details the rules for WINTER PLAY

Today new Membership Secretary Pauline Wood issued an e-mail to all members detailing the Social dates below and attached a letter from Chairman Harry Midgley detailing the rules for Winter Play which, weather depending, will start on 13 January.

The Headline rules are:

- 1 - No Jump shots
- 2 - The Winter Golf Croquet start is from the opposite corner to normal
(The flags and hoops will altered around too, so just remember to start at the yellow flag and hoop one will still have a blue top!)
- 3 - Golf Croquet 'all comers' is on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons - all other times are bookable
- 4 - No need to wear whites, just wrap up warm and enjoy! :O)
- 5 - **Read the whole of Harry's letter here:**

Winter rules 2015

- 13th January - Provisional date for start of Winter Season (weather depending)
- 27th January - Winter Lunch & pre-season meeting
- 17th March - Spring Drinks & Supper
- 13th August - Summer Party
- 13th November - AGM & Dinner

29 November 2014 - Belated update on Helena at the Women's GC Worlds

A technical difficulty with this web site hosting for over a week, prevented the promised regular daily reports being posted as in previous overseas tournaments. So apologies for that. Helena achieved another 50% success rate with her remaining two block games, beating Sheril Wheeler (New Zealand) but going down to Manal Khoder (Egypt), and so qualified with ease for the knock-out competition of the championships. (Four qualified from each of the eight blocks of five players).

Unfortunately she lost her round of 32 tie in a close match 5-7, 5-7 with another Egyptian Mona Hegazi, so that was the end of the road in the main Championship knock-out, but there were consolation knock-outs for all.



Helena went into the secondary Bowl knock-out and faced her friend Cheryl Bromley from the USA. This game went to the third game but Bromley edged and even closer one 5-7, 7-6, 5-7.
That put Helena into the third tier Plate knock-out where she beat Egyptian Nancy El Khoudari 7-4 in the first round.
She then came up against Australia's Rosemay Newsom who she'd played on the first day and a loss in that game ended her tournament.
Back at the main Championship, South Africa's Judith Hanekom recovered from a disastrous start, in which she only just scraped into the main knock-out. She steadily improved and so much so that she accounted for four Egyptians in a row and then the tournament favourite, New Zealand's Jenny Clarke in the final, to become the new Women's World GC Champion.

16 November 2014 - Helena starts Womens' Worlds with a win

Helena Fensome will have been delighted to have kicked off her tournament with a 7-4, 7-6 against Egyptian player Nihal Ahmed. She lost 2-7, 6-7 in her second match v Rosemay Newsom (Australia) and has to play two others in her block.

AGM & Presentations Dinner

- PCC 'C' take a victors' salute -
- Brian & Vivian's long service recognised by the CA -
- Frances receives new Chairman's Award -

14 November 2014

There was a good turn-out of about 60 members at our AGM this evening and most stayed on for the presentation dinner that followed, which was good to see.

Chairman Harry Midgley lead the meeting of course and highlighted the Club's achievements on and off court.

So as not to spoil the presentations later on, he centered on those who had competed further afield, spoke in some detail about our courts and delivered the report on AC play.

He also commended two Club stalwarts, Brian Bucknall & Vivian Thomson, who had been presented with Diplomas for Services to Croquet by the Croquet Association last month.

Press this button to read their glowing citations:

2014 CA Diploma Awards

GC Officer Frances Colman, who is stood down after the maximum five years committee service, thanked members for their support and participation in both friendly and competitive events throughout her time in office. She also highlighted in demand-lead increase in competitive opportunities now available at PCC and the not unrelated rise in playing standards overall.

Harry presented Frances with the new 'Chairman's Award' for her service to the club.

The presentations evening that followed saw a good share-out of trophies and the recipients are listed below (in the yellow panel) with link buttons to the season-long competition results pages.



Helena will be representing Finland again at the Womens' World Championships

Follow her progress in the Womens World Championships in 'News' from 16 - 21 November

16 October 2014 - The Eighth Greek Open Championships

Frances, Joanna & Chris all victorious

Chris Roberts won the Eighth Greek AC Handicap Singles title allowing Phyllis Court to retain the title for a fourth successive year at the Corfu based event. A winner in 2011 and 2012, Roberts

Congratulations to all our Season-Long Competition winners

GC

Open Singles - Chris Roberts
 Open Doubles - Mike Fensome & John Stanner
 Handicap Singles - Raghu Iyer
 5+ Singles - Ralph Chambers
 5+ Doubles - Roger Goldring & Harry Midgley
 7+ Singles - Roger Goldring
 7+ Doubles - Anne Attfield & Delia Norris

AC

Level Advanced - Charlie von Schmieder
 Handicap Block - Frances Colman
 Handicap Knock-out - Chris Roberts
 Handicap Doubles - Frances Colman
 & Chris Roberts
 Handicap Ladies - Frances Colman
 Handicap High Bisquers - Raghu Iyer

- Open Singles
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- Handicap Singles
- 5+ Singles
- 5+ Doubles
- 7+ Singles
- 7+ Doubles

GC Past Winners

AC Past Winners

Roll of Honour - *our history*

- Adv. Singles
- Adv. H'cap Singles
- Singles Knock-Out
- Singles Block
- Doubles Knock-Out
- Ladies Singles
- High H'cap Singles

(AC handicap 2) completed his hat-trick with a close victory in the final against Tyneside's Derek Watts (2.5).

2013 Singles winner Frances Colman (6), teamed up with Hurlingham's Sudy Harrison (16) to win the Greek Open Doubles title this time and another PCC

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player, Joanna Iyer won the prize for 'Best Brit' in the changing partners golf croquet event. Two other PCC members Raghu Iyer and Derek Toms also made the enjoyable Corfu trip this year.

