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Current League Table	P	W	D	L	match wins <small>(rubbers)</small>	Pts
Phyllis Court A	3	3	0	0	18	6
East Dorset	4	3	0	1	15.5	6
Winchester	2	2	0	0	13	4
High Wycombe	4	1	0	3	10.5	2
Littleton	4	0	0	4	3	0
Ryde A	1	0	0	1	3	0
Blewbury						



[29 June - PCC 'A' beat Littleton 6-1 and go top of the League](#)

Phyllis Court 'A' made light of fielding a much changed team and travelled to Littleton (near Winchester) to record a convincing 6-1 victory. This result puts our side top of the league undefeated but with some big matches still to come; most notably against Ryde and Winchester.

Roger Goldring captained the team for the first time and was the only player to have played in the previous two matches. In came David Hopkins and Peter Haydon for their first league matches of the season and making is debut for the 'A' was Robin Coates, who stepped up in class from PCC 'B'.

The detail of the results are still awaited but the league table has been updated already.
PCC 'A' - Roger Goldring (-1), David Hopkins (0), Peter Haydon (1), Robin Coates (5).

[28 June - Fensome wins the Ladies Singles tournament](#)

Top seed Helena Fensome regained the Ladies Singles tournament title and the huge cup today remaining undefeated through the five rounds.

Eight Ladies took part in this level play event and then adjourned for a lovely high tea, very kindly sponsored by Rosie Richardson (thank you very much indeed Rosie).

The closest game was the last one in the Red Block where Delia Norris won by one hoop against Dianne Browne, thereby avoiding Helena in the semi-final.

Madeleine Probert did well to reach her first singles semi-final but then fell to holder Delia.

Helena got the better of Dianne in the other semi, so, the final was a repeat of last season with Delia defending the cup against Helena.

Fortunes were reversed when Helena took control to win 7-4. Congratulations to Helena who becomes the first 'three time' winner of this event.

See the full results here:

Ladies Singles T

[27 June - T. Peperell and Pitkeathly earn handicap reductions](#)

Tony Peperell and Bill Pitkeathly are certainly improving their game this season and recent results have brought about well earned handicap reductions via the Automatic Handicapping System (AHS).

Peperell's handicap has reduced from 10 to 9 and Pitkeathly's from 11 to 10, but such is the latter's improvement, he has been given a further 'manual adjustment' by CA handicappers Chris Roberts and Frances Colman, so that he too now will play off the 9 mark - *Congratulations gentlemen!*

[24 June - Roberts disappointed at GC British Open Singles](#)

Chris Roberts was disappointed with his performance at the GC British Open at Southwick, near Brighton over that past four days. Although not seeded to qualify for the main event knock-out this year, losses against two lower ranked opponents on Day 1 really did for his hopes, such that by a late rally on Day 3 qualification was impossible.

A passable performance in the consolation plate and 'z' event was scant consolation as his ranking position took a 'hit'.

[21 June - High Wycombe's Pound retains AC tournament cup](#)

Keith Pound of High Wycombe pipped Australian visitor Bill Humphreys (*left*) to retain his Phyllis Court / Blewbury AC Handicap title.



The pair lost only once each, but crucially Pound had the 'head to head' win over Humphrey's and that was enough - congratulations Keith.
Richard Peperell had another good tournament and brought his handicap down to 5 (which is three steps in three weeks!) - *Well done Richard!*



20 June - Welcome to Australian Bill, as Peperell shines on AC tournament first day

Bill Humphreys (*above left*) became the first Australian to play tournament croquet at Phyllis Court today. He won two out of his three games which was a feat only bettered by the 100% record of our Richard Peperell. Frances Colamn and Raghu Iyer are also in the field for Phyllis Court as the tournament now decaps for Day 2 at Blewbury tomorrow.

20 June - Haydon wins the consolation plate at British Open Doubles, beating Goldring in the semi

Peter Haydon and Roger Goldring put aside yesterday's disappointment at not qualifying for the knock-out stage of the main event at the GC British Open Doubles with good performances in today's consolation plate event. Haydon was partnered by Simon Carter from Peter's other club at Dulwich and they actually won the event, accounting for Goldring and his American partner Matt Griffith in a low scoring semi-final 4-3. In the final Haydon and Carter (pictured here flanking manager and international player Stephen Mulliner) beat the experienced pair French and Tibble 7-5.

19 June - Goldring, Haydon and Roberts head to the GC British Opens

The standard of the Golf Croquet British Open is getting stronger every year, as evidenced by only one Phyllis Court player being ranked high enough to qualify for the 32-player Singles event at Southwick, near Brighton, which started yesterday (Thursday).
Chris Roberts is seeded just outside the top half of the field and so will have to beat at least one higher ranked player to qualify from the group stage (on Thursday and Friday) for the main event's last 16 knock-out event on Saturday and Sunday.
Roger Goldring, who missed out by two places for inclusion in the Singles this year, took up an invitation to partner one of the top American players in the Doubles event which started today. And Peter Haydon is also playing in the Doubles, partnering Simon Carter who is from Peter's other club at Dulwich.



18 June - PCC AC beat Oxford University 3 - 1

Phyllis Court' Association Croquet team capitalised a great start to their SCF Handicap League programme when they won their second match in a week away at Oxford University on this evening. Chris Roberts beat the University's Tom Peak +19 in just over an hour in the number one game but there was excitement in the other three games that made up the fixture.
After an unexpected slump in his recent good form last week against Caversham, Richard Peperell (*left*) played the waiting game superbly to come back from 0-19 down with two very controlled breaks to win 26-19.
The other two games went to time and saw Phyllis Court captain Raghu Iyer's end game tactics good enough to ensure that he protected his hard fought +5 advantage until the end, where as for Robin Coates the boot was on the other foot and he lost by -2.
PCC (AC) Chris Roberts (0), Richard Peperell (6), Raghu Iyer (12), Robin Coates (24)

15 June - PCC (AC) draw friendly at Hurlingham 3 - 3

Phyllis Court (AC) recorded a deserved draw in friendly at the Hurlingham Club this afternoon. We won both the morning doubles but only one of the three afternoon singles matches; Raghu Iyer showing that his recent handicap reduction is fully justified.

14 June - PCC trio step-up at the Roehampton C-Level Series tournament

A trio of Phyllis Court players took part in the Roehampton C-Level Series tournament today. Jim Walter made his debut at this level and found the super fast courts tricky to deal with at first but got the measure later on.

It looked at one point as if Tony Peperell (who only stated croquet last year) and Bill Pitkeathley (who's croquet career is but two months old!) might upset the tournament seedings completely and win their blocks.

But they both lost their last block games so missed out on the top four places over-all, but they did contest an all-Phyllis Court 5th/6th place match which Bill won.

It was good for managers Frances Colman and Chris Roberts to see such commitment from the PCC trio today - *well done chaps!*

11 June - PCC (AC) beat Caversham as Iyer reduces his handicap

PCC (AC) got off to a good start in the SCF Handicap league this afternoon with a 3 - 1 win over Caversham.

Chris Roberts, Frances Colman and captain Raghu Iyer all won comfortably their games enough but there was a surprise when Richard Peperell's recent good form that had seen excellent performances around the country in recent weeks, deserted him on home turf.

Raghu's convincing win brought his handicap down to 12 (congratulations Raghu!)

PCC (AC): Chris Roberts (0), Richard Peperell (6), Frances Colman (8), Raghu Iyer (14)

Browne wins again and reduces her handicap

Dianne Brown is in a purple patch of form.

Having won all her games in the last outing of PCC 'C' she defeated Don Rutherford in the 5+ Singles competition today and reduced her handicap to 5 for the first time.

Congratulations Dianne!



9 June 2018 - PCC 'A' win the BIG MATCH v Surbiton (National Inter-Club Championship)

Phyllis Court 'A' beat Surbiton 5 - 2 today in the first round of the National Inter-Club Championship.

With the courts in tip-top condition, all the hoops in new holes and the forecast 'scorcher' tuning out to be 'comfortably warm' instead, the scene was set for an entertaining match between two evenly matched teams.

PCC's no. 3 Ian Norris was first on to the scoreboard with a 7-5, 7-3 win over Surbiton's George Noble, and then the hosts stretched their lead with victory in the doubles rubber.

The doubles was extremely close with PCC 'getting out of jail' at the 13th hoop in the first game to crown a good come back, and similarly Charlie Von Schmieder had to come from behind to beat Nick Cheyne and Ed Dymock in the second game 7-5.

Don Beck gave Surbiton some hope by scoring with a bouncing jump shot at hoop 13 in his first game against the in-form Roger Goldring, but the Phyllis Court man won the second game quickly and the third rather more long windedly as lunch spoiled.

Any lunch is always going to be good when one's team is 3 - 0 ahead, but on this occasion the Orangery performed well for us and our guests, who were complimentary.

PCC need just one more win from any of the afternoon's singles rubbers and it was Goldring who brought home the result with a straight games win by 7-2 and 7-5 over Noble.

Beck got one result back for Surbiton with a 6-7, 3-7 win over Norris before Roberts drove home the result for Phyllis Court with a 7-3, 7-3 defeat of Dymock.

Cheyne was more accurate with his clearances against von Schmieder and won 6-7, 4-7, so the end over-all result was a fair 5 - 2 win for Phyllis Court, who now face Sussex County on a date and venue to be decided.

PCC 'A': Charlie von Schmieder (-2), Chris Roberts (-1), Ian Norris (-1), Roger Goldring (-1).

Charlie von Schmieder & Chris Roberts beat Cheyne & Dymock 7-6, 7-5

Ian Norris beat George Noble 7-5, 7-3

Roger Goldring beat Don Beck 6-7, 7-2, 7-5

Charlie von Schmieder lost to Nick Cheyne 6-7, 4-7

Chris Roberts beat Ed Dymock 7-3, 7-3

Ian Norris lost to Don Beck 6-7, 3-7

Roger Goldring beat George Noble 7-2, 7-5

8 June - Peperell reduces his AC handicap by two steps in 7 days!

Richard Peperell is riding a fast improving wave in AC and has now reduced his handicap from 8 to 6 in a week!

This time he was performing at Ryde on the Isle of Wight - "playing my best AC so far" he said.

He won 5 of his 6 games to equal Jeff Johnson (Watford) only to lose out on 'quality of wins'.

Congratulations Richard!

7 June - Roberts wins in Newcastle

Chris Roberts won the Tyneside AC Midweek Handicap Singles this week ending the three day tournament with 5 wins from seven games.

The very heavy courts at Newcastle really favoured the stronger male players, but Frances Colman held her own and finished strongly unbeaten on the final day when conditions dried and the courts got much faster.

6 June - Morton makes C-Level Series debut at Gulidford

Steve Morton reports that he enjoyed his day at the Guldford C-Level Series tournament today, his first outing of that kind. He had a number of close 5-7 losses but did score one win in his inagral tournamentt as well. Well done Steve for taking the plunge and the name of Phyllis Court forward in the new C-Level Series (for handicaps 7+).

4 June 2018 - PCC 'C' beat High Wycombe

PCC 'C' scored a great 9-3 win in this afternoon's SCF Handicap League match. Leading 3-1 after the two doubles rounds, the killer blow came with the first singles when Phyllis Court 'C' won all four games. They then halved the second round of doubles to complete the comfortable victory. Raghu Iyer and Dianne Browne both won both their singles and Dianne actually won both her doubles games too. Well played the whole team. PCC 'C' - Raghu Iyer (5), Delia Norris (5), Dianne Browne (6), Don Rutherford (6)

Current League Table	P	W	D	L	game wins	Pts
Basingstoke	4	1	2	1	23	4
Blewbury	3	2	1	0	22	4
Phyllis Court C	3	1	2	0	21	4
High Wycombe	2	1	0	1	11	2
Phyllis Court B	2	0	1	1	11	1
Wingrave	1	0	1	0	6	1
Harwell	1	0	0	1	2	0

3 June - Peperell wins again & Allim reduces his GC hadicap

There was another good performance this week from Richard Peperell who was runner-up in this AC class at Budleigh Salterton where he consolidated his recent handicap reduction in the process. And there was also a handicap reduction for Raouf Allim at the 32 player Cheltenham GC Open last weekend, where he narrowly missed the cut on net hoops for the main event knock-out rounds. Chris Roberts returned to form at that event with a fourth place finish that will do much to assist his qualification for the English National Singles Championship final at the end of the season.



1 June - Crook wins 3+ 'Red Ball' Singles for first time

Surprisingly, it's been a few years since Hugh Crook got his name on a Phyllis Court trophy apparently, but he put all that behind him today with a clear win in the 3+ 'Red Ball' Singles. A bijou field of just four played each other twice each for a total of six games and Crook confirmed his 'top seed' status by beating all his opponents in the morning games. Diane Browne was snapping at Crook's heels though and, with repeat games to come in the afternoon, she was looking good until Don Rutherford got the better of her straight after lunch. Crook won the event with one round to spare, which was just as well because Browne spoiled his 100% record in the last game. It was good to see Edmund Shirly stretching himself at this level today and the experience gained will stand him in good stead for his future competitive career. Full results here:

[3+ Singles T](#)