

# PHYLLIS COURT CROQUET

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### Mid December 2011 - Lawns News

A Ground Survey on our lawns was undertaken in the week following our AGM and the initial findings are that there is a thick layer of clay not far beneath the surface. It is thought that this is the main contributor to our drainage problems, particularly on lawn 2.

A change to rain fall patterns in recent years from general drizzle to sudden flash downpours seems to be more than our ground can manage to drain naturally. The Surveying Company are yet to quote to 'fix' the problem but are expected to do so imminently.

### 11th November 2011 - CHRIS ROBERTS IS OUR NEW CHAIRMAN

#### - Annual General Meeting & Presentations Dinner Report

Our AGM was presided over by Vice Chairman Brian Bucknell in the absence of our outgoing Chairman Pam Mead, who was playing in the Women's Golf Croquet World Championships in New Zealand, along with fellow committee member Helena Fensome.

Over 70 members supported the meeting.

Along with Pam, Alex Earnshaw ended his time on the committee after five years as our Treasurer, and Alan O'Dair also relinquished the auditor's role. All three were given a vote of thanks and hearty applause for their years of service.

Hugh Crook and Ann Norman were elected as new committee members and the remainder of the existing committee were re-elected.

The new committee then retired to elect the Club officers and thus Chris Roberts becomes our new Chairman, Hugh Crook our Treasurer, and Derek Whittingham continues as our Secretary.

Our Annual Presentations Dinner followed on and a wide range of recipients took home the silverware:



Chris Roberts

### GOLF CROQUET

#### TOURNAMENTS

SOUTHERN FEDERATION - SOLSTICE TOURNAMENT

Winners - Solstice Cup

**PHYLLIS COURT**  
Charlie von Schmeider & TJ Johansen

SPRING DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Runners-up - Hilda Dobson Cups

Winners - Cave Wolfe Salvors

*Postponed THREE times!*  
*The 2011 Tournament will be played*  
*in the first few weeks of next season*

AUTUMN DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Runners-up - John Chalfont Cups

Pat Eades & TJ Johansen

### ASSOCIATION CROQUET

#### TOURNAMENTS

SOUTHERN FEDERATION - ARMADA TOURNAMENT

Winners - Armada Trophy

**PHYLLIS COURT**  
Frances Colman & Chris Roberts

ONE BALL TOURNAMENT

Winner - One Ball Trophy

(r/u Chris Roberts)  
Frances Colman

SPRING DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Winners - Barneses Cup

(r/u Brian Bucknell & Derek Toms)  
Elizabeth O'Dair & Frances Colman

- 2012 June
- 2012 July
- 2012 August
- 2012 Sept

<b>Winners - Iain Lindsay Cup</b>		<b>Sylvia Thomson &amp; Mike Fensome</b>	
<b>SEASON LONG COMPETITIONS</b>			
<b>7+ DOUBLES</b>			
Runners-up – Cox Wood Cups		Anne Attfield & Cynthia Hutton	
<b>Winners – Dorrien Belson Cups</b>		<b>Pat Eades &amp; Rosie Richardson</b>	
<b>7+ SINGLES</b>			
Runner-up – Colman Quaich		Michael Wiles	
<b>Winner – Suzanne Roberts Quaich</b>		<b>Ian Norris</b>	
<b>5+ DOUBLES</b>			
Runners-up - Chris Read & Anne Attfield Cups		John Chalfont & Hugh Crook	
<b>Winners – Eades Cups</b>		<b>Vivian Thomson &amp; Raymond Wood</b>	
<b>5+ SINGLES</b>			
Runner-up - Vivian Thomson Cup		Mike Fensome	
<b>Winner – Tighe Cup</b>		<b>Raymond Wood</b>	
<b>OPEN DOUBLES</b>			
Runners-up - Dilys & Alex Earnshaw Cups		Raymond Wood & TJ Johansen	
<b>Winners – Spensley &amp; Cox Salvors</b>		<b>Frances Colman &amp; Chris Roberts</b>	
<b>OPEN SINGLES</b>			
Runner-up - Sylvia Thomson Cup		Chris Roberts	
<b>Winner – Crane Cup</b>		<b>Charlie Von Schmieder</b>	

AUTUMN SINGLES TOURNAMENT (High handicap) (r/u Bruce Mason)	
<b>Winner – Zia Sterling Cup</b>	<b>Michael Wiles</b>
AUTUMN SINGLES TOURNAMENT (r/u Peter Honey)	
<b>Winner - Caversham Plate</b>	<b>Chris Roberts</b>
<b>SEASON LONG COMPETITIONS</b>	
LADIES COMPETITION (r/u June Robinson)	
<b>Winner - Orr Plate</b>	<b>Frances Colman</b>
DOUBLES COMPETITION (r/u Harry Midgley & Michael Wiles)	
<b>Winners - Greenbury Trophy</b>	<b>Elizabeth O'Dair &amp; Helen Walker</b>
SINGLES Block COMPETITION (r/u Helen Walker)	
<b>Winner - Poulton Cup</b>	<b>Chris Roberts</b>
SINGLES Knock-Out COMPETITION (r/u Elizabeth O'Dair)	
<b>Winner - Adlam Tankard</b>	<b>Keith Noble</b>
SINGLES ADVANCED PLAY COMPETITION (High Handicap) (r/u Sonia Cox)	
<b>Winner – Section Tankard</b>	<b>Frances Colman</b>
SINGLES ADVANCED PLAY COMPETITION	
Runner-up – The Bucknall Tankard	June Robinson
<b>Winner - The Boucher Trophy</b>	<b>Peter Honey</b>

## Monday 28th November - Rachel Rowe wins Womens World's for England

**Pam writes:** "Rachel Row won the World Championship yesterday and she played a blinder! The (best of five) match started at 13.00 hrs and finished at 18.30 with a break of only about 20 minutes and Rachel got the better start taking the first game 7 - 3. Her Opponent Jenny Clark from New Zealand won the second and third 6 - 7, 5 - 7, but Rachel fought back to take the fourth 7 - 6. By this time Jenny was getting very rattled and soon trailed fifth game to Rachel 4 - 6 at the 10th. Jenny then managed to shoot her blue ball up from hoop 12, where Rachel had cleared her, to lodge in the back of hoop 11. But Rachel was sitting in a nice position in front of the hoop and proceeded to jump through to win the Championship. We all went wild! It was tremendous game and she deserved the win, she was the better player. So the new Women's World Golf Croquet Champion is English, well done Rachel Rowe!"

Pam's diary was completed from the airport departure lounge with the assistance of a Campari and Soda as she reflected on a wonderful trip. Full results for her and Helena are still not clear (thanks to a poor Championship web site) but we do know that Helena won two matches (both 2 - 0) in the main event block stage and then four more in the plate competition. Due to Wednesdays Union's strike, Helena has had to alter homecoming plans and will stay on to endure the New Zealand summer until the end of the week (it's tough for some!)

## Friday 25th November - It's all over for our two as World Cup Final looms

**Pam writes:** "Rachel Rowe (England no.1) has got through to the Championship Final!"



New Womens World Champion Rachel Rowe who plays at the Ashby Club in Derbyshire

### RESULTS

*Chris writes: The Championship web site was very slow at reporting the results in anything like 'real time' which was disappointing. So I've abandoned trying to reproduce actual results here.*

We are all so pleased for her.  
Yesterday at Kati Kati the weather was awful and the lawns flooded.  
We started but to play but had to abandon all games.  
We then had to sit around and wait for the weather to clear and the lawns to drain as much work was done sweeping the water with the long rubber sweepers.  
We were all a little cold and my feet were wet, but we started play at 13.30 and double banked the games as we had to get 5 games played. I did not finish until 19.40 by which time I was tired and then we had a 45 minute drive back to Mt Maunganui. I needed a stiff drink when I got back!  
Helena and I are out of the competition now and it is the semis of the main, consolation and plate being played today".

### **Thursday 24th November - Helena just misses out on Plate semi**

**Helena writes:** "In the Plate, I won seven and lost four and was one game short of getting into the semis, tuff luck my that how it goes..."

### **Wednesday 23th November - Helena reports second win as Pam goes close**

We have caught up with Helena at last: **Helena writes:** "I won two matches (in the block round), the American and then an New Zealander ..... Not too bad.  
Today we started to play the plate I won four and lost two, so I have a chance.  
Tomorrow we play an other six games, so hopefully I will do well.  
The weather has been lovely but very windy every day except today.  
Our apartment is lovely, we were upgraded to a sea view (Helena is sharing with Engalnd player Samantha Thomson).  
We are two minutes from the beach, they are all crazy here - they are doing work outs on the beach at 0630!

**Pam writes:** I played at Tauranga yesterday and a good game against Jane Morrison but lost 4 - 7, she should have been playing in the main competition and not the plate, but that's another story, a little bit of controversy in our block.  
I then had two games that went to 6 - 7 and I should have won them and then I lost to Helena 4 - 7 and Pixie Jones 3 - 7.  
Today we play at Kati Kati and the weather is closing in could be rain.  
RachelRowe is though to the (main Championship) semis Freda Vitty, Samantha Thompson, and Kath Burt (the other English players) have been knocked out.

### **Tuesday 22nd November - Another update from Pam**

**Pam writes:** "The block play has finished and some upsets happened.  
Rachel Rowe (our top English woman) has not dropped a game yet and she is playing so well.  
Day 4 for me was not good and I was disappointed in the way I played, but today the main Knock-out competition and the Plate begins.  
Helena and I will be playing in the plate at the Kati Kati and Tauranga Clubs.  
Samantha Thompson (Eng lish no.2) said the standard of play has gone up significantly (since the last Tournament) and, as she herself said, she only scrapped in to the main Knock-out by the seat of her pants!  
Everyone one is really nice here, it is a great experience and the weather is glorious here!"

### **Monday 21st November - Womens World Championships - Helena gets a first win!**

It took three days, but at last there is a win to report from our Phyllis Court representatives in New Zealand.  
It has been tough going for Pam Mead and Helen Fensome up until a spirit lifting result today when Helena won for the first time.  
The 56 Competitors have been put into 8 groups of 7, all playing the others in their group 'best of three' games.

**Pam Mead has reported in twice:**

On Day 1 She played at Tauranga and was 'up against it' with two 0 - 2 losses to players who ahd both played in WWGC Championship before.

Pam was pleased with her performances but said "The main problem was they could jump from anywhere!"

For the record Helena won two Block matches in the Main Championship against Cheryl Bromley (USA) and New Zealander Noeline Posselt, whilst Pam got close but drew a blank.

Both then played in the Plate, the format for which is unclear to me but seemingly involed a good number of games.

The details of the Plate results are not posted on the Championship web site at all but Helena reports winning four out of seven matches.

Belatedly, all the Main Championship results have appeared and can be accessed via this web address: <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/files/Site/174/24/Pdf/11112> (note this is not a 'link and you will have to 'copy and paste this into you browser)





On Day 2 Pam was at the Kati Kati Club (sounds like a 50's jazz club!) and had her first encounter with the feared Egyptians. But Pam took 6 hoops out of Manal Ali Mohsen in thier first game before going down 0 - 2 again and her star was obviously in the ascendancy as she recored her first game win in her fourth match in losing to an Australian 1 - 2.

On Day 3 Her second report came from Mt Maunganui, and again Pam says that she is still looking for her forst match win.

Helena Fensome is yet to contact us:

But a reference to the Championship website reveals that, after a tough start she found the winning touch to defeat Cheryl Bromley from the USA.

Helena is playing at different grounds to Pam so we have no detail on her games, save the bare results.  
(Come on Helena, send us some news please!)