

# PHYLLIS COURT CROQUET

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### **October 2016 - COMPUTER FAILURE PREVENTS WEBSITE UPDATES**

#### **Chris Roberts writes:**

Sorry everyone, in early September my computer developed a fault that proved terminal. This meant that I was unable to update this website from 1 September to mid-October. Now with a new computer and time spent to set it up - **all is working fine again now.**

I have updated all the competition pages (*congratulations to our winners*) and the handicap page will be visited shortly. The September news page has been written for the record and filed under 'old news'.

*Happy reading :O)*

### **September 2016 - Headline News!**

#### **Christine Searle is a National Champion at the 8+ level !**

Christine Searle and Pauline Wood took part in the National Final of the CA's 'Grass Roots' competition (for handicaps 8+) at Nottingham and '**SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOF TOPS**' - Christine actually won it!  
Christine went to Nottingham with Pauline Wood to compete in mid-September. She was fortunate to qualify from her block for the knock-out stage and then won her semi and then Final, beating a player from Eynsham. So we have a National Champion in our Club for the first time since 2013 when Ian Norris won the B-Level (3+) Series final!

### **September 2016 - News round-up**

#### **Team matters**

All out League and Cup matches were concluded last month, but we have played '**local friendly**' matches:

#### **PCC 'Local' Friendly (v High Wycombe, away) - well beaten:**

*Pat Eades (7), Margaret Broughton (9), Madeleine Probert (10), Jim Walter (10), Christine Searle (11), Angus McKibbin (11), Deadre McKibbin (11), Rosemary Noel-Clarke (11).*

#### **PCC 'Local' Friendly (v Thames Valley, away) WON 11-5**

*Raymond Wood (3), Raghu Iyer (6), Philip Allison (9), Pauline Wood (9), Joanna Iyer (10), Mike Christmas (10), John Maguire (10), Margaret Broughton (10).*

#### **PCC 'Local' Friendly (v Blewbury, home) WON 10-6**

*Ian Norris (-1), Delia Norris (6), Sheila Stoker (7), Philip Allison (9), Pauline Wood (9), Margaret Broughton (10), Jim Walter (10), Christine Searle (11).*

### Internal Season-Long Competitions

Most competitions had been concluded in the month, but the Open and 3+ Doubles finals had to be played in October at High Wycombe (because we weren't allowed to play at our own club!). The results list below includes those two matches:

#### CG

Open Singles - Chris Roberts beat Ian Norris  
Open Doubles - Charlie von Schmieder & Colin Morgan beat Chris Roberts & Frances Colman  
Handicap Singles - Philip Allison beat Richard Peperell  
3+ Singles - Raymond Wood beat Hugh Crook  
5+ Doubles - Frances Colmansd & Raymond Wood beat Hugh Crook & Pauline Wood  
7+ Singles - Robin Morrell beat Ralph Chambers  
7+ Doubles - Dianne Brown & Ralph Chambers beat Pauline Wood & John Maguire

#### AC

Advanced - Charlie von Schmeider  
H'cap knock-out - Harry Midgley  
H'cap block - Richard Peperell  
H'Cap 18+ - Richard Peperell  
H'cap doubles - *'final still to be played'*

### Internal Day Tournaments

It is pleasing to report that we were victorious in the annual **Croquet v Bridge** tournament this time. Croquet scored a narrow advantage in the morning bridge and pressed it home in the afternoon croquet games.

### Qualifiers for National Competitions

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Elsewhere, Chris Roberts qualified twice over for the English National Singles Championship (The Ascot Cup), was seeded 11th and finished 7th and pleased.

### Individuals playing in 'CA Selection' tournaments

**Chris Roberts** enjoyed his promotion the First Eight (The Musks Cup), found the quality field tough going, won a match but finished 8th.

**Roger Goldring** made his debut in the Second Eight (The Kate Jones Memorial), was seeded 8th but finished 7th winning two matches.

### Individuals playing in other 'outside' tournaments

**Frances Colman** was undefeated and won AC Veterans title at the famous Hurlingham Club.

She won two cut glass and Hurlingma badged wine glasses, to go with the pair that she won for being runner-up there two seasons ago.

**Richard Peperell's** achievement in winning two B-Level Series tournaments this season qualified him for the National Finals at Budleigh this coming weekend.

Unfortunately he was not able to take up his place because he came to Corfu with Frances Colman and Chris Roberts to play in the Greek AC Championship (see October news).

### Handicaps

There will have been some automatic handicap adjustments for sure, but my computer failure prevents me reporting on those here (perhaps see October news when I get round to it).

### All comers

A 'difficulty' has been reported which is to do with 'who plays who' and players generally just not 'getting on with it'.

This shouldn't be difficult everyone any you are reminded that you should 'mixing-in' without favour and play the next available players, on the next available court!

Mike Christmas has come up with a new system that will self-manage 'who plays who' and this will be investigated in the close season.

