### PHYLLIS COURT CROQUET

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### 30th March 2012 - Croquet at PCC still growing

We are pleased to announce that we have <u>33 NEW MEMBERS</u> who have joined us this season.

Most are brand new to croquet and will undergo thier initial trailing on 12th, 13th, 16th 17th of this month.

We also welcome Claire Appleyard who joins up from Blewbury CC and Lillian Bown-rees who is returning to the sport after a lengthy lay-off.

### 28th March 2012 - Another new roll for Chris

Chris Roberts was appointed as a National Croquet Association GC Handicapper today - more national recognition for Phyllis Court Croquet!

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### 24th March 2012 - Southern Croquet Federation AGM

Frances Colman & Chris Roberts attended our area Federation meeting at Winchester CC.

Both were re-appointed to their committee rolls as i/c Golf Croquet and Development Officer respectivly, and Chris was also appointed to the new roll of GC Handicapper. Not such a good attendance this year - but all the GC issues had been decided at Frances' Clubs meeting back in December, and guite right too. :O)

### 20th March 2012 - Courts Update

The Club have undetaken major works to drainage from the main building and car parks.

It reamins to be seen if this will have a positive effect on our courts, which 'might' have been the recipients of 'run-off' waters last season. In any effect, the works will have done us no harm.

A second contractor has now been engaged to quote for the courts drainage work which was highlighted in the ground survey that was undertaken in November. Any works that are deemed necessary, will be scheduled to commence as soon as our season closes in mid September.

And finaly, a reminder of the findings of the afforementioned ground survey:

There is a thick layer of clay not far beneath the surface and 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 have quoted a very large figue indeed to fix the problem and negotioations with the Club management are on going.



Mike Fensome with winning 'lain Lindsay' partner Sylvia Thomson

### 19th March 2012 - Mike's a 5

Winter Croquet has paid off for Mlke Fensome who's recent latest trip to Hamptwoth saw him return with a handicap reduced down to a 5 - Congtaulations Mike!

There was credit too for Rosemary Noel-Clarke, enteringing her first Tournamnet away from Phyllis Court - apparently she took a hoop off of Rutger Beijderwellen. Okav. so it's handicap play, but he is the UK no 6!

### 15th March 2012 - Over 60 members attend 'Spring Drinks'

There was another good turnout for this latest off-season function which saw a flurry of activity with competition entry forms. All competitions are being well supported and it is especially pleasing to see 'first time entries' being submitted - Well done you!

Our CA Listed 'B' Level Tournament (Hc 4-8) is up to 12 entries now, 6 visitors and 6 from PCC.

28th February 2012 - IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### - Date change for our Summer Party!

All members were advised today that the date for our Summer party has been changed from the Friday 10th August to a work later. The pay date is Friday 17th August

### 15th February 2012 - Competition entries starting to arrive

Micheal Wiles and Heather Masheter were quick out of the blocks and were first to get their Season Long Competionton entries submitted.

Both have entered all 6 competitions and Rosemary Noel-Clarke is not far behind in entering 4.

We have also recieved three entries already for our Croquet Accociation 'B' Level Tournament on 17 & 18th August - PCC's own Mike Fensome plus our friends from Hamptworth, Richard Jenkins and Janet Trueman, - A great start!





### 7th February 2012 - Rosemary N-C to dip her toe in 'Outside' Tournament play

Following in the footsteps of other brave soles, Rosemary Noel-Clarke (handicap 9, pictured left) will be venturing to the Hamptworth Club this weekend to keep up Phyllis Court's representation in their 'Winter Handicap Series'.

Michael Wiles (7) and Heather Masheter (7) will be returning there too after enjoying their earlier weekend away in December.

Hugh Crook (8) and Mike Fensome (now a 6 again) also took 'the plunge' to debut last month along side seasoned touranment players Helena
Fensome (2) and Chris Roberts (1).

If you would like to experience croquet beyond our Club gates be assured that it is great fun and you will be made most welcome almost anywhere you go - ring Chris Roberts for detials of how to join in - 079 7378 7710

Update - Unfortunatly for Rosemary, Heather & Michael, the weekend's Tournamnet at Hamptwoth was 'Snowed off' :O(

### 31st Juanuary 2012 - FIVE NEW TOURNAMENTS ANNOUNCED including 'A Feather in our Cap!'

Our pre-season meeting was held today and over 75 members gathered to hear exciting plans for the forthcoming season. A full written report will be dispatched to all members next week but here are the highlights:

Plea from Chairman Chris Roberts for improved discpline and etiqutte on our Courts this season Ocasionally some let their standards slip last season, we need to reverse this trend please

NEW - Croquet Association sponsored Golf Croquet 'B' Level SinglesTournamnent for the 'Smokey Eades Cup' - a TWO DAY EVENT.

We are so pleased to be hosting this - it really does put Phyllis Court on the croquet map!

**NEW** - Open Singles Tournament (anyone can enter).

NEW - 5+ Singles Tournament (anyone with a handicap of 5 or more can enter).

NEW - 80+ Singles Tournament (anyone over 80 years old can enter - born on or before 9th June 1932).

A gentile day with inclusive afternoon tea.

NEW - 'Olympics' Tournament (initially for anyone born out side England & we will have a draw to see who will represent England).

On the opening day of the London Olympics, come a celebrate with our own contribution to the 'five ringed circus'.

NEW - A Golf Croquet Clinic will operate at Tuesday 'All comers' sessions' for those looking to improve thier skills

Staffed by one of our experienced coaches

Ann Norman (pictured right) is now the 'All Comers' represenative on the committee.

All our traditional Tournaments will be played again this season - the 'Cave Wolfe', 'lain Lindsay' & the three 'Drawn Partners'.

Rule change - You can now play with the same partner in both the 'Cave Wolfe' & 'lain Lindsay' Tournaments.

All our Association Tournaments and Competitions remain from last season.

We have aproximatly 25 new members hoping to join Phyllis Court Croquet.

Members encouraged to join the Croquet Association (CA) - Special deal currently available - join for just £ 12 - see Chris Roberts

75 members attended our Winter Lunch that followed the meeting. Our President Smokey Eades (pictured, right) was Guest of Honour and entertained us all with tails of how croquet all started at Phyllis Court - quite fascinating.







Mike Fensome (pictured right) reduced his handicap back to 6 as he lead the way amongst the Phyllis Court guartet at the Winter Handicap Tournaments at Hamptworth CC last weekend.

Enjoyong the luxury of the extra shot that his recently aguired 7 handicap allowed. Mike lost just one of his six games to finish 2nd in the Saturday event and followed that with a 4th place on Sunday.

Not to be out done, Helena Fensome (HC 2) repeated the family trick turning her 7th placing on Saturday with a runner-up spot on the Sunday. Helena beat Mike in their only 'head to head' encounter of the weekend and so has the crowing rights at home!

The pair were joined by Chris Roberts (HC 1) and Hugh Crook (HC 8), the latter playing in his first Tournament away from PCC.

Hugh finished a very creditable 8th and Chris struggled in to a lowly 14th.

Heather Masheter (HC 7) and Michael Wiles (HC 7) will be making their second appearences at Hamptworth in the February and March Tournaments and will be joined by another debutant Rosemary Noel-Clarke (HC 9) - Read about how they get on on these pages in due course.

### 3rd January 2012 - Winter Croquet at Hamptworth

The Croquet jungle drums have been beeting and we learn that PCC mallets have been in action in these winter months. Heather Masheter and Michael Wiles have taken advantage of the Winter Tournaments at Hamptworth CC on the edge of the New Forest. They apparently attended both December events and, along with Rosemary Noel-Clarke, are booked in to play in February and March as well. And they are not the only ones; Hugh Crook & Chris Roberts have joined Helena & Mike Fensome on the entry list for the January Tournament on 14th & 15th. If anyone eles would like details of these enjoyable Tournaments, please get in touch with Chris Roberts 07973 787710.

### **GOLF CROQUET**

### TOURNAMENTS

SOUTHERN FEDERATION - SOLSTICE TOURNAMENT **PHYLLIS COURT** Winners - Solstice Cup

Charlie von Schmeider & TJ Johansen

SPRING DOUBLES TOURNAMENT Runners-up - Hilda Dobson Cups Winners - Cave Wolfe Salvers

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 Winners - Iain Lindsav Cup Sylvia Thomson & Mike Fensome

### SEASON LONG COMPETITIONS

7+ DOUBLES

Runners-up - Cox Wood Cups Anne Attfield & Cynthia Hutton Winners - Dorrien Belson Cups Pat Eades & Rosie Richardson

7+ SINGLES

Runner-up - Colman Quaich Michael Wiles Winner - Suzanne Roberts Quaich Ian Norris

5+ DOUBLES

Runners-up - Chris Read & Anne Attfield Cups John Chalfont & Hugh Crook **Vivian Thomson & Raymond Wood** Winners - Eades Cups

5+ SINGLES

Runner-up - Vivian Thomson Cup Mike Fensome Winner - Tighe Cup **Raymond Wood** 

OPEN DOUBLES

Runners-up - Dilys & Alex Earnshaw Cups Raymond Wood & TJ Johansen Winners - Spensley & Cox Salvers Frances Colman & Chris Roberts

OPEN SINGLES

### **ASSOCIATION CROQUET**

### **TOURNAMENTS**

SOUTHERN FEDERATION - ARMADA TOURNAMENT Winners - Armada Trophy **PHYLLIS COURT** 

Frances Colman & Chris Roberts

ONE BALL TOURNAMENT (r/u Chris Roberts)

Winner - One Ball Trophy Frances Colman

SPRING DOUBLES TOURNAMENT (r/u Brian Bucknall & Derek Toms) Elizabeth O'Dair & Frances Colman Winners - Barneses Cup

AUTUMN SINGLES TOURNAMENT (High handicap) (r/u Bruce Mason)

Winner - Zia Sterling Cup Michael Wiles

AUTUMN SINGLES TOURNAMENT (r/u Peter Honey)

Winner - Caversham Plate **Chris Roberts** 

### SEASON LONG COMPETITIONS

LADIES COMPETITION (r/u June Robinson)

Winner - Orr Plate **Frances Colman** 

DOUBLES COMPETITION (r/u Harry Midgley & Michael Wiles)

Winners - Greenbury Trophy Elizabeth O'Dair & Helen Walker

SINGLES Block COMPETITION (r/u Helen Walker)

**Chris Roberts** Winner - Poulton Cup

SINGLES Knock-Out COMPETITION (r/u Elizabeth O'Dair)

Winner - Adlam Tankard **Keith Noble** 

SINGLES ADVANCED PLAY COMPETITION

(High Handicap) (r/u Sonia Cox)

Winner - Section Tankard Frances Colman

### Our Competition Winners 2011 - full stories in NEWS -

### **GOLF** ASSOCIATION

Open Singles - Charlie von Schmieder

**Open Doubles - Frances Colman & Chris Roberts** 

5+ Singles - Raymond Wood

5+ Doubles - Raymond Wood & Vivian Thomson

7+ Singles - Ian Norris

7+ Doubles - Rosie Richardson & Pat Eades

Past Winners -

Golf Past Winners

Adavnced Singles (-13) - Peter Honey

Adavnced Singles (14+) - Frances Colman

HC Block Singles - Chris Roberts

HC Singles Knock-out - Keith Noble

HC Doubles -

HC Ladies Singles - Fran

Past Winners

- Keith Nobie - Eliz.O'Dair & Helen Walker

- Frances Colman

" Assoc. Past Winners

## Golf Croquet Cup & League Team Achievements 2011

### **CA National Competitor**

Golf Inter-Club Championship - semi-finalists
GA National Competiton

Golf Inter-Club 'Murphy' Shield - semi-finalists

Southern Croquet Federation Golf Level Play League

- 3rd (out of 5)

Southern Croquet Federation (North Region)
Golf Handicap League - 4th & 5th (out of 6)

For detailed GC match results & league tables:

Southern Croquet Federation Solstice Tournament

Results + Selections

- WINNERS

(C.von Schmeider & T. Johansen)

## Assoc Croquet League Team Achievements 2011

Southern Croquet Federation Accociation Handicap League

- 2nd (out of 6)

For detailed AC match results & league tables:

Southern Croquet Federation

Armada Tournament

Assoc. Results etc

- WINNERS (Frances Colman & Chris Roberts)