

Review of our 2018 season

Not rain but heat was the element to be wary of this summer and croquet players could be seen seeking shade whenever possible. Some groups cancelled sessions as it was considered just too hot, but lots of sun cream and water helped. Nonetheless, as usual the croquet season has been enjoyed by many. Friendships made, much chatter and banter and, oh yes, great games played.

We had a successful day in May and thank the coaches who came from Surbiton; there was much to learn from their expertise.

Congratulations to Rosemary Coleman, the deserving winner of the June singles Golf Tournament.

July saw an event with a new twist, Croquet Sunday and picnic at Polesden. No pressure to win anything, (although who ever wants to lose?!) just a day of fun and chat.

The annual Doubles Tournament held in September was won by Rosemary Coleman and Peter Jackson. This is the second year running that a first year player has won the cup, so special congratulations to Peter, an inspiration to anyone starting.

This week our season sadly ended, with the sun still shining. It seemed a shame to leave the lawns but we know cold and wet weather is ahead. We thank the garden staff at Polesden for the care taken last winter; the lawns were so good at the start of the season, only the intense heat eventually produced patches. We truly appreciate the magnificent surroundings and Polesden visitors enjoy sitting and watching croquet being played and often ask questions about the game.

Thanks to the team of white liners of the lawns and to Martin for all his hard work in running such a large group so smoothly.

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