

Croquet news

Our croquet season will be over by the time you read this, cut short amid glorious weather. The Trust are worried about muddy lawns so the sad task of dismantling equipment will have been done. It was just too hot to play on some of the hottest days this summer but we got quite used to playing on brown grass!

The overall croquet group,



Blue skies brown lawns

administered by Martin Pulsford, has 65 members divided into seven playing groups, two groups play Golf Croquet and four play Association Croquet. Each group has a group administrator who runs their group just like any other u3a group. There is also a once weekly group for beginners and improvers.

The croquet picnic in August was well attended, always a fun social event with no pressure to win anything!

The Association croquet tournament was a great success although there were only twelve entries. Martin organised the event, assisted by David Snow. A picnic lunch was a welcome break in the middle of four



Martin gathering the groups

hours of play. We were especially pleased to see Iden Coleman who joined us for lunch.

Congratulations go to Ray White who followed up his Golf croquet win with this one. Martin presented Ray with his trophy after which David gave a vote of thanks to Martin for organising such an enjoyable day.



Val Shelton has a dilemma but she has plans

Martin has had a humorous exchange with a non croquet player in - Texas. Somehow an email had winged it's way to someone there who has the same name as one of the tournament entrants. He replied and wished us all well for the day. A pity he isn't a croquet player, that would have made a great exchange visit!

Thank you again to the National Trust for facilitating play and for keeping the lawns mowed and seeded, we know it's a constant battle with wildlife. Visitors from far and wide enjoy the lawns as much as we do which must make it all worthwhile.



Martin presenting the trophy to Ray

Trudi concentrating

5 Val Cross



Tournament entrants