



NOTTINGHAM CROQUET CLUB

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation - registered charity number 1205537



Providing “Croquet for All” – at every level from beginner to international – in the fine setting of Highfields Park

An accessible, non-energetic, non-contact sport of skill and strategy

Well-being benefits, fun and achievement

Visitors and potential new members always welcome

Our activities in 2023 – a pictorial review

We reached out



Free “have a go” sessions at village fetes, local parks (including mayor Wendy) and our annual presence at Splendour music festival

We ran Open Days



We welcomed and coached new members



We welcomed others

Many of these were visiting community or corporate groups



We welcomed others



We had a full programme for juniors



JUNIOR CROQUET CLUB

Ages 7 to 16

Wednesdays @ 4pm

juniors@nottinghamcroquet.org.uk

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Plus visits to schools, hosting national schools tournament.

One of our juniors played with distinction in the GC National Doubles Championship.

We played lots of croquet – sometimes we won
(and sometimes we watched)



We celebrated

Coronation and volunteering day, International Women's Day, end of season



Celebrating all female croquet players at Nottingham



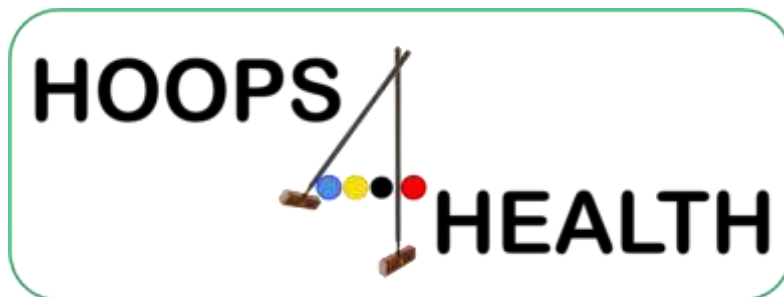
International Womens Day



8th March

We gave something back

Charity one-ball competition, provided public defibrillator, ran Hoops 4 Health



We volunteered

DIY, catering, tournament management, and so much more



Nottingham Croquet Club—Key Personnel 2023

Committee member



Ian Vincent*
President



Rob Edlin-White*
Chairman



Ellen Gee*
Secretary



John Davis*
Treasurer



John Filsak*
Tournament Secretary
Club Competitions



Will Gee*
Committee Member



Roger Watson*
Assistant Treasurer
Handicap Committee



Veronica Savill*
Committee Member



Omid Hallam*
Safeguarding Officer
Handicap Committee
(Chair)



Viv Staley
Coaching Coordinator
Newsletter
Handicap Committee



Ian Draper
Juniors Manager
Handicap Committee



Alex McIntyre
Lawns Manager



Euan Burridge
Lawn Bookings



Lorna Orton
Pavilion Manager
and Joint Catering
Manager



Irmgard Finnigan
Joint Catering
Manager



Martin Beacon
Bar Manager



Diana Plant
Social Secretary



David Brydon
Membership
Secretary



Carol Scott
Social and Corporate Bookings
(Jan is also Assistant Safeguarding Officer)



Jan Draper
Social and Corporate Bookings



Cathy Turski
GC Lead
Handicap Committee



Beatrice McGlen
Hoops 4 Health
Coordinator



Rachel Gee
GC Lead
CA Handicapper



Charlie Paget
Groundsman

We hosted tournaments and events

Including the AC International Development Squad and the AC Open Championships.

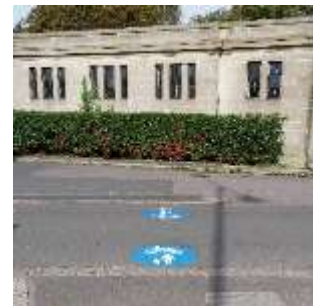
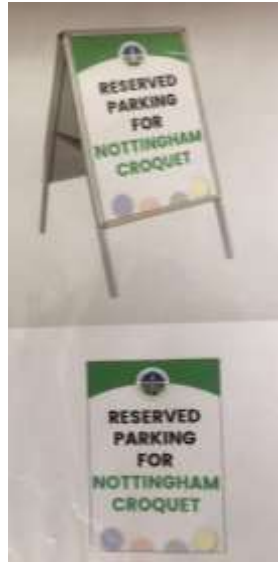


Tournaments in 2023			
Dates	Days	Event	Lawns
1 May	1	One-Ball Club Heat*	5
6 May	1	One-Ball Regional Final	5
11-14 May	4	AC Peels	6
3-4 June	2	AC B Level	8
9-11 June	3	AC East Midlands	8
24-25 June	2	AC C Level	5
1-9 July	9	AC Open Championships	8
12 July	1	GC B Level	5?
13 July	1	GC C Level*	5?
22-23 July	2	GC Championship	5
29-30 July	2	GC National Doubles	8?
7-8 Aug	2	AC Hallam Doubles*	5
14-19 Aug	6	AC Annual Week	9
2-3 Sept	2	AC Open W/E	6
9-10 Sept	2	AC Handicap W/E	5
16-17 Sept	2	AC Beginners Tournament	5
16-17 Sept	2	Schools and Juniors	4



And also ...

we improved west lawn security and our parking arrangements, we got our library organised, we had a guided tour of Nottingham City, our lawns had loads of expert care, we got the cycle lane better marked, we got flooded, Alex was awarded the CA Diploma, Ian was awarded the British Empire Medal, we had a fifth birthday girl, we had a sponsor. And much more that didn't get photographed – we installed cctv, got the west pavilion licensed, set up a charity etc etc ...



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Why?

Why do we do this wide range of activities?

As individuals , for some or all of these reasons:	As a club , every activity which uses our money, lawns or volunteers has a different combination of justifications; usually some selection of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We enjoy it.• Respite – we need some leisure.• We like a challenge and enjoy a sense of accomplishment.• We like to contribute.• We love the game.• We love the club.• We love the croquet scene.• We like meeting others.• We want to give back.• We like to improve our skills or meet personal goals.• We like to win.• It's good for our health and well-being.• We admire and aspire to excellence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To enjoy ourselves.• To provide public amenity.• To keep us solvent!• To welcome others.• To do the right thing (social responsibility).• Broadening access to sport.• Diversifying and socially enriching the club.• Club cohesion.• To help members and guests enjoy croquet and progress and flourish.• Skills development of individuals and teams – to succeed competitively.• Investing in the future of the sport.• Investing in the future of the club.• Participation in (and giving back to) the wider world of croquet.

Many thanks to all who have volunteered to make this vast range of activities possible.

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Photos of juniors and Hoops 4 Health activities are particularly sensitive.