

Club Competitions 2022

In the final of the

Josiah Lewis AC Handicap Singles

Martin Wicks beat Stephen Custance-Baker 26-22

and reduced his handicap to 3½

GC Handicap Singles Shield

Beverley Tapper beat Christine Smith 5-6, 7-3, 6-4

GC Doubles Shield

Dave Wall & Christine Smith beat

Dave Lusk & Sue Custance-Baker 7-2, 6-5

The winners of the competitions that involved a single block are:

The President's Shield for AC Advanced Singles

Martin Wicks

Runner-up: Stephen Custance-Baker

Brian Toomey Cup for AC Handicap Doubles

Stephen and Sue Custance-Baker

Runners-up: Dave Pennack & Judith Hutton

Matches 2022

The Short Croquet (Restricted) team (Lorne Loxterkamp, Judith Hutton, Sue Custance-Baker, Christine Jones) have lost 5 – 11 in the semi-final at home against Bath.

The Short Croquet (Open) team (Stephen Custance-Baker, Mike Balch, Dave Lusk, Sue Custance-Baker) have lost 7 - 9 in the final against Exeter at Nailsea.



Taunton Deane and Exeter teams

Regrettably, this means that none of our league teams have won their leagues this year. We will have to hope that one of our two Short Croquet teams in the Budleigh tournament will get us a plaque for the clubhouse wall.

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One remaining club competition is waiting for a semi-final to be played

The semi-finalists (winners in blue) are:

GC Level Play Salver

Neil Fillery v David Jones

Dave Wall v **Stephen Custance-Baker**

September 14th

Doubles success at Budleigh

Sue and Stephen Custance-Baker have won the Cooper Salver, the Budleigh GC Level Play Doubles competition.



The final, against Marc Colson (2) and Andrew Higgins (3) was very close and the final score was 3-7, 7-5, 7-6.

High Handicap GC Tournament

September 11th

An extremely successful tournament was held at the club for GC players with handicaps of 8 or more.

Altogether, 33 Level Play games were played.

Of the 16 players who took part, several were new members playing their first competitive games.

In the morning, 12 players played 3 games each in 3 blocks. The block winners were Steve Beer (9), Phil Wight (12) and Natasha Smith (12) and the best runner-up was Angela Hendry (11). These four competed in two semi-finals, with Steve Beer defeating Natasha 7-6 in a very close match. Angela Hendry beat Phil Wight 7-3 to set up a final against Steve but his accuracy was too great and he won 7-4. Natasha beat Phil by the same margin to secure 3rd place.

Four more players came to play in the afternoon and, along with those who had failed to qualify for the knockout, they played in an Egyptian competition. Three players, Barbara Howell, Sue Speller and Christine Jones, won two games each but the winner of the Egyptian, on hoop difference, was Christine.

Thanks were given to Sue Custance-Baker who organised the event and acted as tournament manager.

The whole event is very encouraging when next year's teams are being considered.

Steve Beer reduced his handicap to 8 and Beverley Tapper reduced hers to 12.



The semi-finals



**After a successful hoop
Jane Templeman v Phil Wight**

September 10th

Taunton Deane sent a team to the Champion of Champions tournament versus Budleigh, Sidmouth and Exeter at Budleigh. We were unable to repeat last year's performance and the winners were Sidmouth. We had one success, however, as Stephen won the GC Singles competition with Neil in second place.

August Short Croquet

Sue Baker was the winner of the Short Croquet 'A' block in August, with Stephen Custance-Baker as runner-up.

Only one game was played in each of the other blocks, won by Lorne Loxterkamp and Norman Perkins.

There will be no SC blocks in September or October, but they will run from November to February.

The winner for the season is Sue Baker with 7 points. Stephen Custance-Baker, Lorne Loxterkamp, Norman Perkins and Judith Hutton all had 4 points.

GTH Pirates Evening

September 1st 2022

On a very successful evening we had 25 from Greenslade Taylor Hunt having a go at Pirates Croquet. They brought their own barbecue and drinks and enjoyed several games of Pirates.

Several members of the club acted as hosts, guides and scorers while 20 visitors at a time were able to play.



Preparing for the arrival of the Pirates



Teaching estate agents how to be Pirates



Pirates having fun

Club Sessions 2022

The roll-ups in 2022 will be :

Monday Short Croquet

15:30 to 20:00 4 half lawns

Tuesday Golf Croquet

14:00 to 17:00 2 lawns

Thursday Golf Croquet

09:30 to 12:30 3 lawns

Friday Golf Croquet

14:00 to 17:00 2 lawns

Please be sure to arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled start time so that a prompt start can be made. Late arrivals will have to wait until the first game has finished (unless there is a 3-game willing to accept a 4th player).

If the session coincides with a home match, then only one lawn will be available.