

Summer season 2026

Hello Everyone

The Summer that had arrived seems to have disappeared again to be replaced by a mix of sun, rain, wind and hail.



However, this was the scene just before the singles tournament on 13 May. Storm clouds and hail. This was transient and the tournament was successfully completed.

In complete contrast we enjoyed the hottest day on the Bank Holiday

Monday 25 May only 12 days later.

National Croquet Day

National Croquet Day was on Sunday 3 May. I'm grateful to Lucy for giving me a report on the day. The event was not quite as well attended as we would like, perhaps being a bank holiday weekend. There was a splendid spread of food and a very successful raffle.

A special mention goes to Josh O'Donnell who very kindly came and flew his drone over the club showing our lawns and club house. Thank you to



Penny for the introduction. The dry weather means the lawns are not as green as we would like.



Suffolk Show

A big thank you to those members of the club who gave their time to help with our activities during the Suffolk Show. Those involved were:

Bernard Rudland

Jane Miller

Martin Brown

Melvyn Jones

Pam Squirrell

Peter Mee

Roy Squirrell

Lucy Ratcliffe

Martin Hart

Mick Miller

Penny Fisher

Ria Hunt

Simon Down

Sue Benard
Val Thurtle



Sue Holoway



Simon Holloway provided the following about the Suffolk show. From comments heard when playing on the ground, we need to have more people playing as this would we believe have encouraged more to come and visit us at the ground. On the stand we certainly were busy introducing the game to children and to their parents. One of the stewards gave us some possible groups to contact to offer corporate events to. At the end of the day we were visited by the Chief Steward to thank us for being part of the show.

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

Colin Breeze - U3A member who has now joined.

Jill Cuff

Linda Chambers

Patrick Whitear

Roger Lewis

Trish Lewis

In-house tournaments

The regular monthly cycle of golf croquet tournaments.

Recent results

Singles

Wednesday 8 April

Congratulations to Steve for winning all 4 of his matches, and 3 wins for Brian, Peter and Roy.

Wednesday 13 May

Congratulations to Brian who won all 4 of his games, and was first, Ria came second and Richard third. Both them won 3 of their games,

Doubles

Wednesday 22 April Mick and Melvyn beat Lucy and Penny 7-5

As a reminder the dates of the regular tournaments are:

Singles every 2nd Wednesday of month (organiser Martin Hart),
 every 4th Sunday of month (organiser Martin Hart)

Doubles every 4th Wednesday of month (organiser Simon Holloway),
 every 3rd Saturday (organiser Martin Brown)

Please enter via the noticeboard in the pavilion or via the website.

Victory Cup

The draw has been made for the Victory Cup and the first round matches are being played. Deadline for playing is the end of June.

Inter-club league matches

We are planning to take part in three regional competitions during summer 2026

Very local league (VLL) – contact Brian Hunt

Golf croquet 3+ B level league – contact Martin Brown

GC handicap league

At present dates have not been finalised.

Inter-club friendly matches

Meldreth (30 April). Ipswich lost 8-4. We are assured by Jane that it was closer than this suggests.

Thurston (14 May). Ipswich lost 7-4 in a weather affected match.

Social Events

Croquet and cake afternoons will take place on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-4 pm. These are organised by Jane Miller.

Club lunches will take place on the 3rd Saturday of the month after the Saturday doubles tournaments.

Family and friend's days



The first family and friend's day of the season took place on Easter Monday 6 April. The pavilion was cleaned by Sue, Sue, Mary and Anne. Many thanks to them. The event was well attended by members, U3A, Just Good Friends together with family and friends. It was very good to see several people who

had never played before thoroughly enjoying themselves. We hope that they will become full members. We are grateful to Mick and Jane for cooking a lovely BBQ, to the providers of cakes and prizes for the raffle.



Membership Cards 2026 / 27

A number of members have enquired. We are in the process of completing these and will leave them in the clubhouse.

Insurance and Public Liability.

We have just renewed our insurance policies. We will be placing the latest Certificate of our Public Liability Insurance in the clubhouse. However, we wish to remind members that they are responsible for any losses of personal items left in the clubhouse.

New Members

New members are always welcome. Please remind potential members know that they can have three visits for free to see if they like the game.

General Notes

1. Summer rules started on 1 April 2026 and jump shots are now permitted.
2. Please be diligent when entering your beverage consumption in the Tea and Coffee register.

We would like your feedback. If you have any comments about this or other newsletters or would like to contribute to the newsletter please contact the me via the club email account.

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