

“C” LEVEL GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT

On a hot sunny day on May 31st Nottingham Croquet Club hosted the Federation’s first “C” level Golf Croquet tournament, specially designed for novices and improvers with handicaps of 8-12. For some players it was their first venture into tournament play, playing at a venue with eight full-size lawns which are flat and true. Nottingham Croquet Club is fortunate in having a groundsman (Charlie) who keeps the lawns in excellent condition.

The format for play was devised to allow the whole Tournament to be played comfortably in a day. Twenty-four members of FEMCC clubs played in four blocks of six players in the morning, after which each player was numbered one to six in their block.

Lunch was served at 1.15pm. Cold chicken and ham, a selection of salads, pasta, rolls and potatoes, followed by Crepe Suzette and cream, then a choice of cheeses and biscuits (advertisement to play in Tournaments at Nottingham!). Lorna Orton was the volunteer caterer ably assisted by Pam Smart and Jean Gill, all Nottingham Club members (Lorna and Pam also played in the tournament). After this delicious lunch most players were ready for a snooze but no – play resumed at 2.30 pm. Two rounds to determine the winner and all twenty- four places. Dorothy Evans of Bakewell was the winner taking home the decanter; her fellow club member Mike White was the runner-up and Nottingham member Sandy Brown was third. Players expressed their desire for more “C” level tournaments and were pleased to hear that Nottingham were happy to host it again next year. The tournament was managed by Eileen Buxton (Ashby and Nottingham), the referee was Jennet Blake (Nottingham).