

Report on Federation Leagues for 2025

League Results Full results are published on the Federation website. Congratulations to this year's winners:

- AC U league – Sussex County Croquet Club
- AC B league – Guildford & Godalming Croquet Club
- AC S league – Bromley Croquet Club
- GC Level league – Sussex County Croquet Club
- GC Restricted league – Sussex County Croquet Club
- GC Handicap East league – Caterham Croquet Club
- GC Handicap West league – Hove Beach Croquet Club

Having dropped the AC and GC level leagues the previous season, this year saw the return of the GC league, as voted by the last AGM. It had 9 entries which is satisfactory. Hopefully more will take part next year.

Most leagues had slightly reduced numbers of entries this season; the exception was the GC handicap East league, where four clubs entered multiple teams. All of them completed all their fixtures and indeed, we had no walkovers this season and only 1 match failed to take place over all leagues which is very good and a significant improvement on other years.

It is important for clubs to note that, if they run additional teams, their travelling distances will be increased somewhat as each team will need different opponents.

We had one new club in the leagues and also in the Federation itself, as Aldershot Traction Bowls and Croquet club joined us and played in the GC Handicap West league. I hope they enjoyed the experience and will compete again next season.

Our nomination for the CqE Secretary's Shield next year will again be Sussex County, who are also to be congratulated for winning the Shield this season.

Our nomination for the GC Federation Shield will be Hove Beach, winners of the GC West league with a better win percentage than the winner of the East league, Caterham.

Generally there were fewer issues arising during the season. There is some concern about the wording of the handicap limitation rule for the GC Restricted league and that will be looked at over the winter.

This is my last report to you as the Leagues Organiser. I am sorry that, for family reasons, I am not able to be with you today to introduce my successor Matt Cook, but I leave you in good hands and wish you all a successful 2026 season.

John Low