

Tournament Report for CqSE AGM 15 November 2025

All the scheduled tournaments have been completed successfully this year.

However, some proved difficult to fill, partly due to mistaken entries but mainly due to late withdrawals. Others, such as Carnival Day, the Southeast Challenges and Short Croquet would have benefitted from more entries.

On this latter point, I sent out a consultation document in mid-September asking clubs what they would like in the way of tournaments for next year. For example, should the SE Challenges be 1 or 2-day events, what days of the week would be preferred and what should the handicap range be. The object was to give the clubs who regularly compete,

the opportunity to shape the events on offer but also to see what other changes could be made to attract clubs who seldom or never enter tournaments.

The response from clubs was very poor but it was clear that 1-day tournaments were preferred due to problems with travelling and overnight stays, particularly here in the south it seems. I am therefore recommending that as an experiment for 2026, the Southeast Challenge (South) tournament be advertised as a 1-day event. If this successfully attracts more clubs, then this change can be made permanent and discussions held with the Manager(s) of the North event and consideration given to changing this to a 1-day event also.

I am also recommending that we amend the 0+ eligibility in the tournament descriptions to DG < 2000 in line with recent Golf Croquet Tournaments Committee decision.

A precis of the current year's tournaments is given below. Some more detailed reports are on the website.

AC Teams Day 4th May 2025

Six teams from five clubs came to Sussex County at Southwick for this year's AC Teams Day.

The tournament was run as a 1-day event of 14 point full bisque games of 1 hour 20 minutes duration.

On a very cold day, the Trophy was won by Reigate Priory with 7 out of a possible 8 wins over the day. Their nearest rival was Sussex County with 5 wins.

Short Croquet Teams 29th June 2025

Ealing Croquet Club hosted the Short Croquet Teams Handicap Tournament on Sunday 29 June. The Tournament Manager was Tony Elliott.

The competition comprised four teams of four players each: Ealing; High Wycombe; Reigate Priory and Guildford & Godalming. Ealing overcame last year's winners Reigate Priory in the final.

It was played on a very hot weekend but despite this, everyone enjoyed the day.

GC Ladies Day 9th July 2025

GC Ladies Day was held at Southwick on Wednesday 9th July, managed by Robyn Clark and Linda Gavigan.

14 teams took part again this year, each with 4-6 players.

This is a GC handicap tournament was run using Advantage rather than Extra Turns in accordance with the AGM decision last year. The Advantage system made it far more

complicated to record the results and score – particularly the unfinished games but all was fine on the day. Dulwich came out winners with a full house of 6 wins.

This was a very pleasant sociable Tournament and the Managers received many messages of appreciation.

SE Challenge South 12th July 2025

This was held at Southwick on Saturday 12th August, managed by Roger Sutton.

It turned out to be a difficult tournament to put together with 4 of the original entries pulling out and it was decided to change it to a 1-day competition.

A lot of last-minute messaging and phoning eventually gave us 6 teams and at the end of the day it proved to be a very successful tournament.

It is currently a GC level play 0+ tournament and was won by Sussex County CC

GC Carnival Day 3rd August 2025

Carnival Day was held at Southwick on Sunday 3rd August managed by Bill Arliss.

9 clubs took part this year forming 11 teams, each with 4-6 players. Lodsworth fielding 98 year old Jean Farguson. Jean is now 99 and plays at Lodsworth CC.

The GC handicap tournament was run using Extra Turns which made it a lot easier to score with a busy Tournament. Chichester and Fishbourne CC came out winners with 6 wins from 8 matches.

SE Challenge North 16/17th August 2025

This was held over a weekend at Surbiton managed by Andy Dibben and Maxine Ricketts.

Dulwich intended to enter the event but entered the south event in error. Thus, Surbiton had 6 teams and they couldn't accommodate a 7th, so when Dulwich realised their

mistake, they could not enter the north event and could not raise a team for the south event.

To cap it all, at the last moment Canterbury withdrew which left Surbiton with 5 teams. Dulwich were no longer able to raise a team, so Surbiton went with 5 and in the event it was a successful tournament

It is a GC level play 0+ tournament and Cheam beat Ramsgate in the final.

Recommendation: That for 2026, the Southeast Challenge (South) tournament be advertised as a 1-day event.

Recommendation: That players eligibility to play in the 0+ tournaments be amended from 0+ to DG < 2000.

Bob Clark

13 November 2025