2026 Tournament Report

All the scheduled tournaments have been completed successfully this year.

Carnival Day, the Southeast Challenges and Short Croquet tournaments would have benefitted from more entries but there were suficient to make the tournaments successful.

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

GC Ladies Day 1st July 2026

GC Ladies Day was held at Southwick on Wednesday 1st July managed by Jo Crosby and Nira Scutt.

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

The GC handicap tournament was again run using Advantage rather than Extra Turns in accordance with the AGM decision 2 years ago. The Advantage system made it far more complicated to record and score – particularly the unfinished games but all was fine on the day. Chichester and Fishbourne came out winners by just 1 point from last year's winners, Dulwich.

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

GC Carnival Day 9th August 2026

Carnival Day was held at Southwick on Sunday 9th August managed by Bill Arliss.

10 clubs took part this year forming 12 teams each with 4-6 players. Lodsworth again fielding 99 year old Jean Farguson – she is now 100 and still playing.

The GC handicap tournament was run using Advantage rather than Extra Turns which was originally proposed. Lodsworth came out winners in both the singles and the doubles events.

SE Challenge South 11th July 2026

This was held at Southwick on Saturday 11th August managed by Roger Sutton.

The tournament was much better supported than last year with 6 entries and no withdrawals. It was changed to a 1-day competition last year. This appears to be preferred and it proved to be a very successful tournament.

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

SE Challenge North 22/23rd August 2026

This was held over a weekend at Surbiton managed by Cliff Hunter.

It is a GC level play 0+ tournament.

A successful tournament was held with 6 clubs competing over 2 days

Cheam were unbeaten throughout with 12 wins from 12 games and beat Reigate in the final.

Short Croquet Teams 28th June 2026

Ealing Croquet Club hosted the Short Croquet Teams Handicap Tournament on Saturday 28 June. The Tournament Manager was Sean Doherty.

The competition comprised four teams: Ealing; Merton; Reigate Priory and Guildford & Godalming, each fielding four players. Ealing were winners again this year.

AC Teams Day 3rd May 2026

Only 2 teams entered this tournament which was due to be played at Sussex County, Southwick. They were Reigate Priory and Sussex County.