

# Croquet Diary for the 2014 Croquet Championship of County Dublin held at Carrickmines CLTC, County Dublin



Welcome to the Championships of County Dublin held at Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club held on the 30th May to the 2nd June 2014.

A large crowd of croquet supporters came along to the presentation of the trophies and prizes after a wonderful 4 day croquet event. The weather was kind with no rain over the four days and two particular warm days on Friday and Saturday. Observance of the rule of letting the croquet captain win 26 nil was observed by Danny Johnston and Evan Newell in the plate competition. However Fiacra Carroll did beat the croquet captain Gerard Osborne Burke twice so consideration is being given to banning him from

future competitions. The singles championship The Railway Cup was won by Danny Johnston beating Simon Williams in the final. However Simon won the doubles The Coronation Bowls with Anne Marie McGowan who played a blinder against Stephen Strong and new comer Daniel Bennett. The handicapped singles The Boxwell Cup was won by Fiacra O Carroll after a good fight put up by Joe McGowan who kept getting stuck in his hoops costing him the game.

A new Trophy kindly presented by Joe and Anne Marie McGowan = "Missing Phantom Trophy" won by Anne Marie !! very appropriate and well deserved.

Just a reminder that club nights are Wednesday evenings and competition day is Sunday so all are encourage to come and play. Danny Johnston will resume his lessons on Wednesday week. Simon will give free lessons to anybody on Wednesdays evenings and Nathaniel Healy will be giving lessons to more advanced players. The croquet captain and committee looks forward to seeing everybody together with all our guest at the Croquet Championships of Ireland in August.



Anne Marie Mc Gowan with Simon Williams and G. Osborne Burke

Danny Johnston being presented Railway Cup

**Mr. Evan Newell did his usual handicap reductions.**

He would have reduced Simon Williams but can't put him any lower than he is.

Daniel Bennett 18 to 17, Fiachra Carroll 31/2 to 3, Alan Looney 8 reduced to 6, Anne Marie McGowan 17 to 16, Joe Mc Gowan 8 to 7, Gerard Osborne Burke 7 to 5

## Winners

Railway Cup (Championship) : Danny Johnston (runner up Simon Williams)

Boxwell Cup (Handicap Singles): Fiachra Carroll (runner up Joe McGowan)

Coronation Cup (Handicap Doubles): Simon Williams + Anne Marie McGowan (runners up Stephen Strong + Daniel Bennett)

Duff Mathews (advanced singles 3.5 to 8): Fiachra Carroll (runner up Joe McGowan)

Midway no trophy yet (Singles 9 to 14): John McAuley

Phantom Trophy (singles 15 an over base 12): Anne Marie McGowan (runner up Sylvia Briggs)

Steel Cup (handicap Plate): Danny Johnston

Gerard Osborne Burke Croquet Captain June 2014