

Golf croquet – international match played at Balgreen

An international match was played in Edinburgh last weekend in Balgreen.



Jane Morrison (Croquet Association of Ireland Captain).pt
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She herself has a world ranking and will play in New Zealand next January.

We met Jane on Saturday and spoke to her about the background of the fixture:

There are eight players in each team and the plan was to play four doubles matches and four singles on each of the two days. Croquet is one of the very first sports which was allowed after the pandemic as it is played outside and offers each player a lot of space on the croquet lawn. At Balgreen Croquet and Bowling Club they have four separate lawns allowing several matches to be played at once.

By the end of the weekend Ireland was declared the winner with 57 games to Scotland's 19, although the Scottish Women's Team had some good victories among the results. The full results

are published [here](#).

Kathy Brown was the newly appointed captain and she said she is looking forward to the return match at Rushbrooke in Co Cork in 2023.

Sadly the Irish team was just too too strong for the inexperienced Scottish squad but they all had a very enjoyable weekend and are looking forward to next year. The intention is that following a successful inaugural event, the fixture will now be played each year.

A trophy was presented to the Croquet Association of Ireland Team by Roger Binks, Chairman of the Scottish Croquet Association.

Golf croquet – some of the international play at Balgreen Croquet and Bowling Club last weekend
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Yvonne Marrinan Croquet Association of Ireland and Kim Dalland Scottish Croquet Association waiting to play. Photo: © 2022, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com



Aileen Kirstein (Newbridge and Ireland) in action for Croquet Association of Ireland. Photo: © 2022, Martin P. McAdam
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Janet Brunton in action for Scottish Croquet Association.
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Yvonne Mills (Balgreen and Scottish Croquet Association) and
Sylvia Briggs (Dalkey and Croquet Association of Ireland).

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Halcyon Byers from Balgreen Croquet and Bowling Club and Jane Morrison (Croquet Association of Ireland Captain). Photo: © 2022, Martin P. McAdam www.martinmcadam.com



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Patricia Whitty from Cobh County Cork representing The Croquet Association of Ireland. Photo: © 2022, Martin P. McAdam
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Kathy Brown, Captain, Scottish Croquet Association Team and

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Balgreen is only one of three croquet clubs in Edinburgh with others at The Meadows and Lauriston Castle.



The beautiful croquet lawn at Lauriston Castle