

## The Inaugural GC European Club League, 2023

An exciting new event designed to give club players throughout Europe the opportunity to play abroad and also to find the Champion club team in Europe.

The winners of 6 Qualifying Stages will compete in the **Grand Final to be held at the prestigious Roehampton Club, London (England) 13-15<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

Each qualifying stage will consist of 4 teams of 4 players, who will all play each other over the course of a single weekend. The first Qualifying Stage was held at the Algarve Club (Portugal) in November 2022 when the Roehampton Club were victorious <https://croquetscores.com/2022/gc/european-club-league-algarve-1>



### Five further Qualifying Stages are planned throughout 2023:

- 29/30th April Dulwich, London (England)
- 10/11th June CERN, Geneva (Switzerland)
- 8/9th July Ikškile, Riga (Latvia)

Two additional Stages will be arranged during 2023, in the first instance open to those that have been unsuccessful in gaining places in the above heats. If you are interested in hosting one of these further Qualifying Stages please contact Ian Burrige [burrige.ian@gmail.com](mailto:burrige.ian@gmail.com)

All clubs are encouraged to enter, the commitment for each team is to play in just one Qualifying Stage from those listed above and if victorious participation in the Grand Final, 13-15<sup>th</sup> October.

**If interested to enter please return the attached completed form to [burrige.ian@gmail.com](mailto:burrige.ian@gmail.com)  
Entries must be received by Sunday March 5th 2023.**

## Host Club Information

### Dulwich Croquet Club (England)

- A 3 lawn club, based in South London (aprox 4 miles from centre of London)
- Accessible from any of London's airports, and with numerous transport links to the club
- Part of a wider sports club, with tennis, squash and cricket on site
- Well known for its sociability, hospitality and general desire to enjoy all things croquet
- <https://dulwichcroquet.com/>

**The CERN Croquet Club (Switzerland)** is located within the grounds of the European Centre for Fundamental Physics Research, on the outskirts of Geneva. CERN, itself straddles the Swiss / French border, and the Club's two full sized lawns are situated within that part of CERN which is in France. CERN is a 20 minutes Tram ride from the City Centre and 10 minutes by bus from Geneva International Airport. There are a host of hotels on both sides of the border, offering a wide range of facilities and prices. Assistance with transportation from hotels to the Club can be arranged if required. Should anyone be interested in a tour of CERN, or indeed any other attractions in Geneva, this can be arranged in advance if requested early enough.

Further information can be found at:

<https://cerncroquetclubgeneva.com/>  
<https://home.web.cern.ch/>

**Ikšķile Croquet Club (Riga, Latvia)** is in a small suburb town of Ikšķile in beautiful surroundings, 30 km from downtown Riga, or 45 min drive from Riga International Airport. The three full size club lawns have been built in 2021 with a help of WCF development grant. Clubhouse has all modern facilities, and there are good accommodation and catering facilities nearby. In 2022, the club hosted the European Women's GC Championship with 28 players.



A link to google street view, unfortunately, off-season:

<https://www.google.com/maps/@56.8162365,24.5197669,3a,75y,174.85h,84.96t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1s9zmiKYlvxY5bDDXj2lzxDA!2e0!7i16384!8i8192>

Website of the club <https://krokets.lv/ikk/>

**Roehampton Croquet Club (England)** is situated within the private members Roehampton Club. It has four immaculate lawns, one in a walled garden. It is situated in South West London, approximately 30 mins from Heathrow and a short walk from Barnes railway station. Further details about the club can be found on its website, <https://www.roehamptonclub.co.uk/>