

LINCOLN CUP WEEKEND AT WOODHALL SPA

At the weekend the annual Lincoln Cup Croquet competition was hosted by Woodhall Spa Croquet Club, with players entered from Branston, Dunston, North Hykeham, Gainsborough, Torksey, Southwell and Long Eaton.

18 pairs entered the double event, held on Saturday. The teams were divided into three groups, each playing a series of seven rounds with two sit-outs. With eight people playing on each of the lawns, it was necessary to double bank and use secondary balls.

The team with the most games won, wins in the preliminary rounds, Mike Bilton from Gainsborough and Pauline Donner from Woodhall Spa, had an automatic bye into the final.

The semi-final playoff saw Paul Durkin and Jane Tewson (Long Eaton) play Barrie Darling and Roy Donner (Woodhall Spa), after a closely fought match Paul and Jane won 7 hoops to 6.

After an exciting match which could have gone either way, the final winners of the day with 7 hoops to 5 were Paul and Jane, who took the Lincoln Cup doubles trophy back to Long Eaton.

On Sunday, 15 players, mostly from the same clubs as the previous day entered the Singles competition (held on Sunday). The same format was used, with 5 rounds being played with two sit-outs.

The semi-final was played between second place Pauline Donner (Woodhall Spa) and third place and Roy Donner (Woodhall Spa). Roy won by 7 hoops to 4. The final saw Roy lose to Mike Bilton (Richmond Park Club, Gainsborough) by 7 hoops to 1.



Paul Durkin & Jane Tewson from Long Eaton Croquet club receiving the Lincoln Cup from Pauline Donner chair, Woodhall Spa Croquet club.



Mike Bilton from Richmond Park Croquet club, Gainsborough, receiving the Lincoln singles trophy from Pauline Donner, Chair, Woodhall Spa Croquet club.