

## **GOLF CROQUET WM LEAGUE V's SHREWSBURY (H)**

Philip Wood won his four singles games, plus a doubles game in partnership with John Handy, who also won two of his singles games. The weather was overcast and cool, but fine and we started on time. The doubles was played first and we won the game played for two points, but lost the game played for one point.

There then followed the four rounds of singles.

After the first round of singles we were 3-4 down having won only one singles game. We then won the next round 3-1 so the match stood at 6-5 to Kenilworth.

The next round was shared 2-2, so we entered the last round in the lead by 8-7. On lawn 2 we soon won one and lost one, and all attention turned to lawn 1 where Derek Fairburn and John Clark, our no 3 and 4 players, were up against their nos 2 and 3. Unfortunately they didn't quite make it, both losing 7-5 after heroic struggles.

**So the match was lost 10-9.**

The Shrewsbury players were all more accustomed to playing Association Croquet to a high standard, but our experience of the wiles of GC almost won the day.

At one point a large rabbit had the impertinence to come out onto the lawn and nibble around quite near the players

Philip Wood