



### **JOHN-PAUL MOBERLY (C)**

John-Paul has been ranked around the world's top 10 for the last six years. After discovering croquet at his local club Croquet Durham in 2011, John-Paul entered the GC circuit in 2014 and has since won numerous national tournaments. He is a three times First Eight (Ricki Savage Memorial) champion and four times British Open runner-up. He has competed in the last three GC World Championships, finishing 10th overall in 2017. As captain, he led England to a bronze medal in the 2020 Openshaw Shield. Professionally, John-Paul is a Hydraulic Engineer for United Utilities.

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### **ASTON WADE**

Aston started playing Association Croquet in 2016 during his first year at Winchester College. He later learned to play Golf Croquet at Hamptworth Croquet Club in the summer of 2020. The following year he won the 2021 GC British Open at the age of 18 and, in May 2022, he won the European GC Championship. This event marks Aston's debut for the England GC team. He is also playing for this year's England teams at both the AC and GC Home Internationals and he has been selected to represent England in the GC World Championships in the summer.

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### **WILL GEE**

Will started playing Croquet at Nottingham, originally playing only Association Croquet, but eventually making a complete shift to Golf Croquet. Will fondly remembers 2011-2016; during that time, he won several ranking competitions, including two English Championships, played for England in the first two GC World Team Championships and received a Croquet Full Blue at Oxford University. But his time for Croquet almost completely evaporated when he started a PhD in sleep deprivation. After briefly pursuing an academic career in Melbourne, Will returned to his hometown in 2019 and now hopes to play more regularly.



### **STEPHEN MULLINER**

Stephen, 68, discovered competitive croquet as a Cambridge undergraduate in 1975 and began playing in tournaments in 1976. In Association Croquet, he has won the British Open Championship three times, the World Championship in 2016 and has represented Great Britain or England in the MacRobertson Shield on eight occasions since 1982. Stephen took up Golf Croquet seriously in 2000 and has won the British Open Championship eight times and reached the World Championship semi-finals three times. He has represented England in the Openshaw Shield three times and is the current English National Singles Champion.

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### **STUART M SMITH**

Stuart started playing croquet in 2016 and won the Spiers Trophy for the Most Improved Player in 2018. He has subsequently won the GC A Level Series twice (2019 & 2020), The English National GC Doubles Championship in 2020 and the Second Eight in 2019. In 2021, he captained the successful England team in the GC Home Internationals. Stuart moved to Devon in 2019 with his family and is now captain of the newly formed Devon County GC team. He is a member of Budleigh Croquet Club and has close ties with Sidmouth Croquet Club.

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### **RICHARD BILTON**

Richard won his first open tournament in May 2018 and finished the year by winning the English National Singles Championship, his first GC 'major'. Richard was part of the winning England team in the inaugural GC England v Spain Match. He came 5th in the 2019 GC World Championship and went on to play for England in the 2020 GC World Team Championships in New Zealand, in which England came third. Richard won the GC British Open Doubles Championship in 2021 while partnering Reg Bamford.