

Most Improved Female AC player 2019

Sophie McGlen

The Steel Memorial Bowl for Most Improved Female AC Player of 2019 is awarded to Sophie McGlen of Oxford University Association Croquet Club and Nottingham Croquet Club.

Sophie started the 2019 season as a handicap 7 and has finished as a handicap 4.

During the year, her ranking dynamic grade improved by 176 points from 1300 to 1476.

Sophie played in her first A Class tournament, the Men's and Women's Championship, in June and, although not winning any singles games, she came away from it with many compliments about her play and increased confidence. She followed this up at the Ladies Sixes where she won the Longman Cake Stand for the Second Six unbeaten and later won more silverware in the Nottingham Week B Class trophy.

Sophie also played for the Croquet Association team in the annual fixture against the CA of Ireland where, by ranking and handicap, she was the weakest player but her determination to win meant that she was our most valuable player, winning three out of five games.

Sophie is now ranked 23rd of women players in the UK and has set her sights on the Women's AC World Championship in New Zealand in 2020.