



Watford (Cassiobury) Croquet Club
News Sheet February 2011

Closing date for all competitions is Friday 8th April

www.watfordcroquet.org.uk

The season starts on Friday 1st April. In previous years we have been fortunate to start playing a few days prior to this so check your emails or call.

Golf Croquet

Friday from 10am

Sunday from 2pm

Tuesday from 11am through the afternoon.

New---From Monday 9th May there will be Golf Croquet 6pm

There is a coaching course on Monday evenings (Details later)

These times are only a guide as players often arrive earlier.

Association Croquet

Wednesday, Thursday and Saturdays at 2pm

Refreshments

In the hut are squash and biscuits. The spanner for the cold water tap, which is situated near corner 4 on lawn 1, is hanging on the window frame behind the door.

Please return the spanner after use.

Tea, coffee and hot chocolate are available if you bring a flask of hot water. If fresh milk is not available there is always dried milk.

Tables

There are 2 new tables. Please take care when putting them up. Also a new stacking box system for cups etc.

Repairs and Supplies

When equipment is broken or supplies are running low please let Janet know.

Parking

This season will feel the full effect of the controlled parking scheme introduced on the Hempstead Road side of the park last September. Between 10.30 and 2.30pm Monday to Friday Pay & Display is in force.

There is free parking in the park via Gade Ave then walk up the park to the lawns.

On the Shepherds Road side of the park there is restricted parking one side of the road 9-11am then 2-4pm the other side of the road Monday to Friday.

Association Croquet

Ninth Annual West Country Tour

Association matches have been arranged against Swindon & Kington Langley (combined) Bristol, Nailsea, Dyffryn (Cardiff) and Cheltenham from the 28th July to 1st August inclusive, together with the usual good pub dining. If you wish to join the tour please contact Mark Homan no later than the AGM.

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Association Croquet Coaching

Quiller Barrett, John Bee, Mark Homan and John Smallbone are willing to give one to one coaching for association croquet if you care to contact them.

Golf Croquet (Introductory Coaching Course)

There are 2 x 3 week Introductory Coaching Courses.

One is on Sunday 8th, 15th & 22nd May 10.30am until noon.

The second on Monday evenings 6.30pm to 8pm on the 9th, 16th & 23rd may. The cost is £15 redeemable against membership.

Cheques made payable to Watford (Cassiobury) Croquet Club and sent to Roger Nicholls. These courses will be advertised to the public from April 1st so if you know of anyone who may be interested please let them know soon, as numbers are limited.

One Ball Competition

Thursday 14th April

One Ball is a simplified version of AC and previous experience of AC or One Ball is not required. It would be a good introduction for GC players interested in learning how to play AC.

Handicaps

All members taking part in any internal competition should keep a handicap card and make these available to the club's handicapper (Ian Parkinson-Golf Croquet, Mark Homan-Association Croquet). There are separate cards for association (White) and golf croquet (green) and handicap lists in the hut.

All Single games in the CA Fixtures, Federation Leagues, inter club contests (including friendlies) and internal Club Competitions qualify for this system. Short croquet, doubles, friendly club games, walkovers and abandon games are excluded from this system.

As well as trying to ensure that you are fairly treated in the club's own competitions, the handicappers act as the club's conscience in ensuring the club's reputation for fair handicapping of its teams. If you are in doubt please discuss it with the relevant handicapper

Internal Competition Champions

Association Croquet

Level Advanced John Smallbone

Handicap Simon Hathrell

16+Handicap Janet Carlton

Ladies Handicap Janet Lewis

One Ball Competition Geoff Johnson

Golf Croquet

Level Play Janet Lewis

9-12 Handicap Robert Archer

Handicap Singles Steve Dennis

Handicap Doubles Maureen Croft & Anne Dennis



Congratulations

Geoff Johnson

Winner of the All England Association Croquet
Finished 3rd at the National Centre Stage Competition

Wendy Spencer-Smith

At the South of England won The Devonshire Park Cup for unrestricted Handicap,
The Trevor Williams Cup for Class Singles and The Anna Millns Salver for
unrestricted Handicap Doubles.

The Thorpe Cup for singles at Roehampton

Mark Homan

Captain of the Herts & Beds B Team that won the EACF Anderson Trophy for the 4th
year.

Winner of the Colchester Autumn Invitation B Level Tournament.

Simon Hathrell & Ian Parkinson

Players in the Inter Counties Team, which has been promoted to Division 1 for 2011.

Robert Archer

Runner up in the National Grass Roots Competition.

Janet Lewis

Awarded the Croquet Association Diploma
CA Golf Croquet Coaching Badge

Roger Nicholls

CA Golf Croquet Coaching Badge

Grass Roots for Golf Croquet Players.

This competition is an ideal opportunity for Golf Croquet players with handicaps 9-12
(which includes all new players) to enter and playing with players of a similar
standard. Watford has been successful in this tournament on a number of previous
occasions.

Subscriptions

Are due on the 1st April for 2011 subject to approval at the AGM.

They may be paid at the AGM or sent to the Membership Secretary.

Cheque paid payable to Watford (Cassiobury) Croquet Club

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Dates for your Diary

1ST April -Subscriptions due and lawns open for the season

8th April-Closing date for all competition entries

14th April – One Ball Competition (Limited Places)

9th May-Golf Croquet B level for handicaps 3-7

9th May Monday evening Golf Croquet starts from 6pm

28th May -Gymkhana which is a joint event for all members 2pm

28th July- 1st August Annual Tour for Association croquet

30th July- Area Final at Watford for Grass Roots Competition

25th September- End of Season Fun Day for Golf Croquet 2pm