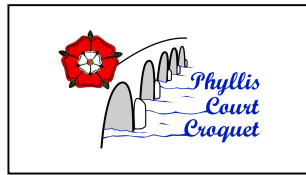


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### Members Guide

#### Introduction

Croquet has been played at the Phyllis Court Club for over a hundred years, but it wasn't until the mid-1960's that a club 'section' was formally founded.

The Phyllis Court Croquet Section joined the national governing body, The Croquet Association (the CA), in 1968 and changed its name to the Phyllis Court Croquet Club in 2015.

The two principal forms of the sport are played at Phyllis Court, the traditional game, now known as Association Croquet (AC), and the younger variant Golf Croquet (GC), which has a greater following. Both AC and GC are played under the appropriate laws and rules as published by the Croquet Association.

#### Facilities

The Croquet Club has four croquet courts; Courts 1 and 2 (nearest the main club building) are almost full size; courts 3 and 4 are smaller. (The courts are numbered clockwise from the river end.) Also provided is a wooden pavilion in which balls and other equipment is stored for the use of Croquet Club members only. Club mallets are loaned to beginners when they start playing; members are expected to purchase their own mallet once they have decided to commit to playing the game.

#### Dates

The croquet summer season at Phyllis Court Club normally starts on 1 April and continues to mid-October. Winter play is very dependent on ground conditions but with the intention that croquet should be available all year round.

The Croquet Calendar also lists dates of Club tournaments, matches with other clubs and other key dates, including social events.

#### Times

Members may book courts for single or multiple periods of a half an hour, up to a maximum of two hours (or three hours for a competition match) during the following periods:

Monday to Friday: 1000 to dusk

Saturday and Sunday: 0800 to dusk

#### Booking courts, Guests, and non-Croquet Club members

To make a court booking, first check court availability online at [www.phylliscourtcroquet.com/book](http://www.phylliscourtcroquet.com/book). Then email Chris Roberts ([info@kickphoto.co.uk](mailto:info@kickphoto.co.uk)) with details of your booking request. Chris will email you back once he has accepted your booking and updated the system.

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See also the Croquet Club rules re guests and non-Croquet Club members.

### Mix-in sessions

Tuesday	1000 to 1300	AC mix-in (number of courts depends on demand)
Thursday	1400 to 1700	GC mix-in (all courts)
Sunday	1400 to 1700	GC mix-in (Courts 3 and 4 only)

Members attending 'mix-in' sessions are expected to do just that – mix in.

Other play on the reserved courts is not permissible at this time, except solo practice whilst wait to mix-in. Members not wishing to 'mix-in' should attend at other times.

### Training – beginners

We are fortunate that we have a number of CA qualified coaches in our membership. Beginners' courses of 4 two-hour sessions, followed by an introduction to a first 'mix-in' session, take place in late March / early April and extra courses are arranged as and when required to meet demand. Golf Croquet (GC) is taught first and as soon as players have achieved an acceptable standard they will be cleared to play in mix-in sessions.

Members with some experience of Golf Croquet (GC) and wish to learn Association Croquet (AC), or beginners who specifically wish to learn the latter game, should make this known to a committee member; every effort will be made to provide them with suitable encouragement and training. Supervised training may take place on all courts but unsupervised practice should be restricted to Courts 3 and 4.

A separate practice area is aside for training in the use of jump shots, etc., which might damage the courts. Specific training can be arranged in such shots.

### Training – players other than beginners

On-going training and coaching for non-beginners will be provided as appropriate for the ability levels of those participating.

This may take alternative forms, such as formal advertised group sessions, privately arranged one-to-one sessions, and regular practice session for team players.

### Equipment

The Croquet Pavilion is locked when not in use with a combination lock, the number for which is issued to all Club members.

The pavilion contains mallets, balls and other equipment which may only be used by Croquet Club members.

Members must return to the pavilion all equipment, seat cushions, etc., that they have used – it is not acceptable to leave other members to tidy away for you.

The last person to leave the courts is responsible for locking the pavilion.

### Communication

The Croquet Club has a stand-alone website at [www.phylliscourtcroquet.com](http://www.phylliscourtcroquet.com).

This is kept up to date regularly (and almost daily during the main season) with news and other items of croquet interest.

The Chairman and other committee members also issue regular e-mails to members.

Additionally, large notice boards in the Croquet Pavilion display current relevant information.

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### Handicaps

All players are assigned a GC handicap decided by their ability and level of understanding.

Handicaps can and do fluctuate as these two factors improve or decline.

By and large a player's handicap is an indication of their playing prowess with better players sporting a low handicap grade number.

### Season-long competitions and single-day tournaments

A number of season-long competitions, single-day tournaments and evening competitions are organised during the season. Some are 'Open' for all members to participate, whilst others are restricted so as to appeal more to middle and high handicap players (those with less ability).

This way, good competition is made available for members to participate in with similarly skilled opponents.

### Entry to competitions and tournaments

Season-long competitions may be entered by entry forms that are e-mailed to all members early in the year.

Single-day tournaments may be entered by responding to emails which are issued up to four weeks before the event.

The rules for Competitions and Tournaments are displayed in the pavilion and on the website.

**Additionally, Phyllis Court Croquet Club  
has published the following separate documents**

[Constitution](#) approved by members at an Annual General Meeting and ratified by the Council of Phyllis Court Club.

[Bye-laws](#) approved by the Croquet Club committee and notified to Council.

[Rules](#) issued on the authority of the Committee.

**All of these documents are available from the Croquet Club secretary on request  
or can be downloaded from the Croquet Club website**

### Administration

The affairs of the Croquet Club are managed by a Committee elected at each Annual General Meeting (see the bye-laws for election procedures). The names of the Committee members and further information about the club may be found on the croquet club website and on the IG notice board opposite Reception.