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# PHYLLIS COURT CROQUET

## News

### **28 February - GC League match dates and comprehensive calendar sent to all members**

Our programme of competitive (mostly League) GC Match Fixtures was e-mailed to all members yesterday and this was followed today by a 2021 Season Calendar, bringing together those fixtures and our previously circulated Tournaments programme. Those documents are always available to view or download for printing from the (black) navigation panel on the left hand side this website

### **25 February - Play to resume on 29 March hopefully**

At last some good news folks, with the Prime Minister's statement a few days ago detailing (with dates) a 'roadmap' out of this current lockdown. Further to this, Phyllis Court CEO Chris Hogan sent an e-mailed message to all members view the weekly In Touch newsletter, detailing what will be possible (and when) at the Club. The important date for us is 29 March which is the current projection of when some sports (including croquet) will be permitted to resume. The full message from Chris Hogan can be read via this [LINK](#) button which is repeated on our front and booking pages. Here are the croquet relevant passages:

*Please remember these dates are the earliest each phase will commence and will depend entirely on the latest data analysis: . . .*

*- **From 29th March** you can meet in groups of 6 or two households outdoors only and some sports at the Club can resume such as tennis, croquet and water borne activities, all in line with association and governing body guidelines. - Phyllis Court CEO Chris Hogan*

### **22 February - Announcement by PM on future lockdown easing expected tomorrow**

The Prime Minister is due to make an announcement tomorrow, detailing dates for the easing of this current lockdown. A message was sent to all members today by Croquet Chairman Chris Roberts, detailing the decision making process that will lead us back to playing as soon as possible. The lead is taken from advice posed to all croquet clubs by the governing body of our sport The Croquet Association.

### **29 January - Dates announced for our 2021 day tournaments - including new events for handicaps 10+**

An e-mail was sent to all members today with an attachment detailing all our tournament dates. Our comprehensive programme is again designed so that all playing standards are catered for – there are several things for everyone! All our tournaments are retained for 2020 and the **BIG NEWS** is that we have added a couple of NEW tournaments for players with handicaps of 10+. - This button will always be available on the home page -

Advice is on hand as to which tournaments are suitable for you - contact Chris - [info@kickphoto.co.uk](mailto:info@kickphoto.co.uk) - 07973 787710

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### **10 January - New Year Handicap Reductions for impressive 8 - *Congratulations all!***

Our annual review of handicaps has been completed by our two Club and CA Handicappers Frances Colman and Chris Roberts. The review seeks to re-align any players handicaps that are deemed not to be a true reflection of their ability. This is an on-going process, and occasionally manual alterations are administered mid-season (usually for rapid improvers). This year 8 players have been rewarded for their progress with manual handicap adjustments and so it is congratulations to:

Jeff Smith 9 to 8  
Allan Henderson 11 to 10  
Phil Johnson 11 to 10  
Make Sayer 12 to 10  
Laurie Bilson 12 to 11  
Julia Green 12 to 11  
Patricia Mulcahy 12 to 11  
Liz Smith 12 to 11

Every member (except those awaiting a Beginners Course) has a current GC handicap - click here to see yours! -  
Club and CA Handicappers Frances Colman and Chris Roberts

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### 9 January - Overdue membership subs reminder

Croquet Club subscriptions were **due on 1 January** and thank you to those of you who renewed on time.  
Please will everyone else address this promptly to make Membership Secretary Madeleine's job less drawn out.  
Hopefully most of our members will be sticking with us and looking forward to playing again before too long, but if you are not intending to re-new please will let us know.

### 9 January - Welcome to 11 new members

Welcome to our 11 new members who have joined us for the 2021 season: Sarah Backhouse, Christine Dunning, Ian Forster, Jean Forster, Danny Hall, John Rumford, Sue Rumford, Kit Scott-Brown, Henry Sless, Alison Smith and Maureen Ward and also to Sandra Dent and Lynne Lewis who joined very late last year.  
They join the remaining 23 members from our 2020 intake who didn't take-up our Beginners Training Courses last year and hopefully will do so in the spring (assuming they re-new their membership).

### 1 January - Happy New Year Everyone - attending Phyllis Court

With Oxfordshire moving into Tier 4 Covid-19 restrictions on Boxing Day and the Phyllis Court Main Club building having to close, it is not the best of start for 2021..  
Looking on the brightside though - surely things can only get better!

Attending the Club from outside our Tier 4 area (Oxfordshire) has been question by three or four members.  
The Governemnt's advice on travelling into, out of and through, different Tier 4 areas seems pretty clear to me.  
However, I will seek an official position on this from Main Club CEO Chris Hogan on Monday and the policy for croquet will of course continue to follow that of the Main Club.  
Chris Hogan's statements of 21 Decemeber (when he asked members from outside the county not to visit the club) & 23 Decemeber, have not been amended as far as I am aware.  
*Chris Roberts, Chairman, PCC Croquet*

### 5 January - Lockdown again - all play suspended

Following the PM's statement last evening, and in consultation with Phyllis Court CEO Chris Hogan this morning, I am sad to confirm that:  
**Our croquet courts are now closed until the Lockdown restrictions are lifted.**

The front page of this website has been updated with easy links to the latest statements by The UK Government, Phyllis Court Club and The Croquet Association.  
Please check these live links for the most up to date information now and in the weeks ahead.

The Croquet Association's statement this morning, sums up the current situation well:  
The latest national lockdown guidance for England states that "*Outdoor sports venues, including tennis courts, golf courses and swimming pools, must close.*"  
The CA therefore advises croquet clubs to close until the restrictions are lifted.

Rick Lilley has removed our hoops for safekeeping and for ease of grass cutting during this period of closure.  
More positively, with the vaccination programme now underway, we can look forward to brighter times ahead.  
Stay safe everyone.

*(this message was sent to all membes today)*

