

25th September 2020

It is with great regret that I announce the death this morning of Basil Mann.

Although Basil played very little in the last two years, he had previously been one of the most regular players at the club and a much-loved character on the lawns. He was always kind, friendly, enthusiastic and supportive.

Basil had been a Life Member for many years and was responsible for the early coaching of some of our best players.



He will be deeply missed by those who knew him.

August 31st 2020

Blocks Competitions

At the end of August there were three games unplayed in the AC competition and one in the GC competition.

The block winners (runners-up) were:

AC Block A Jonathan Wolfe (Martin Wicks)

AC Block B Sue Baker (Neil Fillery)

AC Block C Anthony Myers (Lorne Loxterkamp)

GC Block A Martin Wicks (Neil Fillery)

GC Block B Tony Hicks (Anthony Myers)

GC Block C Mary Bradshaw (Lorne Loxterkamp)

GC Block D Sue Baker (Bill Tapper)

GC Block E Barbara Howell (Avril Baston)

Any new players who are interested in playing in the next round of the competitions, starting at the beginning of October, should apply to webmaster@tauntuncroquet.org and will be put into the appropriate block.

August 24th 2020

The Somerset GC team played in Division 1 of the inter-county championship, trying to defend the title won last year. The team, James Galpin (Nailsea), Stephen Custance-Baker (Taunton Deane), Colin Britt (Camerton & Peasedown), played well in the blocks, finishing 4th of the 12 counties and qualifying for the play-offs.

Having lost the semi-final to Kent, Somerset won the 3rd/4th play-off against Sussex and finished in a creditable 3rd place.

August 17th 2020

Congratulations to Jonathan Wolfe, who has won the Tompkinson Shield at Edgbaston.

He won all three games in the block, including beating a -1 opponent. He then won both rounds in the knockout, beating the same -1 opponent in the final. As a result, Jonathan has brought his handicap down to 0.



July 28th 2020

COVID-19 precautions

We will continue to follow the government's instructions and the Croquet Association's advice to clubs.

- 1. All lawns must be pre-booked.**
- 2. One game of doubles is permitted, therefore a maximum of 8 people on the lawns.**
- 3. Maximum 2 people in the clubhouse.**
- 4. Finish on time and leave the lawn promptly.**
- 5. Only one player should set out the hoops.**
- 6. Do not use pegs in GC or corner flags.**
- 7. Avoid handling the balls, if possible.**
- 8. If you use a club mallet, please sign for it, take it away with you and bring it each time.**
- 9. Observe social distancing at all times.**
- 10. Take your own crockery, food and drink.**
- 11. No spectators are allowed but we are now accepting new members and visitors paying a green fee.**
- 12. Please wipe all equipment, including trolley handles, when putting them away.**
- 13. Coaching for small groups (4 + coach) is allowed.**

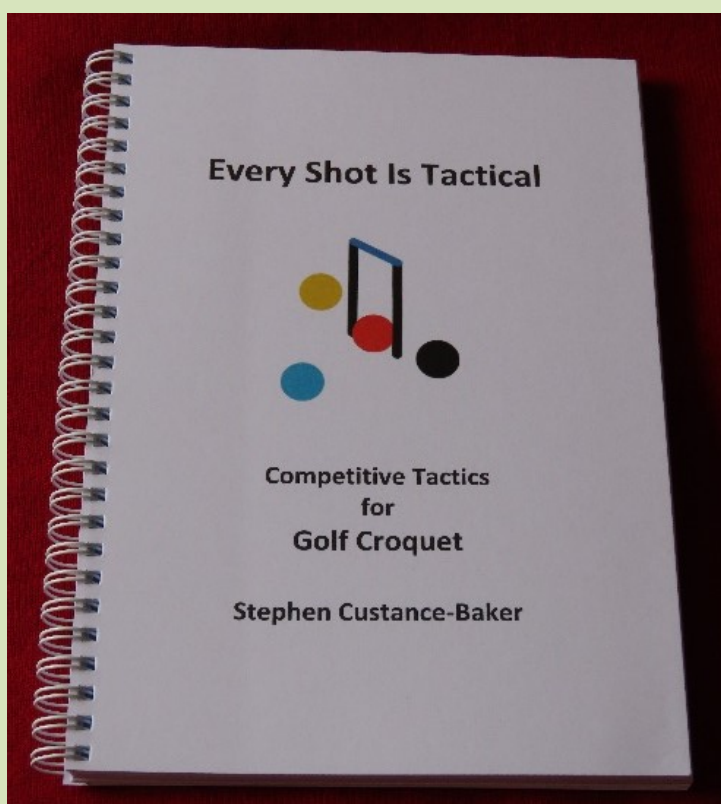
Handwashing facilities, wipes and gloves are available and should be used before and after play.

Stephen Custance-Baker's new book on Golf Croquet tactics has received significant endorsement from senior players in the game.

Dr Jenny Clarke, winner of five GC World Championship medals, said *"I definitely hope people will read your book and play a bit more intelligently as a result."*

Richard Carline, Director of The Croquet Academy and Championship Referee, wrote *"GC Croquet has waited for this publication for a long time. The game will benefit hugely from this and it should work well for all levels."*

"Every Shot Is Tactical" is aimed at those who are familiar with Golf Croquet but know that there is always more to be learnt.



The core principles of good tactical play are described for each aspect of GC with 140 clear diagrams.

Available at £8.50 + p&p from
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