

October 13th 2020

As a result of a meeting of the Lawns committee, the following decisions were made:

- 1. Winter rules for GC will now apply.**
- 2. No further bookings on Lawn 2 are allowed, but existing bookings are valid.**
- 3. Half lawns will be marked out on Lawn 3 at the end of October.**
- 4. From the start of November we will be changing the booking times to 4 x 1.5 hour slots starting at 10:30, 12:00, 13:30 and 15:00.**
- 5. A concerted effort is to be made to preserve the lawns during the winter. Please would all members cooperate in this and avoid playing if:**
 - a. There is any standing water within the grounds.**
 - b. The surface is squelchy when trodden.**
 - c. The ground is, in any way, frozen.**

The winter blocks, starting at the beginning of November, will consist of Short Croquet and half-lawn Level Play Golf Croquet.

Members will be asked during October whether they wish to play in these.

September 30th 2020

Budleigh Salterton Short Croquet Individual Tournament

This 2-day tournament was played in a modified way in order to comply with the latest Covid regulations. This meant that there were only 24 competitors instead of the usual 32.

Dave Pennack managed to get to the semi-finals but lost to Christine Rice. Martin Wicks won his semi-final against Mike Rice and faced Christine in the final. It proved to be a very exciting game (1/2-bisque v 9 bisques) which Martin won 14-13. This is his third successive win in this tournament and his handicap has reduced again.



September 30th 2020

Blocks Competitions

At the end of September there was only one game unplayed in each of the AC and GC competitions.

The block winners (runners-up) were:

AC Block A Neil Fillery (Martin Wicks)

AC Block B Anthony Myers (Lorne Loxterkamp)

AC Block C Mary Bradshaw (Dave Pennack)

GC Block A Dave Jones (Tony Hicks)

GC Block B Dave Wall (John de Winton)

GC Block C Bill Tapper (Sue Baker)

GC Block D Christine Jones (Sylvia Canterbury)

GC Block E Beverley Tapper (Angela Hendry)

The new blocks for October will be published shortly.

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.

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.**

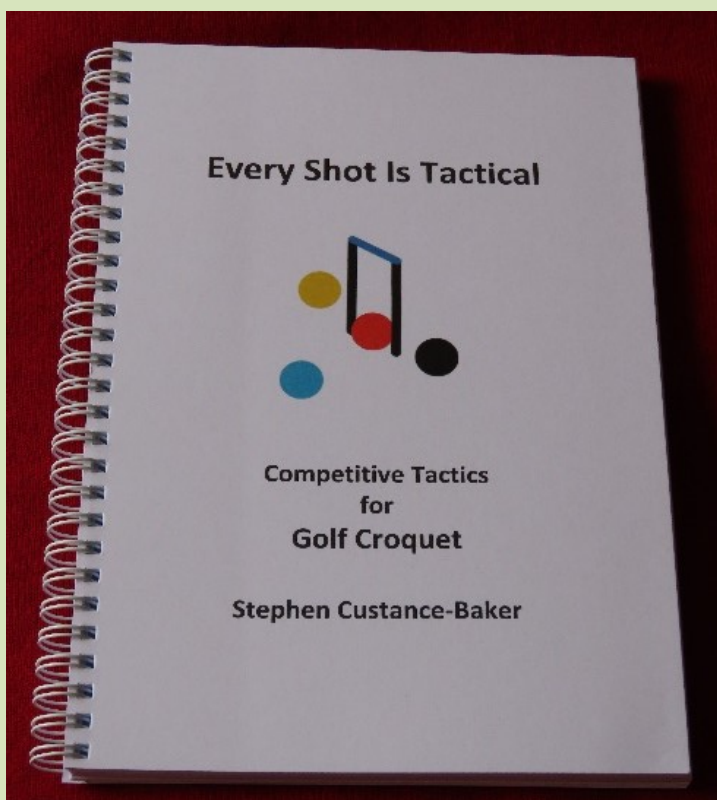
Handwashing facilities, wipes and gloves are available and should be used before and after play.

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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