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Let's play Croquet!

Join us for a fun, free introduction to Croquet
in Taunton - all ages & abilities welcome!



10am - 4pm
16th & 17th May 2026
Taunton Deane Croquet Club

All equipment provided. Please wear flat-soled shoes.

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2026 May Matches

On May 14th the AC Intermediate team (Anthony Myers, Judith Hutton, Patience Kimber, Dave Lusk) won 4-3 away at Budleigh.

On May 14th the GC 10+ team (Christine Jones, Natasha Smith, Sue Custance-Baker, Andy Bennett, Eileen Clout, Mark Atlay, Christine Smith, Norma Atlay) lost 9-11 away at Bath

On May 13th the GC Level Play Premier team (Stephen Custance-Baker, Neil Fillery, Steve Beer, Martin Wicks) beat Budleigh B 16-4 for our first win of the season. Stephen reduced his handicap to 0.

On May 6th the GC Handicap team (Judith Hutton, Phil Wight, Gordon Butler, Sue Speller, Tony Stone, Sue Custance-Baker) lost 8-12 away at Dowlish Wake.

2026 April Matches

Our 2026 match season has not started well. The AC Advanced (2nd Division) team (Stephen Custance-Baker, Neil Fillery, Martin Wicks) lost 0-5 away at Nailsea.

The GC High Handicap team (Beverley Tapper, Sue Custance-Baker, Miriam Bolger, Margaret Adams, Angela Horseman, Kathy Pugh) lost 8-12 away at Dowlish Wake.

Saturday May 9th: GC High Handicap Tournament

The annual May tournament for High Handicap GC players took place in perfect weather. 12 players with handicaps from 7 to 20 played Level Play in three blocks of four.

The block winners and the best runner-up then played a knockout. These four were the four lowest handicappers, all 7s.

In the semi-finals, Phil Wight beat Gordon Butler 7-3 and Judith Hutton beat Sue Speller 7-5.

In the final Judith beat Phil 7-2 to claim the prize and Gordon beat Sue in the 3rd/4th play-off.



The players and Sue Custance-Baker (Tournament Manager) congratulate the winner.

British Association of Landscaping Industries

On Wednesday May 6th we hosted a very successful corporate event for BALI, who brought 16 people to take part in Pirates and a Barbecue.

In addition to Pirates, we offered 5 Crazy Croquet puzzles and Minesweeper Croquet.

An exhibition GC game was staged by the organiser (Richard Gardiner) and Stu Smith (England captain in the Home Internationals). Stu won 7-4 in a very impressive display of precise hooping.



**Richard Gardiner and Dan,
the Pirates winner.**



**Stu Smith, handicapped in
Pirates by using a child's mallet.**



Pirates in action.



Crazy Croquet

Success at East Dorset

On April 26th Stephen Custance-Baker won the A Series 2-day tournament at East Dorset.



SHORT CROQUET AT NAILSEA

Our Terriers and Tiggers Short Croquet teams competed at Nailsea in the Spring Tournament, but neither did well.

The Terriers came last in Division 2, but keep their place because another team had withdrawn, and are therefore relegated.

The Tiggers started well by being promoted to Division 3 because another team had withdrawn, but unfortunately came 5th and are therefore relegated back to Division 4.

Success at Hamptworth

On April 18th Stephen Custance-Baker won the low handicap block at the Hamptworth April GC Class tournament, earning himself a bottle of bubbly.



NEW GC REFEREE

Congratulations to Gordon Butler, who has qualified as a GC Referee.

Be sure to give him plenty of practical experience during roll-ups.

