



Hayes, Bromley and Keston Croquet Club

Newsletter – January 2017



Best wishes for 2017



Dates for the diary

Monday January 23rd	Deposits for the New Year meal should have been paid by now
Tuesday January 31st	New Year's meal at CHOM CHOM
Saturday March 18th	Start of season
Friday April 21st	Quiz Night – 6.30 for 7.00 pm
Thursday June 15th	Rotary Club evening
Sunday July 2nd	Founder's Day 12 noon to 4 pm; picnic lunch
Saturday October 28th	End of season



URGENT REMINDER

The New Year lunch will be held on

Tuesday 31 January at 12.30

at

CHOM CHOM

8-12 Bromley Road, Beckenham

If you would like to come, please send your deposit of £5 to Frances by **Monday 23 January**. For further details please see the December newsletter.

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It's a great shame, but most of the Lombardy Poplars along St. Dunstan's Lane by the 1st. team rugby pitch have had to be felled as they represented a risk to passers-by, and particularly the schoolchildren. They were found to be either rotten or hollow and so were made safe.

Tony



Saturday Mornings

In the hope that it will encourage members to play on Saturday afternoons, the committee has decided to change the times of the morning session.

From the start of the season it will start at 10.30 am and go on to 12.30 pm. Anyone can go down earlier if they wish to play or practise but the draw for partners and games will not be until 10.30 am.

The committee felt that this change will enable members to use the bar and maybe have a picnic lunch and then resume play at about 1.30 pm at which time those who want to play only in the afternoon can arrive.

If you have any strong views about this new arrangement, please let Tony know.

PLEASE LET ME HAVE ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

BY February 15th

Subscriptions for 2017

Subscriptions for the coming season are now due. The fee for playing members remains at **£100** if paid before the 1st March and after that date it will be £110.

The subscription for social members remains at £10.

If you are re-joining please complete the form below and return with your subscription to:

David Clemenson, 9 Fosters Close, Chislehurst, BR7 6NG

Please make cheques payable to **H.B.K.C.C**

HBKCC Membership Renewal

I/We enclose my/our subscription for 2017: full member £100 /social member £10

Total amount enclosed £.....

Name/s.....

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If you would like a receipt, please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope

The Croquet Academy Launches its Tenth Year Programme

In 2007 The Croquet Association, The South East Croquet Federation and Sussex County Croquet Club agreed to launch a Croquet Academy based at Southwick.

The Academy started in a modest way in the following year, running a total of six courses. Since then it has grown rapidly and now runs a comprehensive programme for UK players as well as courses for those from overseas through the World Croquet Federation, *writes Jonathan Isaacs*.

2017 marks the start of the Academy's tenth series of courses and workshops, with no fewer than 17 courses planned. In addition the Academy will be offering one-to-one and small group training as well as bespoke courses for individual clubs.

The new courses planned for 2017 include:

GC Referees' refresher workshop –

Course leader Martin French (Chairman of the GC Rules Committee) will be running a one day course updating existing GC Referees on the latest Rule changes as well as advising on how to improve refereeing techniques.

Perfecting your AC stroke and break play – An eminent croquet player once said "near enough is not good enough". Cliff Jones has planned this special course to assist single-digit handicap AC players in seeking perfection in their stroke and break play. This course is ideal for players planning to progress towards the Triple Peel Course and should give them the foundation to move towards 'A Level' play.

GC Coached games day – The Academy has increasingly used coached games as a way of improving player performance and to give players the confidence to enter tournaments and club competitions. The day is run in a very relaxed atmosphere and players will be able to play under the

The Croquet Academy (at Southwick)

supervision of Academy Coaches, who will offer help and advice on ways of improving their game. This will be offered during and between games.

Later in the season the Academy is offering a GC Supervised High Bisque Tournament where High Bisque players can enter a relaxed fun tournament where help and advice will be available between games with the games themselves being run under tournament conditions.

With Golf Croquet continuing to grow the Academy is offering a GC Referees Training & Qualification Course & Coach Training Course (CTC).

NB: Premium Members of The Croquet Association receive a discount of £10 off all courses with the exception of the GC & AC High Bisque Tournaments where a £5 discount is given.

All course and entry details are available on The Croquet Academy website:

www.thecroquetacademy.com

And questions can be answered by Academy Secretary Janet Hoptroff on courses@thecroquetacademy.com or 01903 859417.

Dates	Course	Cost	Ideal Hcp	Leader
18 Mar	GC Referees Refresher Workshop	£45	n/a	Martin French
7 Apr	Croquet Psychology – Get the mindset edge	£60	n/a	Rich Waterman
11-12 Apr	AC Introduction & Development in Advanced play	£70	6-14	Nigel Polhill
18-19 Apr	Perfecting your AC stroke & break play	£70	5-9	Cliff Jones
21-23 Apr	AC Triple Peel course	£100	4 & under	Cliff Jones
25-26 Apr	GC Rules & Referees course * First day only without exam - £45 FULL	£70*	n/a	Daphne Gaitley
25-26 Apr	AC Beginners' & Improvers course	£70	18+	Clive Hayton
28 Apr	GC Beginners' & High Handicappers	£45	10+	Janet Hoptroff
28 Apr	A simple Guide to Tournament & Competition Management	£45	n/a	John Low
29-30 Apr	GC Rules & Referees course EXTRA COURSE *First day only without exam - £45	£70	n/a	Daphne Gaitley
2 May	GC Improvers course	£45	4-9	Daphne Gaitley
2-3 May	AC Development course in Handicap Play	£70	12-18	Clive Hayton
10-11 May	Coach Training Course (CTC)	£70	n/a	Daphne Gaitley
13 May	GC Advanced Play course	£50	4 & under	Lionel Tibble
22 May	GC Coached Games Day	£45	6+	Daphne Gaitley
14-15 June	AC Beginners' & Improvers follow up course	£70	18+	Clive Hayton & Frances Low
30 June	GC Coached High Bisque Tournament	£35	10+	Jonathan Isaacs
31 July – 1 Aug	AC High Bisque Tournament (with coaching advice between games)	£45	14-20	Frances Low

