

NORTHERN CROQUET ACADEMY

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Hosted by York Croquet Club



Northern Croquet Academy, York Course Programme 2021

Availability as at 18.3.21

Dates 2021	Course	Course Leader	Places left
Tues 20 April	GC Strokes and strategy: take your GC to the next level	Cliff Jones	4
Wed 21 April	GC/AC One-to-One coaching with Cliff Jones	Cliff Jones	FULL
Thurs 22 April	GC/AC One-to-One coaching with Cliff Jones	Cliff Jones	FULL
Tues 4 May	GC/AC Back to basics	Derek Knight	FULL
Wed 19 May	AC Moves and methods for higher bisquers	John Harris	2
Wed 9 June	GC/AC Learn Short Croquet in one day	John Harris	4
Tues 22 June	GC/AC It's all in the head: getting into the right mindset	Derek Knight	FULL
Thurs-Fri 12-13 August	AC Become a qualified AC Referee	Cliff Jones	FULL
Thurs-Fri 12-13 August	AC So you think you know the Laws of AC?	Cliff Jones	FULL
<i>Dates to be arranged: please be in touch if interested</i>	AC Twelve hoops, one turn	James Hawkins	1
	AC Control, tactics, action!	James Hawkins	FULL
	GC Classic Golf Croquet skills and tactics	John Crossland	FULL
	GC Golf Croquet skills and tactics in practice	John Crossland	4

Waiting lists are in place for all courses shown as FULL

In detail

Strokes and strategy: take your GC to the next level – Tues 20 April 2021

4 places left – book now!

Is your play stuck in a rut? This one-day Golf Croquet course is for players with handicaps from GC 3 to 12 who now want to improve their strategic understanding and technical accuracy. The day will include developing a range of tactical strategies by thinking ahead, and getting consistent results from a given shot. Experienced players outside the 3-12 handicap range may also be considered on merit.

Cost: £38 (CA Premium members £33). Course code SS. Course leader: Cliff Jones

One-to-One coaching with Cliff Jones – Weds 21 or Thurs 22 April 2021

Both days full – waiting lists in place

Start the season by booking an hour (or more!) of individual tuition with Cliff, one of the foremost croquet coaches in the country. Use the time to work on any aspect or aspects of croquet technique, mindset or strategy that you choose. This is open to both GC and AC players. Please contact the Course Secretary to discuss timings and costs.

Cost: POA. Course code C1 (21 April) or C2 (22 April). Coach: Cliff Jones

Back to basics – Tuesday 4 May 2021

Course full – waiting list in place

Getting the basics right can make all the difference to your game. This practical one-day course is designed to help you understand the principles of a good stance and grip, how to play roquets or clearing shots, and how exactly to master hoop running, croquet shots and rushes. The day will be largely outdoors and will offer plenty of opportunity to put principles into practice. Get your technique right and start being a winner! The day is for both AC and GC players and for players of all abilities.

Cost: £38 (CA Premium members £33). Course code BB. Course leader: Derek Knight

Moves and methods for higher bisquers – Wednesday 19 May 2021

2 places left – book now!

This one-day course is for higher-handicap players looking to broaden their tactical understanding and develop their technical skills. The day will include openings; game strategy with and without bisques; how to maintain and improve a four-ball break; how to convert a three-ball into a four-ball break; leaves; and planning ahead to achieve a successful peg-out. The focus will be on tips and rules of thumb which can be easily transferred into ordinary play. Plenty of time will be spent on the lawn, including a skills workshop and individual guidance and support. Handicaps 16-22 or by agreement.

Cost: £38 (CA Premium members £33). Course code MM. Course leaders: John Harris and Dave Hudson

Learn Short Croquet in one day – Wednesday 9 June 2021

4 places left – book now!

This one-day course is open to players of both codes, but should appeal particularly to GC players who want their skills to give them a head start in Association Croquet. It is also for coaches looking for a straightforward way of introducing this accessible version of AC into their own clubs. The day covers distinctive aspects of the AC game including croquet shots and building a break; it offers a full introduction to Association Croquet and aims to help participants play with understanding and pleasure. The day will include guidance on how the skills of AC can be easily learned, a supported game, and plenty of opportunity for individual help and guidance.

Cost: £38 (CA Premium members £33). Course code SC. Course leaders: John Harris and Dave Hudson

It's all in the head: getting into the right mindset – Tuesday 22 June 2021

Course full – waiting list in place

Many very successful croquet players maintain that a good mindset is just as important as tactics and technique in helping you play to the best of your ability. This one-day course will explore blocks to a good mindset, how to overcome them, and how to set yourself up positively for successful and satisfying croquet. The day is for both AC and GC players and for players of all abilities. *Cost: £38 (CA Premium members £33). Course code AH. Course leader: Derek Knight*

Become a qualified AC Referee – Thurs-Fri 12-13 August 2021

Course full – waiting list in place

Referees make an important contribution to the game; becoming a CA qualified referee requires commitment and a thorough and secure understanding of the AC Laws. Participants will be sent some preliminary material to study. The course then runs concurrently with *So You Think You Know the Laws of AC*, which finishes at lunchtime on the Friday. The final half day is devoted to assessment time for the referee qualification – both indoors (written) and outdoors (practical decision-making). A subsidy of £25 per person may be available for CA members: please discuss with the Course Secretary. Some Federations may also offer further support.

Cost: £70 (CA Premium members £60). Course code QR. Course leader: Cliff Jones

So you think you know the Laws of AC? – Thurs-Fri 12-13 August 2021

Course full – waiting list in place

Being clear about some of the trickier aspects of the Laws is an essential foundation for secure play – and changes are afoot that all clubs will need to be abreast of. This one-and-a-half day briefing should appeal to AC coaches, but also more widely to club committee members and AC players. The course runs concurrently with *Become a Qualified Referee*, finishing at lunchtime on the Friday to allow assessment time for those continuing to the referee qualification.

Cost: £30 (CA Premium members £25). Course code LW. Course leader: Cliff Jones

Twelve hoops, one turn

New date to be announced – please enquire

This one-day course, led by the author of *Complete Croquet*, is for AC players with handicaps 16 or below who are keen to develop their break play. Topics include how to set up a break from scratch even in unpromising situations; making full use of the whole lawn; how to play an easy break; playing breaks in different ways using a limited range of shots; how and when to use bisques to full advantage; and tips and tricks on where to place balls, when to do it, how to do it and why. Players outside the handicap range may be accepted by agreement.

Cost: £38 (CA Premium members £33). Course code TH. Course leader: James Hawkins

Control, tactics, action!

New date to be announced – please enquire

This one-day AC course complements *Twelve hoops, one turn* and follows on from it. When is it right to play defensively? How can it be done to advantage? What are good tactics against an opponent playing defensively? What about opening moves, and managing endings? How can wide joins help win games? And what about bisques? This is an ideal course for AC players with handicaps of 16 or below who are keen to improve. Players outside the handicap range may be accepted by agreement.

Cost: £38 (CA Premium members £33). Course code CT. Course leader: James Hawkins

Cost: £70 (CA Premium members £60). Course code CC. Course leader: Roger Staples

Classic Golf Croquet skills and tactics

New date to be announced – please enquire

This one-day course is for Golf Croquet players who know how to play but now want to consolidate their game, want to develop their understanding of the basic tactical moves, and want to know when and how to play them successfully. The day will include the skills required, principles of tactical play, and classic tactical shots, while also moving towards some of the more advanced aspects of play. Handicap range GC 10 and above.

Cost: £38 (CA Premium members £33). Course code CS. Course leader: John Crossland

Golf Croquet skills and tactics in practice

New date to be announced – please enquire

This one-day course is for higher-handicap GC players (handicap 10 and above) who are familiar with basic technique and classic tactical moves such as clearing, blocking and promoting, and now would like to develop their understanding of how these and other moves can best be put to work in practice. The day will centre around a series of coached games, with players grouped by handicap and with coaches taking opportunities before, during and after each game for discussion of technique and tactics and for considering other options that may be available.

Cost: £38 (CA Premium members £33). Course code SP. Course leader: John Crossland

How to apply

To find out more, check availability or reserve a place

please either email Debbie James, Courses Secretary, at northerncroquetacademy@gmail.com or ring her on 0777 277 8232.

When making a booking

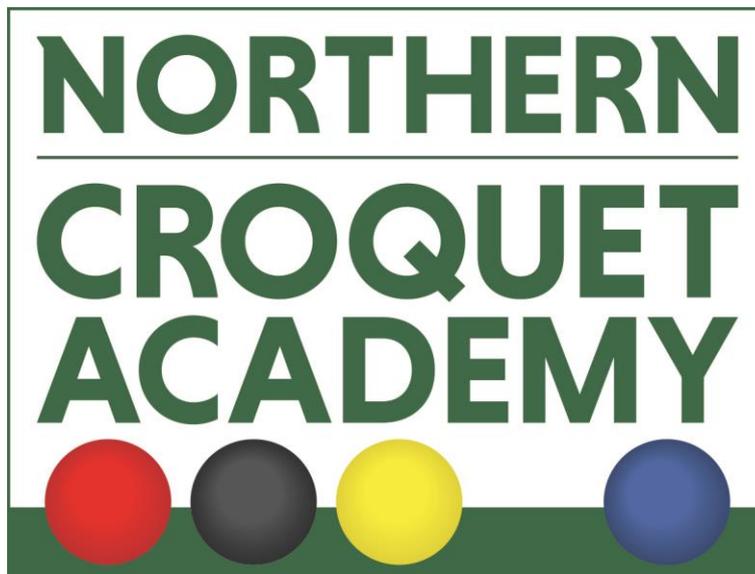
please ensure the Academy has your name, phone number, email address, postal address, home croquet club, and handicap (AC or GC as appropriate)

To confirm a booking

please either make a bank transfer to
Northern Croquet Academy, Barclays Bank,
sort code 20-45-45 account number 1003 8008,
tagged with the course code or codes and your name,

or send a cheque, with course code and details on the back, to
The Treasurer, Northern Croquet Academy, 101 Oaken Grove, Haxby, York YO32 3QX

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