



Northern Croquet Academy, York Course Programme 2018

Summary

Dates	Course	Standard	CA Premium	Course Leader
Sat 31 Mar	AC/GC 1-to-1 coaching with Cliff FULL	£35	£35	Cliff Jones
Sun 1 April	AC/GC 1-to-1 coaching with Cliff FULL	£35	£35	Cliff Jones
Sat-Sun 7-8 April	AC/GC Become a qualified coach	£60*	£50*	James Hawkins & Roger Staples
Sat 14 April	AC/GC Back to Basics FULL	£35	£30	Derek Knight
Sat 21 April	AC/GC Mind Games	£35	£30	Derek Knight
Sun 22 April	AC Openings and Leaves	£35	£30	Roger Staples
Sat 28 April	AC How to make 12 hoops in one go FULL	£35	£30	James Hawkins
Sun 29 April	AC It's not all about breaks FULL	£35	£30	James Hawkins
Sat-Sun 5-6 May	AC Towards the triple peel	£60	£50	Cliff Jones
Sat 12 May	AC/GC Handicapping workshop	£15	£10	Roger Staples
Sat 26 May	GC Classic GC skills and tactics	£35	£30	John Crossland
Sun 27 May	GC Golf Croquet strategy	£35	£30	John Crossland

** Subsidies available – see below*

In detail

One-to-one coaching with Cliff Jones

Saturday 31 March (FULL) or Sunday 1 April 2018 (FULL)

Start the season by booking an hour (or more!) of individual tuition over the Easter weekend with Cliff, one of the foremost croquet coaches in the country, using the time to work on any aspect 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.

Cost: £35. Course leader: Cliff Jones

Become a Qualified Coach

Sat/Sun 7-8 April 2018

This two-day course is for both AC and GC players aiming to develop their coaching skills and seeking to become club coaches or graded coaches. Coaches also find that coaching others can significantly improve their own game. You are expected to have a working knowledge of the Laws of AC or the Rules of GC. A subsidy of £25 per person may be available from the CA for CA members – please discuss with the Course Secretary. Some Federations may also be able to offer further support.

Cost: £60 (CA Premium members £50). Course leaders: James Hawkins and Roger Staples

Back to Basics

Saturday 14 April 2018
COURSE FULLY SUBSCRIBED

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!

Cost: £35 (CA Premium members £30). Course leader: Derek Knight

Mind Games

Saturday 21 April 2018

Many successful croquet players maintain that a good mindset can be even more important than tactics and technique in helping you play your best. This one-day course will explore blocks to a good mindset, how to overcome them, and how to set yourself up positively for successful croquet. The day is for both AC and GC players and for players of all abilities.

Cost: £35 (CA Premium members £30). Course leader: Derek Knight

Openings and leaves

Sunday 22 April 2018

How can the first moves in an AC game be used to seize control? What opening moves are available, and what are the strengths and possibilities of each? If my opponent uses an unusual opening, how might I respond? What are the principles of a good leave? How can I set up a strong leave, when should I do it, and how might I respond when faced with one? This one-day course is for AC players wanting to refine their understanding of these two key aspects of AC and strengthen their competitive play.

Cost: £35 (CA Premium members £30). Course leader: Roger Staples

How to make twelve hoops in one go

Saturday 28 April 2018
COURSE FULLY SUBSCRIBED

This one-day course, led by the author of *Compete Croquet*, is for AC players 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.

Cost: £35 (CA Premium members £30). Course leader: James Hawkins

It's not all about breaks

Sunday 29 April 2018
COURSE FULLY SUBSCRIBED

This one-day AC course complements *How to Make 12 Hoops in One Go* (28 April) 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 managing endings? How can wide joins help win games? And what about bisques? This is an ideal course for AC players with some experience of the game who are keen to improve.

Cost: £35 (CA Premium members £30). Course leader – James Hawkins

Towards the Triple Peel

5-6 May 2018

This two-day course is for improving and lower handicap AC players wanting to develop their understanding of the triple peel with a view to including it in their play in the future. It includes the standard triple, various delayed triples, the straight triple, leaves for triples, precision breaks and related topics. The course includes discussion of tactics and a strong practical element and offers the chance of coaching on personal technique.

Cost: £60 (CA Premium members £50). Course leader: Cliff Jones

Handicapping workshop

Saturday 12 May 2018

All Clubs benefit from having a knowledgeable handicapper in their ranks. This one-day workshop for existing and new Club handicappers covers the principles and practice of handicapping – how the automatic handicapping system works, how to set initial handicaps, when and how to adjust individual handicaps, how to maintain accurate handicap cards, how to deal with players who rarely play competitive games, handicaps in doubles matches, and methods of calculating bisque difference and bases.

Cost: £15 (CA Premium members £10). Course leader: Roger Staples

Classic Golf Croquet skills and tactics

Saturday 26 May 2018

This one-day course is for GC players who know how to play but 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, classic tactical shots, and move towards the more advanced aspects of play.

Cost: £35 (CA Premium members £30). Course leader: John Crossland

Golf Croquet strategy

Sunday 27 May 2018

This one-day course is for more accomplished GC players who are confident about when and how to play basic moves such as blocking, promoting and clearing shots, but now want to develop their strategic skills and include more advanced tactics in their thinking and their play. The day will also include when and how to make best use of extra turns in handicap games.

Cost: £35 (CA Premium members £30). Course leader: John Crossland

How to apply

To find out more, check availability or reserve a place please either email northerncroquetacademy@gmail.com or ring John Harris on 01904 620211

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 date of the course and your name, or send a cheque to John Harris, Northern Croquet Academy, 7 Mount Parade, York YO24 4AP

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