

NORTHERN CROQUET ACADEMY

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Northern Croquet Academy, York Course Programme 2021

Summary

Dates 2021	Course	Course Leader	Cost
(1) Sun 21 Feb (am) (2) Sat 6 Mar (am)	AC All about the new AC Laws for 2021	Zoom seminar with Stephen Mulliner	£5/£5
Tues-Wed 13-14 April	AC Perfecting stroke play and perfecting the break	Cliff Jones	£70/60
Thurs-Fri 15-16 April	AC Become a qualified AC Referee	Cliff Jones	£70/60 *
Thurs-Fri 15-16 April	AC So you think you know the Laws of AC?	Cliff Jones	£30/25
Tues 20 April	GC Strokes and strategy: take your GC to the next level	Cliff Jones	£38/33
(1) Wed 21 April (2) Thurs 22 April	GC/AC One-to-One coaching with Cliff Jones	Cliff Jones	POA
Sat 24 April	AC Twelve hoops, one turn	James Hawkins	£38/33
Sun 25 April	AC Control, tactics, action!	James Hawkins	£38/33
Tues 4 May	GC/AC Back to basics	Derek Knight	£38/33
Sat-Sun 8-9 May	GC/AC Become a CA Club-Level Coach	Roger Staples	£70/60 *
Tues 11 May	GC/AC It's all in the head: getting into the right mindset	Derek Knight	£38/33
Wed 12 May	GC/AC Learn Short Croquet in one day	John Harris	£38/33
Wed 19 May	AC Moves and methods for higher bisquers	John Harris	£38/33
Sat 22 May	GC Classic Golf Croquet skills and tactics	John Crossland	£38/33
Sun 23 May	GC Golf Croquet skills and tactics in practice	John Crossland	£38/33
The costs shown are for Ordinary members / Premium members of the Croquet Association			
* A subsidy may be available for this course from the CA. Some Federations may be able to offer additional support.			

In detail

All about the new AC Laws for 2021 By Zoom, Sunday 21 February or Saturday 6 March 2021

New AC Laws come into effect in time for the 2021 season. This half-day (morning) briefing seminar on Zoom will make clear the changes for the new season through a presentation with practical examples by Stephen Mulliner, who has been involved throughout the revision, followed by opportunity for Q&A and discussion led by the Chair of the CA AC Laws Committee. It should appeal to AC coaches and referees, but also more widely to club officials and AC players: every club and player will need to understand the changes and the implications for 2021.

Cost: £5, to include a copy of the 7th Edition Laws. Enter online through the CA website's Tournament Entry System. Briefing: Stephen Mulliner. Course code: Z1 (21 Feb) or Z2 (6 March). Seminar leader: Roger Staples

Perfecting stroke play and perfecting the break – Tues-Wed 13-14 April 2021

This two-day AC course is for players with handicaps 6-14 or by agreement. The course will include exactly how to achieve consistent results in single-ball shots, croquet strokes, cannons and peels, with 'must do' lists, psychological considerations and practice routines, together with detailed study of standard three-ball and four-ball breaks and variations on them, stroke by stroke guidance, effective leaves, and more. Available to purchase at the course will be two 'how to' books by Cliff which together form a comprehensive study set.

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

Become a qualified AC Referee – Thurs-Fri 15-16 April 2021

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 15-16 April 2021

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 AC 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

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

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 Wednesday 21 April and Thursday 22 April 2021

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

Twelve hoops, one turn – Saturday 24 April 2021

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

Priority booking until 1 March for anyone booking this course AND Control, Tactics, Action! (25 April 2021) at the reduced price for the two days of £70 (CA Premium members £60)

Control, tactics, action! – Sunday 25 April 2021

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

Priority booking until 1 March for anyone booking this course AND Twelve Hoops, One Turn (24 April 2021) at the reduced price for the two days of £70 (CA Premium members £60)

Back to basics – Tuesday 4 May 2021

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

Become a CA Club-Level Coach – Sat-Sun 8-9 May 2021

This two-day course is for both AC and GC players aiming to develop their coaching skills and seeking CA accreditation to coach within their own club. 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 for CA members: please discuss with the Course Secretary. Some Federations may also offer further support.

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

It's all in the head: getting into the right mindset – Tuesday 11 May 2021

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

Learn Short Croquet in one day – Wednesday 12 May 2021

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

Moves and methods for higher bisquers – Wednesday 19 May 2021

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

Classic Golf Croquet skills and tactics – Saturday 22 May 2021

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 – Sunday 23 May 2021

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

For the pre-season Zoom courses: please go to the CA website: Compete → Fixtures Calendar → find the relevant course and click on the coloured box. Scroll down to Entries and follow the link to Enter and pay online.

For all other courses:

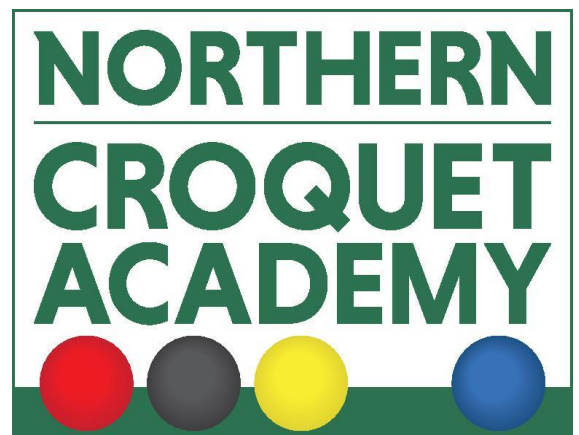
To find out more, check availability or reserve a place

please either email Debbie James, Course 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



Course booklets are offered with all one-day or two-day Northern Academy courses

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