

Coaching Course 2010

Now In Its Third Glorious Year

Coaching Course

The new season is off to a flying start with the announcement of the popular coaching course. The Bamburgh Croquet Club coaching course will begin on **Sunday 2nd May 2010**. This is earlier than in previous years so that we can cram even more croquet into this season. And there is plenty of notice so there are no excuses that diaries are already full etc.

The sessions are shown on the table below and the format will be the same as last year. There will be golf croquet tuition in the first half of the afternoon followed by, after a short break, association croquet tuition. Members are welcome to attend either, or both, of the sessions. The programme will be led as usual by club coach, Allan Hawke.

| Date | Golf | Association |
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| Sun, 2nd May | 2:00 – 3:30pm | 3:30 – 5:00pm |
| Sun, 9th May | 2:00 – 3:30pm | 3:30 – 5:00pm |
| Sun, 23rd May | 2:00 – 3:30pm | 3:30 – 5:00pm |
| Sun, 30th May | 2:00 – 3:30pm | 3:30 – 5:00pm |

Plans for the New Season

Weather permitting, the lawns will be ready for play on **Saturday 1st May** if you are inclined to squeeze in a bit of sly practice. This winter has been particularly hard and the grass will need a little more time to recover than usual.

Equipment will be stored in the usual place, but we hope to have a storage area at the back of the pavilion later in the season.

We are planning to have two full-size lawns as the standard of play can probably justify this now. However, one lawn will be split into two half-lawns for those who might find a full-size lawn a little intimidating at the start.

We have received a grant from ActiveBerwick of £250 towards the cost of new equipment. You may recall that we had certain items on loan from Croquet North which now have to be returned, but we are now able to invest further in our own pool of mallets, balls and hoops.

And we are pleased to announce that there will be **no rise in subscriptions for 2010**, so croquet at Bamburgh still represents some of the best value-for-money on the circuit! Tell your friends!

Governor of the Bank of England, Mervyn King, announces that Bamburgh Croquet Club annual subscriptions would remain unchanged, together with UK interest rates.



Membership and AGM

As with any club, membership is the key to a thriving environment and a financially secure future. The committee hopes that you will renew your membership for 2010 and encourage your friends to join, or come along and have a go. The coaching course is the ideal environment for experiencing what croquet can offer, with little commitment at the outset.

The next AGM is due and this will probably take place during the weekend of the May Bank Holiday (1st May 2010). The time and venue will be announced shortly, but please come along if you can. New volunteers for the committee are always welcome, as well as those who might be able to take up some of the other tasks involved with running the club.

In Case It Was A Distant Memory ...

The croquet club was once again central to the Bamburgh Village Show last year and, just in case you had forgotten what a glorious day it was, here is a photo showing organiser Chris Baldwin cracking the whip at some unsuspecting tourists.



Friendly Match In Prospect

Discussions are taking place with members of Croquet North and Edinburgh Croquet Club about the possibility of a friendly match at Bamburgh sometime in June.

The lawns and level of play have developed to such a level that we feel we can host a small tournament to let our neighbours see what we are up to at Bamburgh. Current thinking is for a three-way tie on a Sunday. This would not be too competitive and would be open to all levels of play. If you are keen to have a go, then please don't be afraid to step forward.

Further details to follow ...

Chairman Jamie Edgar accepts a cheque for £250 from Active-Berwick for purchase of new equipment. Bamburgh Croquet was one of four clubs to receive an award, the others being archery, athletics and rugby.

