



# **NAILSEA & DISTRICT CROQUET CLUB HANDBOOK**

## **Committee and other Club responsibilities**

**President:** Geoff Hughes

**Trustees:** Richard Delmas; David Hunt; Graham McCausland

## **Committee**

Chairman	Graham McCausland
Secretary	Meriel Forshaw
Treasurer	Mike Tracy
League Fixtures Secretary	Peter Dyke
Membership Secretary	Andrew Wimshurst
Property	Brian Roynon
First Aid	Joan Timmins
	Sandra Morgan

## **Life members**

Hamish Hall; Bob Mann; David Murphy; Maureen Murphy; Ian Wilson; Coral Harrison

## **Coaches, referees and handicap committees**

Club coaches	Mary Barnes, Violet Delmas, Jim Gregory, Polly Reynolds, Rob Royffe, Linda Shaw, Kathy Wallace
Grade 1 AC Coach	Peter Dyke
Grade 2 AC Coach	Marcus Evans
GC Coaches	Peter Dyke, Marcus Evans
Handicap Committee (AC)	Peter Dyke, Jim Gregory, Pat Long, Brigit Clayton
Handicap Committee (GC)	Peter Dyke, Jim Gregory, Brian Roynon, Ryan Cabble

Examining Referee (AC)	Marcus Evans
Referees (AC)	Peter Dyke, Marcus Evans, Mike Tracy
Assistant referee (AC)	Geoff Hughes
Referee (GC)	Peter Dyke, Marcus Evans, Brian Roynon

### **Additional Club Responsibilities**

Wild Wednesday	Brigit Clayton: Violet Delmas
Trophy Secretary	Brigit Clayton
Club Competition Secretary	Kathy Wallace
Lawns Supervisor	John Wallace
Hedges and edges	Brian Roynon
Hoop setting	David Hunt
Machinery maintenance	Geoff Hughes: Terry Young
White lines	Tony Dowman
Mowing	Tony Hinchliffe
Lawn nets	Rob Royffe
Recruitment	Kathy W. & Erica M.
Cakes	Violet Delmas
Social Events Co-ordinator	Pat Long
Shopping for kitchen supplies	Pat Long
Cleaning rota	Joan Timmins
Group social bookings	Brenda Roynon
Tuck Shop	Pat Long
Website	Committee & Alison Maugham
Press liaison	John Hancock
Safeguarding	Linda Shaw
Archives	Brigit Clayton

## Money matters

**Payments to the club**, notably membership fees, 100 Club subscriptions and tournament entry fees can be paid by cheque or bank transfer. The club's Sort Code and Account Number, needed for a bank transfer, can be found on the relevant forms sent out to members but not on those available from the club's web site. This information can be obtained from the treasurer if necessary. If paying by bank transfer, please enter the purpose of the payment (e.g. 'membership' or '100 club' in the reference field. The account from which the transfer was made appears automatically, so only include your name if the payment is made from an account which does not bear your name.

### Claiming expenses

Expenses can be paid by cheque or by bank transfer according to your preference. The expense claim forms (note that travel and non-travel expenses have their own forms) have a box to tick if you prefer a bank transfer and spaces for you to enter your bank details.

### Membership rates

Membership type	Subscriptions 2020	Definition
Standard	£150	Normal adult membership
Country	£70	Members living more than 25 miles away from club
Associate	£98	Members who are full members of another croquet club and for whom NDCC is their second club
Junior	£45 (see coaching rates)	Up to 25 years of age and in full time education
Social	£14	Non-playing members
Beginner	£50	Joining in July after a course of lessons

For players who had paid £30 for joining:-

Any date in July	£50
Any date in August	£30
Any date in September	£15
On or after 1st October	£10

For members new to NSDCC who were already croquet players, these rates would have £30 added on so become:

Any date in July	£80
Any date in August	£60
Any date in September	£45
On or after 1st October	£40

Social members would pay £7 any time from 1st October

### **Social group sessions**

These usually take place on Tuesday evenings. The charge for social groups for an evening session is £7.50 per person. This includes tea or coffee and biscuits. Rates for longer group visits will be negotiated as they are arranged.

### **Coaching**

A course of 6 lessons for adult beginners costs £30. When this course has been completed, a beginner may join the club for the remainder of the season upon payment of £50. Membership is not available for people new to croquet until 6 lessons have been taken and the beginners are confident that they know how to lay out the lawns correctly.

### **Junior coaching**

Initially, they will pay £10 and this will entitle them to attend the first 6 lessons that are held. After that, they must pay £20 to become club members for the remainder of that season if they wish to continue with lessons.

### **Visitors fees**

Members may bring visitors to play on the lawns. The first visit is free. Subsequent visits are charged at the rate of £5 per person per day or part day. It is not expected that the same visitors will return several times per year. A book is now available for members to sign in visitors and the payment of £5 per visitor can be put in the committee box.

**League matches** The match fee for SWF league matches and the SWF Short Croquet Teams Competition is £3 per person for each match, regardless of whether it is a Home or Away fixture. It is the captain's responsibility to collect these match fees and to give them to the Treasurer with the appropriate form. A Home team captain should arrange for his team to provide tea or lunch for both teams. A typical meal should cost around £2.50 per head. For Away fixtures, the driver of one car per team may claim for petrol costs at the rate of 25p per mile.

### **Other Travel costs**

Members attending the SWF AGM to represent the club may claim petrol costs at the rate of 25p/mile. Other petrol costs may sometimes be claimed by members making journeys that are entirely for the benefit of the club but they should check this with the Treasurer.

### **Tournament catering**

The charge for a Tournament lunch, tea and cake at tea-time and teas and coffees throughout the day is £10/day. If only teas, coffees and cake are taken, the cost per day is £2.50. The cost for lunch only is £8 /day.

**Refreshment charges (non-tournament)** Tea, coffee and cake are all priced at 50p per item. A daily rate of £2 covers all teas, coffees and tea-time cake.

**Keys for the Clubhouse** are available for all (non-junior) members, the deposit being £10.

**Bridge.** Rubber Bridge is played with Club Members of varying experience and usually 3 or 4 tables per session. The group meet in the afternoons whilst the Croquet Club is closed during the winter and in the evenings during the summer. The sessions are on Tuesday from 2-5pm or 7-9.30pm with a charge of £2 to include coffee or tea and a biscuit. It is necessary to email Coral Harrison ([harrison.coral@gmail.com](mailto:harrison.coral@gmail.com)) to book a place. She sends out emails each week listing who will play and to ensure that there is a multiple of four people attending.

### **Lawn maintenance and Play**

Players must always be prepared to give way to lawn maintenance work. This might require stopping play for a short period or moving to a different lawn part way through a match. The workers doing the maintenance will make every effort to minimise inconvenience. The days immediately preceding tournaments are at high risk of disruption and these days will be indicated in the lawn booking file so that players can avoid them if they wish

## **The Story of Our Cups and Trophies**

The club has a number of trophies that are awarded at our end of season supper. We are in the process of compiling a history of each of these.

**Roy Dyer Cup** - Open Advanced Singles. This was donated by the late Roy Dyer who was a member of the Club around the turn of the century and was a great supporter of enterprise in young people.

**The Amelia Hall Plate** for the winner of the Nailsea Open Handicap (AC) Tournament. This was donated by Hamish Hall who managed the tournament annually for many years. It was given in memory of his late mother. The original plate was damaged by the engravers and a replacement was bought. The names of previous winners were all copied over to the new plate.

**Margaret Fleming Shield** for the winner of the B level Advanced Weekend Tournament. Margaret joined the club in 1998 and played Golf Croquet for several years. The shield had had a former life as a trophy for junior equestrians and Margaret donated it to the Club around 2006.

**The Bakers World Travel Cup** awarded to the winner of the Open Handicap Singles, the twin **Marconi Avionics Doubles Trophies** and the **John Brown Challenge Cup** for the winner of the Golf Croquet Handicap Singles all date from the early days in the Club's history and were sponsored by local businesses.

**The Short Croquet Cup** was donated by Ian Wilson in 1997. Ian gave many hours of his time to the Club as its Secretary and in the maintenance of the lawns. After leaving Nailsea in 1999 he was instrumental in the formation of Cornwall Croquet Club.

**The Neuralogica Shield** for Beginners. This was donated by Harry Wallace in 2001. He had won the Beginners Competition and his name was the last one to fit easily on the original shield. Neuralogica was the name of his software company.

**The Jubilee Plate** was bought in 2006 to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Club. It is presented to the runner-up of the Beginners Competition.

**The Enginuity Plate.** When Kathy Wallace wanted to start a new competition to encourage slightly higher handicap players to play Advanced Rules. John Wallace donated this trophy. The name Enginuity evokes thoughts of ingenious engineers.

**The Patricia Abbott Rose Bowl.** Who was Patricia Abbott? The ladies compete for the rose bowl in their Singles Competition. Traditionally, it is filled with roses before it is presented at the awards ceremony and always looks beautiful amongst the silverware and other prizes.

**The John Jeffery Shield.** John Jeffery fashioned this shield out of an old lavatory seat and it was originally entitled the "Over 50s Shield". When John died in the early noughties, it was renamed in his memory although it is still presented to the winner of the Over 50s Competition. John Jeffery gave a large amount of his time and energy to the construction of the pavilion which was opened in 1998. His hand carving can be seen on the doors of the changing rooms

**The Buchanan and Sergeant Cups.** In 2010 Carl Jones started two new Golf Croquet competitions. These were the first Golf Croquet competitions to be held throughout the season and to have a “best of three” format. Andrew Buchanan and Bob Sergeant donated these trophies and Andrew and Ryan Cabble were the first winners of what has become known as the Buchanan Cup competition for Golf Croquet Doubles. The Sergeant Cup competition is for Golf Croquet Singles.

**The High Bisquers** trophy was one of the oldest trophies and had an intriguing collection of names of winners. Past its best and without one of its handles when Alan Longdon won it in 2010 he generously decided to replace it with the current piece which is much prettier! The original trophy is stored in the trophy cabinet.

**The LARS Plate** was purchased with funds donated by the Long Ashton Research Station Croquet Club when the Research Station closed in 2003. This neighbouring club wished to convey its thanks for the help received in its early days from Peter Dyke and NDCC. Until 2016 it was presented to the winner of the Nailsea qualifying round of the All England Handicap Association Croquet Championship. Since 2016 the trophy has been for the winner of the Club’s 18 point Association Croquet competition.

**The Pickard Cup** was donated by Gwyn Dyer and is presented to the Most Improved Female Player (Association Croquet).

**The Marshall Midda Shield** was donated by Brenda Midda in memory of her late husband. Until 2016, it was presented to the winner of the Nailsea qualifying round of the All England Handicap Golf Croquet Championship. Since 2016 it has been presented to the winner of the lower handicap range in the Club’s Golf Croquet Level Play competition,

**The Michael Poole Cup** was commissioned in 2014 in memory of Michael Poole who, as a founder member of NDCC, did a huge amount of work in the early days. As well as practical work around the club, he served as Treasurer for many years and drafted the Club Constitution which is still in use with some later amendments. The cup is presented to the winner of the C Class Advanced Weekend Tournament.

**The Wild Wednesday Plate** was donated by Brian McCausland in 2013.

**The Wild Wednesday Cup** for the monthly winner, donated by Violet and Richard Delmas in 2005, had previously doubled up for the overall annual winner.

**The Speed Croquet** cups were donated by Brigit Clayton and Peter Dyke following their 2002 win in this doubles with a difference competition.

**The Nailsea Novices Cup** was donated by Violet Delmas and Brigit Clayton. The competition, started in 2004, is for Association Croquet players with limited experience and is open to members from both Nailsea and other local clubs.

**The Mad Monday Trophy** is a distinctive glass trophy donated by Robin Hendry in 2015 for the overall winner of the Mad Monday Golf Croquet competition.



**The Jackson Cup**, presented annually to the most improved Golf Croquet Player, was commissioned in 2017 in memory of Chris and Valerie Jackson who encouraged the playing of competitive golf croquet within the Club.

**The Nailsea Golf Croquet B Level Cup** was commissioned for presentation to the winner of the Golf Croquet B Level Tournament first held in 2017.

**The OBE Trophy** was commissioned and donated by Terry Young in 2015 and is presented to the winner of the OBE tournament. This tournament is open to players in their 80<sup>th</sup> year or older. The format is the 10-stroke level play game devised by Ian Telfer.

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## **NOTES - 2018**

**The committee has agreed to adopt the CA Equality Policy for the NDCC .**

**Contact details for members may be found at the back of the lawn booking file.**

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