

EAST DORSET LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB

CROQUET SECTION

CLUB COMPETITIONS 2011

Please place your entries, on the forms provided (in the mallet cupboard) together with the appropriate fees (cheques payable to “EDLT&CC – Croquet Section”), in the new box in the mallet cupboard.

The closing date for events 1–8 is May 3rd, although late entry to the American Competitions may be possible (the Ladder Competitions are open to all members). The draw will take place on May 4th.

N.B. In order to ensure a successful Finals Weekend, finalists in the knockout competitions (events 1–6), American Competition play-offs (events 7–8) and the Ladder Competitions (event 9) will be expected to play on Finals Weekend (Oct. 1–2), or be substituted. For full details of the substitution policy, please refer to the “GENERAL RULES FOR CLUB COMPETITIONS” notice.

A. CONTINUING COMPETITIONS

- 1. ASHTON CUP**
Fee: £3
Single-life knockout (Association Croquet).
Handicap Singles; no time limit, but the **Bray system** (see note below) will be used to determine the length of each game.
- 2. CLUB OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**
Fee: £5
Small American Blocks qualifier, followed by best-of-three knockout for the top 8 players (Association Croquet).
Advanced Level Singles; no time limit.
- 3. LADIES’ TROPHY**
Fee: £3
Single-life knockout (Association Croquet).
Handicap Singles; time limit 3½ hours, though the **Bray system** (see note below) will be used to shorten the games.
- 4. CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES**
Fee: £3 per player
Single-life knockout (Association Croquet).
Handicap Doubles; 22-point games (Hoop 3 start); time limit 2½ hours plus **Wharrad Turns** (see note below), though the Final will be 3 hours plus Wharrad Turns.
The combined handicap of the partnership must be 12 bisques or more at the time of the draw.
Members who have not already arranged a partnership but still wish to play should put their names on the list below.
- 5. KEITH MOSLEY TROPHY**
[previously the CLUB GOLF CROQUET SINGLES]
Fee: £3
Single-life knockout (Golf Croquet).
Handicap Singles; no time limit.
Each match will be best of three 13-point games.
- 6. CLUB GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP**
Fee: £3 [New for 2011]
Single-life knockout (Golf Croquet).
Level Play Singles; no time limit.
Each match will be best of three 13-point games.
- 7. AMERICAN COMPETITION (ASSOCIATION CROQUET)**
Fee: £5
American Blocks; Handicap Singles (but see table below).
This event will be divided into four Classes by handicap, the actual ranges depending on the entries received. No block will contain more than 8 players.
In any Class with more than one block, all games must be played by September 17 so as to allow time for **Play-Offs** (see note below); single-block Classes must be completed by September 30.

Class	Trophy	Type of play	Game	Time limit	H'cap range (approx.)
'A'	Club Salver	Advanced Handicap	26-point	none	up to handicap 4/5
'B'	Simmonds Shield	Advanced Handicap	26-point	none	from 5/6 to 9/10
'C'	Parkstone Cup	Ordinary Handicap	22-point	3½ hours	from 10/11 to 14/16
'D'	Lower Parkstone Cup	Full Bisque (Base 10)	18-point	3½ hours	16/18 and above

(For definitions of **Advanced Handicap play**, **Full Bisque play**, and **22-point** and **18-point games**, see notes below.)

8. **AMERICAN COMPETITION (GOLF CROQUET)** American Blocks; Handicap Singles; no time limit.
 Fee: £3
 Each match will be best of three 13-point games.
 This event will be played as one or more blocks (depending on the number of entries), each block containing a mix of handicaps. No block will contain more than 8 players.
If there is more than one block, all matches must be played by September 17 so as to allow time for **Play-Offs** (see note below); otherwise, the block must be completed by September 30.
9. **LADDER COMPETITIONS** Handicap Singles (Association and Golf Croquet).
 No fee (all members are eligible to participate)
 Please refer to the separate **“RULES FOR LADDER COMPETITIONS”** (in the mallet cupboard).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- **Bray system:** a method used to shorten games, in which the sum of the players' handicaps determines the length of the game — see **“THE BRAY SYSTEM”** (in the mallet cupboard) for full details.
- **Wharrad Turns** (see Regulation T3): when the time limit is reached and time is called, the striker completes his turn, the adversary plays one subsequent turn, then each side plays up to 12 further turns (exclusive of bisques, which will continue to be available throughout); if the game has not ended and the scores are equal, play continues until a point is scored.
- **Play-Offs:** in an American Competition/Class with two blocks, each block winner will play the runner-up of the other block in a Semi-Final, to be played before Finals Weekend; the winning semi-finalists will then play off on Finals Weekend. If there are more than two blocks, a similar procedure will be used in order to produce two finalists for Finals Weekend.
- **Advanced Handicap play** (see Appendix 5 of the Laws): (a) for the purposes of Law 36 (Optional Lift Or Contact) only, “turn” shall be interpreted as “visit to the court”, i.e. the striker's initial turn plus any successive half-bisque or bisque; (b) Law 38 (Pegging Out In Handicap Games) shall NOT apply.
- **Full Bisque play** (see Appendix 3 of the Laws): a variation of Handicap play in which both sides receive bisques — please refer to **“FULL BISQUE BASE 10 PLAY”** (in the mallet cupboard) for details of how to implement it.
- **22-point games** (singles) will be played as “1 & 5”, i.e. when a ball runs the first hoop, its **partner** clip is immediately put on 5 (see Law 44(b)(4) for further details, but replacing “3-back” with “5”); the number of bisques received must be scaled down appropriately (see **“SCALING DOWN BISQUES”**, in the mallet cupboard).
- **18-point games** (singles) will be played as “1 & 3-back”, i.e. when a ball runs the first hoop, its **partner** clip is immediately put on 3-back (see Law 44(b)(4) for further details); the number of bisques received must be scaled down appropriately (see **“SCALING DOWN BISQUES”**, in the mallet cupboard).

B. SINGULAR COMPETITIONS

Please note that lunches, morning coffee and afternoon tea will be available on all match days.

10. **BIRD CUP WEEKEND**
Fee: £5
- Saturday & Sunday, May 14–15, 9.30 am.**
Restricted to members with handicaps of 18 and below.
Format TBA (depends on number of entries).
Handicap Singles; time limit 2½ hours.
Special conditions:
- Bisques are to be used in the first 1½ hours or else forfeited;
 - The game ends at the completion of the **stroke** in which time is called.
- Games in this event do not qualify for the Automatic Handicapping System.**
Entries by May 8, please.
11. **HANDICAP SINGLES WEEKEND**
Fee: £5
[Killick Cup]
- Saturday & Sunday, July 16–17, 9.30 am.**
Flexible Swiss — play as many games as you wish.
Handicap Singles; no time limits, but the **Bray system** (see note above) will be used, in which the sum of the players' handicaps determines the length of each game.
The winner will be the player with the highest percentage of wins at close of play on Sunday (minimum of 4 games).
Entries by July 10, please.
12. **GOLF CROQUET HIGH-HANDICAP DOUBLES**
Fee: £2 per player
- Wednesday August 17, 9.30 am.**
Restricted to members with handicaps of 8 to 10; entrants with handicaps above 10 will be required to play off 10.
Format TBA (depends on number of entries).
Handicap Doubles; time limits at Manager's discretion.
Enter either as a pair or individually (in which case a partner will be found for you).
Entries by August 10, please.
13. **HANDICAP DOUBLES WEEKEND**
Fee: £5 per player
- Saturday & Sunday, August 20–21, 9.30 am.**
Swiss, "Wheeler Doubles" — enter individually, different partners will be allocated for each round.
Handicap Doubles; time limits at Manager's discretion.
18-point games (starting at hoop 5).
Entries by August 14, please.
14. **GOLF CROQUET NOVICES' COMPETITION**
Fee: £2
[Alice Ryan Cup]
- Thursday September 29, 9.30 am.**
Restricted to members with handicaps of 10 and above who have played Golf Croquet for not more than 3 years and have not previously won a GC competition.
Entries by September 18, please.
15. **ASSOCIATION CROQUET NOVICES' COMPETITION**
Fee: £2
[Ken Robinson Cup]
- Friday September 30, 9.30 am.**
Restricted to members with handicaps of 22 and above who have played Association Croquet for not more than 3 years and have not previously won an AC competition.
Entries by September 18, please.

RULES FOR LADDER COMPETITIONS

The Ladder Competitions, in which all members are eligible to participate at no charge, exist in order to help members to improve their game (and handicap!) by giving the opportunity for more competitive play.

They offer an alternative to playing friendlies, and the match results go on the handicap cards, thus helping to keep handicaps up to date.

The following rules apply equally to both the Association and the Golf Croquet Ladders, except where differences are stated.

Type of play

- Association Croquet: Handicap Singles (Ordinary or Advanced, by agreement); no time limit, but the Bray system will be used to shorten the games.
- Golf Croquet: Handicap Singles; no time limit; single 13-point game.

Challenges

A member may challenge any other member to a match at any time (but should not play the same opponent consecutively).

Winner

The two players with the highest number of net wins at close of play on the last day of the Ladder Competitions, subject to having played a minimum of 4 games, will play off on Finals Weekend.

The last day of the Ladder Competitions will be: Wednesday, 28th September

LIST FOR CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

If you would like to play in the Club Handicap Doubles (event 4 above) but do not have a partner, please PRINT your name and handicap below.

Name

H'cap.

Name

H'cap.

GENERAL RULES FOR CLUB COMPETITIONS

- CA and WCF Laws & Regulations For Tournaments will apply to all the above competitions, except for the special conditions indicated for the Bird Cup Weekend.
- All singles competitions above, except the Bird Cup Weekend, qualify for the appropriate Automatic Handicapping System (Association or Golf Croquet).
- Finishing dates for knockout rounds and American blocks must be strictly observed; extensions may only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please be aware of the Lateness Policy:

If any match in a knockout has not been played by the stipulated date then *both* players will be scratched; however, a walk-over conceded by one player to the other counts the match as "played".

Further, if a player having played a match in a knockout then withdraws for any reason, his/her place will be taken by that player's last opponent.

Competitors are urged to arrange their matches at the earliest opportunity, to allow for unforeseen circumstances preventing a match being played by the due date; either player may take the initiative in this.

- **Substitution policy.** Should a qualifying competitor be unavailable to play on Finals Weekend without good cause (e.g. sudden illness, or representing the Club in a National Club Event), he/she will be replaced by:
 - for the final of a knockout competition – that player's last opponent;
 - for the final of an American Competition play-off – that player's last opponent;
 - for the final of a Ladder Competition – the next-lower ranked player in the Ladder.

In addition, should an American Competition play-off first-round competitor be unavailable to play before Finals Day, he/she will be replaced by the next-lower ranked player in the block.

- Members who attend the Club during Club Sessions are expected to participate in them, therefore matches should not be arranged at these times.
- All Club Competition matches have priority when the draw for courts is made, and also for single-banking. ***Please note that if any part of a time-limited match is double-banked, an extra 15 minutes of play are allowed.***
- Please be aware of the Croquet Dress Code – see the separate notice.
- In general, Club Competition matches should not be pegged down. However, in exceptional circumstances (e.g. sudden illness, a flooded court, bad light or a prior engagement) a match may be pegged down either by a referee, if available, or by agreement between the players.
- Before a match, competitors may practise on the court for up to ten minutes.
- A competitor may play more than one match in a day only with the agreement of each subsequent opponent. When this is the case, the opponent must be allowed some practice if so desired. If possible, subsequent matches should be played on different courts.
- Withdrawals from Club Competitions are inconsiderate to the other competitors and, if made without good reason after the draw has taken place, may cause that member's entry to the event in the following season to be disallowed.
- You should bring your Handicap Card up to date after each match which qualifies for the Automatic Handicapping System. If you do not have a Handicap Card, please ask Tom Weston or Peggy Nutland for one.

If you think that your handicap might have changed, or you are in the slightest doubt whatsoever, do not hesitate to consult a handicapper (please refer to the Members List) before your next match. You must play each match at your correct handicap.

THE BRAY SYSTEM

In order to lessen the possibility of a time limit imposing itself on a game, yet give players the opportunity to bring their match to a natural and artistic conclusion, we are continuing with the Bray system for some of the Club competitions. In this, the sum of the players' handicaps determines the number of points to win the game as shown in the following table:

SUM OF HANDICAPS	LENGTH OF GAME
18 or less	26 points
18½ to 25½	22 points
26 to 39	18 points
40 or more	14 points

All (singles) games will start with the clips on hoop 1; shortened games will continue as follows:

- 22-point: will be played as "1 & 5", i.e. when a ball runs the first hoop, its **partner** clip is immediately put on 5 (see Law 44(b)(4) for further details, but replacing "3-back" with "5");
- 18-point: will be played as "1 & 3-back", i.e. when a ball runs the first hoop, its **partner** clip is immediately put on 3-back (see Law 44(b)(4) for further details);
- 14-point: will be the first 6 hoops and the peg only.

For these shortened games, the number of bisques must be scaled down appropriately (see "SCALING DOWN BISQUES" below for full details).

SCALING DOWN BISQUES

1. Calculate the number of bisques to be given in a full game:
 - for Singles, it is the difference between the players' handicaps;
 - for Doubles, it is *half* the difference between the *combined* handicaps of each side, without rounding.
2. Refer to the "SCHEDULE OF BISQUES" to determine the number of bisques to be given in the shortened game.

FULL BISQUE BASE 10 PLAY (FOR THE AMERICAN 'D' CLASS)

Full Bisque play is a variation of Handicap Play in which both sides receive bisques by reference to a Base Handicap; for the American 'D' Class, this Base Handicap is 10.

As both players' handicaps will be greater than the Base Handicap, each player receives a number of bisques equal to the difference between his/her handicap and the Base Handicap, scaled down for the 18-point game by reference to the following table:

Handicap	Bisques	Handicap	Bisques
16	4	22	8½
18	5½	24	9½
20	7	26	11

SCHEDULE OF BISQUES

<u>Full Game</u>	<u>22-point</u>	<u>18-point</u>	<u>14-point</u>	<u>Full Game</u>	<u>22-point</u>	<u>18-point</u>	<u>14-point</u>
¼	0	0	0	12¼	10½	8½	6½
½	½	½	½	12½	10½	8½	6½
¾	½	½	½	12¾	11	9	7
1	1	½	½	13	11	9	7
1¼	1	1	½	13¼	11	9	7
1½	1½	1	1	13½	11½	9½	7½
1¾	1½	1	1	13¾	11½	9½	7½
2	1½	1½	1	14	12	9½	7½
2¼	2	1½	1	14¼	12	10	7½
2½	2	1½	1½	14½	12½	10	8
2¾	2½	2	1½	14¾	12½	10	8
3	2½	2	1½	15	12½	10½	8
3¼	3	2½	2	15¼	13	10½	8
3½	3	2½	2	15½	13	10½	8½
3¾	3	2½	2	15¾	13½	11	8½
4	3½	3	2	16	13½	11	8½
4¼	3½	3	2½	16¼	14	11½	9
4½	4	3	2½	16½	14	11½	9
4¾	4	3½	2½	16¾	14	11½	9
5	4	3½	2½	17	14½	12	9
5¼	4½	3½	3	17¼	14½	12	9½
5½	4½	4	3	17½	15	12	9½
5¾	5	4	3	17¾	15	12½	9½
6	5	4	3	18	15	12½	9½
6¼	5½	4½	3½	18¼	15½	12½	10
6½	5½	4½	3½	18½	15½	13	10
6¾	5½	4½	3½	18¾	16	13	10
7	6	5	4	19	16	13	10
7¼	6	5	4	19¼	16½	13½	10½
7½	6½	5	4	19½	16½	13½	10½
7¾	6½	5½	4	19¾	16½	13½	10½
8	7	5½	4½	20	17	14	11
8¼	7	5½	4½	20¼	17	14	11
8½	7	6	4½	20½	17½	14	11
8¾	7½	6	4½	20¾	17½	14½	11
9	7½	6	5	21	18	14½	11½
9¼	8	6½	5	21¼	18	14½	11½
9½	8	6½	5	21½	18	15	11½
9¾	8½	7	5½	21¾	18½	15	11½
10	8½	7	5½	22	18½	15	12
10¼	8½	7	5½	22¼	19	15½	12
10½	9	7½	5½	22½	19	15½	12
10¾	9	7½	6	22¾	19½	16	12½
11	9½	7½	6	23	19½	16	12½
11¼	9½	8	6	23¼	19½	16	12½
11½	9½	8	6	23½	20	16½	12½
11¾	10	8	6½	23¾	20	16½	13
12	10	8½	6½	24	20½	16½	13
