

Information for Members 2024/25

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Address

Location: 4 Gilmore Lane (entry Melvista Avenue opposite Archdeacon St), Nedlands.

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Key Contacts

Chairperson: (Position currently vacant)

Deputy Chairperson: Ruth Hillen - 0415 797 915

Secretary: Barbara Wilson - 0409 100 478

Treasurer: Val Hogan - 9341 6760

Functions: Ruth Hillen - 0415 797 915

Membership fees – 2024/25

There are no joining fees for new members.

Annual subscriptions for membership are as follows:

- Ordinary Member - \$280*
 - * A discounted subscription is available for the first two years for an Ordinary Member new to the sport. For 2023/24, the discounted subscription is \$240.00.
If already an Ordinary Member of another croquet club in WA, the newly joining member to indicate if Nedlands is to be their 'Primary' Club.
- Associate Member - \$75

An Associate Member is a player, currently an Ordinary Member at another croquet club in WA, but who also wishes to become a member of the Nedlands Croquet Club. Associate Members can play at any time and enjoy the privileges of an Ordinary Member, except they cannot represent the Club in tournaments or vote at General Meetings.
- Student Member - \$90

Students are required to pay full green fees for games played.
- Social Member - \$40

A Social Member shall have no voting rights.

Fees are payable from 1 July. Members who join between October and the following June, are entitled to a pro rata fee on their annual membership fee.

Membership fees can be paid online into the Club's bank account as follows:

BSB No: 016484

Account No: 183903295

Green Fees

Members - \$7.00 during the day and night for regular Club play.

The maximum green fees payable by a member in any one week (Monday start) is \$14.00.

There is no minimum requirement of players to be present when playing under lights.

Visitors - \$10.00 (day and night)

Squad - \$5.00 for Croquetwest's AC and GC squad members attending a practice or training session

Children - \$5.00

Entries to

Competitions - \$20 for one day/ \$40 for two or more days

Playing Times – Club Days

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon/Evening</u>
<u>Association Croquet (AC)</u>		
Sat – Social play	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	*12.45 pm – 4.00 pm
Golf Croquet (GC) - Come for the following sessions, depending on whatever time best suits you:		
Wed – Social play		
a) 1 Jun to 30 Sept	i. Early session	1.45 pm – 5.00 pm
	ii. Later session	4.45 pm – 7.00 pm
b) 1 Oct to 31 May (or to a slightly later date in June, depending on the weather!)	i. Early session	4.45 pm merging with 'Later session'
	ii. Later session	6.45 pm – 10.00 pm
Sat – Social play		*12.45 pm – 3.30 pm
– Competitive play		4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

* On days where the temperature is forecast to reach 34C or higher, there will be no afternoon play. Instead, there will be evening play as follows:

Early session 4.45 pm – merging with later session

Later session 6.45 pm – 10.00 pm

(Come and leave at whatever time best suits you!)

Practice and Other Playing Times

Outside of the above times, members may play or practise at any time. Practice is free. However, games organized between members and their visitors outside of regular playing sessions, must pay regular green fees and note their attendance. When members and visitors do not have access to the clubhouse, regular green fees should be paid into the shed collection tin. Their attendance should be recorded in the notebook kept in the shed.

Note - Lawn mowing is carried out every Tuesday morning – line-markings every 2nd week.

Coaching

Coaching is available from Club coaches on request. Coaches are Sandra Stevenson (AC), and Michael Trefusis-Paynter (GC). At various times, coaches may organize specific coaching sessions. Do not be afraid to ask for help!

Coaching by a Club member is free and no green fees are payable. However, when a non-Club coach is brought along to the Club, those being coached, whether a Club member or visitor, will be charged green fees.

Dress

There are no specific dress rules for Club days or practice, but flat shoes must be worn on the lawns at all times. Club colours are green and white.

For *Croquetwest* events, white, Club colours, or neat sports attire is to be worn.

We are a *Healthy Club*, and encourage protection from excessive exposure to the sun. All players are requested to wear appropriate head gear, long sleeves and sun-screen. Hydration is important.

Access to clubhouse

A key to the store shed and/or clubhouse can be arranged by contacting the Treasurer, Val Hogan. The shed contains practice balls, spare equipment and 4 trolleys carrying all lawn equipment. The shed also contains a clubhouse key in a container which may be accessed via a 4-digit code (please request this from any Committee Member).

All keys to the clubhouse, store shed, post-box, gates, lights and electricity meter boxes are to be registered in the *Key Register* maintained by Treasurer, Val Hogan.

Be aware - the side clubhouse door must be double-checked when closing, as it may appear to be locked but could possibly still be open.

Club Website

The Club has its own website at www.nedlandscroquet.org.au including a secure '*Members Only*' section. A password is required to access this section. The website also includes a current list of '*Upcoming Events*', so be sure to regularly check what events you'd like to attend.

We also have a *Facebook* page - full of pictures to share with your friends at www.facebook.com/Nedlandscroquet

Hoops and hoop-installation

Players should be prepared to install hoops before play, and remove hoops at the end of play. There are four trolleys – one for each court. A trolley contains a set of *Quadway* hoops, a centre peg, two sets of balls, flags, pegs and assorted items to assist in setting up the hoops.

Quadway hoops need to be hammered in at the *central* point of the cross-bar - *not* over the legs, as this may damage the screws. Hoops are to be set for Association courts with the blue hoop at No 1 and the red hoop at No 5; and for GC courts with the blue hoop at No 1 and the red hoop at No 3.

Hoops and hoop-holes are easily damaged if hoops are not installed properly. Players are requested to be very careful when installing and removing hoops from the lawns, and are requested to comply with the following:

Installing hoops

1. Apply a reasonable amount of grass clippings (stored in the shed) to hoop-holes before installing hoops. This will help keep the hoops rigid
2. Use a rubber mallet when hammering hoops into the lawns
3. Hammer along the centre of the cross bar – not over the legs, as this could damage the screws
4. Use a spirit-level to ensure hoops are square to the surface of the lawn.

Removing hoops

1. Never tug and pull a hoop out of the ground with your hands alone, as this may cause the hoop-hole to widen
2. Use a rubber mallet to gently tap under the centre-bar until the hoop is loose enough to be pulled out
3. Please remember after use, to wipe the carrots of the hoops with a cloth so as to reduce the risk of rust.

A demonstration of correct hoop installation and removal procedures will be given on request.

Hiring equipment

Equipment can be hired to members of the community for private purposes. The cost to hire six hoops, four mallets, a set of balls and the spare centre peg is \$55 plus a \$50 deposit. The deposit is refundable on return of the equipment.

Balls, Mallets and Centre Pegs

The Club has many sets of primary and secondary *International* balls. Four sets of each, together with three sets of practice balls, are stored in the shed.

Please keep the shed-door closed when not in use, to avoid leaves being blown in.

The Club has a number of spare mallets which are free for use by new members and visitors. Members are encouraged to try out different mallets before deciding on purchasing one of their own.

Mallets and balls are available for use at home for practice. When borrowing the equipment, details must be recorded in the *Borrow* book and signed off on return. This book is kept on the book shelf by the desk. If the Treasurer is not present, members should fill in the book themselves.

Affiliation with Croquetwest

Croquetwest (The West Australian Croquet Association Inc.) is the governing body for croquet in WA. Croquet clubs throughout WA, pay an annual affiliation fee based on the number of members, to *Croquetwest*. This money is used for such purposes as to support WA teams at inter-state events; provide insurance for members and the public; train referees and coaches; organise tournaments and maintain a website.

The *Croquetwest* website is www.croquetwest.org.au and contains a large amount of information concerning croquet in WA and beyond.

The site also includes the calendar of events for the year and has a link to the *Croquet Australia* website, which provides news and information on national and international events.

Competitive Events

The Club runs its own competitions during the year and all members are encouraged to enter these competitions when practicable. Entry fees are \$20 for a one-day event, and \$40 for a two-or-more day event.

The Club also hosts *Croquetwest* events from time to time throughout the year. Such events require members to assist with their running. These events are a great opportunity to observe competitive play.

Social Events

The Club hosts several social events throughout the year such as the *Melbourne Cup Lunch* and *Christmas Dinner*. The Club does not have a liquor licence. Members may bring their own drinks for these events.

Croquetwest and the Club each hold their own *Annual Trophy Day*, at which trophies won during the year are presented.

Corporate and private functions

The Club hires out its clubhouse and lawn facilities for use by social groups. Hiring our facilities are fundraising exercises, and Club members are encouraged to volunteer their assistance from time to time when corporate and private functions are held. Chair Ruthie Hillen handles these bookings.

Cost of hiring the venue for a one-off function is \$20.00 per person for daytime and \$25.00 for evening events. Students pay \$15, day or night.

Club Meetings

We are an incorporated body and must comply with our Club Rules and By-Laws. General meetings are held every three months. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings and keep up-to-date with what's happening at the Club. The Management Committee comprises a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson, a Secretary, Treasurer, and up to four Ordinary members (including one responsible for functions). These office bearers are elected at the AGM held in August or September. Various committees oversee the Club's activities.

Literature

There is an assortment of reference material on both Association and Golf Croquet, including books and videos which can be borrowed if desired. Items borrowed need to be recorded in the *Borrow* book when removed from the clubhouse.

The Oxford Croquet website (www.oxfordcroquet.com) contains a comprehensive series of articles which are easy to read and well-illustrated. Such articles can be downloaded as required.

Bins

We have two outside bins – the red bin for household rubbish and the yellow bin for recycling*. The red bin needs to go out on a Tuesday for collection on Wednesday. The yellow recycle bin is emptied fortnightly - also on Wednesdays.

* We also have an inside bin for empty beverage containers that currently attract a 10 cent refund per item. Most plastic, glass, aluminium, steel and paper-based containers between 150 millilitres and 3 litres are eligible for the 10 cent refund. These include beer bottles, soft drink cans, plastic water bottles and smaller flavoured milk cartons.

Please bring along your empty beverage containers and help attract additional funds to the Club.