

Membership Fees 2021

Full annual	£115
Second club member	£100
1 st year (new full member)	£95
1 st year (new member 2 nd club)	£80
Joining after 31 July/ Chair's discretion	£60
Associate member	£60
Student	£60
Junior members (under 16)	£5
Green fee (per session)	£4
Green fee (with partner)	£7
Green fee (family rate)	£10

(Prospective new members are allowed three free trial sessions.)

Club Officers 2021

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Chelmsford Croquet Club

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The Club

The Club was formed in 1999 when two long established clubs, Bentley and Chelmsford, merged. It now provides the only croquet facility in the Chelmsford area. There are two full size lawns located on the Writtle College sports field and maintained by the college groundsman.

Equipment

The Club supplies all equipment though many members go on to buy their own croquet mallet. There is a selection of mallets available, which new members can try out. Experienced players will always give advice on mallet selection

Clothing

Flat-soled shoes must be worn at all times to prevent damage to the lawns. Casual comfortable clothes are worn for most occasions but 'whites' are conventionally worn for matches or tournaments.

The Game

At the Club both Association and Golf Croquet are played.

Golf Croquet is a more immediately accessible game, with each of the four balls is played in sequence. All balls contest the same hoop, either trying to run it, get into position to do so, or to knock other balls away. The first ball to run a hoop scores the point and the balls then move on to the next hoop. Games are usually the best of 7 or 13 hoops.

Association Croquet has been described as 'snooker on grass'. As with Golf Croquet games can be either singles or double – two balls per side. Extra strokes can be earned by running a hoop or hitting another ball with the ball you are striking which means that players can establish and make breaks. Each ball has to try and run all the hoops and then hit the peg in the centre of the court. The winner is the first side to do this with both balls.

The Season

The Club is open for play and practice, weather permitting, from early April to the end of September. Wednesdays and Saturdays are reserved for Association Croquet and Tuesdays and Thursdays for Golf Croquet. At other times, and during the evenings, unless they have been booked for a match or outside letting the lawns are freely available to members – though on during the day on Mondays note that the groundsman has priority.

Coaching

For those with little or no previous experience coaching can be arranged for both Association and Golf Croquet.

Contact

The Chairman or Club Secretary for further information.