

United Croquet Club Inc.

North Hagley Park, Riccarton Avenue, Christchurch

Phone: 028 414 5730

Web: unitedcroquet.com

Information for members

Welcome to the United Croquet Club. This information will help you get the most from your membership.

As a croquet player you are part of an international network.

The *United Croquet Club* is affiliated to the *Canterbury (NZ) Croquet Association Inc* (CCA). The CCA is affiliated to the *Croquet New Zealand* (CNZ) which is a member of the World Croquet Federation (WCF).

Club days

Club days are Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Organised play starts at 1pm. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before starting so that the club captain can arrange the draw.

Members are welcome to play in the mornings on club days, or any time that the lawns are not required for competitions, coaching or maintenance.

If you are coming morning and afternoon, remember to bring your lunch. The club provides tea and coffee.

Flat-soled shoes that do not mark the lawns are essential. Casual dress is acceptable on club days. Some players wear whites when playing in association croquet tournaments. Please ask any Committee member for further details. Dress for golf croquet events is casual.

Keys

The same key is used for the equipment shed and the clubhouse. There is a separate key kept in the shed for the park gates. This also unlocks the barrier near the club entrance.

Full members may hold a key to the shed and clubhouse on payment of a refundable deposit. The key to the park gates hang on the shadow board in the equipment shed. Please always return the key immediately after use in case someone else needs it.

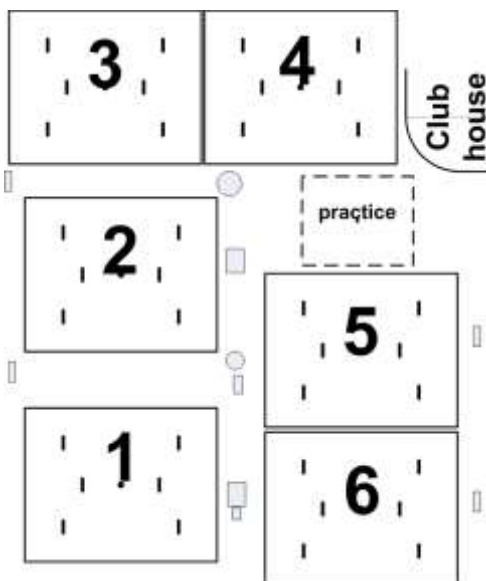
If you want a club key see the club captain.

Lawns

United has six full-size lawns numbered 1 to 6 plus an area that can be used for practice, including jump shots that may damage the lawn. Sometimes smaller lawns may be set up.

Numbers are mounted on the fence. The lawns usually have standard hoops (a nominal width of $3\frac{3}{4}$ "). During some competitions, some or all lawns may have narrower hoops ($3\frac{11}{16}$ ").

Check the board hanging in the equipment shed window and the notice board for the hoop settings and notices about lawns that should not be used. Some lawns may be closed for maintenance or other reasons.



Lawns may be reserved for competitions. During competitions, other lawns may be used, if available. Check the calendar for details or the list of lawn usage on the notice board. During CCA competitions at United, members are allowed to play at other Canterbury clubs free of charge – please ring them up beforehand to let them know you'll be coming and make sure they are available.

Each lawn has a trolley with its hoops, corner flags, clips (for AC), peg and two sets of four balls. Please always use the hoops allocated for each lawn, and place each hoop in its correct position. Use the hoop lifters to remove hoops. Do not wriggle the hoops to remove them. Ask another club member if you want help setting out a lawn.

When clearing a lawn, please ensure that all equipment is returned. There is over \$2500 of equipment on each trolley. Check that both sets of balls and all six hoops are present as well as the AC clips. Please return the short, white AC corner pegs or GC half-way pegs to their container and all GC scoring clips, GC extra turn clips and AC bisques are returned.

Name tags

You can order your club name tag from the Club captain. Cost is \$10.



Club shirts

You can order your club shirt. Current cost is \$35.

Phone

The club has an Android mobile phone. The number is 028 414 5730.

Club members can use it to make the occasional call.

Some basic instructions on its use are kept by the phone.



First aid kit

A first aid kit is available in the drawer nearest the sliding doors.

Outside toilet

The outside toilet is shared with other Trust members. The door is opened with a four-digit code. At the beginning of play the digital lock can be disabled by turning the lever vertical. The upper lock, which displays *Occupied* when locked, can then be used until the end of play. At the end of play, turn the lever horizontal and pull the door closed. Brief instructions are on the inside of the door.

Committee

2018/19 committee members are:

President	Philippa Porter	358 4393 021 040 3408	nandpporter@xtra.co.nz
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In-trays are provided where you may leave mail for club officers.

Year book

CNZ publishes a year book at the beginning of each season. This contains details of CNZ and of every affiliated association, club and member. It also contains the laws of association croquet, the rules of golf croquet and details of tournaments and competitions throughout New Zealand. Some parts of the yearbook are also published separately.

Members may order the year book before June for the following season. A copy is kept in the clubhouse for all members to use.

North Hagley Sports Trust

United Croquet Club is a member of the *North Hagley Community, Sports and Recreation Charitable Trust*. Other members are currently Canterbury Petanque, High School Old Boys Rugby and North Hagley Touch Association.

The Trust leases the area that was leased by the United Bowling Club which includes the rest of the building, the petanque terrain and the training area.

The trust's website is northhagleysports.wordpress.com which includes a calendar for bookings for the trust part of the building.

Bar

The Trust operates a bar. The hours are subject to change but are currently:

Fridays 4pm to 6:30pm

Saturdays 4pm to 9:30pm

The licence area does not include the croquet club house or grounds, so liquor purchased at the bar cannot be carried to the croquet grounds.

Parking

There are limited car parks next to the club house that are shared with the other Trust members. Parking is very limited so please be considerate.

Further car parks are available nearer Riccarton Avenue. This car park is shared by users of the tennis courts, park users and hospital visitors. During weekends, especially when there is a tournament at any of the clubs, this car park will be full, and you may have to park on Riccarton Avenue. There is also a larger car park 400m from the club that is accessed from the Armagh Street access to Hagley Park.

During weekdays the public park car park has a three-hour time limit. A limited number of season parking permits are available for members that allow you to park for more than three hours. See the secretary for a season permit. These are provided by Christchurch City Council and take some time to arrange.

Each evening the gate to the park at Riccarton Avenue is locked. The key for this gate is in the equipment shed. If you use this key, please return it to the shed immediately after use in case someone else needs it. Park hours vary during the year and are posted on the notice at the entrance to the park.

Rosters

We rely on members helping with the many tasks needed to keep the club running. This includes mowing our lawns, marking lines, mowing and spraying fence lines and edges, gardening, cleaning and maintenance. We have a number of rosters for these regular tasks and club members are asked to make themselves available for a roster that suits.

Affiliation fees

United Croquet Club is affiliated to the Canterbury (NZ) Croquet Association Inc (CCA) which is affiliated to the Croquet New Zealand (CNZ). Along with your club membership dues you also pay CCA and CNZ affiliation fees.

Handicapping

Association (traditional) croquet and golf croquet both use an Automatic Handicapping System. Handicaps are automatically adjusted based on the results of approved singles and (for golf croquet) doubles competitions. You may have a handicap in one or both forms of croquet.

Players of association croquet normally start with a handicap of 24. Players of golf croquet get an initial handicap by completing an exercise described in the appendix to the golf croquet rules which can be found in the year book. If the handicapping system has not been explained to you, or to get an initial golf croquet handicap, please ask a committee member.

Spare handicap cards are kept in a drawer under the blackboard.

Dishwasher

We have a dishwasher for general use. A *Dirty* sign on the door indicates it is being loaded. Rinse your cups and dishes and put them in the dishwasher. Please don't just leave them on the bench or in the sink for someone else to deal with.

If you are locking up and the *Dirty* sign is showing, check that the dishwasher is reasonably full, and if it is, turn it on:

1. Add powder detergent and close dispenser door by sliding forward
2. Press the *On/Off* switch
3. Dial to *Quick 45°*
4. Press *Start*
5. Turn the sign over to show *Clean*.

If you arrive at the club and the *Clean* sign is showing and the dishwasher has stopped, please unload it and turn over the sign to show *Dirty*.

These instructions are also on the signs.

Planning your croquet season

Members should plan what tournaments they attend early in the season. Many, but not all, competitions are listed in the year book. Watch the notice board for others, particularly Fun Days which are excellent days for levels of experience. Planning for some competitions, such as the interclub, are started well before the season starts.

Members are encouraged to participate in competitions as this will quickly improve your game.

Library

The club has a small library of books, booklets and DVDs about croquet that members may borrow. Record the items that you borrow on the list on the notice board.

Newsletter

A newsletter is regularly sent out to all members by email. If you do not receive them, make sure that the secretary has your correct email address. A printed copy is also put on the noticeboard.

Standard Operating Procedures

A number of Standard Operating Procedures have been produced and more are being written. These assist in the running of the club, especially when people change positions in the club. These are available on the club website (see below).

Current SOPs include Corporate Events, Adjusting Quadway Hoops, Secretary and Managing the Website.

Website

The club website is unitedcroquet.com.

The website has notices and reports of tournaments and other items of interest. These are usually published on the blog. Members can subscribe to the blog and will then receive each posting by email. To subscribe, enter your email under the heading *Follow Blog via Email* in the right-hand column of any page and click *Follow*.

The website also has an online calendar with all events at the club, so you can check if the lawns are available for casual play. The next few entries from the calendar are displayed in the right-hand panel on all pages.

There is also a page on the website with reference information useful to members. Click *Members* on the menu to access this page. Current information includes:

- Club rules (constitution)
- Golf Croquet Rules
- Association Croquet Laws

- SOPs
- Manuals
- Lawn usage calendar
- Other information

Other information

Other information available to members:

- A copy of the club rules (constitution)
- A list of club members with their contact details

Some useful web sites and information

United Croquet Club unitedcroquet.com
Our club website.

North Hagley Sports Trust northhagleysports.wordpress.com
The main item here is the calendar for the Trust rooms and information about the Trust members.

Canterbury (NZ) Croquet Association croquetcanterbury.com
Canterbury Croquet has information on Canterbury clubs and competitions.

CCA also sends out a regular newsletter. You can subscribe to the CCA blog to receive information on Canterbury tournaments and other events, including the CCA newsletter.

Croquet New Zealand croquet.org.nz
Croquet New Zealand has national information on croquet in New Zealand.

World Croquet Federation worldcroquet.org.uk
The World Croquet Federation is the international organising body for the sport of croquet.

Croquet Scores croquetscores.com
Croquet Scores has results of many club, regional, national and international tournaments in New Zealand and around the world.

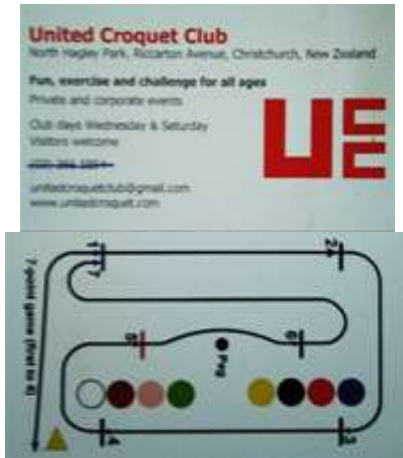
Results for most United Club and Canterbury competitions are put on Croquet Scores. You can find these from links on the relevant web sites or search the list of results directly on Croquet Scores.

Clarke Croquet clarkecroquet.com
Jenny and Chris Clarke are club members. This site provides *courses* covering aspects of croquet such as Laws Training, Stroke-Play and Tactical Coaching, Lawn Care, and some fun stuff such as croquet trivia quizzes.

Promoting croquet

All club members are the best ambassadors for the game. When you are talking to friends and family tell them about the game and invite them along.

We have printed business cards with contact details and the 7-point game that we use for corporate events. Feel free to take several and hand them out.



We also have a sign, with a black plastic base, that is kept in the equipment shed. It should be put out at the gate on club days and returned when packing up.