

Croquet Academy Report

Croquet Academy report for period October 2022 - September 2023

The Academy offered a comprehensive programme of courses during the winter of 2022/23 and the summer of 2023. The majority of courses were run at Southwick and 2 satellite venues (Tunbridge Wells & Guildford).

Following our review we have decided to operate from 2 centres in 2024 (Southwick & Tunbridge Wells). This will be supplemented by bespoke courses at individual clubs.

In addition a number of bespoke courses were run at individual clubs lead by Academy coaches. It is estimated that over 170 players benefited from these bespoke courses in addition to the Academy published programme

Published Academy Courses Held:

Golf Croquet 12
Association Croquet 5
Other Courses 2

Total Courses 19

Coaches Qualified 18

Number attending published courses 144

Number receiving bespoke coaching 170

Total number receiving courses 314

In addition the Academy has been running a modular Course in Short Croquet over the Winter months. This has been successful and we plan to run the third series over the 23/24 winter period.

The Academy has also developed a modular AC course taking Short Croquet Players onto full sized lawns. These players were in the 18 – 22 hcp range at the start of the course. The trial course was successful with the attendees all showing handicap improvement during 2023.

This test modular course was run over the winter and was disrupted by weather. As a result the Academy propose running it in the Spring, targeting it at players who have completed the short croquet modular course in the previous year.

We continued to run a series of specialist courses and in 2023 including a Mindset Course on line, as well as a one day course at Southwick on Golf Croquet Mistakes and how to avoid them by Steven Custace-Baker.

The 2024 prospectus will include a Spring CTC & CQC and a Jonathan Powe Masterclass in May.

Safeguarding

The vast majority of SE Federation Clubs have SOs, so well done and thanks to everyone who have recognised the importance of this role.

All Safeguarding matters have been extensively covered by Ron Carter, National Safeguarding Officer for CE.

The following is recommended reading by Ron:

Federation Officers " Welfare Matters" if we are to make Croquet a "Safe Space" Sport for every participant. See "Welfare Matters" page on Croquet England website now.