

Equipment Cleaning from 2 Dec 2020

Previously, the cleaning was carried out by Peter Aspinall. He is not currently available. So players now need to do the cleaning themselves.

The balls, hoops and peg (and clips used in AC games) need to be cleaned **both before and after play**. We must do all we can to avoid the spread of the virus to or from anyone (not just croquet players), who may enter the pavilion where the equipment is stored. The virus may survive longer on cold, smooth surfaces that are not exposed to direct sunlight. All equipment is to be stored, away from the doors, at the northern end of the pavilion, to minimise contact with other users of the building.

The use of disposable gloves is recommended (but not supplied by the club). If not available, clean your hands. Do not then touch your face (or anything other than what you are cleaning).

BALLS – Wash with water and washing-up liquid in the yellow bowl. Do not use any other cleaning product. Let them drain. Clean the tube. Return the balls to the tube with clean hands or gloves.

CLIPS – Same as for balls. Do not leave them attached to the tube – they are not needed for GC. When not in use, the clips are to be stored in the plastic boxes at the north end of the line of tables.

HOOPS and PEG – Remove them, one at a time, from the trolley and use the disinfectant spray and a cloth or paper towel. Also clean the handles of the trolley and the rubber mallet. There are reserves of disinfectant in the ball-cupboard.

CHAIRS – The club chairs should not be used. Please bring your own. If used, do not share, clean thoroughly afterwards and return them to the old changing room.

Do not congregate inside the pavilion. Only use it to access the equipment and toilet. The catering facilities remain out of bounds. Consider using hand gel, before and after touching any door handles or other surfaces. You are expected to have your own supply of hand gel. Consider using a face covering, if you will be inside for an extended period.

Sharing Equipment and Double Banking – Make sure you are familiar with the precautions previously circulated and posted on the ball-cupboard doors. Keep an eye out for revisions and for guidance on the Croquet Association web-site. Maximum four players per lawn, only handle what you need to, keep your distance. You may use the switches to remove dew and worm-casts. The switch handles need to be cleaned, before and after use, with disinfectant spray. Don't share them.

BOOKINGS – Will be dealt with by Bryan Harral. See the next page. If you visit the lawns, for any reason, without booking, Bryan must be notified as soon as possible. We are required to keep a record of attendance for twenty one days, for Test & Trace purposes.

Any concerns, comments or shortage of cleaning products should be reported to George Collin, or to another committee member if he cannot be contacted.

If anything is unclear or not covered by the above, you will of course use your common sense.

Lawn Booking from 2 Dec 2020

1. Contact me (Bryan) between 1000 and 1200 hrs if possible, either by text message (07511 023372) or email (harral_b2@hotmail.com). Let me know roughly what time you want to start and how long you want to play. I will then allocate a lawn if there is one available.
2. I need to know the names of all the players using the allocated lawn. If anyone turns up without booking a lawn beforehand and uses a free lawn that's OK but it is essential that they let me know as soon as possible who used the lawn. This is essential if we have to track and trace.
3. I will not be cleaning the equipment. I expect the players to clean the balls, hoops, centre-pegs, club chairs and club mallets they use BEFORE starting to play. Do not assume that the equipment has been cleaned by the previous users. Peter will provide a copy of his cleaning methods which have worked well.
4. Make sure you wash your hands thoroughly with washing up liquid after touching anything that has not been sanitised.
5. I will visit the club at least once a week to make sure there is adequate washing up liquid, anti-viral spray, cloths and gloves. I expect players to provide their own hand sanitiser.

In the unlikely event of anyone contracting Covid within 14 days of using the club I must be informed. Then I can notify all those who have been at the club at the same time, and they will not be allowed to use the lawns for 14 days.

Players will also be responsible for cleaning the equipment that they use. The attached cleaning procedure document should be followed by all players as appropriate.