



Incorporating Association Croquet and Golf Croquet

Some clubs and regions have problems with Golf Croquet and Association Croquet players integrating. There are some clubs where Association and Golf Croquet players never meet let alone play together. If your club or region has this problem, all members can help overcome the divide.

Perhaps your club has social days for Golf Croquet and Association Croquet but very few days designed to incorporate the two games. You could hold a Social Day pairing the Golf and Association players together, this will ensure that they get to know each other. They could play AC doubles with the AC players taking the two ball shots. Alternatively they could play Ricochet - or you could ask your region to hold Ricochet tournaments or even a pennant.

If the great divide is a regional problem, with some clubs Association only and some clubs Golf Croquet only, you may want to run a joint competition over a number of weeks. The Meadows Croquet Club in Scotland runs a Midweek League incorporating the two games. They form a team of one association and one golf croquet player, who play an association doubles and then a best of three golf croquet games. The association game counts as one rubber and the best of three golf croquet games counts as the other rubber. At the end of the competition season the team with the most rubbers wins (if teams are equal on rubbers, they use a hoop count back).

It is important to consider running joint competitions if croquet is to thrive. Remember we are all croquet players and we are all croquet members and we all want our sport to be recognized as an exciting and challenging game for all ages and abilities.