

## ANYONE FOR CROQUET?

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 is National Croquet Day and Hove Beach Croquet Club is offering free croquet and coaching to anyone - groups or individuals - who would like to try the game.**

Deckchairs, tables and gazebos will be set out from 11.30, there will be games for kids and grown-ups and coaching sessions throughout the day.



The Hove Croquet Club on Hove Lawns was first established in 1928 and the new Hove Beach Croquet Club was founded in 2010.

We are located next to the Hove and Kingsway Bowling Club, between the King Alfred Leisure Centre and The Venue Beach Bar (formerly The View).

Over the years, the game of croquet has gone in and out of fashion. At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was more popular than tennis. Tennis eventually came out on top, largely because of croquet's unsavoury reputation.

In America it became associated with gambling, drinking and philandering to such an extent that it was once banned in Boston as an immoral practice.

Herbert Swope, the American newspaperman, on whose estate Groucho Marx and Dorothy Parker were said to have played with unsportsmanlike rivalry, said, "croquet gives release to all the mischief in you. It makes you want to do bad things... it is a great game".

To keep the spirit alive, our club motto is 'to cause mistrust and resentment among even the best of friends'.

## INTERESTED?

**Hove Beach Croquet Club is a very relaxed club for anyone in and around Hove who would like to watch, learn or play croquet.**

Croquet is a game that is best enjoyed among friends and over the past few seasons, the croquet club has become an excellent place to meet good people or just hang out on hazy, lazy summer days.

Visitors are welcome, children are welcome, coaching is always available, there is a bar, a café, regular barbecues and plenty of deckchairs.



The club is open from May to September, every weekend from 12 to sundown (weather permitting).

During the week, local groups and charities have regular sessions. If you know a group that would like to give croquet a try, get in touch through the website or our Facebook page.

If you'd like to join, you will find all the information you need on the website.

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