

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

KEEPING IN TOUCH

December 2022



Hi Folks,

Hope all is well and preparations for your Christmas festivities are going as planned.

CLUB CLOSURE

The club will be intermittently closed during the festive season.

The croquet courts will be set up until the 23rd December and then re set on Wednesday 11th January. 2023

THANK YOU

A big, big thank you to all who have contributed to the club events and happenings during the year. To our social players thank you for coming out weekly and contributing to the clubs ethos.

Congratulations and thanks are extended to all Pennant players and Gala Day players. You have done our club so proud this year.

To all who have contributed to our many functions during the year thank you.

To our fantastic croquet committee ably led by Colin for all their help and support in looking after the welfare of our club and its members. We have certainly achieved a lot and accomplished much.

To Roger our coach extraordinaire a big, big thank you. Your knowledge and skills and coaching expertise have been well received by members who have gained and improved their skills plus confidence in their ability. Well done.

Also thank you in appreciation for managing our Web page, Face Book and promotional fliers for the club

Thank you also to Jän our Club Captain thank you for your professionalism in organising our pennant teams . A job well done.

Message to all from Colin (Club Manager)

Hi all,

On Friday from 5 pm. until 8.30 croquet hosted a Christmas function for Diabetes S.A.

We organised a competition for them ,dividing them into two teams Red and Blue resulting in a victory for the Red team 6 games to 2.

The croquet was played in good spirit with varying levels of skill and a good time was had by all which was helped along by faultless assistance from our volunteers.

An interesting occurrence was one lady after hearing one of our volunteers mention the dreaded jump shot asked for a demonstration.

This was done by an unnamed individual (on the third try) and she then proceeded to execute a perfect jump shot of her own on the first try.😊

The lady had never played croquet before this game so if you are unsure and nervous about trying a jump shot just give it a go and you may have the same result.

It was great to have more volunteers offering to help than were actually needed on the night. Members volunteering help for the event were Helen, Urbicia, Judy, Rosemary, Barbara, Di, Margaret, Susan, Paul and Colin.



Also a big thank you to all our members that volunteer for various things during the year. Great to see 28 of our members attend our Christmas get together at the Watermark hotel on December 5.

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The coaching sessions managed by Roger Zeuner assisted by Gloria over the past few months have been an outstanding success with good participation by members who are improving their skills week by week.

Well done Roger and Gloria

Please think about committing to play in in a pennant competition next year ,it's not as daunting as some people imagine and there is a variety of competition tailored for all skill levels.

Committing to a pennant competition will also prevent club captain Jān pulling what's left of his hair out. Team organisation and selection really is the hardest job at the club so well done Jān. what you do is really appreciated.

The new 12+ is a particularly good entry competition for our members it is short and sweet consisting of 5 rounds played on Wednesdays, please contact club captain Jān if you are keen. Last but not least thanks for the continued support and I hope you all have a great Christmas and New year. Cheers Colin.

H.B.C.C. Croquet Manager

PENNANTS

Hi Everybody,



We basically had a good croquet year. We held a very successful Gala Day, held a great inaugural internal competition, and competed well in pennant competitions, we also attended all available metro Gala days as well as outer venues at Murray Bridge, Mount Barker & Victor Harbour. Our players managed to win a few Gala trophies and win plenty of raffles. I encourage everybody to play at least one Gala Day per year, it's good fun and helps other clubs financially.

People overall improved their playing skills and handicaps went tumbling down; especially Roger Zeuner who has quickly progressed from a 16 to now an 11 handicap. Other players that improved their handicaps Marion, Judy, Susan, Colin and Jān.

In the 9+ Weekend Pennants Holdfast Stingrays finished equal third on matches won. Whilst Holdfast Breakers 9+ struggled a bit and finished last, but had one outstanding win which left the opposition gobsmacked. Both our teams in the Thursday afternoon 9+ competitions played really well and both could have finished much higher had they not been forced to forfeit matches because of player unavailability. The 24+ team played below their normal standard and finished fifth out of seven teams. This was in part due to unforeseen clashes with Gala Days and our best team was not always available.

Next season (Autumn) HBCC will be entering one Monday 24+ team at Hutt Rd with Colin, Paul & Susan as the core players. We will also enter a team in the Wednesday 12+ competition at Hutt Rd, this should appeal to all our higher handicap players. Finally, we will enter one Weekend 9+ team at Hutt Rd.

Dates of play for 2023 will be announced by SACA sometime in the New Year.

I would like to enter more teams but this years' experience with putting multiple teams in the same competition just did not work. Many players were unavailable because of injuries and sickness, these things cannot be helped. It would be good to have a larger pool of pennant players to draw upon, please try and make yourselves available, pennants competition definitely hones your skills - your club needs you.

HBCC trialed a few Wednesday twilight games under lights with a light supper (\$5), strangely, this initiative was not well supported, even though twilight games were requested by our own members. However, it was great to see David Hayter back on the court. There will be two more twilight games on Wednesday 18th and 25th January 2023 please support this initiative.

Tip of the Day.

Never despair or concede a hoop or match. So many top players time and time again miss the "easy" roquets or choke on the "unmissable" hoop or plain stuff up a routine jump shot. Treat your next shot as "the match winning shot" every time.

Merry Christmas and a great New Year to all.

P.S. Remember to read your Club & SACA emails, look at the courtside notice board, and go through Marg's informative Newsletter.

Jān – HBCC Club Captain



Merry Christmas to all

Have a great, fantastic, wonderful Christmas and festive season and a happy, happy, prosperous, healthy New Year. May Santa be very kind.

Looking forward to another great year of friendship, croqueting and fun in 2023 'til then keep safe, keep well, keep smiling and enjoy whatever you do.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

THE CROQUET CLUB HAD THEIR CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE WATERMARK HOTEL, AFTER A COVID BREAK, TODAY 2 DECEMBER 2022. IT WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED WITH MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE WATERMARK HOTEL'S WELL KNOWN BUFFET. THE FOOD WAS GREAT AND THERE WAS PLENTY OF CONVERSATION.

WE WISH EVERY MEMBER OF THE CLUB A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND THE BEST OF CROQUETING IN THE NEW YEAR.



We all enjoyed the occasion.

And our little ELF brought the chocolates

COACHING TIPS (Dec 2022)

- Participate in the game as often as you can
- Enjoy yourself playing the game
- Remember it is the best game in the world

COACHING OVERVIEW FOR THE YEAR.

I commenced Coaching at the Club after being accredited as a Level one coach by SACA. Our first session was held on Wednesday 15 June 2022. The sessions are held on most Wednesday mornings at 0930. This is our day for social play. It was agreed that coaching would be conducted on Court one while Court two was left to the members who did not wish to avail themselves of coaching. The coaching is conducted over a forty five minute period and after that members enjoyed a social game.

Through heat, rain, hail and cold winds, members turned up for the coaching. We have had up to eighteen members



avail themselves for the coaching which indicated the want of our club members for coaching. Over the six months the average number of members attending coaching is about ten.

Feedback from members has been very positive with many noting an improvement in their games and this has been noticeable when playing the social games after coaching.

Members have also been exposed to various croquet techniques which they were not aware of and also to the rules of the game which have been slightly changed in the latest version.

I have also provided coaching tips in the Club Monthly Magazine, Keeping In Touch.

Coaching is now finished for this year but with support will recommence in 2023.

I wish to thank all members who participated for their support during the year.



Gloria and I wish you all the best for Christmas, have a great one, and we will see you in the New Year.

Oh!!! by the way,

REMEMBER

OKAY

Successful Croquet Players maintain a routine which they practice and use when taking every shot. It is recommended that you adopt the following routine for success.

Remember to practice The 5 "S's" of Successful Croquet



STALK

STANCE:

SWING SLOWLY BACK:

STAY DOWN:

SWEEP THROUGH:

Roger and Gloria