

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

KEEPING IN TOUCH

February, 2024



Hi all,

Croquet in 2024 is off to a great start with 3 new members and possibly 2 more .

It is excellent to see a good amount of members taking advantage of the good weather and coming along to play.

24 players on the 24th was the largest group I have ever seen present and It was good to see our courts plus D Green fully utilised.

Croquet were managers of a sausage sizzle at Holdfast earlier in the month so thanks go to Paul, Val, Mary and David H. for volunteering to help on the day.

I also managed a Bowls function at short notice due to a date mix up where the original organiser was in a pennant competition.

Both these events fly the flag for croquet and help the club as a whole as well as generating much needed funds.

Rogers coaching is continuing to be a valued addition to the croquet calendar which creates a double advantage in not only helping players improve their play but making subsequent games for more seasoned players a far more enjoyable and better experience.

Well done Roger I am sure all at Croquet really appreciate your efforts.

Two more marks of appreciation go to Jān and Margaret.

Jān for his excellent work as club captain in organising the pennant teams.

This can be a complicated job but made easier with the full cooperation of players who wish to play pennant games communicating with him asap so please reply promptly when necessary.

Secondly croquet are really lucky to have as our secretary someone who is respected by everyone at Club Holdfast and works none stop for our benefit.

A lot of the things that appear to drop into place for croquet are due to this respect and Margaret's organising abilities so I think I am safe in saying thanks Marg. from all croquet members .

Last but not least.

The finance to run Club Holdfast is generated by membership fees, Sponsorship, Functions, Bar sales and Bingo .

If the only income was membership fees the club would close up immediately so it is reliant on the other income streams mentioned and also the volunteers to maintain these so thank you to members who do volunteer and I encourage others to help when they can.

Many Hands etc.

At the moment to help on some functions (Bingo is an example) there is a need for the helper to have an

RSA membership card (Responsible Serving of Alcohol) this can be obtained on line by filling in a questionnaire that doesn't take very long.

The bowling facility at the moment have 12 + RSA personal and croquet have 1 so it would be good to see this differential reduced this year.

I hope all members continue to enjoy our great game and have a good new year.

Cheers Colin.

Croquet Manager.

.FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Hi all,

We have entered a 9+ and a 12+ team in the year long Weekend Pennant competition and a 24+ team in the Autumn Competition.. Sadly no 9+ team was entered in the Autumn competition. Keep practising and try to enter the Spring Competition.

Updated 9+ and 12+ teams have been posted in the shed notice board.

Cheers, Jân HBCC Club captain



FROM THE COACH

It is just great to see so many members enjoying a great game of croquet and participating in our coaching session.

Last week 24 members played on Wednesday morning and this morning 31/1/24, 26 members attended for some great games and coaching. We also have several new members who are enjoying the coaching, socialising and playing. Enjoy the photos.

We also had a cake and small celebration for Val's significant birthday. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Val.

Next coaching session on Wednesday 14th Feb.



COACHING TIPS

Some easy reading to improve your game.

GOLF CROQUET GUIDANCE NOTES

SOME BLACK AND WHITE TIPS FOR A SHADES OF GREY GAME {90%}

1 Put the first bail on in front of hoop 1, as best you can.

2 Jump at odd numbered hoops.

3. Peel at even numbered hoops.

4. Send offside balls to the more distant penalty point but consider leaving them where they are.

5. Look for opportunities to promote your ball.

6. If no immediate threat. clear the ball that just turned up, not the next to play

7. Look for the triangle, your two balls and one of the oppositions

8. Just don't run the hoop if you can't get to the next hoop in the same snot and the

opposition is well away.

9. Double up if you are uncomfortable with other options.

10. If hampered think about the risk and perhaps go instead to a position that impacts the current hoop and the next one

11. Know when you have lost { or won } the hoop and start playing the next one'

12. Take relief in the direction of your chosen shot only.

13. Do not give the opposition a Northward clearance at hoop 12.

14. Look for the invisible ball option if partially wired or stymied

15. Think about starting or maintaining a stymie if your in front.

16. Embrace the AC croquet strokes, you will need them occasionally. use triggers to what to do in certain situations, the above is a list of triggers.



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Practice Guide Maintain what you currently do well. Improve what you currently

well. Add what you do not do at all. Over time expand your range of ability. Do not practice failure, make your initial practice easier. Practice does not make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect. Muscle memory the critical distances, 7 yards, 14 yards, 21 yards. Practice tired from time to time it will help when you are fatigued or pressured in a game. Practice putting bails in front of every hoop from both penalty points. '

WRONG BALL In the remedy of a wrong ball, fault or colliding balls with another game, remember the choice lies with the non-offending player {s}. That's the side that did not play the shot. In wrong ball play, if the opposition played a good shot, make them do it again, so replace and replay. If they played a bad shot, just swap the



balls.



Club Dinners

Our croquet club proposes to introduce regular Friday Night Club Dinners at the club on the last Friday night of each month.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with these dinners. Either as a chef, server, kitchen duties, setting up etc. Hopefully if we get enough volunteers a roster can occur where we have teams or groups responsible for each night so the task does not become too onerous and rely on a few.

Our first dinner is to be held on Friday February 23rd. The menu will consist of shashliks, salads, chips, and apple cake with cream and ice-cream.

The following dinner, 22nd March, will have an Easter theme so the meal will be foods relating to Easter. We will also have an Easter Trivia activity as well.

Hopefully as well as being an income stream for the club they will be fun nights, possibly a theme for each dinner relating to any special calendar events and the some evenings be interspersed with various activities.

If you would like to be involved, volunteer, to assist in any way with these dinners please let the committee know or add your name to the list on the notice board at the shed.

Thank you.

Keep well, keep safe, keep smiling and keep croqueting

Cheers,

Marg

