

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

KEEPING IN TOUCH

February 2020



Hi Folks,

A very, belated welcome to 2020. Another year of croquet, fun and friendships. Trusting all is well with every one. If on the sick list we wish you well. A few important issues to start this newsletter.

Please Note

Etiquette

Two important points arising from an email received from SACA.

Point 1, Etiquette:

If you are leaving the court do not leave your mallet on the court. Take it with you and lean it up against something outside the field of play.

Point 2, Following on:

Once you have played your shot do not immediately follow your ball. Wait until all the game's players have finished their strokes before moving off to your ball's new position.

Holdfast Bay Croquet Club Equipment Shed

There have been occasions when the croquet equipment shed has been left unsecured.

In some instances the door has been left wide open after play for the day has completed. Please make sure that all equipment is away and that YOU maybe the last person.

On other occasions the door is shut but the bolt and lock have been incorrectly secured. The bolt is to be slid into the loop and the handle of the bolt then flipped up and the padlock then placed through the latch hole. It has been found that the handle has been flipped down and the padlock closed. This does not secure the door.

Stowing of Equipment

The Secretary has received reports that there have been occasions of late when players have left the courts and not taken any equipment with them and left it to others to stow equipment. This is unacceptable.

It is suggested that at the end of play you either take your personal items and secure them and then return to the court to assist or assist then return for your personal items. Holdfast Bay Croquet Club encourages ALL members to assist with something that has to do with the club's operations.

It has also come to the notice of the Manager that there are players who do not assist with the putting of equipment out for play if the opportunity arises. It is expected of players to assist should any occasion arise, no matter how small the assistance should be. Holdfast Bay is an inclusive club. Everybody helps, everybody.

Pennant Results

Autumn Pennants 24+ and 9+ competitions have just commenced. Matches are being played on Saturdays, Mondays and Thursday nights.

1 February: Holdfast Bay Vs Yankalilla - 5/31 to 1/24

10 February: Holdfast Bay Vs South Terrace - 4/36 to 2/30

Well done and thank you to all our members who are participating in pennants.

New Pennant players are always welcome, so if interested in representing your club and are seeking to improve your skill level and experience a more serious aspect to the game please speak to Ruth Dunn, Club Captain.

Social Play (Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 9:30 till 12:00 noon)

It's great to see so many members returning to croquet after the holiday break.

Members are reminded that as well as playing at the aforementioned times the courts are available for your use from Tuesday through Sunday. Monday the courts are closed for maintenance.

Also Wednesday evenings while night-owl bowls are being played the courts are available. It is a great way to spend a warm, summer evening.

So if you wish to practice or want to play games with others please make full use of your membership.

Gala Days

Virtually every croquet club has one or two Gala Days per year. These are a great way to further your experience within the South Australian croquet community. Meet and socialise with members of other clubs and enjoy the different aspects of the game Gala Days offer.

There is also the opportunity to increase your skill level by competing against players from other clubs and the opportunity to win prizes and eat some great food. It was good to see so many of our members participating in the recent Gala Day held by

Brighton Croquet Club. Colin Broom and Paul Wahlstedt and Jim Grindrod had a three way tie for second place on equal points in the competition. Well done to both Colin and Paul. Flying the flag for Holdfast Bay.

Club Championship.

The committee is still interested in running an event for club champion or champions in various categories. Given that the committee does not know the level of interest the formats for the competitions are yet to be established, however the competitions will focus on offering equal opportunity to both low and high handicapped players. If at all interested in competing would you please let us know verbally or adding your name to the expression-of-interest flyer on the sign-in table on club days. We anticipate this event to occur on the weekend of World Croquet Day, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May.

Club Holdfast Fees: 2020-2021

As you've probably noticed from the Club Holdfast newsletter our club fees have been considerably reduce for the forthcoming season. This has been bought about by the many functions the club hosts: Bingo, Club Dinners on Friday nights, sausage sizzles, parties, etc.

All of these functions are made possible by the help and support of club members volunteering their time to help and coming to the club functions. Club dinners are held every Friday night. Happy hour followed by a good meal, the Jackpot draw and raffles. If you have a few idle moments and wish to volunteer to help with any activity please see Jenny Threadgold, our Club Holdfast Venue Manager. Your help will be appreciated.

Members will be invoiced for club fees during April and as SACA fees are yet to be determined members will be invoiced for SACA fees in August.

Keep safe, keep well and keep smiling.

Cheers,

Marg.

