

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

KEEPING IN TOUCH

March, 2024



Hi folk.

Happy, happy Easter to all. May Easter Bunny come a calling and you enjoy whatever you do.

To all on the sick or injured list all the best for a speedy recovery.

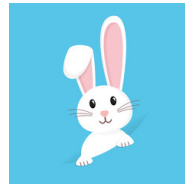
Thank you to all who attended and or helped to host our Easter Dinner. It was a fun night, good food and good cheer.

The club is closed over Easter but if you wish to have a game and the gate is closed, the gate number is 1926. But be sure that you shut and lock the gate when you leave.

Club Holdfast's A.G.M. is to be held on Sunday May, 26th. At 11.00am. Our Croquet A.G.M. will precede the clubs at 10.00 am. All positions on our committee will be declared vacant and a new committee elected. If you would like to nominate a member of our club for a position on our committee or would like to be nominated yourself the appropriate nomination forms will be posted on the notice board at the courts at a later date.

From the Manager.

Hi all,



The dinner organised by our croquet volunteers was once again a huge success financially (no figures yet) and also socially. So a big thank you goes out to everyone that helped the evening run so smoothly with a special thank you to Margaret Frost who organises the shopping for these adverts and works tirelessly for our club in so many other ways.

The feed back from guests was all positive in regards to food and service which is always appreciated.

It was also good to see several tables of croquet members enjoying the evening as guests and I would encourage any of our members that did not attend for you to come next time as I am sure you would enjoy the evening especially with a chance of winning \$700.00 as the Jackpot was not won this time. A happy addition to the evening was Terry Healey with his family celebrating his birthday, which was great to see. Happy birthday Terry

*A reminder that suggestions or nominations are needed from members for future committee positions that will be tabled at our **A.G.M. on May 26th***

Being on the croquet committee is not a hard task and is rewarding in that you are helping a 123 year old institution carry on in the future.

Unlike other croquet clubs who stand alone the Holdfast Bay Croquet Club (our Club) exists under the umbrella of Club Holdfast and therefore , although we have a necessary and important input to all issues concerning the running of Club Holdfast at Board of Management level we don't have a deal on our own (other than proposing changes and voting at B.O.M. level) with lease or rental arrangements, insurance or financial and other issues as other croquet clubs do. This situation is a double edge sword but eases the burden on our committee work and allows the croquet committee to deal with croquet matters that directly affect our members as best they can.

In a nutshell what I am trying to say here that being on the committee is not an arduous endeavour but a rewarding experience and I encourage you to put your name forward

Cheers Colin,

Croquet Manager



FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN



All our teams are doing well in the pennant competition. The 12+ team consisting of Ruth, Terry, Helen, and Rosemary are sitting on top of the ladder, undefeated. A dream start for the season. Urbicia unfortunately because of a serious shoulder injury has had to drop out. We all wish her a very speedy recovery.

The 9+ team consisting of Jän, Val, Marion and Helen are having a reasonable season so far and are sitting mid field on the ladder.

The 24+ consisting of team captain Colin and Paul, Jän, Marion, and Roger are lying in the middle of the ladder. Interestingly they did beat Hyde Park, whose team had a minus 2 handicap player. A jolly good effort.

I will not be standing for the position of HBCC Club Captain or committee member at the upcoming club elections in May 2024. I have been on the committee for a number of years in various capacities and club captain for the last few years. Although I have enjoyed my time at the club I have a few other projects that I would like to concentrate on for the remainder of this year. I also feel that HBCC needs some fresh faces and new ideas in order to maintain a solid competitive presence in pennant competitions and to assist the hard working committee.

Unfortunately, our pennant player numbers have dropped from over 20 players down to 10 or so players suddenly over the last few seasons. This is not a healthy sign for the club.

If HBCC do not have a stronger presence in pennant competitions we will be hard pressed to have any great influence in any forward planning and organisational financial issues that may arise at Club Holdy's board of management meetings.

If you care about the future of HBCC please consider nominating for the position of Club Captain or becoming a valued committee member.

Cheers,

Jân HBCC Club captain



JACKPOT JOKER EASTER DINNER CLUB HOLDFAST

Friday evening 22nd March 2024, about fifty members of the Croquet and Bowling Club (Club Holdfast) attended the Club for a Jackpot Joker Easter Dinner. Numbers were boosted as Terry had his family there celebrating his birthday. **Happy Birthday Terry.**

The fare was delicious and excellently presented by members of the Croquet Club. Delicious pumpkin soup made by Margaret, after a catastrophe with the first batch being spoiled when the freezer at the club was turned off. Followed by Lasagne and fresh garden salads. We ended the meal with a piece of carrot cake and cream. All portions were substantial and all beautiful and delicious. The Lasagne and carrot cake were purchased and this made for less work in the kitchen, which was appreciated by the helpers.



An Easter Quiz was conducted which was appreciated by all present. Ten questions with only one table able to obtain all correct answers. Two tables were able to get nine correct answers, but there was a question mark over one of the answers. The winning table and the two other tables all received Easter eggs which were shared amongst the table.



The Jackpot Joker raffle was exciting. All wishing the winner well in picking the card worth six hundred dollars. Unfortunately for the winner of the raffle, the jackpot card was not selected. Good luck for every one else though, as the jackpot joker prize now increases.

Gloria and Roger won two of the additional raffle prizes, two bottles of wine. Kathy and John won the Easter Cake and Clem won some scented candles and coasters.

Special thanks to Janice for making and decorating the Easter Cake, which was very special. Thanks also to Clem, who I am sure placed the finishing touches to the cake decorations, especially the M and M's.



Thanks to all the club helpers who assisted on the night and a special thanks to Margaret for all her planning and running around to make the night such a great success.

Gloria & Roger Zeuner



