

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

KEEPING IN TOUCH

June, 2021



Hi Folks,

Hope all is well with everyone. For the few on the sick list all the best for a speedy recovery and hopefully see you back at the club soon. 'Tis starting to feel a bit like winter so rug up well when out on the courts.

Dinner Nights

Our two Friday Night Dinners have proved to be popular with both bowls and croquet members. This popularity is due to all the effort and support our members have contributed to these dinners in helping to make these evenings so successful. The effort put into these nights is truly astonishing. We made a profit of \$757.75 at our first dinner and over \$1,000.00 last Friday night. To our chefs and others who have performed many and varied duties, to all the members who have attended, a big, big thank you.

These dinners owe their success to the *esprit de corps* shown by our members. Pretty much everybody puts into these nights. Those that prepare and organise the meals, those that sell the raffle tickets, those that pick up plates and glasses, those that do the dishwashing, drying and putting away and those that mop the floor. It really is an outstanding club and team effort. It is extremely heartening to see such a cohesive group working for the good of all. The club has received many complimentary reports and thanks re the quality of our meals and the smooth functioning of the evenings.

HBCC Manager, David Hayter tells me that the Club Holdfast, Board of Management is really impressed by the croquet club's outstanding success with these nights and the efficiency and verve with which our members undertake the organising and execution of these dinners.

As we plan to continue with these evenings we will require our people to step up and volunteer or assist, even if only in some small way. Trish Clayton is director of operations and her band of culinary warriors (see attached photo), could always use another set of hands so if you would like to showcase your gourmet skills please speak with Trish or a committee member. General front of house duties,,i.e., plate collection and other duties please speak with me.

To add a further dimension to the night we raffle a lot of prizes so if you've got a good idea for a raffle prize and want to contribute please contact me. Our next dinner is on Friday 2nd October. Please see attached flyer...and don't forget bring a friend or family members. Rae Brunner invited most of her family, which we thought was fantastic.

Christmas In July Dinner

The 'Christmas in July' Dinner is upon us again. This year it is on Friday, July 23rd and it would be great to see as many HBCC members as possible at the evening. The menu is as usual pretty impressive. Please remember that there are volunteers behind these nights and the object is to raise funds for our club. Bookings for the night are essential so food can be ordered accordingly. Please come along.

Barbecues/Sausage sizzles.

Paul and his happy band of "Sizzlers" are conducting many 'sizzles' this year. On Sunday 13th June we are hosting a barbie at the club for the Northern Soul/Motown Weekender. This looks like turning into a monthly event. It will be only a few hours, if that and we would like to have a cycle of volunteers.

Bunnings Barbecues are Friday August 6th and September 3rd

During the year we will also be running sausage sizzles for many functions at the club. Again, even if it is only for a few hours please consider volunteering. It's great to spread the workload. If at all interested in helping please contact Manager, David Hayter or Paul Wahlstedt or Secretary, Margaret Frost.

Fees

All members should have received invoices for Club Holdfast fees. These are due to be paid by the end of August. If you haven't received your invoice please speak with me or Manager, David Hayter, Jenny 'behind the bar' or Treasurer, John McDougall. If there is a financial situation you'd like to discuss discretely please approach HBCC Manager, David Hayter or Club Holdfast Treasurer, John McDougall.

Uniforms

During the recent AGM it was brought to the committee's attention that some of the members found the current pennant uniform tops uncomfortable. It was suggested that the synthetic fibre of the tops was not suitable for some players. In an effort to address this but keep continuity of the uniform I investigated our original supplier. I have distributed some photos of the tops considered as being suitable to address the concerns raised and also to be not too dissimilar to the current tops. Our uniform is part of our branding and defines us as a club. The feedback has been positive and the HBCC committee at its next meeting, sometime later this month will discuss the matter. This is a priority item for the agenda.

Should the committee approved the tops then the suggested retail price will be:

Short sleeve \$18.95 each.

Long sleeve \$22.50 each

The emblem for the left breast will be an additional \$7:50.

In addition there has also been a request for a waterproof (not showerproof) high-quality, well-cut jacket to be approved by the committee for use on cold, wet days. The envisaged jacket will be warm,

have an integrated hood and allow a player freedom of movement to play shots. North Adelaide, Hyde Park and Brighton currently have quality jackets of this calibre. It is expected that jackets of this quality will retail for around \$100+. The committee will investigate the options further.

Social Play

Despite the inclement weather, good numbers of members are still playing on our established club days of Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings. Due to congestion some pennant players have opted to play on Thursday mornings at 9:30am. Being pennant players Thursday mornings tend to get pretty competitive. For those that would rather a social hit there is a group playing on Friday afternoons from 12.00 noon. So if you are seeking an alternative session time to our established times these two options are available. I know that the Friday afternoon social hit would like more players.

Equipment

Once again all equipment used must be ACCOUNTED FOR and returned to the shed afterwards. If you need a shed key or electronic door zapper please speak with Colin Broom.

An important reminder - due to COVID 19 when playing on ANY day a designated COVID Marshall MUST be present. He or she can be one of the players present. The Marshall must also wear a VISIBLE Marshall badge. Even if only two people are present one has to be a COVID Marshall and wear a badge. To become a COVID Marshall is an easy exercise taking approximately 40minutes on line. Just Google 'COVID Marshall Certificate'. Also all players must sign in or alternatively, scan the Q.R.code on the courtside notice board. There are significant fines for both individuals and the club.

Attendance Record Book

To assist the committee in understanding attendance patterns and therein be aware of court traffic (this can lead to hoop movement and/or orientation of the courts and other maintenance issues), players are required to sign in via the session attendance book. There is to be a date and time at the top of the session. If it's not there please take the initiative and insert these particulars. This has nothing to do with COVID but it does assist the greenstaff and GKLO, Colin Broom in providing a better playing experience for members.

Mary Armfield

To the members who remember Mary Armfield this is a message we have recently received from her family. If you do not know of Mary she is a delightful, lovely lady and a long-standing, highly esteemed former club member. Mary is now residing at a Residential Care facility. The HBCC wishes her well and hope to see her visit us soon.

"Mary Armfield says "hello" and sends her regards to everyone. Her family still do intend to bring her out to see the croquet people on a Saturday..... easier said than done.

She has had some health ups and downs but is looking just the same as you would remember her. She must use a walking frame but seems to be managing very well. She would love to have a little chat if you would like to call her on the mobile, but you may have to ring two or three times for her to actually answer. You may even like to visit her.

Oaklands Residential Care PH. 8296 7284 (In Jean St which runs off Morphett Rd before you get to Oaklands train station.) Her phone No is 0417 582 926 "

It is a core value of the HBCC that we assist and/or offer recognition of our members...even though they may no longer be active at the club.

Keep safe, stay well, keep smiling and stay warm

Cheers

Marg

