

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

"KEEPING IN TOUCH"

19/6/2018



Hi All,

As we are all well aware winter is upon us. For us as a croquet club this means a drop in numbers at our club days on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings. On Saturday last, although it was a bit windy, cool and wet it was pleasing to see 10 or so members rugged up having a hit and then after, adjourning to the club for cuppa and a chat.

The cold does deter members from venturing out for a game. Please reconsider and rug up and come out for a hit. Coming out for a hit and afterwards a coffee and chat encourages camaraderie within the club. With camaraderie comes resilience and this strengthens our club in our efforts to remain viable and competitive. Playing during the winter months also can lend to a drop in the skill level of players that hibernate and find that when they re-emerge come autumn their game has deteriorated. The future of our club lies in the dedication of its members.

Club Holdfast under whose umbrella the croquet club resides has new members on its Board of Management and is determined to redefine the club and its place in the community. The club is now open right throughout the week, so if you have friends and want a comfortable place for a drink and chat, keep the club in mind. A new and improved Club Holdfast website is about to be commissioned. Also if you have any ideas about how the club could improve its business bring those ideas to the attention of the Secretary, Margaret Frost or croquet facility Manager David Hayter and the committee will be able to give them due consideration.

Our pennants teams are forging ahead and from having no teams in competition four years ago to now fielding teams, two in 9+, and one in both 6+ and 24 AGG. competitions. Holdfast Bay Croquet Club is now a recognised force in the competition and are no easybeats. We still need more players for pennants so if you're interested in representing the club please contact Club Captain Ruth Dunn. The 24 AGG competition was created by Croquet SA as a gateway for players aspiring to play pennants to ease them into the competitive environment of pennants.

To complement our growing competition profile, twelve months ago our committee embarked on a journey to create a new uniform for our pennant players. The new uniforms are nearly ready. This is an exciting innovation because uniforms are a major factor in defining a club's profile to other clubs. The new uniform is a mix of old and new. The design is a salute to the past and an embrace of the future. It is designed to project our ethos. Our club is now known for its aggressive, uncompromising playing style. We play hard, but fair and never give in. In an effort to retain this individuality the committee has blended the old uniform so we are still recognisable, but added some other elements to make it contemporaneous in line with other clubs.

As you can see some initiatives are starting to come to fruition and others have just began. As with all clubs we need the support of our members to keep the initiatives going. A key ethos of Holdfast Bay Croquet Club is that we try to engage all members in doing something beneficial for our club, no matter how small. This encourages members to adopt a certain 'ownership' and feel they have contributed and by doing this not leaving all the work to a few. If there is any way that you think you could contribute to our club...no matter how small, please mention it to a committee member or Secretary Margaret Frost.

Please remember that although it is winter croquet is a year 'round sport and it would be great to see you on club days.

Regards,

David Hayter

YOUR WEB PAGE.

The Holdfast Bay Clubs Croquet Facility has its own Web page. Information about what is happening in your club in relation to our Croquet Club is included in the Web page including newsletters, contact details, social events, policies and photos from events held .

Access to the Web is simple. Either type in www.clubholdfast.com/croquet or go the Clubholdfast web site (www.clubholdfast.com) and select Croquet .

If you have anything that you wish to share on the Web site or can contribute in any way to the site, please contact Roger Zeuner. rogerzeuner@gmail.com

Pennants:

Our Pennant teams are performing admirably. A great win was achieved by the Breakers on Monday. Playing, Glenunga, a much lower handicapped

team than us. We won. 6 games to 1. The Stingrays also playing Glenunga again a much lower Handicapped team were narrowly defeated. 3 games each. Losing by 4 hoops. Currently the Breakers, Weekend Pennant's team, is sitting 2nd on the leaders table.

Well done to all our Pennant Players!

Please remember to check results on the notice board in the club rooms and our board at the courts.

A warm welcome is extended to our new member Susan Dunsby. We do hope that you enjoy the game of croquet and all the club has to offer.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, 30th June: 9.30 am: Specialised Golf Croquet Coaching with Rob Weaver (SACA Coach) All members encouraged to attend.

Friday, 27th July, 7.00 pm. Club rooms. "Christmas in July".

Please come and join the fun plus meet more members of the croquet and bowls fraternity. Booking Sheet on our club notice board or on the bar in the club rooms.



Friday, 24th August, 7.00pm: Croation night. Dinner and ????

(a croquet club event)

Friday, 12th October, 7.00pm Quiz Night (another croquet club event)

Your attendance at these events will gratefully be appreciated. Do come!

Friday, 22nd June, Sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Marion. 9.00am - 4.00pm

Other activities of interest are:

Saturday, 28th July, 6.30pm , Aldinga Bay Croquet Club Trivia Night at Aldinga Bay Bowling club. \$10.00 per person. BYO snacks. Tables of eight.

Tuesday, 19 June 2018 August 14th, 9.30 am Murray Bridge Croquet Club Gala Day.

(Fliers on our notice board at courts)

Keep warm, keep safe, and keep smiling!

Cheers,

Marg.

