

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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Hi Folks,

Hopefully all is well with everyone and you're coping during this stressful time. To all and sundry wishing you well. Don't climb many walls. To those battling along in a single-person household our special thoughts are with you. Contact me or other members if you feel the need. Here in South Australia you can get outside and exercise and you can still meet with another as long as you adhere to the social distancing conditions.

Information can be found here by copying and pasting this link into a web browser, but remember there also may be updates: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-31/how-australian-states-are-enforcing-coronavirus-measures/12106774>

Due to the suspension of all Club Holdfast activities the current committee will retain their positions until the club re-opens and elections can be held. Please keep in mind that every committee needs new blood to offer up new perspectives, so please consider serving on the HBCC committee. It's not really that much work because our club has no passengers and everybody pitches in. David Hayter is also in constant contact with the Club Holdfast Board of Management and should there be anything of interest to pass to members whilst the Club is in recess, then David will analysis and communicate what this means for HBCC members. The Board of Management has taken a serious view in regards to communication with Club Holdfast members and has been in the process of researching and seeking out new means by which to inform members and the community in general through a new and improved website. This new website will hopefully have not only information regarding the club in general but also be a portal for HBCC members to access up-to-date information concerning croquet matters. The current website is now constantly being updated until the new website comes on-line.

Although this pandemic is causing great consternation there is an upside. The Club Holdfast greens-staff have taken the opportunity to apply some much-needed attention to the courts and surrounds that we all know were not in the best of conditions. Due to his various responsibilities with Club Holdfast, our club Manager, David Hayter has had the opportunity to inspect the progress of the courts, especially the condition of the surfaces. Head Green keeper, Max Kleinig, has been giving the courts a thorough watering and in the process is attempting to eliminate the various infestations of weeds, fungi and bugs that have been plaguing the surfaces for some years.

The western half of Court 1 suffers stunted grass growth due to poor drainage and a variety of other issues. Max has taken the opportunity of 'no play' to scarify the surface and hopefully this will result in new and improved grass growth therein providing a more resilient surface when we again stride across the courts.

Colin Broom and David Hayter have also taken the time to inspect, repair and should the opportunity present itself add to our equipment. David recently purchased a dozen or so used croquet balls. These balls will be used as practice jump balls therein saving our match balls from the possibility of damage.

At this trying time it is more important than ever that we pull together as a club and stay in contact with one another so that we can come back stronger than ever. Fighting back from near disbandment only seven years ago, through the perseverance and determination of our esteemed past President, Ivorine Waye and a small, but loyal and resilient band of dedicated members, the Holdfast Bay Croquet Club has again become a significant force in the South Australian. Our 24+ team is leading the ladder and when the competition resumes, stand an excellent opportunity of presenting our club with another pennant. One of our teams wins; we all win, the club wins and we as a club grow stronger.

If anyone wishes to contact another member and you do not have contact details please contact me and I will forward on. Also if you wish to share thoughts, information or anything that might make us smile send to me and will forward on.

I will continue to email monthly 'Keeping In Touch' newsletters so members can be kept up-to-date about various issues happening in and about the HBCC and Club Holdfast. Feedback and questions/queries are always welcome. Your committee will do its utmost to provide direction for the HBCC and attend to members' needs during this arduous time. We may not be physically open for business but that's not going to stop us.

Keep safe. Keep well. Don't take risks. We need you.

Cheers,

Marg and David