

# HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

December 2020



Hi Folks,

Hope all is well and preparations for your Christmas are going as planned.

It has certainly been a frustrating, anxious, challenging year but thankfully we have all lasted the distance ready to face the challenges of another year. Hopefully 2021 will be much better and less of a challenge and we can all relax and enjoy.

### CHRISTMAS FUNCTIONS

Unfortunately our Christmas Party at Trish Clayton's on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December had to be cancelled due to COVID restrictions. For our new members of whom there are a few, the Christmas Party is one of the highlights of the Holdfast Bay Croquet Club year. The committee is hoping that the restrictions will be eased and that a belated Christmas Party can be arranged for sometime early in 2021. In true Holdfast Bay Croquet Club spirit we will not go down without a fight.

The Club Holdfast annual Christmas Dinner on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December has also suffered the same fate due to limited numbers attending. Instead the club is having a pizza night (\$5.00) on the 12<sup>th</sup> with the usual members draw, Christmas raffle and double jackpot draw. All croquet members are encouraged to attend as this will be our Christmas break up and no doubt all members would like to wish each other season's greetings and to just get together and have a good time.

### PENNANTS

#### Pennants Results:

Overall our pennants teams made October a winning month, although in Autumn 24+ our two teams played each other resulting in a win for Stingrays. Coach, David Hayter and Club Captain, David Rayner are very happy with the results.

12 October 24+	HB Stingrays Vs Brighton	3/29 to 3/28
12 October 24+	HB Breakers Vs Tea Tree Gully	5/35 to 1/24
15 October 9+	Holdfast Bay Vs Nth Adelaide Nines	8/63 to 2/40
26 October 24+	HB Stingrays Vs HB Breakers	4/35 to 2/27

## Entry of Pennants Teams for Spring Pennants 2021

Two 24+ teams (Mid Week) - this competition is played on a Monday and is a seasonal affair. The teams are Stingrays and Breakers.

One 9+ team (Mid Week) - this competition is usually played on a Thursday evening and is also a seasonal affair, and

One 9+ team (Weekend) - this competition is played on a Saturday or Sunday, (depending on the availability of Hutt Rd courts and is played right through a full year.

Although there has been an 'expression of interest' form circulated at the club because there are a couple of seasonal competitions if you are interested in playing pennants see Secretary, Margaret Frost and she will assist in guiding you to the right competition in regards to your personal availability.

### NOTICE FOR PENNANT PLAYERS:

Club Captain, David Rayner requests that as soon as you receive a notification of selection **please respond, if possible on the day** as to your availability as he needs to know to finalise teams.

## TOURNAMENT WINNER

Holdfast Bay Croquet Club and the HBCC Committee extends its congratulations to member, Barb Dietrich who played magnificently and graciously to beat all comers, winning the 2020, 12+ Singles Tournament at Hutt Rd. An outstanding effort, not only as a personal achievement but also in representing the Holdfast Bay Croquet Club. Well done, Barb.

## SOCIAL PLAY/PRACTICE

Club coach David Hayter is always keen that members practice as often as possible however, please practice only on Court 2. Jump shot practicing is also to be confined to off-court at the northern end of Court 2. A careful survey of the grass at the northern end will reveal sets of holes placed there for hoops. Please abide by this as it reduces damage to the courts' surface and reduces work for Club Holdfast greens-staff.

## CLUB CLOSURE

The club will be intermittently closed during the festive season. See Club Holdfast newsletter for times.

The croquet courts will be set up until the 23rd December and then re set on Wednesday 6th January.

## THANK YOU

A big, big thank you to all who have contributed to the club events and happenings during the year. To our social players thank you for coming out weekly and contributing to the clubs ethos. Congratulations and thanks are extended to all Pennant players. You have done our club so proud this year.

Coach, David Hayter is impressed with the overall improvement in our playing groups and looks forward to further improvement in the coming new year. We have had some great wins including a 24+ Pennant. Considering the tribulations of the year an outstanding effort for our club.

Have a happy, happy, prosperous, healthy New Year. Looking forward to another great year of friendship, croqueting and fun in 2021.

To all have a great, fantastic, wonderful Christmas and festive season. May Santa be very kind., 'til then keep safe, keep well, keep smiling and enjoy whatever you do.



Cheers Marg.