

# HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

April 2021



Hi Folks,

Hope all is well with everyone. If on the sick list we wish you well for a speedy recovery.

### **Annual General Meeting: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

All members it is important that you attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is the one meeting that we encourage every single member to attend. Questions asked can be addressed and everybody gets to hear the answer, ideas can be raised or just some general discussion on a topic apart from the official business. The HBCC AGM usually lasts between 30 and 45 mins.

There are two(2) AGMs. Both on the same day.

**Holdfast Bay Croquet Club AGM** is at 10.00 am

**Club Holdfast AGM** is straight after the HBCC AGM at 11.00am. The Club Holdfast AGM deals with the entire business of bowls, croquet, bingo, hire of the club's premises and a range of other issues dealing with the overall running of Club Holdfast. This AGM does tend to run 60 mins or more depending on business.

### **Social Play**

It was pleasing to see so many members playing croquet during the week. On Wednesday we had to set up 'D' green to cater for the overflow. Playing third colours tends to clog up the courts so moving to 'D' green is a welcome option.

It was also good to see some prospective new members to the club on the courts enjoying the game. Word is getting around that although Holdfast Bay is known for its fiercely competitive attitude playing pennants, we are also pretty relaxed on club days.

With the return of the warmer weather we have seen some increase in numbers on Thursday morning sessions and the Friday afternoon sessions. Although yet to be officially sanctioned as club days, if their popularity continues, which we hope it does, these two informal get-togethers will become part of the normal club playing days. If you are interested in playing at these sessions ask around on the regular Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning sessions and see who is playing and when and join in with those groups if you want.

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 VISABLE Marshall badge. Even if only two people are present one has to be a COVID Marshall. Also if attending and playing on the courts on social days someone must be wearing a COVID Marshall 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.

Reminder also that players must wear closed shoes on the court. No sandals or thongs. This is a safety requirement. Also on stepping down to the court or leaving the court if required please make use of the step and support poles. Do not leave mallets unattended on the courts or in the gutters or where somebody can step or trip over them. The greens are in good condition and playing well. The grass is being allowed to grow longer which will then make our courts similar to Hutt Rd. and those of opposition team courts.

The equipment replacement shed is taking shape. The shed floor is in place and Colin Broom and Paul Wahlstedt are on the job putting it up and preparing it for use. It will certainly reduce the effort and danger of pushing heavy trolleys across the carpark and up that ramp. Thanks to Bruce Cottle for the donation of the shed and Colin and Paul for their hard yakka.

## **Pennants**

Spring 24+:

Both Breakers and Stingrays are competing in this competition.

Stingrays are currently in third place.

Breakers aren't doing so good but always give the opposition a taste of Holdfast Bay aggression. Even though sometimes Holdfast Bay aren't going so well, we never give up. Other clubs know that even if we aren't doing so well, playing against us makes them on edge.

Weekend:

There is a good chance of a pennant here. HBCC is placed second place.

Mid-week 9+ Thursday night:

HBCC are currently in second place. Big chance of a pennant here. Holdfast Bay is playing at home Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April (tomorrow night) 7pm. If possible please get down to the club and cheer them on. Winning this match will really put them in the running for a pennant.

Holdfast Bay is now recognised as a very competitive club. Well done to all our pennants players and those members who go along and cheer our teams on. The club's reputation is in your hands.

## **DIARY DATES**

### **Club Holdfast Presentation Night.**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April:** 6.00pm for 6.30 pm. Dinner \$23.00.

Please sign the register in the Club Holdfast foyer.

### **Curry Night**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.** 6.00pm for 6.30 pm. Dinner \$15.00

This is a real top HBCC night. Totally run by HBCC members. It is a great chance for all members to meet and enjoy each other's company. Some members play on different days and don't get a chance to meet their fellow members. This dinner is all about club solidarity and being a real inclusive club.

We would like as many croquet members to come along in support of our club. We held one of these in 2017 and it was a massive success. The food is superb. The meal will consist of three curries, beef, chicken and vegetarian, plus sides and a choice of three deserts. Chefs are Trish, Helen, Val, Di, Janice and Clem.

Volunteers will be required to set up tables, collect money at the door, sell raffle tickets, general waitressing and kitchen duties. If able to assist in some small way please let me know. All help gratefully received. This is a big HBCC club night. Thank you.

As we are having many raffle prizes we would gratefully accept any donations towards these.

## **Uniform /Shirts**

If any members are contemplating or interested in purchasing a Holdfast Bay Croquet Club shirt or top would you please let Secretary, Margaret Frost know. Any uniform queries please address these also to the HBCC Secretary.

Keep safe, stay well, and keep smiling,

Cheers

Marg

