

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" No.10 21/12/16



Hi folk,

As this is the last newsletter for 2016 the croquet committee would like to express their thanks to each and every one of you for making this year such a successful, interesting and even exciting year both on and off the court. Every member in some way has contributed to making this club so great. To all who have continually and effortlessly volunteered to support the everyday running of the club and the many club functions a big, big thank you. Your help is invaluable!

To our Pennant players you have done our club proud! You have performed exceedingly well challenging the best of them. Well done to all!

To all who play socially you not only have improved with your skills but added fun, laughter and vibrancy to the game. It is great to see the great fellowship and camaraderie amongst our members.

To the HBB& CC committees, Secretary Carol, Function lady Jenny and the grounds maintenance people a big thank you also for your support.

To add to our success, this year our club also won the award from SACA for 'Champions of Change'. This has been awarded for our NightOwls/Hammertime event.

Our "Sausage Sizzle" on Thursday 18th December netted a profit of \$705.00. Making a grand total profit of \$5,059.00 for the year at an average of \$562.00 each 'sizzle'. What an excellent achievement! Thank you to Colin and his gang for making this such a successful venture.

Night Owls/Hammer Time has also been a very viable venture. We have averaged 18 players out each night. Newcomers to the sport have enjoyed the game and are keen to return next year. Again thank you to all who have helped make this so successful.

Next year, 2017, promises to be another busy year on and off the court.

Pennants Competition, commencing on 14th January, three teams nominated - a 6+ and two 9+s (Team names -Breakers and Stingrays)

Hammertime will recommence on the Wednesday 18th January,

Sausage Sizzle: Thursday, 19th January'

Club Dinner : Friday 20th January

Social Club function: Saturday, 18th February from 5.30 -8.00 pm (Helpers needed)

Come n' try sessions: commencing March 8th for 3 weeks

Gala Day : 21st March.

Coaching will also be given by David H. on Saturday mornings commencing at 9.30am. Followed by normal play.

So all in all that is a good start to another busy, successful year.

The Club will be re-opened on 31st December for any members wishing to play croquet but due to holiday and family commitments Colin will not be available to set up courts until after the 14th January. So if wishing to play you will need to organise, among yourselves, the setting up and putting away of equipment

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS,

AND A HAPPY , HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

MAY IT ALL BE GOOD!



Cheers, Marg

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HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" No.9

19/11/16



Hi folk,

Firstly, thank you very, very much for your kind thoughts and goodies basket for my short sojourn in hospital. It was greatly appreciated. I join with David R., and Marion et al in saying what a caring, friendly group of people we have in our club.

And David we hope you are progressing well. We are missing you and looking forward to seeing you amid us again.

To Jo, Trish, Heather, Sue, Gaye, Naomi and Pam we are missing you too and hope to see you again soon.

A very warm welcome is extended to Glenys and Helen. Hopefully you are enjoying the game of croquet and our fellowship and your stay will be long and fruitful.

David Hayter! What can we say but "***Congratulations, Congratulations***" for winning the Spring 6+ Singles, you have done yourself and the club proud. Well done! Your dedication and aptitude to the sport is being rewarded. Keep on achieving! A photo of David with his certificate is on display in the club's foyer.

PENNANTS: Our teams have had their ups and downs, wins and losses, but all members have played well, improved their skills and gained in confidence. The pennant competition for 2016 has finished for the year. The Spring 9+ pennants saw us 2nd on the ladder, Midweek 24+ - 13th and in the Saturday 9+ we came 6th. Well done to all concerned. Next year is our year to shine and let other clubs know we are a force to be reckoned with. We do need two or more teams in the competitions for 2017. As you are all competent, capable, skilled, talented croquet players please inundate Ruth with names to join the teams. **We need you now! It is fun! It is challenging! It is rewarding!**

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Possibly due to the hot weather the Bunnings 'sausage sizzle' on Thursday November 17th, was not as profitable as normal. But our 'sausage sizzlers' despite the heat carried on regardless to make a profit of \$370.00. Well done to Colin and his gang! Keep on the good work! The next barbecue is on Friday 16th December.

NIGHT OWLS CROQUET "HAMMER TIME" Wednesday evenings 7.00pm
To date this has been a highly successful venture. The first night saw twelve people take to the court with mallet in hand. Despite the inclement weather all who participated appeared to enjoy the sport.

The second night proved to be highly successful. Seventeen in all! Some people from the week before returned, whilst a large group of prominent lacrosse players came to participate. They were great, quickly becoming adept at the sport, very skilful and highly competitive. So much so they did not stop for supper! They will return!

Thank you to all who have helped make this event such a success. Trish and Helen for co-organising, David, Colin, Marion, Janice and Clem for their proficient coaching and Mary for the official paper work. Due to the large numbers attending Night Owls more helpers are desperately needed.

To make our club more viable and successful volunteers are continually needed to help support the many functions and events held at the club. Activities needing help with include Night Owls, Bunnings and various social events. Please do not wait to be asked. If you are able to assist, please submit your name to an event organiser or committee member. Your assistance will be *gratefully* appreciated.

Thank you so much to the many who are already giving time, energy and support to the club.

Volunteers are needed also for two fund raising, social events to be held at the club.

These are:

Sunday 27th November: 2.00pm - 4.00pm 14 people playing - 5 volunteers required.

Saturday 10th December: 7.00pm - approx. 9.00pm - 5 volunteers required.

Dates to remember:

Friday 25th November HBB&CC Christmas Dinner at the club, 6.30 pm.

Booking sheet at the bar.

Sunday 4th December - Croquet Club Christmas Party - Partridge House

*Barbecue or picnic lunch

*please bring a hat, a chair, small table (if have), your own meat, a salad or sweet dish to share, drink, cutlery, and good cheer.

(paper plates and serviettes supplied)

**A gift for Kris Cringle (value up to \$10.00),

***hope to see everyone there including partners

Keep well, keep safe, keep smiling!

Happy croqueting,

Cheers, Marg



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HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" No.8

30/10/16



Hi folk,

It was great to see so many people on the court with mallets in hand on Saturday. The lovely spring weather is an inducement to come out to play. A number of members have inquired as to playing on Saturday afternoon. This is fine and encouraged but please organise amongst yourselves and be at the courts by closure of play in the morning session so we know as to whether to bring equipment in or not. Speak with Judith Blackstone if interested.

Our thoughts and best wishes are extended to David Rayner. We hope all goes well for a speedy recovery. David expects to be released from hospital this week and hopefully go to Griffiths Private hospital at Brighton for rehab.

David's reply to members re gift is, I quote "I Would you relay my thanks to everyone for their kind thoughts and the wonderful nibbles box. Margaret's could not have been better as I went in thinking how lucky I was to have joined a club with such a great group of people in it.

Warm regards "

David

NIGHT OWLS CROQUET "HAMMER TIME"

Due to the fact that the bowling club have cancelled their night owls bowls on Tuesday night we are now offering Croquet on Wednesday Evening, at 7.00pm instead of the Tuesday. The commencement will be on Wednesday November 9th. We do so hope that this will be a success by introducing new people to our game and hopefully increasing our membership of the club. Helen and Trish have very competently co - organised this venture but due to other commitments they are not able to assist on a Wednesday so volunteers are needed to help. We would like to see as many members as possible assisting in some way with this competition. Your help will be gratefully appreciated. You will be also welcomed to play. Also if you know of anyone who may be interested in playing please invite them along. If you would like to offer your assistance please see either Colin, Mary and or me.

S.A.C.A have been pro-active in helping to promote this venture by putting info

on Facebook and on the Council's web site, by preparing fliers, advertising on MAX 102.3FM and organising a photoshoot for the Messenger, which should be

The last **Bunnings "Sausage Sizzle"** on Friday 28th October, was a great success We took \$925.00 making a profit of \$737.00. To date we have made a profit of \$3981.70 for the club. Well done everyone! And thanks to all the 'sizzlers' for their excellent work. Our next sizzles are on Thursday, 17th November and Friday 16th December. If interested in helping please see Colin..

Mid week, and Spring Pennants are continuing. We have two matches to go before season's end. Last Monday our team played at Hutt Rd., and won and on Thursday night our team travelled to Tea Tree Gully, which also resulted in a win! Well done teams!

Next March, 2017 we see the commencement of Weekend, Mid Week and Autumn Pennants. Weekends are played on a Saturday or Sunday, Mid week on Mondays, all at Hutt Rd.. either am or pm. Autumn pennants are played on a Thursday night at 7.00pm, home and away games. Next year to accommodate all handicap levels and varying levels of expertise we would really like to enter two teams into the competition . Your addition to a team would be invaluable. Think about It!!! All good fun. meet new people, learn new Skills! Please speak with Ruth re interest.

COACHING: David Hayter is offering coaching at the courts on Wednesday Nights. A number of people came along last week and benefited greatly.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday, November 1st Melbourne Cup Luncheon. At the club: 12.00 pm

\$25.00 - 3 course lunch - Sweeps! Raffles! Fun!

Wednesday, November 9th - Night Owls Croquet. "Hammer Time"

commences. 7.00pm., \$10.00, supper included, prizes for the winning team.

Friday, 25th November HBB&CC Christmas Dinner at the club, 6.30 pm.

Booking sheet at the bar.

Sunday November 20th ... Hutt Rd.

Two volunteers are needed to help with Sunday Singles. One person required

at 8.15 am the other at !2.00 noon till 4.15pm to assist with the running of..
If interested please see Mary.

Sunday 4th December - Christmas Party - Partridge House Glenelg

Don't forget our Croquet party at Partridge house as part of our Christmas celebrations . It has been a good year so we need to celebrate together as a club. Barbecue lunch, bring own meat and a salad or sweet to share Kris Cringle (value up to \$10.00), a bit of petanque, food, drink and goodwill.

Keep well, keep safe, keep smiling!

Happy croqueting,

Cheers, Marg



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HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" No.7

16/10/16



Hi folk,

Wow! Way to go! What a great night we had Friday "Quiz Night". It was a very successful, fantastic night with approximately 150 people in attendance. Some people knew more answers than others but we enjoyed and had fun. A big round of applause must be given to David Hayter for his excellent performance as Quiz Master. He did extremely well with his control of the night, presentation of questions as well as entertaining the masses. Well done David! Your contribution and major assistance was very much appreciated. A note of gratitude and thanks must also be given to all who helped to make this night a success. To the people in both the croquet fraternity and the bowling club who contributed on the night and beforehand with the planning, programming, setting up, cleaning up etc., you all helped in making it a good night. Also a big thanks to the members who donated gifts for prizes. These were gratefully appreciated. It was great to see such a cohesive, happy, willing and able, group of people come together to make this function the success that it was. Well done all! "Together we can do it!"

Our next great challenge is the commencement on Tuesday, November 8th of our Night Owls croquet or "Hammer Time" venture. We do so hope that this will be a success by introducing new people to our game and hopefully increasing our membership of the club. Helen and Trish are a very competent, capable duo co-organising this venture. We would like to see as many members as possible assisting in some way with this competition. If you would like to offer your assistance please see either Helen or Trish and am sure they will be very appreciative. There are fliers for "Hammer Time" in our club's office which need to be distributed. So if you are able to help by placing some in a shop or shopping centre near you, a business, to individuals, to anyone where we can derive some interest and encourage people to attend, please do so.

There has been an interest shown by members of their wish to continue or start playing croquet on the courts after the morning session has finished. This is

great and encouraged but if you wish to do so you must be at the courts at the completion of the morning session, approximately 12.00 noon. For security reasons equipment can not be left out. You will also be responsible for putting equipment back in shed and locking shed. On Saturdays hoops and all need to be taken in,

Our next Bunnings "Sausage Sizzle" is on Friday 28th October. Followed by the Thursday, 17th November and Friday 16th December. If you would like to join Colin and his merry "sizzles, please see Colin. As Colin is the "director" come manager of this very successful and profitable project all enquiries, requests, etc re the barbecue must be directed straight to Colin.

A number of our members are co-ordinators of various 'portfolios' and are responsible for the running of such. When possible could members first approach these personal if they want to offer services, need information or simple chatter about what is happening at the club.

Designated Office bearers are: Pennants - Ruth; Greens - Colin; Social or fund raising - Colin, Helen, Trish or Marg F. Coaching - David Hayter or Ruth; Marketing - Janis; Membership - Trish or Helen; Play - Colin or Marg L; Recruitment - Colin or Jayne Dowdell.

Of course Mary L (Manager) Colin (assistant manager), Margaret F (Secretary) and Janis (Assistant Secretary) are there for support too if needed.

Spring Pennants has commenced. Our teams have had mixed success. Some very good wins and a few loses. But all Players have played well and improving. Remember Ruth is always looking for more players. Next year to accommodate all handicap levels we would like to enter two teams into the competition so you could be the person Ruth is looking for to help make up these teams. Think about It!!! All good fun. meet new people, learn new Skills!

HBB&CC WEB SITE

Please note that the new web site is in place now and to access it, go to the following link <http://www.holdfastbaybowls.com>. You may need to refresh your browser if it does not come up.

The password to the member's area is **hbcmember**.

If you have any queries or problems accessing the new website, please do not hesitate to contact Carol or Mike Pearson.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday, November 1st Melbourne Cup Luncheon. At the club: 12.00 pm

\$25.00 - 3 course lunch - Sweeps! Raffles! Fun!

Tuesday November 8th - Night Owls Croquet commences. (Hammer Time)

Sunday 4th December - Christmas Party - Partridge House Glenelg

Don't forget our Croquet party at Partridge house as part of our Christmas celebrations . It has been a good year so we need to celebrate together as a club. Barbecue lunch, Kris Cringle (value up to \$10.00), a bit of petanque, food, drink and goodwill.

Saturday December 9th - Holdfast Bay Bowls and Croquet Club Christmas Dinner.

Further details to follow.

Keep well, keep safe, keep smiling!

Happy croqueting,

Cheers, Marg



PRESS RELEASE

Despite very tough competitors our Monday's Pennants team, consisting of David H, Colin, Janis and Marion, had a glorious win! Three games all but we had 31 hoops to their 27. Well done team. You have done us proud!

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" No.6

3/10/16



Hi folk,

Spring pennants are here. Thursday night, home and away, 6 weeks, starting Thursday night, 6th October and Saturday Pennants starting Saturday 8th October.. Please see Ruth or Colin if interested in playing.

I need to know as soon as possible who is intending to join SACA this year. Members are encouraged to join. Membership of SACA entitles you to an insurance cover (Public Identity, I think) that Holdfast club does not. It also enables you to play pennants, participate in Gala Days and provides you with coaching. By being a member of SACA you are also supporting the Association which supports us. Subscription accounts will be sent via the club.

There is one new Gala Days pending. At Murray Bridge. Please see attachments sent previously.

Four of our new members, Margaret Lennox, Beth Palmer, Janice & Clem Graves received their welcome pack from the club at the season launch on Saturday 24th September. A big thank you to Beth, Janice, Margaret, Clem and Colin for assisting in the tidying up after the proceedings.

A big, big thank you is also extended to Helen, Janice and Colin for all their help at the Under 18s bowling carnival. Helen and Janice prepared 120 lunches,

Ivorie Waye: A photo recognition of Ivorie has been place in the croquet cub rooms for all to see.

'Sausage sizzle' 14th September, Despite very inclement weather our brave team of battlers made a grand profit of \$327.00. Thank you to the volunteers who braved the elements. Colin and his crew have helped to make a running net profit of \$3,244.70 for the year. Excellent work by all! Including Jenny. Our next Bunnings 'sizzle is on October 28th. Others to follow are on November 17th and December 16th. Remember it's not too late to join Colin and his merry crew assisting with this venture.

QUIZ NIGHT ----- FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER=====7.00 pm

\$10.00, basket supper, bar facilities. Fun for all! Tables of eight.

Please do not forget this important date in our calendar. If possible please pre purchase tickets from Colin, Margaret or Jenny. In not possible pay at the door but try to let us know you are coming.

Our big night! Our night to shine!. Please come along. Bring a friend or two or three or more. David H is our quiz master. It promises to be a great night. Lots of fun, prizes and whatever! As there will be tables of eight you may like to organise your table beforehand. Let Colin or Margaret know and we will allocate tables accordingly.

If you have no hidden treasures at home you would like to donate towards prizes would you care to donate an item for a food hamper please?

"Hopefully will see all there"

Other Dates to remember:

Tuesday, November 1st Melbourne Cup Luncheon. 12.00 pm

\$25.00 - 3 course lunch - Sweeps! Raffles! Fun!

Sunday, 6th November, 2.00pm - 5.00pm

A corporate body is having a Christmas Function at the club. As there will be approximately fifty people in attendance we require eight members to assist on the day. If interested would you please see Mary.

Tuesday November 8th - Night Owls Croquet commences. (Hammer Time)

If you know of any interested players please invite out. Help will be needed to assist new players. So if free ..??

Sunday 4th December - Christmas Party - Partridge House Glenelg

Don't forget our Croquet party at Partridge house as part of our Christmas celebrations . It has been a good year so we need to celebrate together as a club. Barbecue lunch, Kris Cringle (value up to \$10.00), a bit of petanque, food, drink and goodwill.

Saturday December 9th - Holdfast Bay Bowls and Croquet Club Christmas Dinner.

Further details to follow.

Keep well, keep safe

Happy croqueting,

Cheers, Marg



HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" No.5

18/9/16



“What a team!!! What a cohesive, friendly group we are. We are proud to be members of the Holdfast Bay Croquet Club.” (quote Marion S.)

Hi folk,

A truer statement could not have been said. We are a great team!

A big welcome back to Rob on his return from illness. It was great to see him back on court with a mallet in hand.

A welcome return also to Loretta after her holidaying in Canada.

Well, we have a very busy time ahead both on the court and socially.

We **URGENTLY** need **more** members to play Pennants. **We need you now!**

Spring pennants are nearly here. Thursday night, home and away, 8 weeks starting soon. To cater for all handicap levels we can hopefully enter two teams into the competition. Enjoy croquet under the stars. Coaching provided, meet new people and travel to other clubs. Its fun, relaxing, enjoyable and supper is provided. Please see Ruth or Colin if interested.

There are two Gala Days pending. One at Hyde Park , the other at Coromandel Valley Croquet Clubs. Please see attachments.

Now, if you happen to arrive first at the courts on a Wednesday, Friday or Saturday and you wish to play and there is no equipment out please feel free to open the equipment shed and get necessities out, play and enjoy. If you have not got a key and would like one please see Colin for the purchase of.

Also a number of members have shown interest on a Friday and/or Saturday of extending play after our coffee break at 12.00. If you wish to do so can you please organise amongst yourselves at or before commencement of usual playing times.

Diary Dates to remember:

Saturday 24th September - 11.30 am The Official Opening of the Season
(Season Launch)

This is a welcome to all members and a special welcome and introduction is given to new members. Special guest will be present. A luncheon of soup and sandwiches provided at a cost of \$8.00.

We envisage playing croquet until 11.20am, Then going to presentation at 11.30 am. Interested players may resume playing again after.

Uniforms need to be worn and if possible, prior to lunch, need to complete the form for lunch,

Saturday September 25th. Prawn Lunch

This is another bowls initiative so if you would like a feed of prawns at the club or for purchase please see Jenny for further details.

September 29th - 1st - October -- National Bowls Under 18 Championship

This is a highlight of the bowls calendar and many bowlers and supporters will be in attendance. Help is needed to provide catering and tending to the wishes of all. 8.00am for preparing rolls and fillings. 11.30 lunch for players and officials. If you are free and would like to help would you please contact Mary.

Friday October 14th 7.00 pm. "QUIZ NIGHT"

\$10.00, basket supper, bar facilities.

Our big night! Our night to shine!. Please come along. Bring a friend or two or three or more. David H is our quiz master. It promises to be a great night. Lots of fun, prizes and whatever.

(Donations of items for prizes will greatly be appreciated. So if you have any long lost treasures that you would like to pass on please feel free to donate.)

Tuesday November 1st Melbourne Cup Luncheon. 12.00 pm

\$25.00 - 3 course lunch - Sweeps! Raffles! Fun!

Tuesday November 8th - Night Owls Croquet commences.

If you know of any interested players please invite out.

Sunday 4th December - Christmas Party - Partridge House Glenelg

The Croquet Committee would like to invite all and sundry to an end of year Christmas celebration . It has been a great year, lots on new members amid a group of great people. So we would like to celebrate together. Barbecue lunch, Kris Cringle (value up to \$10.00), a bit of petanque, food, drink and goodwill.

Saturday December 9th - Club Christmas Dinner.

Further details to follow.

Well that was a lengthy episode !

Keep well, keep safe

Happy croqueting,

Cheers, Marg



HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" No.4



Hi folk,

Hope all are well and keeping warm. Spring will soon be here!

A warm welcome is extended to Rae, visiting from the Brighton Club. We hope it will be an extended visit and you have come to stay.

Also best wishes are again extended to Paul. We do hope you are at home and on the improve. Hopefully we will see you soon on the court with a mallet in hand.

Janice and Clem have returned from their voyage to Japan. Welcome back to Colin and Sandy from their sojourn in Thailand.

Pennants were played on Monday 15th against Millswood Pines (who had a much lower handicap than our team) and on Saturday 20th August, against Glenunga White. Despite losing both draws our teams performed well. Players are playing with more confidence and showing vast improvement in their play. Well done teams!

The next Midweek Pennants are on Monday, 29th August. The next Weekend Pennants are to be played on Saturday, 8th October. Spring Pennants will commence soon. All Holdfast Bay Croquet members are capable and competent enough to play pennants and are encouraged to 'come and try'. Please see Ruth if at all interested.

Further coaching sessions are currently being organised for all.

Congratulations are extended to Clem. He got all 7 hoops the other day, Well done Clem!

Our Bunnings 'Sausage Sizzle' on Wednesday 17th August made a profit of Approx. \$500.00. Making a grand total of \$2,929.00 raised so far this year. Well done team! Please see Colin if interested in joining his merry band of 'chefs.' Our next 'Sausage Sizzle' is on September 14th.

A big, big thank you to Jenny too for all her work behind the scene.

Court Closure. Due to maintenance court 2 will not be useable from 3rd October to possibly the end of October. The court needs to be plugged, fertilised and treated. The 2 hoops closest to court 1 may be used for practice.

Social Days: Are there any members interested in extending play on a Saturday. Possibly a third game after or before a coffee/drink stop. Please see Mary if interested.

A reminder that Club Membership fees are now due and payable.

DATES TO REMEMBER :

September 10th ---- a **Hens Party** of 20-30 women who want to play croquet from 1.00pm till 5.00pm. We will require 5 helpers for the event. Would you let Mary know if tyou are available to assist.

September 24th -- Season Launch. Club rooms. 11.30am - Light lunch. Welcome new members.

October 14th --- Quiz Night --- compered by our David H. --- 7.00pm -- \$10.00,-- basket supper. This promises to be a fun filled, entertaining night. So please come along, bring friends/relies/neighbours/whoever and make up your own tables.

November 8th ---**Hammer Time:** Night Owls Croquet. We are endeavouring to start a night competition of local people and businesses. To date we have 6 committed players. If you know or aware of any individuals or groups who may be interested could you contact or let committee know. The season will run from November 8th until December 6th. Then from January 10th until March 1st. More info and fliers later.

January 21st 2017: Gala Day at Holdfast

Please find attached a brochure for a 'Gala Day' at North Adelaide on 26th August and 30th September. 2016. If you are thinking of joining in the fun of Gala Days this could be a good place to start.

Happy croqueting,

Cheers, Marg



HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

"KEEPING IN TOUCH" No.3



Hi folk,

Hope all are well and keeping warm.

Despite the increment weather we again have had a great number of members on 'the court' playing croquet.

A warm welcome of return is extended to Trish, Judi and Jo.

We also welcome Heather and Ray, visitors from the Coramandel Valley Club.

We do hope that you enjoy the sport and the fellowship of our club and become regulars.

Rob Taylor has expressed his thanks and appreciation for our kind thoughts and gift given to him whilst in hospital. He said that the stem cell transplant went well and is feeling comfortable and confident about the treatment given.

,Well done Rob!. We are thinking of you and hope to see you out and about shortly.

Despite a very brave and hard fought battle our 'Pennant Team' of Ruth, Mary, Jan and Marion were defeated by Norwood Red last Monday. Although the Norwood team consisted of players with a much lower average our team played extremely well and were gallant in their loss. WELL DONE!

Our next Croquet Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, 13th, August. If any members wish to have any items or issues they would like raised would you please contact a committee member prior to meeting.

The club is running their next Bunnings "Sausage sizzle" on Wednesday, 17th, August. Thank you to the volunteers. If anyone is out and about on that day and feeling a bit peckish, please call by and try the best 'snags' cooked by the top chefs in Adelaide. We know you will enjoy!

Also we must spare a thought for Colin and his wife who are enjoying the warmth of Thailand and to Kerry and Loretta who are touring Canada. We do so hope you are enjoying.

Finally I have attached a brochure for a 'Gala Day' at Mount Barker on Monday 5th September. 2016. If you are thinking of joining in the fun of Gala Days this could be a good place to start.

Enjoy the game, take care, keep warm!

Cheers, Marg



NEWSLETTER ONE FOLLOWS

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB



Hi folk,

Hopefully this will be the first of regular news letters sent to update you with important and maybe not so important information of happenings around the club. Please feel free to let me know of any contributions you would like to add.

I believe that there appears to be an extra vibrancy, zest and enthusiasm amongst members. (We are a great group of people!)

- Firstly we would like to welcome our 'new members' to the club since last season. These include; Beth, Judith, Clem, Janice, Margaret, Rob and Paul.

To date we have 40 members.

- It was great to see so many members on 'the green' on Saturday. 21 in total. Well done! It was good to see members socialising in the club rooms after. (The soup was great too!)

- Congratulations are extended to David Hayter for attaining a handicap of 6. Excellent work! Well done David!

- Our Bunnings 'sausage sizzle' profit from Wednesday, 20th, July was an amazing \$780.00. Takings were \$1021.70. Great stuff! Making a grand total of \$2429.00 raised so far this year. Well done to Colin and his team. A fantastic effort! New volunteers to help will always be gratefully received.



- David Hayter is keen to conduct regular coaching sessions. Coaching will be held on days other than the regular social days. Please see Colin, or Ruth if interested.
- If you would like a shed key, a zapper or a club badge would you please contact Colin ASAP.
- We are starting a 'Night Owls' competition to coincide with the bowls night owls. It will be promoted under the banner of 'Hammer Time'. Called 'The Community Challenge' and open to any community groups or people in the

community. So if you are aware of anyone who may be interested in playing please get them along. Further details will be given shortly.

- . A new 'First Aid kit has been purchased for the club. It will be kept in the equipment shed.
- . Don't forget Christmas in July on Friday, 22nd July.
- . Also put in your diary for our 'Quiz Night' on Friday 14th October.
- . Don't forget to keep looking on our Club's Notice Boards for regular updates of info. Notice boards are in the croquet club room and in the main building. Also you may like to check the Club's new Web Page. David Zeuner is doing a great job.
- . Last but not least our croquet is a fun, social game. On the way we have a lot of laughs, make new friends, sometimes learn new skills, but most of all we ENJOY!

At times when we have a fantastic number of people out we have to play 2 games on the one court. First colours, second colours. It is the rule of croquet that the 2nd colour team wait till 1st colour players have gone through 2 hoops before they commence. But seeing we are playing 'social' croquet, rather than wait and so we all finish at the same time the 2nd colour team often opt to start at the other end. The choice is theirs. Sometimes one team may have to wait while another team finishes a hoop, sometimes they opt to transfer to another hoop. But we are patient and flexible and carry on.

Even if we play by the correct rules 2nd colours still often have to wait for the 1st colours team to finish a hoop before they carry on. But in the end it all works out one way or another.

Enjoy the game, take care, keep warm!

Cheers, Marg

