

# HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

February, 2021



Hi Folks,

Welcome back to another year of croquet, fun and friendship. Hope all is well with all and have settled into another year, hopefully one less challenging than the last. To our members who are on the sick list we wish you all the best and hope for a speedy recovery and if possible please join us for a coffee and chat on club days.

A big welcome back to Janis Sala on rejoining the HBCC Committee.

### **PENNANTS**

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.

If you wish to join HBCC pennants contact Club Capt., David Rayner or Club Coach, David Hayter.

### **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. David Rayner needs to know to finalise teams. As we have a number of members wishing to play pennants we will be selecting players in rotation to give everybody a go.

### **Tournaments**

To increase their skill level Club Coach, David Hayter strongly suggests that members should give serious consideration to entering the following tournaments:

Early March (6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>), SA Bronze Medal 9+

Late April, Autumn 9+ Singles.

For the more experienced 9+ players, mid-April (17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>), the SA Silver Medal 6+.

The advantage of playing in tournaments is experience. Players tend to learn from other players and the level of concentration is increase due to competition. Playing in tournaments is a valuable learning tool. In addition, it also enhances the profile of the HBCC as being a competitive club. If you need any assistance or have questions about entering tournaments please contact Club Coach David Hayter.

### **Handicapping**

Emeritus Club Captain, Ruth Dunn in association with Club Captain, David Rayner will be conducting handicapping appraisals. Handicaps are necessary to join in at gala days, handicap tournaments etc. It is strongly suggested that every player retain a croquet handicap. The process takes about 10 to 20 minutes depending on a number of things. If interested please speak with Ruth Dunn or David Hayter or email Club Captain, David Rayner [dgrayner99@gmail.com](mailto:dgrayner99@gmail.com) expressing your interest.

## Uniforms

The supplier that we use for our uniform items is: 'Fully Promoted'.

Address: 974 South Rd., Edwardstown (a few metres north of the Cnr. of Raglan Ave. and South Rd.).

They have the HBCC artwork and logo template on their computer. The club colours are blue for the fleecy jackets, club bucket hats and club day play. The white, shirt tops are for pennants, tournaments and gala day play or any competitive play other than club days. There may be special occasions where members are requested to wear whites, by the committee or Club Captain. The only other shirt permitted is the redundant white cotton shirt with gold breast logo. This is permitted for club day play only or by permission of the committee due to special circumstances.

## Mallets

For members wishing to purchase their own mallet a simple search of the internet will turn up a number of suppliers.

Mallets are constructed from a range and mixture of materials: carbon fibre, wood, various metals etc. Virtually every player will purchase a few mallets throughout their career. It is suggested that a novice player use a few of the club mallets to gauge handle length, circumference and profile (round, octagonal etc.), mallet weight and mallet head length, so that they can ascertain the correct mallet attributes. Keep in mind these may change during a player's career. There is a local supplier:

Transforma Mallets:

Bob Brown - 24 East Parkway, Colonel Light Gardens.

Phone: 8277 2548

Mobile: 0407 602 951

email: <https://transformamallets.com.au>

Many HBCC members use Transforma Mallets but keep in mind that there are also a number of other suppliers, both interstate and overseas. It's a good idea to borrow some different mallets from a range of members on club days and try them. It's a good starting point. Further information is available from Colin Broom and David Hayter.

## Heat Ruling - Reminder

The following determinations apply according to what the Bureau of Metrology forecasts at 4pm on the day prior:

32 degree or less	Play any time of the day
32 - 34 degree	No play between 1.30 pm and 7.00 pm
35 - 36 degrees	No play between 10.45 am and 7.00 pm
37+ degrees	No play before 7.00 pm

## 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 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. If practising jump shots please use the older balls or the practise balls in the cardboard box located in the equipment shed.

### **Lost Equipment**

When **taking** equipment from the shed to play, make sure that all the equipment is there, i.e., 4 balls of the correct colours per set, correct number of hoop clips (don't go home with hoop clips in your pockets or clipped to your clothing. Check at cease of play) centre peg etc. When returning equipment after play make sure every item is accounted for that was taken up to the courts.

**Under no circumstances take club equipment home without the express authorisation of HBCC, GKLO Colin Broom. There are no exceptions.** Colin is responsible and has to account to the HBCC Committee and to the Club Holdfast, Board of Management for any equipment missing discovered during reconciliation by the tax auditors. A single croquet ball costs \$150+. This is a serious matter.

### **Covid and OH&S**

On **EVERY** visit to the club, no matter how short or long, **COVID** sign-in is mandatory, either electronically or by signing the register in the foyer. We must not become complacent.

**Please bring your personal:**

- \* Hand sanitiser
- \* Sun block
- \* Water bottle

**To avoid injury and not void insurance, players will at all times while on the courts wear enclosed shoes:**

- \* No open sandals
- \* No thongs

Players will not leave their mallets unattended on the playing surface nor on the court surrounds. Mallets are not to be left leaning in the gutters surrounding the courts. Mallets are not to be left lying on the ground.

Mallets are to be placed, if unattended in a location that will avoid it being the cause of injury, i.e. being tripped over, stood on etc. The committee is investigating the introduction of a courtside mallet rack. Also be aware of where balls are left. There have been occurrences of players slipping on balls. Some of us are now a bit brittle.

The HBCC committee is striving to make 2021 a really good year for us and if we all work together we'll get there. If you have concerns or suggestions please contact one of the following:

HBCC Secretary, Margaret Frost

HBCC Club Captain, David Rayner

HBCC, GKLO, Colin Broom

HBCC Manager, David Hayter

HBCC Committeepersons: Paul Wahlstedt or Janis Sala

Keep safe, keep well and keep smiling.

Cheers Marg.

