

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

KEEPING IN TOUCH

AUGUST, 2021



Hi Folks,

Hope all is well with all. If not hope better soon. To the members holidaying ENJOY! To the members who have braved the cold wintery conditions and come to play croquet well done. Spring will soon be upon us. There are many activities planned at the club that hopefully will be of interest to all and all will participate in.

Pennants

Thank you to David Rayner for filling the position of Club Captain. David performed this task admirably and we wish him well for the future. A thank you and welcome to Janus Sala for taking on the role in an interim capacity until the next AGM when the Office of Club Captain will be declared vacant.

Our last 9+ Weekend pennant game for the year will be played on Saturday, 30th October. This was the match of July 31st that was cancelled due to COVID. Additionally, the 24+ Midweek (Monday) Spring pennants are due to start in September. Two teams have been entered in the 24+ competition played at Hutt Rd.

9+ Spring Pennants played Thursday evenings on a home and away are schedule to commence in October. One team has been entered in this competition. A big thanks and a note of appreciation is extended to all members who have committed to representing our club in the Pennant competitions.

Coaching

Due to David Hayter having work commitments at this time no coaching will be offered. We have approached SACA re: having an accredited coach to attend our club to provide sessions. SACA periodically run both coaching clinics and rules presentation sessions at Hutt Rd. To these all SACA members are entitled to and encouraged to attend. If you need any advice on playing technique, hints and/or strategies seek out the senior players such as Paul or Colin.

Gala Days

A number of croquet clubs are holding Gala Days that all SACA members are welcomed to attend. These are fun days where you may meet new challenges croquet wise, match your skills and get to socialise with members of other clubs. Gala Days are advertised regularly through Google Groups. So seriously think about participating.

Our club intends to have our own internal Gala Day. Date yet to be confirmed as Court 1 is to have extensive renovations done in October and not sure as to when it will be ready for play.

FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE CLUB

It has been proposed by the Club Holdfast BoM (Board of Management) that the club have regular functions on a Friday night. Once a month there will be a formal dinner, and the other Fridays a casual night. These evenings will be organised in conjunction with the bowls group.

Formal Dinner

- 2nd Friday of the month
- Bowls and croquet organising and catering for on alternative monthly nights. Bi monthly
- Set menu
- Trish Clayton co-ordinator ably assisted by her happy helpers
- Jackpot draw & door and raffle prizes
- Happy hour 5.00 - 6.00pm

Casual Nights

- 1st, 3rd, 4th Friday night of the month
- Croquet Club to organise one meal per month.
- Volunteer needed to co-organise and helpers required
- Light meals. \$10.00
- suggested menu to date include hamburgers and chips, pasta dishes, pizzas, lasagne etc
- games and activities to be introduced, e.g., table tennis, pool, card and board games
- Jackpot Draw and raffle prize
- Happy Hour between 5pm and 6.00pm

Diary dates

- August 20th Lasagne Night (please book by Wednesday if you intend going)
- September 10th Stroganoff and Gourmet apple deserts (croquet catering)
- September 17th Casual dinner
- September 24th Casual dinner (croquet)
- October 1st casual dinner
- October 8th formal Dinner (bowls)

Official Opening of the club for 2021/2022 season

Saturday 18th September. Free sausage sizzle 12.00 noon

Fees

Reminder that club fees are due by the end of August

REMINDER

Days at the club

Please remember to adhere to COVID regulations:

- * courtside attendance book - sign on/in attendance record book
- * clubrooms - log in for COVID CR code or fill out COVID record sheet, (if not done courtside)
- * masks must be worn at all times when in the club rooms except whilst eating
- * and importantly if two or more people are on the courts, a COVID Marshall must be wearing a badge.

A Message from the Greenkeeper Liaison Officer (Colin Broom)

Several members were asking me this week when the new shed will finally be in use and exactly what it is to be used for, and also if croquet will retain ownership of the previous shed.

The answers are that as we are having a short spell of warmer, dryer weather the inside of the shed can finally be painted and the equipment moved over from our previous shed a.s.a.p.

The shed will be predominantly for croquet equipment storage with a small area inside next to the power points for tea and coffee making facilities.

As we all know the previous shed was far too small and the new one although not a great deal larger will accommodate the equipment better and make it easier to find things and offer a little more room to manoeuvre trolleys etc.

The old shed was to be sold to help pay for materials, paint etc. and the electrical work on the new shed...however, now it will be used to store an overspill of general Club Holdfast equipment.

Cheers GKLO Colin Broom.

That's it folks for this month. Keep safe, stay well, keep smiling and keep croqueting

Cheers

Marg

