

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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Hi Folks,

Trust all is well and staying safe and well. If you happen to be on the sick or injured list all the best for a speedy recovery. It has been perfect weather for croquet resulting in many members at the courts enjoying the game and the camaraderie.

PENNANTS Club Captains report.

Our Thursday afternoon 9+ team is playing brilliantly. Roger Zeuner entering his first pennant season on a handicap of 16 is already playing like a seasoned pro.



Both our weekend 9+ teams are finding it tough going at times, nevertheless they are very competitive and improving all the time. Very encouraging.

The Monday 24+ team continues to meet much better credentialed teams. These teams usually have at least two and sometimes three players with handicaps lower than 8. Most times we give these so called "better" teams a good run for their money.

A fixable problem has unfortunately arisen for all our teams playing at Hutt Rd. We are getting caught out by the ever vigilant referees when playing tight shots that turn out to be "crushes or double taps" when the ball is in or close to the hoop.

The definition of a 'Crush' is as follow:

"It is a fault if, in striking, the striker causes the striker's ball to touch a hoop or the peg while still in contact with the mallet"

In other words all three items: mallet, hoop an/or peg and ball are all in contact at the same instance.

It's called a crush because there is something in the middle that is getting 'crushed' usually the ball if it is a hoop scenario between the mallet face and the hoop leg.

The definition of a 'Double Tap' is as follow:

" It is a fault when a striker's ball makes contact with the striker's mallet's face twice within the same stroke."

The common scenario for this is when the striker's ball and an opponent's ball are in such close proximity that when the striker's ball hits the opponent's ball, the striker's ball ricochets back and comes in contact again or "taps" the striker's mallet a second time, resulting in a "double tap".

Another scenario is when the striker's ball and a hoop are in such close proximity that when the striker hits their ball it hits the hoop and instead of going through, ricochets back and comes into contact with the mallet face a second time, again resulting in a double tap. A striker's mallet face may only come into contact with their ball once during a stroke.

As "the Crush" and "the Double Tap" are a concern at pennants and during social games a short coaching session, 5/10 minutes will be held before the commencement of play on Wednesday 30th, Friday 1st April, and Saturday 2nd April, to address this aspect of the game.

As SACA and our club have not an official coach available, it is suggested that periodically we offer short coaching sessions at the beginning of social play during the week. Our club has excellent, experienced players who are willing to conduct these sessions.

If HBCC members would like any aspect of the game and/or a rule interpretation needing clarification let a committee member know. At pennants we are getting faults called against us and we are getting penalised far too often for not playing the shot correctly. Like it or not the referees are being very strict this season.

This problem, has its origins stemming from our normal Wednesday, Friday and Saturday hit-up sessions on our Holdfast lawns, where players do not take the shot seriously or think it is a bit harsh to call it a "crush or double tap" in an ordinary practise hit up. It is a serious fault and must be called...no exceptions. We must be aware of this because it is costing us hoops, invariably in some cases, losing us the game and quite possibly the match.

I have spoken to various match referees about the problem and they say that Holdfast and other clubs have got into this bad habit whilst playing matches where there are no referees in attendance, or not conducting proper coaching sessions and not enforcing self-regulation.

In the meantime, in the absence of club coaching I strongly recommend all players should open Google search or You Tube and type-in "Ian Harrison Golf Croquet". There you will find a very simple set of video teaching modules 1 - 6 regarding Golf Croquet - covering such topics as: mallet selection, types of grips, playing faults, "crushes", tactics, stun shots, running hoops, practise drills, jump shots etc. Something for everybody from novice to the experienced player.

Once you get into **YouTube** a host of other video clips concerning croquet will be visible (some good, some very ordinary).

Jān's TIP of the DAY - All Games Have Rules

Cheers Jān.



Club Captain

AGM: Reminder of the AGM on Saturday, May 21st, 10.00am.

Nomination forms for positions on our committee are in the croquet shed if you would like to become a committee member. The committee will consist of six members:

Manager,

Club Captain,

Secretary,

Grounds/court maintenance, and

Two(2) general committee members.

A **Notice of Motion** is an instrument (form) by which you can submit a query to the HBCC Committee for a response. If you wish to have any matter addressed at the AGM via a **Notice of Motion** please

submit the **Notice of Motion** to HBCC Secretary, Margaret Frost by 25th March, 2022. If you are wondering how and what a Notice of Motion looks like please ask the HBCC Secretary.

The HBCC Manager requests that all HBCC members attend the AGM or alternatively submit an apology. As many Office terms of HBCC Committee members are terminating it is a way for general members to show their appreciation of the committee's service to the club.

Security

Due to some recent observed, undesirable activity adjacent to the club, members are advised to lock valuables in their vehicles. In the case of people walking to club days or pennants either put your valuables in the shed, in a bag, in a draw. Do not leave handbags or other temptations in plain view. Be aware of your surroundings and if you have any qualms retreat to the shed, clubhouse or your vehicle. Alternatively, call the police. Do not engage any itinerants.

This activity is not new, however familiarity breeds contempt. Most of the time itinerants are just scavenging cigarette butts or the like.

This is only to alert you. Do not be alarmed, just vigilant. The HBCC suffers the same security issues and concerns as any other establishment.

Social Events at the Club

Periodically groups of people hire our facilities to hold their social functions. These are fund raising activities for our club. Volunteers are always needed to assist. The task is quite simple---basic instructions on how to hold the mallet, hitting the ball and game procedures.

Two such events are programmed:

Friday 25th March, 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

Sunday 27th March, 12.00 noon - 4.00pm.

Any offer of assistance, even if only for a short period of time will be gratefully appreciated.

WEB and FACEBOOK

Remember to continually access this medium for all information and club activities.



Keep well, keep safe, keep smiling and keep croqueting

Cheers,

Marg

