

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

KEEPING IN TOUCH

January, 2022



Hi Folks,

Happy New Year to all. Hoping all had a great Festive Season. Welcome back to another season of croquet. It is certainly a trying, frustrating, anxious time. Hopefully all will improve as the year evolves.

Covid

From Greens Keeper Liaison Officer (GKLO), Colin Broom

Hi All Members,

As you are all aware in a concerted effort to keep all H.B.C.C. croquet members, their family and friends as safe as possible during the pandemic the HBCC committee implemented a double vaccination policy where all croquet members and visitors to the HBCC wishing to play, are required to either produce proof of being double vaccinated or an exemption certificate for scrutiny by a HBCC committee person.

For your information I am pleased to say that we have a 100% double vaccinated croquet membership with booster shots also heading towards that figure.

If we all follow the COVID regulations in place we can all be proud of the fact that we are doing the best we can for the health of ourselves and fellow members.

Please be aware of the following:

Participate in the game as you feel comfortable, but you must adhere to the following procedures:

- All members must be double vaccinated.
- All players must supply their own water (drink bottle), sunscreen, hand sanitizer,
- Social distance as much as possible.
- Masks to be worn if required. Mask wearing at other times is strongly encouraged.
- No pegs or court markers to be used.
- Limit unnecessary touching of items
- Masks to be worn if entering the clubrooms. No altering, adding or removing of furniture
- Sign on book no longer in use (If you do not have a phone to Q R Code then you must sign in at the clubhouse foyer)

Thank You,

HBCC, GKLO Colin Broom.

Nominations for HBCC Committee Offices

At the up coming AGM in May the various Offices of the HBCC Committee terms' end. The committee is calling for nominations for these vacant Offices. Current sitting members can re-nominate but new nominations are strongly encouraged.

The following Offices will become vacant:

Manager,

Secretary

Club Captain

Communications

Greens Keeper Liaison Officer

There are the five main Offices however there are also seats for general committeepersons. Of the five members there are currently only four occupying the five Offices (Margaret Frost Secretary & Communications). As there is a need for a non-specific Office committeeperson, Paul Wahlsted's eclectic skill-set was a good fit and he graciously accepted the role.

As aforementioned there are currently only five sitting members but there can be a total of eight that sit on the HBCC committee. This helps spread the workload and brings a wider range of perspectives to the committee table. The HBCC committee likes to see itself as pro-active rather than reactive but at times it is called on to respond as situations arise.

This committee in cooperation with the Club Holdfast Board of Management has improved the HBCC amenities, most notably the new equipment shed and the refurbishment of the western end of Green C, and has been pro-active in encouraging camaraderie, the safety of HBCC members and the pursuit of success in pennants competition.

Overall the HBCC has earned the respect of the other clubs through its commitment to becoming a better club serving its members, South Australian croquet and its immediate community. The current committee hopes that its endeavours have assisted to this end.

It trusts that its work will continue with the input of all its members. If you consider your knowledge and skill-set could improve on the current work of the committee and enrich the future of the HBCC please give serious consideration in nominating for a vacant HBCC Office.

Regards,

David Hayter

Manager

Holdfast Bay Croquet Club

Pennants

The Club Captain has issued an email with details of the up coming season for the two Holdfast Bay weekend 9+ teams: Stingrays and Breakers and listed the players for the first three games. The Club Captain has also sent a further email calling for players to fill teams for Monday 24+ Autumn pennants and Thursday night 9+ Autumn pennants. Give serious thought as to participating in and representing your club in pennant competition. Also note in his correspondence the revised handicap system.

At the recent SACA Presentation Day, as well as two of our 9+ teams (2021, Autumn and Spring Mid-Week) receiving their pennants there were HBCC members that had excelled in individual tournament play. The HBCC congratulates Colin Broom, Paul Wahlstedt, Susan Dunsby and Barb Dietrich in winning individual tournament awards.

Regular tournament participation by our members projects the club's presence as a major contributor to the South Australian croquet landscape. Additionally success by our members in winning these tournaments bestows great prestige on the HBCC as in comparison to the larger clubs such as Millswood, Brighton, Hyde Park and Norwood. The HBCC is a relatively modest club but these successes really make our presence conspicuous.

This same concept applies to our members participating at Gala Days. The HBCC is not only prolific in member representation but also successful at these Gala Days, with our members often bringing home the chocolates.

In addition to this Paul Wahlstedt has been invited to join a SACA high performance training initiative that is the feeder group for the South Australian State Team. Congratulations to Paul and those that have supported his development.

Considering the improvement across the board of our playing skills, 2022 should be a successful year for our club. Enjoy your croquet and the comradeship of fellow members.

Coaching

Due to David Hayter having work commitments at this time coaching clinics are problematic. David has agreed to coach but only if he gets a commitment from members and regular attendances. The clinics will have to be held in the early evenings or late afternoons as this is the only time that David is available.

SACA occasionally runs coaching clinics at Hutt Rd and the committee is attempting to find if there is a schedule for these and to pass this onto members.

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

Cheers

Marg

