

# HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

March, 2021



Hi Folks,

Well autumn has sprung. Nearly time for winter woollies. Not sure where summer went. Again hope all is well with all. To members on the sick list all the best for a speedy recovery. Welcome to two new members: Tanis Reeves and Marilyn March.

### **Social Play: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Mornings**

It has been brought to the committee's attention that over the past few weeks a schism has developed on club days between members wishing to play socially and pennant players wishing to play at a more competitive level. A schism of this nature is undesirable given that the club wishes to cater to both playing level options and wants the membership to remain cohesive. The committee regrets that this schism occurred and any anxiety caused to members.

The committee, coach and Club Captain consider it necessary for pennants players to engage in competitive play to remain a cohesive force on pennant days. However, the club also is dedicated to catering for those wishing to play croquet as a social pastime. Therefore, in an effort to address this, what is proposed for future Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning play is the following:

**(Game 1):** The first game of the day is to be a random draw in a pot luck format of all the social players present on the day playing with and against each other, and a random draw of all the pennant players present on the day playing with and against each other.

**(Game 2)** The second game of the day is to be a random draw in a pot luck format of all the players present on the day so that every player has the opportunity to play with or against any other player present on the day whether they be social or pennant, beginner or experienced.

The names of players will be chosen in a blind draw and put on the game board immediately with strictly no shuffling names afterwards by anyone for anyone's preference. Initially, to help things run smoothly the draw will be administered by either Ruth Dunn, HBCC Manager, David Hayter, HBCC Secretary, Margaret Frost or HBCC GKLO, Colin Broom.

As this is an initial attempt to address this situation it may not be perfect in its first incarnation, however, it may be tweaked along the way to achieve something that will give everybody a fair go and address the concerns expressed to the committee.

### **Further to this...**

The first game of the day will start at 9-30am. It is strongly suggested players arrive at 9-15am for 9-30am start. The first game will be timed at 45minutes so that all games finish at approximately the same time. This will ensure that the second game can be organised efficiently. Players arriving after

the start of proceedings at 9:30am will not be permitted to join in, even if there is a spare place in a group. This changes the dynamic of the game in progress. In-line with this, players are not permitted to swap or move between playing groups. Those arriving after the clock has started at 9:30am will have to wait until the second game.

### **...and another thing...**

...that has been mentioned is the playing of croquet on days other or at times other than the current recognised sessions.

This idea has been put forward several times previously and is always received encouragement from the committee to take place. As on the previous occasions the same guidelines will apply. If a member or group of members wish to play at times other than the current sessions they are welcome to do so providing all equipment taken from the shed on that day (with the exception of Saturday) is returned to the shed i.e., balls, centre pegs scoring clips etc. If a session takes place on a Saturday afternoon or evening then the court is to be cleared of ALL equipment and items so greenstaff are not impeded in their curating duties.

COVID regulations must be observed i.e., a Marshall present and identifiable, all players, visitors and spectators will sign-in via the sheet or Q.R. code, and social distancing will be observed. If you don't have a shed key one will be made available at the standard cost. See HBCC GKLO Colin Broom.

Monday and Tuesday morning the courts are closed, however Tuesday afternoon in consultation with the green-keeping staff and/or permission obtained from HBCC GKLO, Colin Broom may be available. Playing on Thursday has been successfully conducted this last January and February.

To become a COVID Marshall is an easy exercise taking approximately 40minutes on-line. Even if only two people are present one has to be a COVID Marshall.

### **Pennants**

The weekend saw the induction of three members into the realm of Pennant playing: Di Jackson, Rosemary O'Neill and Rae Brunner.

All competed for the first time. The Club Captain reports that all these players acquitted themselves well in the HBCC colours. Well done girls.

Results:

#### Full Year Weekend 9+

Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Holdfast Bay Vs Millswood	3gms - 2gms (27hps/23hps)
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Holdfast Bay Vs Hyde Park	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> gms - 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> gms (14hps/20hps)

#### Autumn Pennants 24+

Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February	HB Breakers Vs Sth Tce Magpies	3gms - 3gms (29hps/32hps)
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Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February	HB Stingrays Vs Sth Tce Rosellas	4gms - 2gms (35hps/24hps)
Monday, 1st March	HB Stingrays Vs Nth Adel Whites	7 gms - 3 gms (57hps/46 hps)
Monday, 1st March	HB Breakers Vs Nth Adel Red	6gms - 4 gms (48hps/42 hps)

### Autumn Pennants 9+

Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Holdfast Bay Vs Hyde Park	Hyde Park withdrew from comp.
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Holdfast Bay Vs Nth Adel Strikers	6gms - 4gms (48hps/ 42hps)

### **Sausage Sizzles**

As the HBCC does no longer do the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and to contribute to Club Holdfast's coffers the HBCC has conducted a sausage sizzle at the club on Saturday bowls home games, tournaments and pennants. There are only a few a year but they have been very successful.

Paul Wahlstedt and Lis Robinson and their merry band of committed volunteers have been organising and conducting these. Profit is approximately \$130.00 per Saturday. The next Sizzle will be on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Paul, Liz and the team of HBCC helpers.

Please keep in mind that there are always opportunities for all members to contribute. There will always be those who answer the call again and again, and their load is made lighter if everybody puts in. For instance help on club days by assisting Susan Dunsby in putting out the equipment or alternatively bringing in the equipment. We know there are those of you who make an effort in doing this. If approached to assist the club please consider it as a contribution rather than an impost.

Keep safe, stay well, and keep smiling,

Cheers

Marg

