

# HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

July 2019



Hi Folks,

Hope all is well with all and you are surviving the winter chills.

It is good to see members out on the courts braving the winter weather.

To all who have escaped to warmer environments enjoy.

### Coaching

**Golf Croquet:** Club Coach, David Hayter is conducting coaching clinics on Thursdays, at 9.30 am, weather permitting. Unless the weather is adverse coaching will continue due to the conspicuous improvement of those attending and to maintain continuity. Our coach reports that it is extremely gratifying seeing players improve by leaps and bounds, especially those who have decided to represent the club at pennants.

All players, including pennant players and those aspiring are encouraged to participate. Part of enjoying the game of croquet is to be able to get better over time and through these coaching clinics the Holdfast Bay Croquet Club is increasing members' skill levels exponentially.

### Pennants

The HBCC have fielded two teams in the 2019 24+ Autumn Pennants: Holdfast Bay Stingrays and Holdfast Bay Breakers. We have a team in the 2019 9+ Weekend Pennants Competition and a team in the 6+ Weekend Competition. All the best and congratulations to all who have and are currently participating in these competitions.

Reminder that Ruth Dunn, our club captain is on the lookout for more players to add to her pennant roster and represent the club in competition. You don't have to commit to a regular spot if it is inconvenient. You can be down as a reserve in case a regular player takes sick or cannot for some other reason play. Some weeks Ruth has a plethora of players to pick from and other weeks not. She's got one of the toughest jobs at the club.

The Autumn pennants season is coming up and this is your opportunity to improve your skill level. If interested speak either with HBCC Manager, David Hayter or Club Captain, Ruth Dunn.

## Results

☐ 1<sup>st</sup> June 9+: HB Breakers Vs Brighton — 1/17 to 5/34

☐ 3<sup>rd</sup> June 24+: HB Stingrays Vs HB Breakers — 3/32 to 3/27

The 3rd of June 24+ match was of great interest to the committee, Club Coach, David Hayter and Club Captain, Ruth Dunn. This was because it had both Holdfast Bay teams pitted against one another.

Last year there was an inequity in the skill level of our two 24+ teams and the committee was determined that this was not to re-occur this year. This result demonstrates that the initiative by our committee and instigated by Club Captain, Ruth Dunn is reaping rewards. At the end of the day only 3 hoops separated the teams. It demonstrates that the teams are near equal in strength. There will be some player movement between the teams but Club Captain, Ruth Dunn will be keeping a weather eye out for this so that each team has players that allow each team to maintain a near-same skill level.

## NEWSFLASH

As this newsletter was going to print Holdfast Bay Breakers 9+ scored a convincing win over Millswood, 5/29 to 1/20. This is an outstanding result for our club and congratulations to Breakers players: Ruth Dunn, Marion Sala, David Gabarreta and Susan Dunsby. Well done people.

## Social Play (Wednesday, Friday, Saturday)

Well done to all who are continually venturing to the courts during our winter season. The weather can sometimes test us but Holdfast Bay is renown for its resilience and determination.

The committee is currently considering the re-introduction of an internal tournament. These are common at other clubs and were at Holdfast Bay until the membership dropped to a level that made an internal competition untenable. The structure of the tournament(s) could be on a handicap model where the skill level of players are adjusted using handicapping. This would make it possible for

a high handicap player to beat a low handicap player and therefore even up the contests. Handicap tournaments are run at most clubs and are popular because anybody, regardless of skill level can play and win. Members will be surveyed to gauge interest.

From an approach from another local club the committee is considering creating a local shield competition. These were common when there was a multitude of clubs; the most famous being a shield where Prospect, Fitzroy and Sefton Park clubs vied against each other, each year. The committee is considering something along the same lines with Holdfast Bay CC, Marion CC and West Lakes CC. It will be a casual competition, more fun than serious and the committee hopes that members will be enthusiastic about this initiative. Members will be surveyed to gauge interest.

### **Sausage Sizzle**

Our last Sausage Sizzle was held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at Bunnings, Marion. Gross takings were \$1816, resulting in a profit of \$1310.

A 'Mention in Dispatches' for HBCC members including Clem, Janice, Paul, Val, Trish, Janus, David and Colin, who helped on a very busy day, starting at around 7.00am, then setting up the stall at Bunnings, working all day on the stand and then assisting in cleaning up back at the club. Special thanks also to Janice Graves and Colin for working both morning and afternoon. Sundays at the sausage sizzle are mayhem and thanks go out to all the other 'sizzlers' who assisted. If you can spare a few hours every couple of months or so this would ease the workload on the regulars.

**HBCC Manager's note:** Thanks must also go to HBCC Secretary, Margaret Frost. and Jenny who tackled the unenviable job of slicing around 40 kilos of onions for the sizzle and after an hour or so were swimming in their own tears.

What a team of people we have here at Holdfast Bay! I'm very honoured to be the manager of such a brilliant croquet club with such an outstanding group of people. Margaret is always looking for people to assist her with our events that we have every three months or so. Please consider donating just a few hours of your time to help her out.

## **Dates to Remember: 2019**

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September HBCC Dinner. Casserole night.**

This event ably co-organise by Trish Clayton is a major fundraiser for the club. A previous dinner was a major success so we wish this one to be bigger and better.

We have offers by members to cook and prepare the meals but we also need members to assist with the catering, serving the meals, waitressing and kitchen duties. We would love to have you on board. A volunteer listing will be on our notice board so if able to help in any ways please add your name. Also encourage others to attend, family friends etc.

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October HBCC Quiz Night.**

Again this is another major fundraiser for our club. We encourage all members, friends etc to come along and join the fun.

Colin Broom is our co-organiser and MC during the night ably assisted by HBCC Manager, David Hayter as our Quiz Master. Volunteers will also be needed during the night to help set up the tables, sell raffle tickets, collect money and tidy up. If able to assist in any way please add name to duty roster, placed at the court or speak with a committee member.

Our membership roll grows mostly through word-of-mouth. If you have friends or anybody that would enjoy the great camaraderie our club offers please invite them down for a game. First three visits are free and from then on \$5.00 a visitor session. First year membership is at a reduced rate.

If you have any questions, queries or require assistance with your membership or playing please do not hesitate to approach a HBCC committee person. We are here to help.

Keep croqueting, keep well, keep safe and keep smiling,

Cheers,  
Marg  
David