

HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

KEEPING IN TOUCH

OCTOBER 2020



Hi Folks,

Hope all is well with everyone. To those on the sick list hope all gets better and will see you at the courts soon.

It's encouraging and pleasing to see so many members participating in gala days and playing pennants as well as joining us at our club days. The latest revelation is that numerous members are also participating in SACA tournaments. Well done to the teams of Barbara Dietrich & Susan Dunsby and to Janus Sala & Colin Broom who are competing in the *Combine Handicap 20+ Doubles Tournament* at Hutt Rd. Both teams have completed day one of the tournament and day two is on this upcoming Tuesday. It's going to be 24 degrees and sunny on Tuesday so if you can get up to Hutt Rd and cheer our people on, that would be great. Participating in SACA tournaments accelerates and players' skills levels and draws further recognition to our club.

Gala Days and tournaments are a great way to get to know others in the croquet community and improve your skill level so if the opportunity arises give entering some serious consideration. The following link will give you access to the Croquet SA (SACA) tournament calendar: <https://www.croquetsa.com.au/members/calendar/>. If you have difficulty navigating the on-line entry procedure, (it's a new system) just ask David Hayter or ring Karen Magee, CroquetSA Events Organiser on 0404174177. Posters promoting the gala days of other clubs are posted regularly on our courtside noticeboard.

Coaching

Greens Keeper Liaison Officer (GKLO) Colin Broom will be conferring with the HBB&CC greens staff to arrange that Wednesday mornings at 8:30am before 9:30am club play will be allocated to coaching. A date for the beginning of coaching will be advertised ASAP. Coaching will continue as long as there is sufficient interest. Coaching clinics did fall away because of poor or inconsistent attendance and will discontinue if insufficient interest becomes evident, however with the warm weather and the easing of COVID restrictions we are going to give it another try.

Congestion

Due to the number of members attending club days especially Wednesday, to ease the congestion on the courts so 3rd colours do not have to be used we are, on a trial basis, offering Thursday mornings as well. Same starting time as the other days at 9.30am. As long as you have a key to the shed to access balls, clips, timers etc, you are welcome to come on Thursday morning. All equipment is to be returned to the shed as per normal procedure. To use the courts at any other time apart from individual practice please check with Colin Broom as the greens staff may need access to the courts. All members are encouraged to practice or come down for a social game with other members at any time other than Mondays and Tuesdays, (greens maintenance days). COVID procedures including a Marshall is required. Non-compliance may result in the club being heavily fined.

Pennants

The club has performed admirably over the past month. Congratulations and well done to all who are competing.

Spring Pennants, Mid-Week 9

Thursday. 10 th September	Holdfast Bay vs Norwood	7 gms - 3 gms (57/46 hoops)
Thursday 17 th September.	Holdfast Bay vs Nth Adelaide	7 gms - 3 gms (55/47 hoops)
Thursday. 24 th September.	Holdfast Bay vs Nth Adelaide Strikers	5 gms - 5 gms (45/50 hoops)
Thursday. 1 st October	Holdfast Bay vs Nth Adelaide Strikers	2 gms - 8 gms (42/61 hoops)
Thursday. 8 th October	Holdfast Bay vs Norwood	9 gms - 1 gms (62/42 hoops)

Spring Pennants 9+

Monday 14 th Sep.	HB Breakers vs Glenunga Gold	3 gms - 3gms (28/29 hoops)
Monday 14 th Sep	HB Stingrays vs Glenunga Blue	1 gms - 5 gms (19/39 hoops)
Monday 21 st Sep.	HB Stingrays vs Tea Tree Gully	3 gms - 3 gms (28/29 hoops)
Monday 21 st Sep.	HB Breakers vs Brighton	4 gms - 2 gms (32/ 27 hoops)
Monday 28 th Sep	HB Stingrays vs South Tce	2 gms - 4 gms (30/32 hoops)

Monday 28th Sep

HB Breakers vs Millswood

1 gms - 5 gms (21/28 hoops)

Weekend Pennants:

Saturday 19th September

Holdfast Bay vs South Terrace, Blue

0 gms - 6 gms (15/29 hoops)

The HBCC committee is considering entering the following numbers of teams per competition for the upcoming Summer Pennants season and 2021 Weekend competition:

Summer Pennants:

2/ 24+ teams

1/ 9+ Thursday night team and for the

2021 Week-End:

1 team.

If more members are interested in playing pennants we will submit more teams into competitions.



Farewell Dinner

Sharon Langston, a long time esteemed member of our club is leaving us to live on the Gold Coast. In appreciation of her service to the club and friendship to all, on Friday 13th November at a club dinner we will say farewell, bon voyage, good luck etc, etc and wish her luck in her future endeavours. I'm sure Sharon would appreciate all to attend this festive, memorable occasion to say goodbye to all.

Pre Dinner Drinks , Happy Hour - 5.00pm. Dinner 6.00pm. Cost approx. \$15.00.

Please get along to this event if you can. Booking sheet is on the bar at the club and on our sign on table at the courts.

Club Holdfast Friday Night Dinners

5.00pm - 6.00pm Happy Hour .Meals served between 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Jackpot Draw drawn on the night.

The croquet club is committed to monthly assistance at the dinners. Meals are simple - Schnitzel/fish/ or our choice, chips and salad.

We require approx. 4-6 people to assist on these nights so if able to help your assistance will be gratefully appreciated.

Our first dinner presentation will be catering at Sharon's farewell dinner.

Webpage



The Holdfast Bay Croquet Club's has its own webpage.

Newsletters, contact details, social events, policies and photos. We have five years of Holdfast Bay Croquet Club history recorded on the site.

Access to the Web is simple. Just type the following into your chosen web browser be that Internet Explorer, Safari, Chrome, Firefox. Etc: <https://hbcroquet.000webhostapp.com> or go to the Club Holdfast web site www.clubholdfast.com and select Croquet.

If you have anything that you wish to share on the Web site or can contribute in any way to the site, please contact Roger Zeuner on email rogerzeuner@gmail.com

Health and Safety and COVID - 19

The Holdfast Bay Croquet Club's prime objective is to protect its members and the community, but to also return members to play in the safest environment possible. Everybody please observe hygiene and take these precautions seriously. Washing and sanitising hands and social distancing is a must.

A COVID Marshall must be present when there is group play.

There will be a step up in health and safety observation. If given a direction by a COVID Marshall or a committee member please comply. The Marshalls and committee people are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all members. We are here to help each other. If appropriate, members should draw other members' attention to oversights. Don't think somebody else will do it. YOU DO IT.

Water bottles are essential. To refill your water bottle there is a water cooler on 'D' green (the green next to the croquet courts) at the southern end in the middle of the seating. You must bring a personal water bottle and any other appropriate gear including headwear and preferably own sunscreen lotion. Dress appropriately.

Feral Mallets

Members are instructed to comply with the following: With the large number of people attending club days there is also been an increase in haphazardly left unattended mallets. These feral mallets are a safety hazard. While the committee seeks a permanent solution, members are instructed that mallets will not be:

- left unattended on court
- standing in the courtside gutters,
- just standing/lying randomly on the courtside paths,
- or in any other location that will endanger other members.

Mallets will be left in a place where they cannot be tripped over or stepped on, nor cause obstruction.

...and remember we are all shareholders in Holdfast Bay Croquet Club, if you play, help put something away, even if it is only a small item every little bit helps. If you play on the day, put something away...and thanks to all those who come early and set up the courts.

Keep safe, stay well, and keep smiling,

Cheers

Marg

