

# HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

August 2019



Hi Folks,

Welcome to another blast of wintery weather and another newsletter. It is good to see members out on the courts braving the winter weather. To all who have escaped to warmer environments enjoy.

### **Achievements**

Congratulations are to be offered to the HBCC members, Paul Wahlstedt and David Hayter.

Representing Holdfast Bay Croquet Club the pair entered the 2019, SACA Doubles Open. The tournament was held over the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of August at SACA HQ, Hutt Rd. Being an 'Open' this tournament is populated by some very low handicap players most of whom are SACA State Team and Squad representatives.

Although Paul is currently a high, mid-range handicap 7, David Hayter reports that their opponents constantly remarked on Paul's competitive level of ability with consistency across his range of skills. Paul, as many know is a dedicated and regular attendee at our coaching clinics. The index points he gained during the tournament sees him poised on hitting the trigger point to drop him to a 6 handicapper. Well, done Paul. The tournament endured incredibly arduous weather conditions, but this did not faze our dynamic duo. Our pair achieved a very creditable fourth place in the tournament against some pretty intimidating opponents. We seaside's are a tough and resilient mob. Well, done lads.

A range of tournaments are constantly announced for various handicaps and single and team events, and posted on the courtside noticeboard. If you see one you would like to enter and don't know how, speak with David Hayter and represent our club.

The HBCC encourages its members to broaden their experiences.

## Result 24+ Competition

- ☺ 8<sup>th</sup> July HB : Breakers Vs Glenunga Blue- won 4 games to 2 - 29 hoops to 27
- ☹ 22<sup>nd</sup> July HB: Breakers Vs Hyde Park Green lost 4 games to 2 - 31/26
- ☹ 5<sup>th</sup> August HB: Breakers Vs Hyde Park lost 4/2 - 27/24

## Coaching

**Golf Croquet:** HBCC Coach, David Hayter is conducting regular coaching clinics every Thursday, at 9.30 am, weather permitting. David is constantly impressed by the enthusiasm of our regular attendees and also impressed how their level of ability increases so rapidly.

## Social Play (Wednesday, Friday, Saturday)

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

During the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August till Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August the main clubrooms (bar area and dining room) will be closed to members due to a 'Floral Design Exhibition' being staged. Members will need to retire to the croquet clubrooms for their post-play repast of tea, coffee and conversation.

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August our club rooms will not be available either. Might have to go to the pub!!

## Internal Tournament

As mentioned in last month's newsletter the committee is currently considering the re-introduction of this tournament. Due to the tournament being structured as a handicap event, anybody regardless of skill level can play and win. All interested members please add your name to the **Tournament Interest** sheet located on the courtside sign-on table.

## Association Croquet

A number of members have expressed an interest in learning the art and skills of playing this version of croquet. As the weather improves and if there is enough interest these sessions will be re-introduced.

## Gala Days

Gala days are a great way to integrate into South Australia's close-knit croquet community...plus, you get to eat some really, really good food, but you have to be quick because gala days are very popular.

Although other clubs welcome new attendees with open arms sometimes going it alone can be a little daunting. Team up with another HBCC member and go together or speak with some of the other members who are regular gala attendees. If you don't know who to approach speak with Margret Frost or David Hayter and they will point you in the right direction...and you will get to eat some of that really, really good food.

Currently, gala days have been announced by the Tea Tree Gully, Victor Harbor and Coromandel Valley croquet clubs and are seeking entrants.

### **Dates to Remember: 2019**

Our croquet club annually hosts a Club Dinner and a Quiz Night. These events are fast approaching and for the events to be an outstanding success we need members support. We need your attendance on the nights and assistance with the preparations and cleaning up at these functions. Both of these nights promise to be fantastic events so please do come along and join the fun and frivolity.

Donations of items to be included in raffle prizes, chocolate wheel etc will be welcomed . These items could be chocolates, wines or any articles suitable for a hamper. Thanking you.

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

A big thank you to the members who have already volunteered to assist with the cooking and preparation of the dinner, but we will need assistance on the night with table preparations, waitressing, kitchen duties, raffle ticket sellers etc. A volunteer listing is on our sign on table at the courts so if able to help in any ways please add your name or speak with a committee member.

There is also a booking sheet located inside the clubs main foyer and on our sign table please add your name to this also. Please come along and also encourage others to attend, family friends etc. Money is paid at the door on the night.

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

This is a major fundraiser for our club. We encourage all members, friends etc to come along and join the fun. Tables are of eight to ten. Volunteers will be need on the night to assist with the operations of the evening to make this a successful event. Booking sheets are in the main foyer of club rooms plus on our sign-on table at courtside.

## **Film Night: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm Regal Cinema, Kensington Film: Yesterday**

To financially support the SACA State Golf Croquet squad SACA have organised a film night to raise much needed funds. A flier is on the courtside sign-on table. Tickets just \$20.00. Supper will be supplied. Your first drink included in the ticket price. Grab a friend or go with another HBCC member and have a really good night out and support our game.

Ring Mick Reidy on 0413 298 301 for tickets.

## **Fees**

### **Club Holdfast:**

\$229.00. This fee is due. Please pay ASAP to Jenny, behind the bar at the club. If you haven't already done so.

### **South Australian Croquet Association (SACA):**

\$114.00 for season 2019 - 2020. Invoices will be forwarded to members and payment via Club Holdfast is requested by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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. Also do not forget to read our notice board located at the courtside for any new and upcoming information.

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

Cheers,  
Marg

