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# Newsletter

Brighton Croquet Club Inc. Stopford Rd Hove 5048 [www.brightoncroquetsa.com](http://www.brightoncroquetsa.com)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### From the Brighton Croquet Club President, April 2022

Over the preceding two years the difficulties we faced with Covid 19 restrictions and managing a Croquet club presented unforeseen financial circumstances for our club.

May I commend our Sponsors for staying with us during this journey and helping us to survive this period. Their generosity in providing donations and services enabled our club to prosper and grow. They are, not in any order!

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I would also like to acknowledge the members and those that formed our Management Committees over the past few years. Thank you to those members who have generously spent many hours volunteering performing duties in and around the club.

Funds raised through Sponsorship, Donations, Government and Council grants and internal fund raising have enabled our club to purchase the following.

New balls and mallets, 13 internal window blinds, bar fridge, outside aluminium seating, crockery, printer, ceiling fans, stainless steel hoops, defibrillator, music machine, mallet rack, black piping court dividers, croquet flags, dishwasher, gas heater and air conditioning.

Our social night was held on Friday night April 8<sup>th</sup>. It was very successful and attended by 30 members and friends.

The purchase of the court pipes has lessened the load for court set up.

The third Covid booster shots are due by the end of April.

Stay safe,

Enjoy your Croquet,

Barry Teague.

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## **THE BRIGHTON METRO HOTEL LUNCH**

### **THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL @ 12 NOON**

The Brighton Croquet Club is having a Social Lunch at the above venue, after the usual morning of croquet play. You can choose to have either the Buffet Menu or the á la Carte Menu. The garden room has been booked, so we are all seated together. A list is at the club along with a menu to browse & is now available for you to put your names down. If you could please put names under the menu you are having on the day.

Use the Brighton Metro App on your phones with code BCC to receive 10% off food & drinks.

Come along & have an enjoyable time, you are welcome to invite partners or a friend, as long as you put their names down on the list. Any queries please speak with me, Pat Lawson or email:

[patricia.lawson048@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.lawson048@gmail.com)

**ELAINE MAY HILL**

*This is a tribute for our friend, Elaine.*

*"To hear your voice, to see you smile and talk to you a while. To be together in the same old way, would be the greatest wish today."*

*Elaine had a special way of feeling empathy for those who were lonely or in pain in some way. This was no doubt helped, by the fact that she herself suffered from rheumatoid arthritis over many years.*

*Elaine loved sport, playing tennis and netball in earlier years.*

*According to her family, she was quite competitive, even when playing cards! We enjoyed playing croquet with her and she was a valued member of our club.*

*Elaine's funeral was held at Alfred James Funeral Home, Plympton and a good representation from our club attended.*

*"Most people walk in and out of your life, but friends leave footprints in your heart."*

**Astrid.**



**Croquet SA ETIQUETTE** – some pointers for good Golf Croquet etiquette

Some elements of etiquette are rules, and some are good practice. This document highlights both. Below are things to consider in order to play with good etiquette and to conform to the rules.

**1. When you are taking your shot**

- Declare if you are offside before the shot is played.
- Expedite your shot without excessive delay or excessive casting etc. (see rule 16.3)
- Keep your strategy discussions short.
- Only follow your ball after your shot when all shots have been taken in that direction.

**2. When any player is playing their shot within your vicinity**

- Keep silent. Don't talk especially within earshot of the striker
- Stand a reasonable distance from the striker to prevent distraction. Where practicable, avoid moving or standing in the striker's line of vision.
- Stand well away from the hoops or target ball.
- Try to keep your own shadow out of the striker's line of play
- Only give advice as requested & within the rules e.g. which ball was last played.

**Exception:** To forestall a player playing the wrong ball.

**3. Referees and decisions**

- Maintain a good sporting demeanour and respect rules. Speak politely to all.
- Acknowledge your faulty play. Don't try to 'get away' with faults.
- A player may request a referee at any time to supervise a shot and all others must then await the referee before playing. There should be no objection or resistance to this request.
- A referee's decision is final. Any clarification may be sought after the match.
- Call a referee by holding mallet above head – avoid disrupting games by calling out.



## **Golf Croquet Report April 2022**

### **Recent Events**

GC Presidents Eights February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup> - honourable mentions to Kate Logan and Bernie Pfitzner (Victor Harbor & Brighton)

Aus SA GC Bronze Medal March 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> – honourable mentions to Steve Davel (Millswood & Brighton) and Robert Hamshire (Coromandel Valley & Brighton)

Victor harbour GC Annual Tournament April 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> - honourable mentions to Karen Magee (singles winner in her group) and Lorraine McIntyre ( singles & doubles)

### **Easter Funday Saturday Games**

This event was held on Easter Saturday at the Brighton Courts again this year. The weather was fine – sunny, minimal wind, no cloud and reasonable humidity.

All participants played well.

Five events were played – Longest Hoop run, Longest Roquet, Target Practice, Continuous Roqueting of 4 balls and Best score for 6 hoops.

For further information ask a participant.

The winner was Lorraine who also won the ‘Closest to the Peg Challenge ‘.

### **Brighton Gateball Report**

The Gateball equipment finally arrived late in March and various members have begun to practice and also play matches with coaching.

The Gateball court has been laid out and marked with subtlety on Croquet Court 2. There is no distraction to Golf Croquet play therefore in this area at other times.

It is good that the ‘gates’ and boundary marker string can be laid out for play and packed up in minutes.

This is a tactical team sport and so over the next few months further developments in play will occur with improved familiarity.

We have been using the Gateball equipment after Tuesday morning GC play and during the Social Event on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Peter Woodward, GC Captain

**An extract from 'THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS - A HISTORY OF BRIGHTON CROQUET CLUB  
1915-2015' Compiled by Bob Auld – a current Member**

## **Beginnings ...**

In *Evolution Of A Unique Tennis Club*, the centenary publication of the Brighton Tennis Club (BTC), it is stated that in 1910 a deposit was paid by that Club on land in Keelara Street that constituted Blocks 10, 11 & 12 being subdivision of Part Block 19 Noarlunga. The three Blocks comprising a frontage of 180 feet were purchased at a cost of 296 pounds, 17 shillings and sixpence and the Tennis Club moved on to the site in '1914-1915'. At May 1<sup>st</sup> 1917, there was over 150 pounds still owing yet the land bought from Mr J B Hughes was added to in that same year with more land bought from a Miss Grundy for 110 pounds. The Tennis Club then found itself in quite some financial bother as only the interest of some 16 pounds had been paid off in the previous year and its finances were left standing at just one shilling and sixpence. Then along came the White Knights!

In the book '*History of Brighton*', published in 1958 by Mr H A F 'Bob' Taylor it is stated that a request was received from the Brighton Croquet Club for the use of part of the Tennis Club land. The Tennis Club then formed a sub-committee in May 1917 to consider ways of financing itself and decided 'to confer with the Brighton Croquet Club as to the size of ground they required and the terms they would be prepared to offer for use of portion of the ground for croquet.'<sup>3</sup> The Croquet Club was ultimately granted the use of the northern section facing Keelara Street measuring 105 by 84 feet (32 by 26 metres approximately) on condition that they shoulder one-third the cost of the property.

It was an arrangement of mutual benefit to both parties as the Croquet Club which had been playing on private land was now about to have its own patch whilst the Tennis Club was being relieved of some portion of its financial burden.

The Tennis Club records continue 'On Saturday August 11th 1917 the Club met at three pm with representatives of the Croquet Club to fix the site for the croquet green and agreement was reached to have the work carried out. Removal of any of the gum trees on the property was avoided. A tennis club sub-committee was appointed to deal with a water main extension onto the tennis club property and to arrange for the ploughing and grading of the land for the Croquet green'. The Croquet Club was now serving as a tenant to lessen the problems that the Tennis Club had in reducing its mortgage. The whole property was to remain in the name of the Tennis Club until 1933 when action was taken by the Tennis Club to have a separate title for its own land.

But just when did our Croquet Club actually form? According to Taylor's account 'Prior to World War One a number of ladies played regularly on the green near the home of Misses L S and A H Brown. --- Amongst those who played at the time were Mesdames Hiscock, Chinner, Silver, Counsell, Freebairn, De Laine, Lee, Pearce, Somerville, Balfour and the Misses McTaggart, as well as members of the Brown family'. These ladies were later referred to as Foundation members.

It is interesting to examine the names of these ladies whom Taylor has mentioned as early players in Brighton. The group who were instrumental in Brighton Club's formation would seem to have consisted of some relatively affluent upper middle-class women. Elizabeth Kassie Mankey had married Arthur Silver, a leading Stockbroker who had several terms as Mayor of Brighton, Thomas Freebairn husband of Jessie, was a prominent land-holder as was William Voules Brown the father of the Brown sisters and he had been a Brighton Councillor, Mrs Somerville was the wife of a solicitor and James Counsell and James Balfour probably the spouses of two others, were a former Brighton Council Mayor and a former Alderman respectively.

**Further extracts from Brighton Croquet Club's History will follow in coming Newsletters.....**

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