



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the Brighton Croquet Club President, March 2021

We welcome back Kerry Williams as an associate member. Kerry plays Ac croquet as well as Golf Croquet.

Also joining us today as new members are Kaye and Thea. Welcome ladies to the Brighton Croquet club. Graham has been coaching them for the past few weeks. We look forward to you enjoying the game and the challenges and fun that the game brings.

Many thanks to Ken Nunan who has purchased a new Epson printer for our club. It has a capacity to print 4000 plus copies containing ink tanks. Prior to its use Ken will advise members of its capabilities.

For added Security, Hans Hiller has fitted additional sliding bolt locks on the inside of the front doors facing North. This means these bolts will require locking every time prior to leaving the club. Therefore, entry to the club will be by the back door only.

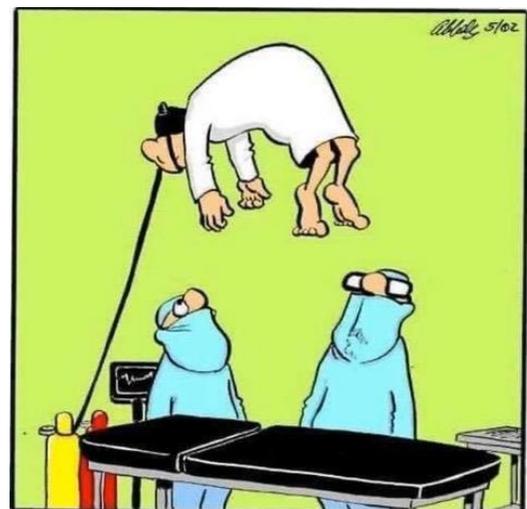
The requirement to Covid sign in, is mandatory. This must be done immediately upon entering the club and prior to setting up the courts.

Also, to be adhered to is 3 maximum people in the kitchen and 34 in the clubhouse.

Many volunteers are required to help with the Community day to be held on 11th April. Duties include selling a sausage sizzle and soft drinks. Covid Marshalls, on court coaching and other general duties. Please, where you can, wear our Club shirts and badges. Volunteer helpers, please add your names to the list on the board.

Enjoy your Croquet.

Barry Teague 24/03/2021



"Mental note, the yellow tank is helium."

Letter from the Vice President Facilities March 2021

We responded to the Council request for information as to what our club has planned for the Open Day together with a copy of our Covid19 Plan. This was acknowledged with thanks and no further information has been received.

Based on my discussion with Barry my suggestion is that we would want to run our BBQ with sausages, onions, bread and sauce similar to the Bunnings BBQ that we have done in the past with a Come and Try option for the whole day ie 10.00am to 3.00pm. Clearly, we would need a lot of support from the members to assist on the day with running of the BBQ and handling anyone wanting to try playing croquet. Clearly it does provide an opportunity for great exposure to the general public. We may want to have club information sheets available to give to any interested participants.

In regard to the maintenance work and painting of our building Barry, Pat and I met the Council rep Paul on site and discussed the proposed colour schedule for the repainting and he undertook to get quotations for the work before it could proceed. I haven't been able to get confirmation yet as to when the work would start but they expect to have the work completed prior to the Open Day. Pat drew his attention to the state of the chain-wire fence between our garden and Court 1 and he considered that it should be replaced. Fingers crossed thanks Pat.

The Greenkeeper has been advised that we do not want the courts tined this year due to state of our budget, but I accepted his recommendation to apply Seasol as a stimulant to root growth rather than the Dieback insecticide previously approved. The costs are equivalent.

Howard Wood

Vice President

Millswood Classic Night Tournament 2021

This is a 4 week event on Friday nights during March.

Marlene Salmon and Lorraine McIntyre were playing to represent Brighton Croquet Club.

The first night of play was cold & windy, but that didn't deter our ladies, with heads down & following through, they were playing extremely well and doing Brighton proud. As you can see in the photographs, they were scoring hoops, no problems. Well done ladies, we congratulate you on your great effort!



Kadina Croquet Club – a short history.....

The Kadina and Wallaroo Times of 24 July 1912 reported a meeting held on 18 July at the residence of Mrs C E P Rendell to consider a proposal to establish a croquet club. Mrs Moffat occupied the chair. It was reported that arrangements had been made to rent a block of ground at the corner of Graves and Brown Streets at a rate of five pounds per annum. It was resolved that a club should be formed and the membership to be limited to 24. The following officers were elected – President Mrs W Moffat, Secretary Mrs T Shawyer and Treasurer Mrs H Blake.

On the 27th of March 1917 a formal function, in connection with the installation of the electric light on the grounds of the Kadina Croquet Club, was held with the opening ceremony being performed by the Mayor of Kadina. He said that the Club was one of the beauty spots of the town.

In 1920 a Kadina Central Club was mentioned in the Press and in the 1920s and 1930s a club was referred to as Kadina Married Ladies Club with its location variously at Cameron Terrace on the Parklands and in Graves Street. A 1925 mention of a Kadina East team occurred in *The Register*.

In 1926 the Yorke Peninsula Croquet Association was formed made up of Moonta, Wallaroo, Wallaroo Mines and Kadina Clubs. In 1927 Kadina had 28 members and won the YPCA A and B Grade pennants. In 1928 a gymkhana was held to raise funds for a grass court which was laid in the following year. The Club enjoyed close relations with the Grange Croquet Club and at its Easter tournament in 1941 it attracted players from 12 other clubs.

Foundation members Mrs J Cornelius and Mrs Glasson were amongst those awarded Life Memberships with others including Miss Doris Kennett, Mesdames Vera Venning, Ann Ward, Vi Ward, May Ramsey, Dorothy Commons, Roma Paterson, Win French and Elsie Laffin.

In 1999 the Club went into recess then re-established itself a year later in Hallett Street. The Kadina, Wallaroo & Moonta Band entertained the past and present players assembled at the Kadina Croquet Club's 100th Birthday Celebrations on Thursday September 18, 2014. Bandmaster Linda Kinch, who was Vice-Captain of the Kadina Croquet Club, said that the band was very pleased to be involved, as five members of the band play Association Croquet and represent each of the Croquet Clubs in the Copper Coast, namely Kadina, Wallaroo and Moonta.

PS: The Kadina and Wallaroo Times of 10 July 1952 carried an extensive write-up of the career of croquet champion Mrs Bartle (nee Edie Trenwith) an ex Kadina resident but it is not established whether she ever played with Kadina.

Reference

Kadina and Wallaroo Times newspaper

The Register newspaper

History prepared by Bob Auld

A Very Interesting Life.....

Born in Canada, dad died when I was 10 years old, we were poor. After graduating from high school, I worked in the forests of British Columbia assessing the value for taxation of timber on private land and I saved my salary diligently.

I then went to Manchester University in England. After graduating a fellow Indian student and I bought a jeep to travel to India, but we only got to Tehran. On the way there, the snow was so deep on the road we could only see the top 5 to 6 meters of telephone poles beside the road, so we sold the jeep to a smuggler we met at the border.

We took a train to Abadan and went to Mumbai in the hold of a freighter with Arabs. I lived in Bangalore, as part of an Indian family before going to New Zealand.

I got a job with Japanese diplomats for 20 years doing mainly public relations and speech writing at the Consulate General of Japan, also being secretary of the Auckland Consular Corps for a few years. The Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs invited me to Japan with 3 other international staff. We were given a guide, chauffeur and plenty of money and we got very deep bows from Japanese people, when they learned we worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For fun, my family and I (I helped to create two daughters and a son) took up yacht racing at the Taikata Sailing Club in Auckland, where I eventually became Commodore. In N.Z., yacht clubs have racing 12 months of the year.

Then to Adelaide, as my wife was offered a job here as state manager for Diners Club. Here I played petanque then lawn bowls, where I was secretary of the Clarence Gardens Bowling Club which had over 200 members. My wife of 52 years died about 9 years ago of ovarian cancer.

Now I paint abstract paintings, practice Chi Kung energy medicine, study Vedanta philosophy and knock around balls at croquet. Living – not just visiting - in Canada, England, India, Japan, New Zealand and Australia and adjusting to their cultures has been fascinating. The 88 years have all been very interesting.

Norman Ord



Me after washing my hands for 20 seconds
126 times in one day



Letter from the Vice President Administration March 2021

It's been lovely to go and watch Marlene Salmon and Lorraine McIntyre represent Brighton Croquet Club in the Millswood Classic Tournament. Well done ladies, you played extremely well and did your club proud.

Also, excellent to watch this week our Open Team, Barry Teague, Bernie Pfitzner, Kate Logan & Anne Woodhouse beat the Hyde Park top team. Excellent play, there were some magnificent shots. Well done team. Good play from all our teams who are supporting Brighton, playing extremely well.

Stan Bond blinds signage is at the moment being made and hopefully should be on the club fencing within the next couple of weeks. Excellent job has been done by their Marketing and Communications Coordinator Sarah Zulian who has put a lot of work into the project. Thank you to Ken Nunan our IT Manager, who works hard doing our website and has already been able to put the new signage on the Brighton Croquet Club Website for all to see. Please remember all our sponsors are featured on our Website as well as the Newsletter with direct links to each company. **PLEASE SUPPORT our SPONSORS.**

Thank you to Viv Murphy who did a wonderful job as the event manager for our recent social night. Thank you also to Wendy Williamson & Jan Teague who were great helpers on the night. It was lovely to welcome 2 new players to their first social night. Kay Souter & Theo Peacock, who will shortly become full members. They are both playing great croquet and will become a great asset for the club. PLEASE, I ask all members to put your hands up to help do a social night and not leave it to the same people. We are a team, let's work as one.

Heather White is doing a great job with club uniforms. A number of people have already ordered a few items. If you would like a new top, hat, jacket etc and have any questions, please see Heather.

Barry, Howard & myself have been holding meetings and talks with various people preparing for the Grand Opening of the new Brighton Oval Complex on Sunday 11th April. All clubs around the Oval will be open to the public with a number of events happening. I believe the car parks will be full of displayed machinery, stalls etc. so parking on the street only. The council are expecting about 5,000 people through on the day. The Opening will take place at 9.30 am and the day will run through until 3pm. Brighton Croquet Club will be doing a Come & Try, with BBQ & soft drinks on sale. We are looking for volunteer club members to come & help during the day. Please put your name on the list on the notice board or see Barry. If you have uniforms, please wear them with your name badges, then visitors can see you are part of the Brighton Team. The council has said that they will have our Clubhouse painted outside in the new colours before that date 🙌 We will look very smart. We are also trying to have made some Teardrop flags which will advertise Croquet.

Bank SA have very kindly offered us the loan of their Marquee, which will be placed by court 3 and used for the BBQ and soft drink sales. No alcohol will be on sale. Management will be at the club from 8am, helpers during the day will be very much appreciated.

We have a meeting with the council next week to finalise all the details.

Pat Lawson's Report cont.

We also have a booking for Friday 16th April from David Magee's swimming club. 6.00pm until 9.00pm. We are expecting approximately 30 people. A Bbq & salads will be served, with magnums for desserts. The bar will be open and we will have some small tables on the veranda. We will have 2 RSA's & Covid Marshals on duty. We will require volunteers to help on courts please, if you would like to support the club, please put your names on the list in the clubhouse or see Barry.

Unfortunately, our last grant application was unsuccessful, but we will keep trying for more as they come up. We have been lucky enough to get a new printer, which is now in the office. Thankyou Ken for getting that and setting it all up. It is wireless and means we can print documents off our phones or laptops. This is trying to save us such large costs on the inks.

With being so busy this month at the club, the next social night will be held at the Football club and I will let everyone know when a date has been confirmed.

On behalf of all club members who took part in the coaching last Thursday, we would like to thank Jim Grindrod for his expertise showing members the tactical skills of croquet. The coaching was a great success, and everyone enjoyed the experience. Many thanks Jim.

Thank you also to Graham Whiteway who does an excellent job with his Wednesday coaching lessons. It's a great asset for the club to have this kind of opportunity.

Please note from immediate effect we now have bolts top & bottom of the double doors going out to the courts. Please make sure these are secure before leaving the building.

Thank you to Hans Hiller for fitting these for the club.

Get Well wishes. To all members who are unwell at this time, the Brighton Croquet Club wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you back on the court soon. Take care.

Pat Lawson.

Enjoying a Friday Night Social

Many thanks to Viv Murphy for being the event manager of the night, Wendy Williamson who helped along with Jan Teague. Great night ladies, thank you for all your hard work.



History of the Brighton Croquet Club

*A presentation to the City of Holdfast Bay Library of two volumes of the history of the Brighton Croquet Club - **Head Down and Follow Through** and **The First 100 years**, was made recently, by the author and Club member, Bob Auld and the Club President, Barry Teague.*



Left to Right: Bob Auld, Author & Club Member, Tania Paull, Manager Customer Experience & Library Services & Barry Teague, Brighton Croquet Club President

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