



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the Brighton Croquet Club President, April 2021

Hi to all Members,

I wish to thank those members who volunteered their time to participate in helping to organise and run our Community Come and Try day at our Clubrooms.

To comply with the Holdfast Council's Covid regulations we were required to have 8 Covid Marshalls on Duty throughout the day including on court coaching and running the BBQ in the car park.

For me it was a successful day. There were numerous people who enjoyed playing Croquet and also for those who purchased a sausage and onion. Funds raised were about \$400.

It is anticipated this will be a yearly event which gives our club enormous exposure within the surrounding community. Again, thank you.

Congratulations to Karen and David Magee for taking first prize in the Victor Harbor Handicap Doubles competition. Hans and Barry came second. Well done to the Brighton Team.

Our Covid plans and regulations displayed in our club rooms must be complied with at all times. These requirements will be with us for some time and by law, our Club cannot afford to relax these rules. It is the responsibility of all members to comply.

When exiting our Club rooms please adhere to our Security requirements at all times.

This includes padlocking the side gate, lights out, fans, air conditioning, urn switches, blinds down, the additional back door sliding locks, equipment and shed door locks and equipment placed in storage. This area requires constant attention by all users.

Thank you to the Holdfast Council's enormous effort to paint our Clubrooms and replace the side fence. This new building look has given us a sense of pride and achievement.

Enjoy your Croquet.

Barry Teague

SPONSORSHIP & VP ADMIN REPORT

It's certainly been a busy month, with many people to thank.

I would firstly like to thank Brighton Club Sponsors, who all supported us on the Official Open Day of the new Brighton Oval Complex.

*Tim Rugless (**Foodland Brighton**) who very kindly donated 300 of their famous beef sausages for our BBQ, they were amazing.*

*Steve Witkowski & Izzy Ismail (**Edwardstown Mazda**) who gave us bags full of goodies to hand out & also 10% vouchers off your next car service.*

*Andrew Earles, Phil White & Sarah Zulian (**Stan Bond Blinds**) who gave us \$150 vouchers off your future orders.*

*Chris Westmacott (**Bank SA**) kindly lending us their marquee.*

*Bianca Browse (**Harcourts**) who had a table of handouts.*

*Katherine Clarke (**Lendlease**) also a table of handouts.*

*Also, Alan White (**Cove Print**)*

*& Duncan Ferguson (**Blackwell Funerals**)*

Truly all Wonderful Sponsors to whom the Brighton Croquet Club are very grateful.

To the council for all their hard work & organisation.

Chloe Drogemuller, Felicity Edwards & all their team.

Councillor Annette Bradshaw, Brighton Croquet Club Patron. Annette works so hard for the local community & we are very grateful for all the work & support she continually gives the Brighton Croquet Club.

Rajiv Mouveri, Paul Eustace & all the team for all the maintenance work they have done on the club, it looks absolutely amazing.

Club members, to each & everyone that gave their support & help on the day, thank you.

We can't achieve such success without your commitment to the club.

I would also like to thank all the Presidents & committees of the Football, Cricket, Rugby & Lacrosse Clubs. It was a wonderful day for all & awesome to be able to work with you all as a team.

OPENING DAY BRIGHTON OVAL COMPLEX 11 APRIL 2021



Opening Ceremony



'Come 'N Try' at Brighton Croquet Club



Sausage Sizzle by members of Brighton Croquet Club with support from our Sponsors

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Sponsors, Mazda, Steve Witkowski and Izzy Ismail with Howard Wood – running a Hoop

SPONSORSHIP & VP REPORT

Barry & I will be representing the club on Anzac Day. The Dawn Service will be held this year on the Brighton Oval instead of Brighton Jetty, because of the number of people in attendance & the Covid restrictions. We are very honoured to be asked to lay a wreath on behalf of the Brighton Croquet Club.

You will have noticed now we have a bar fridge in the club room. On a day to day basis this will be used for members to buy their soft drinks. That way we eliminate the number of people passing through the kitchen for Covid restrictions to the rear fridge. This will now only have alcohol in. When we have an event, there will be an RSA present & alcohol will be in both fridges. We thank Barry Teague for doing all the work with this project.

There are only two more committee meetings before the end of our financial year and we are fast approaching the AGM (date to be announced). A number of committee members are going through & preparing the club's constitution, that will be presented at the AGM. May I ask members to think seriously about who you would like on the next committee. How you could make a difference by putting your hand up. If you want changes, we have to work at it together.

Our next Social Night will be held on Friday 7th May, please see the flyer attached to the Newsletter. All welcome, come & have a game of croquet, social chat, laugh & great food. If the weather is bad, we have some indoor games.

Thank you to Monica Brown who is organising Ricochet on a Monday morning for members to come along, enjoy the game & helps to improve their croquet.

Thank you also to Karen Magee & Anne Woodhouse for running an excellent fun day for the club over the Easter holidays.

Pat Lawson.



Winners – Easter Fun Day – Karen Magee, Hilary Thomas, Howard Wood, Lorraine McIntyre and Jill Gay

SOCIAL NIGHT

FRIDAY 7th MAY

PLAY from 4pm – SUPPER at 6pm

SAUSAGE SIZZLE  BARRY TEAGUE

GREEN SALAD  WENDY WILLIAMSON

JAMIE OLIVER POTATOES  JACKIE SUTHERLAND

DESSERTS  

LEMON TART  JACKIE SUTHERLAND

CREAM PUFFS  WENDY WILLIAMSON

THE BAR WILL BE OPEN    

\$10 per head members & \$15 non members

**Please place your names on the list in the clubhouse
by Wednesday 5th May for catering purposes or email:**

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Victor Harbor Tournament



Karen and David Magee playing and winning against David Wise and Ansi Baumanis.

Barry Teague and Hans Hiller playing against Judy and Doug Stewart.

Karen and David came first in their block

Barry and Hans were a close second.

Well done to all, it was wonderful to be able to come and watch you play.

Letter from the Vice President Facilities April 2021

Well, it has been a busy month with the preparation and planning for the Open Day which took place on Sunday 12th April. The Council and their contractors moved in and the whole of the exterior of the building was painted and matching as nearly as possible the colour scheme adopted for all the other new buildings. There was consternation along the way as the “Fluffy Duck” gold initially used did not match all the others. It turned out that another manufacturer also had a “Fluffy Duck”, but many members spotted the difference, and it was rectified. One member checked when the gutters were being painted white and was assured by the painters that white was going to be the final colour. Only to be told later that it was April 1st (April Fool’s Day). The Council also arranged for the southern fence to be painted so that was a project that we thought may have been left to us to address. And the fence to Court 1 was replaced and height marginally increased to match the southern fence. All completed in time for the Open Day. I have sent a thank you note to the Council expressing our appreciation for their efforts.

Our Covid Plan was updated shortly before the opening and a copy of the revised plan was sent to Council to include in their submission for the overall event. Final approval was only received in the final week leading up to the opening. Thank you to all those members who took on the role of Covid Marshalls on the day. Thanks also to all members who participated and helped encourage the new players. I had two representatives from the Cricket Club trying it out for the first time and they were very enthusiastic. There may be opportunity for them to come again at the end of season for a club breakup or social night sometime. Seeds sown we hope. And of course, to all those who worked on the BBQ making the day a financial boost for the Club. Special thanks to Barry and Pat for the huge effort they made in dealing with the organization and coordination with sponsors.

The tear-drop flags have now arrived. They were later than previously advised and when I chased them up, they apologized and proposed a 25% discount which I was happy to accept. (The refund is still coming I hope!!). Ken Nunan had arranged for a modification so that the flags could be attached to existing brackets on the fence and further minor adjustment is required to allow that to happen. Ken will arrange this in due course.

The electrical tagging and testing of all our appliances has been carried out.

Howard Wood

Vice President

Busy painters at work



Painting finished: The new look of Brighton Croquet Club.

Reade Park — ‘resurgence from a near-death experience’

The Advertiser of 21 March 1929 announced that ‘a croquet club is being formed at the Reade Park Recreation Reserve with a prospective membership of over 20 members.’ While ‘a portion of the putting green is being used pending the forming of a club.’ The Garden Suburb Commissioner promised that a full size croquet lawn would be available for play early next season. The Reade Park Croquet Club was launched in the next week with the following elected:- Mrs J Nettleton as President, Mrs S Mussared as vice-president, Mrs E Elphick as Captain and Mrs A Penglase as Secretary & Treasurer with Mesdames Giles, J Moody, E Morris and N Allen becoming committee members.

At the Club’s first AGM in September, Mrs S Griffith was elected Secretary and Treasurer. The opening of the Club took place on 19 October with representatives of Hawthorn and Millswood Clubs in attendance and Mrs T G Stephens declared the courts open and unfurled the Club flag. At first a common clubhouse somehow served the Tennis, Bowling, Croquet and Women’s Putting Clubs.

The Club became Incorporated in 1999. In 2010 the membership had fallen to just six members but in 2013 after vigorous promotion the Club had nearly 60 members. The Club however was met with an annual water bill of \$2500 and in their resurgence from a near-death experience the Club decided not re-register with SACA.

References

The Advertiser newspaper (History prepared by Bob Auld)

Opening of the 1938 season



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A Very Interesting Life.....

To start at the beginning – I was born in London UK in January 1947 which was a record cold month, but my parents got an extra ration of coal as they had a baby in the house. We moved to Chester in the North West of England on the border of Wales when I was 6. Chester is a very historic city – built by the Romans to keep out the “marauding Welsh” it is the only city in England completely surrounded by Roman walls. There is also a house which has an inscription “God’s Providence is Mine Inheritance”. In 1647 during the plague which killed 40% of the population this is reputed to be the only house unaffected. Another feature of Chester is “The Rows” one street of shops above the ones at street level. No one is sure exactly why, but the “marauding Welsh” are said to be involved in this too.

I left school at 18 and moved to the bright lights of London – it was the ‘Swinging Sixties’. Needless to say, I was very well behaved! In London I met my husband – he had migrated with his family from Cyprus. We got married in 1972 and came to Australia as “10 pound tourists”. I had intended to come for only 2 years but as soon as my husband saw the beaches and climate there was no way I was going to get him back to England, so I was stuck here – it was tough at first but I’m glad I stuck it out and after a few years my parents joined us which made it much easier.

My husband had his own mechanical workshop and I used to do the books so to get more understanding I embarked on an Associate Diploma of Accounting as a mature age student, and I have never been out of work since. I worked in a variety of places, child-care centres, a property developer, a pump manufacturer and finally at Foodbank. When I started at Foodbank the General Manager and I were the only people in the office but now it has grown so much that there are four people in the accounts department and the warehouse has doubled in size plus there are outlets throughout the State. I always hoped the need for their services would decrease but unfortunately that does not seem to be the case.

When I eventually retired in 2016, after my second knee replacement, I was looking for things to do. Jan Sharp suggested croquet. I had never played a sport in my adult life so thought it was just the challenge I needed – an added bonus is the social side of the Club – everyone has been warm and welcoming. I also enjoy being Treasurer, more than my croquet sometimes because I do it better but I’m working on that!

Sue Stevens



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