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Newsletter

Brighton Croquet Club Inc. Stopford Rd Hove 5048 www.brightoncroquetsa.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the Brighton Croquet Club President, November 2022

Ros Wilson surprised us with a visit to the club a few weeks ago and she was looking very well – it was great to see her.

A warm welcome to our new member, Sheila.

A lunch was held on Tuesday 1 November for Melbourne Cup Day. The weather was dreary and wet, but some brave members managed to play a few games in between the showers of rain. People brought plates of food to share, and it was all very delicious, without too much work. There was a wonderful spread of savoury food followed by some great sweet treats.

Unfortunately, we were unable to watch Channel 10 on the day and missed seeing the actual race (now known as the Melbourne Cup Race that Wasn't). Despite this slight hiccup we still all enjoyed ourselves and there was much chatter and laughter and a very relaxed atmosphere.

Thanks to Sue Stevens' initiative, Century 21 Brighton have become a new sponsor this year and their sign is currently being organised. Congratulations Sue and thank you to Century 21 Brighton.

A Friday night social – David and Friends was held on 11 November which was a great success, with both members and visitors and their families all enjoying the night. I've already contacted a few people to see if they would be interested in doing something similar early next year.

Our Covid Policy remains the same for the time being. I hope that we can revisit it early in the new year.

Wendy Williamson



GOLF CROQUET SEASON 2022

Spring Pennants

There is only one team competing in the Spring Pennants this season - the 5 Plus team.

Brighton remains competitive and shares equal top spot on the premiership table - with four other teams

Interestingly all five teams competing in the division share equal top spot with all teams achieving 2 wins from four games.

24 Plus

The Brighton team is playing well and sits in second spot on the premiership table after four games. There are two games left and we are hopeful of more success.

Weekend Pennants.

Open Division

Bright has done well and holds second spot on the premiership table achieving six wins from nine games. There is one game remaining.

5 Plus Division

Brighton finishes a strong third in a thirteen team contest.

Well done everyone.

9 Plus

Brighton has had a tough season in this twelve team competition but remained competitive through the season finishing in the middle of the field.

Tournaments

Brighton Dawson Challenge October 1st & 2nd

This annual event was held with near perfect weather, a good audience and very competitive play.

Newcomer David Maunder defeated David Magee in a great grand final match.

S.A. Open G.C.Doubles

Karen Magee (Brighton) teamed up with Barry Jennings (Hyde Park) in a tough competition earning an honourable mention.

Peter Woodward

G.C. Captain

MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCH 2022

On Tuesday 1 November we held a Melbourne Cup Day Lunch. The weather was dreary and wet, but some brave members managed to play a few games in between the showers of rain. People brought plates of food to share, and it was all very delicious, without too much work. There was a wonderful spread of savoury food followed by some great sweet treats.

Thanks to all who attended for their efforts on the day. A special thankyou to Carmel (the Sweeps Organiser), Debbie (the "Bookie") and Sonya for organising the distribution of numbered horses drawn for raffle prizes. Debbie won a prize for the best hat but there were several candidates. A special mention must go to Peter Woodward wearing his pale pink fascinator head piece.

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Friday Night Social - "David and Friends"

A Friday Night Social was held on Friday 11 November with members playing croquet from 4.00pm. A BBQ was served from 6.00pm and then David Mauser and his cricket friends and their families played from 7.00pm onwards. It was a perfect evening to be outside and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was wonderful to see some of our players dancing to the music while playing croquet. I was overwhelmed by the support from members who attended with everyone helping in one way or another to make it such a success. Because of the generous donations from a few club members our expenses were low, and we managed to achieve a small profit. Considering this was not a fundraising event the end result was excellent. Thanks to Jim Gay and Kevin Excell for cooking the BBQ, they did such a wonderful job.



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