



Newsletter

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the Brighton Croquet Club President, January 2022

We welcome two new members Carmel and Lorraine to our club.

Carmel and Lorraine attended the Holdfast Bay Community Forum where Pat Lawson, Bernie Pfitzner and Howard Wood represented our Croquet club.

Our Christmas celebrations in December were attended by 46 members and included our Patron, Annette Bradshaw and two of our sponsors Edwardstown Mazda and Stan Bond blinds. A great day was had by all.

As we enter our 2022 Pennant games, please be aware of our club's Covid -19 Policy about entry to our club's rooms and grounds. When playing other clubs, it is essential that all visitors comply with our Policy and their vaccination compliance be sighted. More details to come.

Howard Wood will instigate the latest Covid requirements [12/01/22] showing a change in clubroom procedures. As the Hospitality requirements are tied to our liquor license, our Management Committee will discuss if tea, coffee etc. can be served during the morning break.

Please read and understand these regulations.

Our gala day is approaching on the 8th February, the list is full with 24 players and 5 reserves.

I have applied to Bunnings for another BBQ event, more to come.

Our next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 18th Feb where we will discuss and provide our thoughts re the notations [12.2] made by Croquet SA on their latest newsletter.

Thank you

Barry Teague



VISIT BY TOWNSEND RESIDENTS TO BRIGHTON CROQUET CLUB

By 4.45p.m. on Friday January 14th. the Brighton Croquet Club was ready to receive players from Townsend Park. The lawns were set up, the tables separated with seating adjusted for appropriate distancing and Covid Marshalls wearing badges. A sheet had been prepared to ask about Covid status, to direct players to the Covid check in, lawn allocation and then to be fitted with appropriate mallets and to prepare for their welcoming address.

There was certainly a buzz of anticipation and expectation as the players arrived.

Heather provided a short welcome with advice around the wearing of masks, and what to expect over the next 4 hours. We initially had two ½ hour games, followed by dinner served on a single platter for each table. The dinner was delicious but there was the usual amount of “left overs” – at least no one was hungry. The drinks and coffee were all brought to the table to prevent queues, as per Covid restrictions.

During dinner we had our usual “good shots” with chocolates, which included both Phill and Marjorie managing very long hoop runs and Liz with a fantastic jump shot. Others were praised by their partners for their tolerance and effort.

Between courses, followed by coffee, another quick discussion about the next steps – one Championship game of 30mins. with pegs and timers to try to simulate a “real” game. The hoops were to be counted to determine the Champions, followed by Closest to the Hoop.

Liz and Jill were the Champions with runners-up Peter & Phill, Sue and Marjorie, Carol & Val.

The winner of Closest to the Hoop - Liz again – by about ½ a marker to Peter’s ball. Runners up Michael, Phill, Carol, Sue and Marjorie.



[Townsend visit cont.](#)

Our two most senior members, both over 90 were eager to take on their first game, and surprisingly when asked if they wanted to continue the comment was, they were just starting to understand what they were trying to do (under Neil's watchful eye) and wanted to continue.

After more chocolates for Closest to the Hoop the 15 players started home having thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful weather, food, company, and brief instruction on how to play the game. There were seven players who were new to croquet.

Thank you to Marlene for her tireless effort managing the food, and to Jill, Rae and Neil on lawn and instruction duties. It certainly helped for the smooth running of the evening.

I was asked to sincerely thank members of the Brighton Croquet Club for allowing the Townsend players to use their facilities.

A great night was had by all, and apart for those who had to stay up to watch the Cilic and Kokkinakis tennis match, I imagine all were well ready for bed.

Many thanks for your hospitality, Brighton.

Between lawn fees and alcohol consumed the Club raised about \$150.00.

Cheers,

Heather, Jill, Marlene, Rae & Neil.



SPONSORSHIP AND VP REPORT JANUARY 2022

I would like to wish all Brighton Croquet Club Members, our wonderful Sponsors, family & friends a very Happy New Year.

A new year with new challenges faces us all. The new Covid restrictions now in place give us more hurdles. However, we are a great club, and I am sure we can work round them and come through the other side smiling.

We recently had to cancel our Social Night due to the new restrictions. However, with a Gala Day booked in for the 8th February, we have worked together and it will go ahead. We have full courts & 5 reserves listed. With catering and the bar open, we can only accommodate 17 people indoors, the other numbers can be catered for on the veranda & if necessary, we can put the blinds down. Thank you again to Howard Wood who keeps us above board with all the latest Covid-19 information.

We have 4 new people who would like to come & try that attended the Forum we did last year, excellent outcome. Also 2 people from Pasadena who are coming out for a hit. Thank you to Barry who has been doing some coaching.

Thank you to Heather White and her team from Townsend House for the recent come & try and introducing new people to the club. Great result.

There are only a few weeks left for the chance to win magnificent prizes with People's Choice Community Lottery. Please support your club, tickets are only \$2.00 each & all money comes back to the club.

Also don't forget to download the Brighton Metro App, to get all the discounts on food & drink. Please see me if you need any further information.

Happy Croquet and a healthier, happy 2022.

Pat Lawson.

**MAZDA**

Jan Brown taking delivery of her new car from our Sponsors, Edwardstown Mazda.

Congratulations Jan, we hope you enjoy driving your new Mazda car and have many hours of pleasure in it. Looks Awesome. Excellent choice!

HEALTH & SAFETY for BRIGHTON CROQUET CLUB

We thank Wendy Williamson, the club's Health & Safety Officer, who continues to work very hard behind the scenes to keep the club up to date with the safety regulations.

Wendy is working on an evacuation plan in case of emergency, and has purchased an emergency exit sign, which will be placed on the double gates on court 1.

We were very fortunate - thank you to Bernie Pfitzner for the contact - to welcome Fireman Tony Chmielewski from O'Halloran Hill Fire Station and his full team. They very kindly came to Brighton Croquet Club to advise on safety matters.

Since the visit, we have had council check the Fire Exit signs over both bathroom doors and the main exit via the double doors of the clubhouse, to ensure they are lit up from mains power and have battery backup.

The Fire extinguishers in the clubhouse and kitchen plus the Fire blanket are checked every 6 months.

Thank you also to Howard Wood who works hard & very patiently with the council to achieve the work that is done to benefit the club.

Pat Lawson.



Howard provided Croquet Coaching for our guests



An Interesting Life Story from one of our new Members

My name is Dorothea (Thea) Peacock.

I was born in England in 1946. My parents were 'Ten Pound Pom Migrants', as was the saying. We settled in Klemzig, initially building an asbestos sheet temporary home in 1952.

In 1961, I was one of the first in South Australia to have open heart surgery to correct a hole in the heart condition. I was, and still am a strong Port Adelaide football club supporter, and whilst recovering from my operation, several of the league players of the day, including John Cahill and the Obst brothers, visited me at home to promote 'National Heart Beat Week' - the article of which appeared in one the local Adelaide Newspapers of the time.

After my father died in 1957, my mother, younger brother and I returned to England in 1965 on an extended holiday to visit my mother's family. During this time, I met and married my first husband, Brent, an Englishman, and my beautiful son David was born in 1967. We lived in Arundel (Sussex, on the south coast) in the high street above one of our antique shops, 'Shelley House', which was originally an inn, and where the famous English poet 'Shelley' was reputed to have stayed.

Our holidays were spent in sunny Spain where we had a villa 'Sun Carlos' outside the seaside resort of Benidorm, part of the Valencia Costa Blanca region.

After divorcing, I returned to Australia in 1972 with my son, and worked to support us both. Being a jack of all trades and master of none, I had a varied employment career, including working at the Adelaide International Airport as Food and Beverage Manager. One of the highlights during this time was when Adelaide hosted the Australian Grand Prix, where I had the privilege of meeting several of the drivers and being allowed to sit in one of the 'Benetton' racing cars at the airport, before their departure from Adelaide.

Around this time, I met my second husband Mark who had his own car mechanic and speed-car fabrication business. Together, we designed and self-built a lovely home in Happy Valley, while working at the local news agency.

My final employment before retiring was at Hardy's Wines in Reynella as Line Supervisor. While working there I met a couple of wonderful ladies who were involved in the 'Variety Bash'. Together, we bought a car and named it 'Car Fun' with the theme being 'Girls Just Want To Have Fun'! It was of course a charity event and we raised \$10,500 for the children's charity it supported. Also, during this time, my wonderful grandson Aaron was born. My years at Hardy's were some of the most exciting and memorable of my working life.

Cont:

Twelve years ago, after retiring, I began volunteering at Flinders Medical Centre, originally working in the Coffee Shop before joining the Patient/Visitor Guide Service. I am now a Day supervisor in the Volunteers Day Room, which involves greeting the volunteers, collating appointments for all outpatient clinics and attending to flower deliveries. I really enjoy my volunteer work and the friends I have made there are amazing. My social life is full, with regular gatherings for lunches, movies and fun days and evenings out.

I really enjoy travelling and am very thankful I was able to take a cruise around the Persian Gulf before the COVID virus took hold, visiting Doha, Dubai, Muscat and various other interesting ports.

I am a very new member of the Brighton Croquet Club and have been made to feel so welcome by all members. I thank each and every one of you.

Your friend, Thea Peacock



AUSTRALIA DAY 2022

Brighton Croquet Club was invited to attend an awards Ceremony which was held by the Holdfast Bay City Council and took place in the Ballroom at the Grand Hotel, Glenelg. Such a stunning backdrop over-looking the beach and ocean.

We were nominated and short listed for an award (Community Event of the Year). Howard Wood and I went to represent the club.

The presentation was attended by the CEO Robert Bria from Holdfast Bay Council together with the Mayor Amanda Wilson, Hon Stephen Patterson MP, Member for Morphett and Minister for Trade and Investment, Hon Corey Wingard MP Member for Gibson and Minister for Trade and Transport and Councillors. Also attending were 73 new Australians who received their citizenship. Some community members, unable to attend because of Covid, were live on screen and could participate in the event.

We were absolutely thrilled to receive a Certificate and flowers on behalf of the Brighton Croquet Club for their part in holding and supporting the Open Day of the \$13.7m new Brighton Oval. Thank you to all members for your continued support. It was a pleasure to work alongside the Football and Lacrosse Clubs, who received the same award.

We have a Great Club and it's wonderful to be recognised for our efforts which benefit the community.

Pat Lawson.





***Please don't forget to buy your tickets.
Buy them as Stocking fillers for Christmas Gifts.
Support your club.***

A Great opportunity to raise funds for the Brighton Croquet Club.

We are now registered & ready to go with ticket sales. Please let family, friends, neighbours anyone who would like to buy lottery tickets know they can support your club.

1. Just type in People's Choice Community Lottery.
2. Press buy tickets.
3. Where it says, "Find Community Group", type in Brighton Croquet Club.
4. Touch the square where it says the Brighton Croquet Club (bottom left of page).
5. Then you have the option of how many tickets you would like to buy.
6. Press: add to cart.



INSTRUCTIONS TO DOWNLOAD THE APP FOR THE BRIGHTON METRO HOTEL (Charlie's)

1. In your Apps look for Australian Venue
2. Scroll & save when you get to the Brighton Metro Hotel
3. Enter your name & any password
4. Once installed, top left-hand corner you will see 3 lines.
5. Touch on the lines & chose * Voucher Code
6. On that line, please enter BCC
7. It will show you then you have been accepted & you are ready to go.
8. Each time you go to the Brighton Metro you will get 10% off all food & drinks. If you show your seniors card on entry you will get a further discount.
9. Brighton Croquet Club will receive 10% of all transactions.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB.

"The best way to sell something is not to 'sell' anything."

Build trust, earn respect and be authentic with those who want to buy. The results speak for themselves."

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