



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the Brighton Croquet Club President, July 2021

On behalf of the Brighton Croquet club, we welcome two new members, Sue Pincombe and Paul Shields. Please enjoy your Croquet and hospitality that the club offers.

After the completion of the latest Covid lockdown period we can soon look forward to hitting some balls around the court together whilst enjoying some light exercise.

Unfortunately, the latest advice received from SACA on 28/07/2021 advises we can train only. Playing club games as we do is denied. We may be able to arrange some training for which we will advise later.

Howard will place the latest Covid 3 requirements next to the QR code in the entry foyer. These refer to:

- 17 max people in the club room, 1 person per four square metres
- No change to the current QR coding and Marshall requirements
- Wearing of masks inside the clubrooms is mandatory
- No communal food and beverage
- Must be seated whilst consuming food and beverage.

Therefore, we have decided to advise members until we receive further clarification from SACA internal club games are off the agenda.

Inter club match competition is still on hold.

Thank you for your co-operation

Barry Teague, Club President.

Celebrating Jim
Grindrod's Birthday
before lockdown.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 🎂

JIM



Sponsorship & VP Admin Report

What a strange month we have all had!

I hope you have all kept well & occupied during lockdown. The weather certainly hasn't done us any favours, but at least we have had the Olympics to watch, which has been exciting. Also, the opportunity to catch up on the jobs around the house, that have been left on the back shelf.

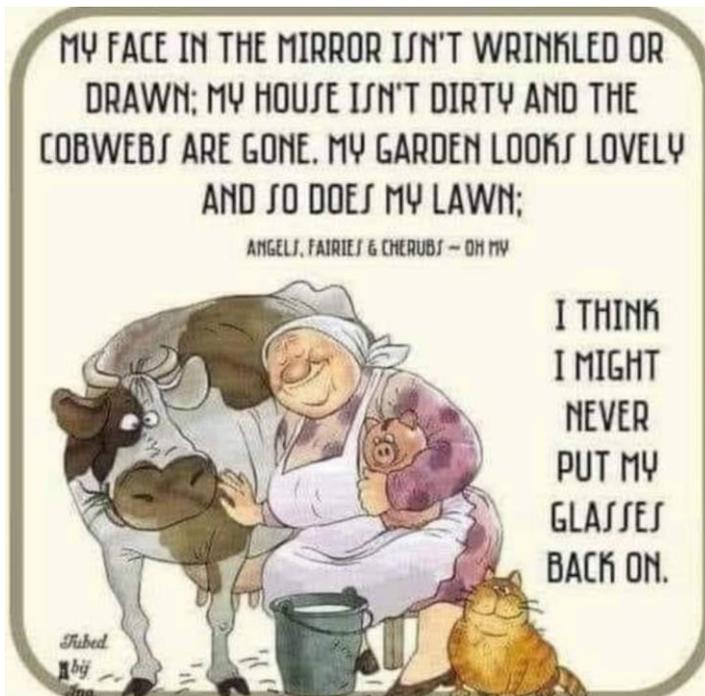
Brighton Croquet Club had a Forum booked with Corey Wingard's office to do a talk to introduce croquet to the local community. That has been postponed until the end of August, where we have everything crossed it will be able to go ahead.

Our AGM has also had to be postponed. We will have to wait another week to see what restrictions will be lifted and hopefully then we will be able to set a new date. Members will be notified when this happens.

The President will put out restrictions to be adhered to until further notice. But this week the Kitchen will be closed to all, so please bring your own water etc if required. **MASKS** 😞 to be worn inside the clubhouse, with a maximum of 17 people at any one time. Your patience & understanding is very much appreciated.

I wish you all well & welcome back to the club, even though there will be restrictions. Stay safe. 😞

Pat Lawson.



Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for a short time and come out wrinkle free and two sizes smaller



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Congratulations to the Rugless family and all their wonderful team, from the Brighton Croquet Club. It is a pleasurable experience to shop at Foodland Brighton as nothing is ever too much trouble for any of their team members from all departments to help each and every customer. I recommend to all members, families and friends to go and have a look at the magnificent range and quality of foods on offer. Also having a look through the New Health Hutt!



An Interesting Life.....

I was brought up in the town of Dumbarton Scotland, not far from Glasgow. Early in life I was prone to chest complaints and my health in winter was troublesome. So, in 1962 when I was 7 years old, my family left for Australia. We were successful in applying for the "Assisted Passage Migration Scheme". This was created by the Australian Government as part of the "Populate or Perish" policy, and we were more commonly known as "Ten-pound Poms".

Immigration as a ten-pound Pom was a bargain, at least for our family. Imagine a 3-week boat cruise from London via Gibraltar with its Rock and Barbary apes, Naples Bay with the imposing Mt Vesuvius, the Suez canal and our ship anchored in a sand storm, Aden at night with its exotic mix of sights and smells, Colombo in Ceylon with its elephants, then Perth and finally Adelaide. As children, my sister and I travelled for free!

The voyage made a very big impression on me and gave me the desire to see more of the world.

On arrival in Adelaide we lived in an old fibro maisonette. Mum was surprised by the woodchip water heater and the icebox for a fridge, but I can't recall her complaining. Our house was in Torrensville and I quickly made lots of new friends. My Greek mate Con Papoulos and Italian friend Tony Albanese (not the current leader of the opposition) and David Hookes (yes - the cricketer) were in my grade 3 primary school class. Not surprisingly I lost my Scottish accent in 3 months. Within a couple of years my parents had enough money to put down a deposit on a house and we moved to Rostrevor on the outskirts of town with the foothills on our doorstep. My new pals in our street were even more multicultural. There was only one Australian in our little gang - Kenny. The other kids were immigrants from Germany, Italy, Greece, Poland, Hungary, Austria and England. I was always amazed by my friends' houses. Each one was quite different from our home, with smells, furniture, adornments, religious icons etc and the yards varied from fruit blocks to market garden to botanic sized lawn and shrubs – the latter was ours after winning a long battle against Salvation Jane.

As a teenager, I had a few lessons on guitar and soon after I joined a few of the lads to form a band which graced the local neighbourhood with a mix of blues, rock and other genres. We couldn't actually call ourselves a garage band, because we played on Ken's front verandah. In any case it was a great deal of fun and I still regularly play the acoustic guitar. Just a couple of weeks ago I purchased a new guitar. Retirement has also given me the time to take up the flute and learn to sight read music. It too is a great deal of fun and challenge.

I completed a Science degree at Adelaide University in the early seventies, finished my degree in Geophysics and Computing and looked certain to become part of the mining industry. But instead of doing a geology honours degree I completed a post graduate teaching diploma and thus had a second string to my qualifications. As things turned out I enjoyed the people-oriented vocation of teaching as evidenced by 40 odd years in education.

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My first job teaching in Clare was a great way to begin my career. Clare gave me insights into life in the country and also started interests in photography, bird watching and bushwalking. I also played golf, squash, volleyball, hockey and basketball. On moving back to Adelaide I took up swimming and joined the lifesaving fraternity. In my thirties I owned a yacht, had several seasons sailing yachts in the Saturday Regattas, and took up rowing at West Lakes after meeting Karen. For the last 20 years I have been a member of Henley Beach Masters swimming club and have swum many Jetty to Jetty 2km races, surprising myself by often finishing in the top third in my age group.

After 5 years in Clare it was time to leave and pursue my passion for travel that I first encountered as a boy. I took a year off work and backpacked/cycled/toured many countries around Europe, North Africa including Egypt and Morocco and even had a couple of months in Canada. What really got me was that the poorest souls are often the most generous of spirit. These experiences were quite an awakening and gave me deeper understanding of what matters in life. Fast forward 4 years and I had another backpacking holiday to India and Nepal. Such countries are amazing and really caused a materially rich person like me to question many things, as well as the chance to learn so much about the differences in societal values.

The remainder of my career included working in secondary education at Millicent High School, Rostrevor College and Golden Grove High as well as adult education at Thebarton Senior College. My roles changed and moved towards leadership and administration with focus in leading Information Technology in schools. Without any hesitation I can say that I thoroughly enjoyed my career in education.

Like many people, I would say my role as a father and husband have been the most rewarding and at times challenging of my life. I have been married twice and am father to twins boys Dan and Jay, now aged 32 years. I was also a stepfather in my first marriage and that too gave me many understandings.

Jay, one of the twins was married last year in London just when Covid messed up everyone's plans, including ours as the wedding celebrations couldn't go ahead.

Karen and I have just celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary. We have enjoyed lots of wonderful times together, and shared some moments which have caused us challenge, but are just part of life. During these years I initiated many of our holidays to Europe and Asia and (amongst many other things) she taught me how to row in a double scull and how to play croquet. Like most people this covid stuff has cooled our travel heels for a bit. With luck, vaccination certificates in hand, we could see overseas travel again sometime in the future.

Here's hoping.

David Magee

David & Karen



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