



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, June 2020

It is good to see many members returning to the courts to play, while complying strictly with the COVID-19 guidelines. The Committee is closely monitoring any changes to the current restrictions, with a view to incorporating them into our play. In the meantime, we are going to continue playing under the present conditions.

A reminder that there are plenty of vacancies for play on Monday morning and on Wednesday morning. There will be some coaching on Wednesdays, however there are courts available for general play.

This year the Annual General Meeting will be held later than usual, due to space considerations in the club house. When we can hold the meeting with sufficient members to make a quorum and fit in the club house or another venue, we will arrange for the Annual General Meeting. The Committee will recommend that there be no increase in fees for the coming season.

I look forward to seeing you on the courts in the near future.

Regards Graham



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Brighton Croquet Club Vice President Report, June 2020

The contract documents for the Turf Maintenance Agreement and the Cleaning Contract have been prepared and will be signed shortly.

The greenkeeper has been requested to carry out a detailed check adjustment and maintenance of the sprinklers. This will be carried out probably later this month.

The City of Holdfast Bay Council have agreed to replace the gas heater with a reverse cycle air conditioning system and this will be carried out shortly. As you can see the old heater has been removed.

I have sprayed the front garden bed weeds again and removed weeds and sprayed along our Stopford Road boundary together with spot poisoning of Kikuyu grass in the lawns. If you notice this weed anywhere on the lawns please let me know and I will treat it.

The filter unit for the water supply to the kitchen will be serviced by the agent Filterite on Monday June 15th.

Our application for a grant for a Line Trimmer (Stihl FS38), High Pressure Cleaner (Stihl RE120) with Surface Cleaner (Stihl RA101) and additional equipment for the kitchen was successful and the grant was approved in the amount of \$1,310. This was based on our submission for \$600 for kitchen equipment and \$710 for tools. Thank you to Jane West for putting this application together. The grant will be paid into our bank account later this month.

I contacted the dealer who provided the quotations for the tools to find that they were no longer agents for the Stihl brand so I contacted another outlet and they have matched the price quoted. However, they currently have a special offer for the High Pressure Cleaner (Stihl RE130) and Surface Cleaner (Stihl RA101) combination for \$549 bringing the total for tools to \$768.95. The High Pressure Cleaner RE130 is a more powerful unit with a longer hose and also has a built- in hose reel. Normally the additional cost for this upgrade for RE130 over RE120 would be \$142 compared with \$70 with this deal. My own experience in using this type of cleaner is that these advantages would be well worth the marginal extra cost. My recommendation therefore is that we purchase the tools as described above at a total cost of \$768.95, \$58.95 above the grant allocation for these items. I understand that this may come from a saving on the kitchen purchases or club funds.

Howard Wood

Vice President



GOLF CROQUET REPORT JUNE 2020

Croquet is starting to pick up once again, although looking quite different with new procedures in place both at Brighton CC and Hutt Road.

Weekend Pennants

These start again on the 13th June with just 2 sessions. An entirely new draw is soon to be published as we had to remove the second round of Open games to fit in full rounds of games for 6+ and 9+ teams.

Autumn Pennants

Continue for a couple of more rounds for 6 teams to reach a result. The open and 9+ teams had already played one full round.

Autumn 24+

Three more rounds of these will be played starting Monday 29th June.

There will be no Winter Pennant competitions this year, and I will soon be calling for people interested in playing Spring Pennants

Modified ISO Singles at Hutt Road

This competition was played Wed 10th and Thurs 11th June.

Brighton Entries included David Kennedy, Christine Cutting, Karen Magee, Robert Hamshire, Judy Woodforde, and David Magee. Congratulations to Robert Hamshire, he won the chocolates in his group with 3 wins and plus 7 hoops.

Modified ISO Doubles at Hutt Road

The doubles will be played 17th and 18th June. Pat Welke, Christine Cutting, Jane West and Karen Magee will all be involved.

GC Development Squad

Kim Millhouse, the SACA GC State Coach runs a Development Squad at Hutt Road Friday Nights about once a month. These trainings have now recommenced, and I was there assisting Friday June 12 with Julianne Jago. It was great to see 16 players attending. Marlene, Jill C, Jane, Peter, Robert and Hilary were all working on ball placement, roquets, promotions, hoop running and jumps.

GC Interstate Shield (ISS)

Due to Covid 19 the ISS in Tasmania scheduled for September could not be achieved.

The ISS will now be played in Tasmania 2nd to 6th December, provided borders etc are open and it is safe to travel. The ACA Bronze Medal will be 19th Nov to 1st Dec and there will be no Men's and Women's Championships in Tasmania.

Karen Magee GC Captain



Pat Lawson wrote - 'My son just sent me this clip from a Newspaper in the UK.'

It could be worse says Bob Auld

Life during Covid 19 is quite something different for us isn't it? For a perspective though, my parents were born in 1898 and 1899. During their mid-teens World War One started and ended four years later and some 20 million people perished in that conflict. Later in 1919, the Spanish Flu pandemic arrived and ran for two years. Fifty million people died. 50 million!

Ten years later the Great Depression began. Unemployment hit 32% in Australia and the country's economy nearly collapsed along with the world economy. After another ten years World War Two started, lasted until 1945 and 75 million people died as a result. A total so far of 22 years of major disruptions to their lives and with them still in their forties and then of course there was the aftermath of each calamity to deal with.

After that until 1955 people dealt with the fear of Polio epidemics each summer. That generation endured all of these rolling calamities, yet many survived through them all. They endured all of those hardships and fears and we – what? - are urged to Stay Home to stay safe. Let's try and keep things in perspective and not yield to impatience.



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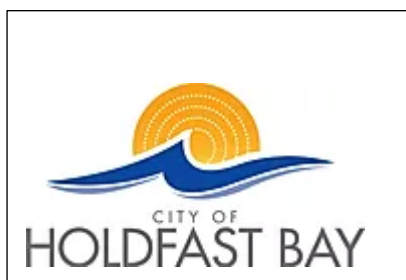
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Regards to all,

Pat Lawson.



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MEMBER PROFILE

BARBARA PHILLIPS



I joined Kingston Croquet Club (Tasmania) in 2015 after we relocated from Victoria on retirement. I had always wanted to try the sport but due to in part to work commitments (medical scientist) never had the opportunity. We moved to Adelaide in 2019 and settled in Warradale influenced by the close proximity of Brighton Croquet Club and the beach. My aim is to continue to enjoy playing the game whilst trying to improve my skills.

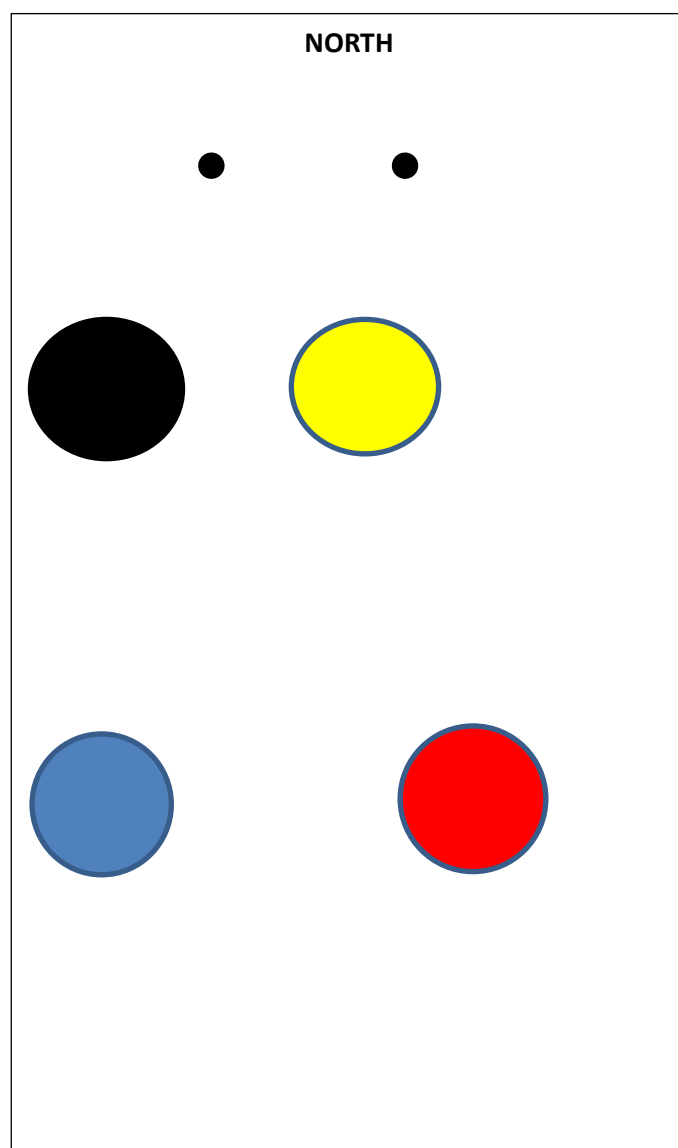
My other interests are reading, learning French, attempting crosswords and sudokus, dabbling in crafts. When the borders open again we shall continue to spend the winter months on the Sunshine Coast and connect with family, not forgetting one daughter in Melbourne and another in UK (hopefully in not too distant future).



CROQUET PROBLEM

Yellow is in position directly in front of Hoop 1. Red is a short distance behind the Yellow. Black is on the left of Yellow and Blue is behind the Black ball level with the Red. The four balls can all see each other. Blue is to play.

What to do?



CROQUET PROBLEM SOLUTION

Solution. Yellow is positioned to run Hoop 1 but Black can be left to stop rush it to the eastern boundary and itself remain close to the hoop, possibly with a chance to run it on its next turn. Red could hit Black away before it can make this play so Blue must dispatch Red as far away as possible.

Comments (Howard). Probably the tactic that I would use generally as it appears almost fool-proof. Blue needs to give a full blooded drive to this shot with a view to hitting the Red back to about the eastern boundary past hoop 9 ideally blocking Red from attempting to hit Black away but hit absolutely straight so that Blue is still close to Hoop 1 possibly with a chance to run the hoop on its next turn. Red will return to hoop running position. Black clears the Yellow with a similar shot so that Black/Blue maintain the two on one advantage at that hoop. Note that if those clearances also result in the striker ball moving away from hoop 1 it will soon be Red/Yellow with the two on one advantage.

It is worth practicing hitting a ball right in the centre so that the striker ball stays in position. Do this by setting up a roquet target ball say 1 metre away from a pipe and striker ball another say 500mm for a start and gradually increasing. Roquet the first ball firmly and try to have your striker ball stay on line. It will pay dividends if you can do this in a match.

A more aggressive play would be for Blue to jump Yellow, score the hoop and leave both Red and Yellow with very hampered shots to Hoop 2. With both those balls

behind Hoop 1 Black has a great opportunity to get in hoop running position without Red or Yellow having an easy clearing shot. If I was Red, I would probably try and clear Yellow from Hoop 1 so that it at least has a long shot on the Black or take hoop running position if Black has played poorly and is not in position. Taking the more aggressive line may give Blue/Black a two nil lead which can be hard to recover from. The risk of course is that if Blue fails to make the hoop with the jump shot Red will then have an easier jump shot to claim the hoop.

