



Newsletter

September 2020

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the Brighton Croquet Club President, September 2020

We commence our new 2020/2021 season in a somewhat sombre situation where Covid 19 will still play a huge unwanted role in our activities going forward.

Many thanks to Graham Whiteway and his Committee for steering our club through difficult times in 2020. Our every-day activities dramatically changed due to the Covid restrictions placed on all clubs.

This hindered our ability to generate funds which affected our 2020 budget. The Committee was able to negotiate with Holdfast Council reductions in our rates and water usage fees and for the Council to supply and instal new signage, due soon.

A big thank you to Holdfast Bay Council.

I welcome in the new Committee. The Covid restrictions have eased slightly which will enable us to restart our Friday night social activities along with a Gala day happening soon.

We must ensure that for all members who are at the club whether meeting or playing, a certified Covid Marshal must be present and identified.

Your attendance is still required to be recorded in the book.

Thank you to Bob Auld for the many hours spent in producing a comprehensive booklet which represents 105 years of the Brighton Croquet club.

For all members please be aware of our security requirements- the front access door parallel to Stopford Road was left unlocked last Thursday night.

Pat Lawson and Wendy Williamson are concentrating on Sponsorships and Grants with some exciting news to follow.

Pennant matches have commenced for all grades and I wish all players success in representing Brighton Croquet Club.

Our thoughts are with Jim and Julie Grindrod and we wish Jim well with his recovery.

Karen Magee has advised that our Tuesday night-time 'Come and Try' activities will recommence next Tuesday on 7th October at 6.30 pm. Thanks Karen.

We as a Committee recognise this new season will bring new challenges and to go forward, we must be patient and positive and success will follow.

Your Committee Members are fully committed to their roles and we encourage all members to approach us with any ideas or problems that they have.

Enjoy your Croquet

Thank you.

Barry Teague

Letter from the Vice President September 2020

It was lovely to see our Patron Annette Bradshaw attend our AGM. Annette does so much for the Croquet Club to which we are very grateful. On behalf of the committee and all members we thank Annette for her kind donation to the club and the support she continually gives us.

As I write this for the Newsletter, it is less than a week since the AGM. We have our first committee meeting this next week, but all committee members have already started working hard together to move the club forwards, coping and getting through Covid. Already planning social events to reunite members. We have missed our get togethers, that is where we can sit and chat, have a laugh, listen to members to see what they are looking for within the club. Also playing a game of croquet and improving our skills.

I would like to thank Jane West our previous Grants Officer, who has stood down this year. Jane has been assisting our new Grants Officer Wendy Williamson in her new role. Wendy has been thrown in the deep end with a Grant on the go already and with less than 2 weeks to get everything together and submitted, she is doing a fantastic job. Thank you ladies.

I have been in talks with the General Manager Andrew Earles from Stanbond Blinds. We are looking at changing the vertical blinds that we have in the club, as they are well past the sell by date and need a lot of money on repairs. We have now got the quote to do the whole clubhouse and we are hoping to get a grant to cover half the cost. Andrew has also offered to become a sponsor for the club. As I mentioned at the AGM these things don't happen over night, so still work in progress, but I feel we are going in the right direction, making Brighton Croquet Club a club we are all very proud of.

Another great achievement for the club this week. I met with the General Manager Steve Witkowski of Mazda Edwardstown and did a presentation on behalf of the club. Mazda has agreed to be Sponsors of Brighton Croquet Club. Again work in progress and still working on packages that will accommodate both parties, but great news at moving forward.

I went to a Sponsorship workshop this week, run by the council. It was very informative and I met up with a number of Sponsorship Officers from all different clubs. The council run various workshops to help clubs get the best benefits, if members are interested in attending these forums as they come up, please let me know. I can assure you they are all very beneficial.

Thank you to all the committee and club members, it's so good to see you all helping in whichever field you are happy in. If any member has a query, an idea anything that will help the club. Please speak with one of the committee members or place a note in the suggestion box and the subject will be tabled at the next meeting. If you don't talk, we don't know!

I'm sure you all have family, friends or neighbours, please invite them to the club, let them see what fun we can have playing croquet and socialising. Let's put Brighton Croquet Club on the map for Fun Times. 😊

I would on behalf of Brighton Croquet Club give a big thank you to Bob Auld. Bob over the last few months during Covid has taken a lot of time and has written a book. The title is :“A HISTORY OF THE BRIGHTON CROQUET CLUB 1915 – 2015” Bob has very kindly presented a copy of his work to the Management Committee.

I will be going to the printers this next week to get costing on printing the book, so it will be available for purchase by all. What a great credit to you Bob, excellent work, thank you.

I would like to thank all our Sponsors for their continued support. As the club now opens up more, we are looking forward to working together and achieving new goals.

Pat Lawson.

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GC and AC Captain: Peter Woodward

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Marie Winter (Club House Coordinator)

Mick Dawkins (Bar Manager)

David Kennedy (OHS)

Wendy Williamson (Grants)

Ken Nunan

Hans Hiller

Lorraine McIntyre



BRIGHTON CROQUET CLUB PATRON – ANNETTE BRADSHAW

Receiving flowers from President, Barry Teague at AGM





WENDY WILLIAMSON MEMBER PROFILE

With **REMY**

Why did you take up playing croquet? I had often passed the BCC, noticed people playing and thought it would be a good thing to do after retirement. My initial conversation with Karen Magee about trying it out won me.

Do you have any goals for your future life in croquet? My future goal for croquet is about improving my game. Although a competitive person, I'm not interested in playing competition croquet.

I recently took on the role of Grants Officer for BCC which involves completing documentation for grant submissions for funds to enable the club to make improvements for the benefit of members.

What are your interests (apart from croquet)? Prior to retirement from paid work almost 3 years ago, I worked at Flinders University doing project and administrative work in the IT area.

As a mature age student (55 years) I completed a very rewarding Bachelor of Arts at Flinders (studying Psychology, History and Italian).

I currently enjoy being involved with my grandchildren, watching Nordic noir films, reading, cooking and walking my Cavoodle, Remy.

My favourite sport to watch is rugby union as well as my youngest grandson's baseball and soccer games.

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