



HALLS HEAD CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

April 2024

OUR SUMMER HANDICAP SINGLES - 16 & 17TH March

12 of our members entered our Summer Handicap competition which was played over a weekend in two blocks. Each contestant played five untimed singles games using the 'Advantage method' for handicapping. This meant that stronger players started at minus two hoops with weaker players starting at plus one or even plus two hoops. So there were no free shots or bisques as we have been used to. All decided it was a fairer way to play with all games ending when a player reached 7 on the hoop counters. **The winner was Barrie Stewart with Bernie Lynch as runner up**



MAGGIE ZEE WITH HER MEASURING TAPE and many of our newest members



The long wait for ordering a minimum of 15 of the green shirts has led us to the decision to make a change.

Many members favoured the yellow shirts or a simple white, with green collars and cuffs. So Maggie came out to us with her measuring tape for any members who wanted shirts.

Pictured are left to right, Sally Winteridge, Lyn de Gruchy, Phil

de Gruchy, Maggie Zee, Tricia Collinson, Jo Waddell, Julie Buchanan, Jan Cameron, Karen Petty, with Judy Sacca and Maggie on the right.



INFORMATION BOOKLET David Hunt, Jo Waddell and a small team have been working on our behalf to

produce an information booklet for members. This will be given to new members joining, but is also for current members. Please pick up your copy next time you are in the club house. This came about after a new member, Phil de Gruchy, raised the point that little information was available when he and his wife Lyn joined. Committee wasted no time and immediately took on this excellent idea. So thanks to Phil we now have information readily available for you all.



FOR YOUR DIARIES

DRAWN DOUBLES. Sat Sun, 13/14 th April. This is an excellent opportunity for our newer players to play in doubles with our more experienced players. Stronger players are always keen to play with and to assist our newer players. Make sure you enter by the 5th April. If this is your first competition, I guarantee you will enjoy it. Entry sheet is on the table in the clubhouse.

COACHING Monday 8th April at 1pm. Come along for some more tips on strategies and different strokes. Perhaps you would like to learn to jump, maybe you are not sure of how to avoid a double tap or a crush. There will be no charge for this coaching session which will only go for about an hour.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Watch for the entry sheet as the championships are coming up at the beginning of May. We hope as many as possible will enter and have a go.

MONTHLY LUNCH Wed 24th April, after croquet. This month we went to the Stage Door. We go to a different venue each time so come and enjoy a relaxing time with us. There will be a sheet on the table for you to add your name. The venue for April is yet to be decided.

AC COACHING Marty Clarke has asked if anyone would like to learn Association Croquet. He is a champion and has a way of making difficult shots feel easy. He'd like to know if any one is interested – probably in May. His email address is marang@westnet.com.au



ACA COACHING ACCREDITATION this took place at our club on Thursday 28th March, for prospective coaches from Moorabinda in Bunbury, Mandurah, Halls Head and Drakesbrook in Waroona. Di McGivern from Croquetwest who plays at Sorrento (centre in blue) presented the course and accredited two level 1 coaches and three level 2 coaches. If you are interested in becoming either a coach or a referee, get in touch with me on 0417 357 352 or Sheila.twine@bigpond.com

MANDURAH CROQUET CLUB Sat Sun 4th 5th MAY 70 Thomas St.

This is a **C grade doubles comp** so there will be no A or B grade players to sweep you off the court. Info Felicia Stewart on 0423125 167 . Enter by 26th April. Cost is \$30 per player payable on the day. BYO lunch.

If you have something you would like to add to the newsletter, please let me know at sheila.twine@bigpond.com or 0417 357 352

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL. CHOCOLATE IS GOOD FOR YOU (occasionally)

Jenny's thought. I was lying in bed pondering the problems of the World. I thought that the tortoise life is best. Why? If walking and cycling were good for you, postmen and policemen would live for ever. Cows eat only green stuff, whales swim all day – both are fat and full of cholesterol. Rabbits dash about madly producing tons of babies in a short life. A tortoise does nothing and lives for 450 years. I think a gentle croquet game once a week is all I'm prepared to do and will surely live to be 100. The tortoise life for me.

