



CLUB UPDATE

GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 2026

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello from President Sue

The new Board met for the first time this week. The new board is:

President:	Sue Allen (til end August)
Vice President:	vacant
Secretary:	Heather Cowden-Tonkes (til end of August)
Treasurer:	Roger Sanderson
Inside Portfolio:	Bruce Cottle
Outside Portfolio:	Glen Crittenden
Sponsorship:	Barry Allen
Bowls/Tournaments:	Lesley Carey
Croquet Manager	Helen Kotz
Social:	vacant

As you can see the Vice President and Social roles are vacant. The President and Secretary will be vacant at the end of August. It appears no one is prepared to work voluntarily to fill the role of Club Secretary, so the Board has no option but to create a paid position of 12 hours a week. The Secretary role is essential to the running of the Club.

If any member feels they could fill one of the vacant roles, please let me know. The Club cannot continue without, at the very least a BOM Executive of President, Secretary, Vice-President and Treasurer.

Lesley will not be attending Board meetings but is planning to form a Bowls/Tournament Committee to run bowls and tournaments. If any member feels they would like to help on that committee please contact Lesley. We need a couple of men to step up to organise Men's Wednesday Bowls so please give this serious consideration or Men's Bowls will not happen.

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Centenary Year: We are planning to hold a Centenary Tournament on the 13th September followed by a 100 Year Centenary Dinner on the 9th October. We will be needing helpers to put these events together so please offer to help out where-ever possible. If you have any old photographs of bowlers or events at the Club from a few years ago please bring them into the club to be displayed.

Sue Allen
Club President
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FROM THE SECRETARY

..CLUB CENTENARY..

Members are advised that in May 1926 the Holdfast Bay Bowls Club was established with membership open only to men! The Club certainly has progressed since those early times with the advent of women bowlers and the introduction of croquet.

Holdfast Centenary Celebration —

The Holdfast Bay Bowling Club—now proudly **Club Holdfast**—will celebrate its **Centenary on Friday October 9th 2026**, marking 100 years of bowling, camaraderie, and community spirit.

To honour the occasion, members and guests are invited to take part in a **fun Old-Style Tournament**. Players are encouraged to dress in **traditional white attire**, and the Club's historic **black bowls** will be used for the day's play, adding a charming nod to our heritage. A date to be fixed.

Following the tournament, we will gather for **afternoon tea** and the ceremonial **cutting of the Centenary Birthday Cake**.

A **special Centenary Port** will be released exclusively on the day—an ideal keepsake to mark this once-in-a-lifetime milestone.

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And the celebrations don't end there. In October, we will come together again for a Roaring Twenties Soiree Centenary Dinner, rounding out a year of reflection, pride, and shared history.

To make this an exceptional event, Heather requires a number of members to assist with various aspects of the event. Please make yourself available to assist and to ensure the event is one we will all be proud of.

Any member who thinks he or she would like to add themselves to the working group, please contact our Secretary, Heather. Or you can simply let her know of an idea you may have.

Heather has made this poster. (very Professional)



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VALE

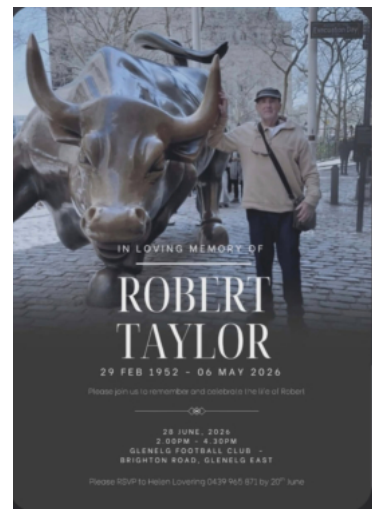
Rob TAYLOR

Remembering Rob Taylor

Members were advised in our last Newsletter of the sad passing of our Croquet Club member, **Rob Taylor**.

A number of Croquet members attended Rob's **celebration of life** at the Glenelg Club on Sunday afternoon, 28 June. It was a heartfelt gathering filled with stories, friendship, and shared memories — a fitting tribute to Rob's life and the impact he had on those around him.

It was wonderful to see so many members come together in support of Rob's family and to honour a valued member of our Croquet community.



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A Sunny Morning and Two Special Visitors

We enjoyed a wonderful morning of croquet today — fine weather, no rain in sight, and the added pleasure of welcoming two visiting players from **New Zealand**.

Alison and Dale, from the Tainini Croquet Club in Dunedin, are holidaying in South Australia and have been enthusiastically making their way around several Adelaide clubs. They're so keen they even packed their own mallets for the trip.

Both are energetic, skilled players who slipped easily into the camaraderie of our Club and clearly enjoyed their time on our lawns.

Alison and Dale extend a warm invitation to any of our members travelling to New Zealand: if you find yourself in Dunedin and fancy a game, the Tainini Croquet Club would be delighted to host you.

Roger Zeuner



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CROQUET — A FROSTY START TO WEDNESDAY 24 June 2026

It was a **very cold start** to Wednesday's croquet session, with Adelaide sitting at just **three degrees**. Even so, around **twenty hardy members** braved the chill and turned up for the morning hit-out.

The lawns began the day covered in **frost**, as the attached photo shows — a rare sight and a reminder of just how crisp the morning was. Despite the icy beginning, the weather soon improved, the sun broke through, and members enjoyed a couple of bright, cheerful games to warm up the day.

A chilly start, but a great morning of croquet and camaraderie all the same.



MUSIC AT THE CLUB

As part of our Club initiative to bring entertainment to members during the off-season, another **very successful music afternoon** was held last Sunday.

We welcomed **around 90 people**, all thoroughly enjoying the fantastic music of the **Barker Boys**. Their sound filled the room and kept the dance floor busy all afternoon.

A **special thank-you** goes to **President Sue** and **Rob Christiansen** for their significant effort in organising the day. Your hard work, along with the help of our dedicated volunteers, ensured the event was a great success.

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However, it was disappointing to see that **only seven Club members** were in attendance.

Our volunteers continue to give their time and energy to create enjoyable events for everyone.

It is now **time for members to show their support** by attending these activities and helping keep our Club vibrant and active.

CLUB HOLDFAST SUNDAY SESSIONS
Where the weekend lingers a little longer
Barker Boys
 ROCK-RHYTHM-SWING

NO ENTRY AT THE DOOR
 MUSIC 2-5PM / BAR OPEN 1-6PM / TABLE BOOKINGS PH 6295 1444

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21st JUNE



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GREEN MANAGER REPORT

Greens report

1. Green has been sprayed for winter grass for the 3rd time, also application of herbicide for the broadleaf and moss. 75kg of greens grade gypsum was applied 2 weeks ago
2. Green also has been sprayed for winter grass broadleaf and moss. I will be applying the gypsum prior to Wednesday
3. Green is holding up ok with Wednesday and Saturday play. The 2 application of Silverado has been completed to combat the moss. I'm intending to ninja tyne the green (mini size tynes) to let the green breathe and reduce compaction, but not to disturb the playing surface

Croquet courts

Both courts have 1/2 solid Tyne. Applications of herbicides for broadleaf, winter grass and moss have been applied and follow up spraying will continue in the next 2 weeks, weather permitting

This Friday I will be heading to Pooraka to drop off cutter reels to be sharpened and collect some mower parts

Also the turftech green roller is due for its yearly maintenance, will commence this week.

Last thing will start to have a big clean up down the side of the shed.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask

Cheers
Brad

CROQUET MANAGER REPORT

CROQUET REPORT JUNE 2026

We have 35 full members and 2 associate members at the moment. Recently we have had some players visiting. 2 girls from New Zealand. They were good players.

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Mitch is playing with us and will be here for 3 months. He is an experienced croquet player and plays all over the world.

We had a member from Brighton Club have a game with us

The pennants are doing well. 9+ has had 1 win and 1 loss in recent weeks. Our numbers have been slightly down due to rain arid cold but that is expected in winter. Wednesdays are still our busiest day.

We farewelled Rob Taylor on Sunday with a wake at The Glenelg club rooms. He died while on a holiday in America.

Helen Kotz Manager.

CANADA CROQUET VISIT

In June I was over in Canada on a family holiday and decided to make contact with the local croquet club about attending a practice day. It's a normal practice for me now and on local road trip holidays I always pack the mallet just in case...

The first phone call to the nominated contact officer was 'interesting', with the person listening to my spiel about being a croquet player from Australia, holidaying in the area, and wanting to come and practice with the local crew... then saying "Nope" and hanging up..!! A subsequent email to the club (assuming I was going to be corresponding with the same person), explaining myself and that I had been treated very rudely by the contact person, elicited an extremely apologetic phone call – apparently, like in Australia, if you receive a phone call from another state/province number and have some dude on the other end with a weird accent, you assume it is spam and treat it as such. So we resolved our little 'disagreement' and I was warmly welcomed to any session I liked and that the Club Coach would be forewarned of my attendance so he could be there.

The Muskoka Lawn Bowling (& Croquet) Club is located in Ontario, just over 2 hours' drive north of Toronto, in the gorgeous Muskoka Lakes district. I highly recommend anyone travelling to Canada to put this region on your list – lakes, mountains, scenery, great people and luckily, great beer..!! Just don't go in June as the notorious black flies will eat you alive..!! The club is co-located on the Muskoka Highlands Golf Links and

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uses the golf clubhouse for their social events as the Bowls/Croquet clubhouse is only a very compact equipment shed.

The idea of a Bowls club on the golf club land was first raised in 2005 but it took 11 years to secure funding (both through grants and private donations), and commence seeding the green, finally opening in 2017. Croquet was included in 2021. It is only a small club green, 4 bowls rinks wide and able to accommodate one full croquet green, or 2 with a bit of a squeeze.

The Bowls club has about 100 members, with about 20 of those playing croquet. They also run a fall/winter indoor short mat bowls program (good for those minus 20 degree days), and about 80 members participate in that. As their nearest rival croquet club is 90 minutes away, they don't have any regular pennants-type competition and very occasional inter-club tournaments. So it is all in-house competitions and practice. Their handicaps (index) are reassessed each year through the individual assessment process. I was extremely taken by the lawn – it looked very much like couch, with a lush, flat coverage and true roll. Given they had only been out of snow for around a month, I queried how they got couch to withstand the cold and come back so quickly to the lush coverage. The answer was – it isn't couch – it is bentgrass (the cool climate fine-bladed second cousin of couch). Advice from the greenskeeper from the golf course was that they overseed each year and roll the green twice a week, maintaining the thatch layer with verticuts (that bit is for Brad..!!). Anyway, the lawn was gorgeous, looked spectacular, and played very truly.

I ended up playing there twice (at no cost – you only need to pay if you play more than 3 casual games), and the hospitality was fantastic. I borrowed a mallet the first time that was about 3 feet too short for me, and the second time, the Club Coach brought his old mallet out which was a longer bent-handle club and much better to play with. I think I acquitted myself adequately, being competitive in all the games and recommending any visitors to Adelaide to head to Holdfast Bay for reciprocal hospitality.

The Canadian game is 'Snake-In-The-Grass Croquet' - a variant of Golf Croquet originating in 2015 around Vancouver, where a bonus shot is given if you hit your partner's ball with your first shot each turn. This makes for a much more strategic game than standard Golf Croquet.

Many thanks to Kerry Fitzmaurice (who made the introduction to the club that little bit more interesting), Club Coach Murray Walker and his wife Emila, and all the congenial players I played either with or against in my few days there – even encountering one member who had only been to Australia once for work, and it was in Mount Gambier for the Scrimber project in the 90's.

Darren Bails

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Music at the Club – Sunday Session

CONTINUING OUR NEW CLUB INITIATIVE



We would love for Club Members to come along with their friends creating an enjoyable atmosphere in the Club.

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****Sunday Sessions at Club Holdfast****

Join us once a month for an afternoon of live music and great vibes at ****Club Holdfast****!

**** Sunday 19th July 2026****

Music from ****2pm–5pm**** | ****\$10 entry per person Bar open from **1pm–6pm****

We're excited to have

GET BACK

Traditional Rock and Roll

A promotional poster for the event. It features a photograph of four men in Hawaiian shirts performing on stage. The text on the poster includes:

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. Everyone’s welcome—bring your mates and soak up the sounds.

****Club Holdfast**** — 583 Anzac Highway, Glenelg North
(08) 8295 1444

secretary@clubholdfast.com

LET THE MUSIC MOVE YOU—SEE YOU THERE!

These events aren’t just great fun—they’re vital to the Club’s growth and sustainability. Members are encouraged to come along, support the initiative, and share in the celebration of community through music

KEEP THE DATE FREE FOR GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

CENTENARY PORT FOR SALE



It’s time for all members to get behind our Centenary celebrations. This year marks a significant milestone for the Club—**100 years of history and community.**

To help commemorate this special occasion, the Club has released a **Centenary Port**, and it is proving to be a great success.

Bottles are available from the Club Bar for the modest price of **\$20 each**. Be quick though the first order sold out very quickly.

We encourage all members to support this initiative by purchasing a bottle or two—whether to enjoy yourself or to share with family and friends.



Once you’ve tasted it, we’re sure you’ll be back for more.

Thank you for supporting our Centenary celebrations. Cheers to 100 years! 🍷



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SITE EXTERNAL REPORT

We welcome Glen Crittenden as the External Site Manager. He takes over from Rob Christiansen who has done a magnificent job for many years.

Glen is finding it difficult to keep the grounds ship shape by himself and he is appealing to other members to assist him in his duties. The duties include, cutting grass, edge trimming and also emptying bins. I AM SURE THERE ARE MEMBERS WHO WISH AND CAN ASSIST IN KEEPING THE GROUNDS IN A GREAT CONDITION.

Glen also reports that the fence alongside of the Croquet court, which was falling down has been repaired. A great job and safer now for members.

WELCOME ABOARD GLEN

SITE INTERNAL REPORT

News letter Jun 26

Signs of AGE

The heater for the dining and bar area has stopped working

The portable stick vacuum no longer works

The coffee machine works intermittently

That was a Monday morning last week

Good news

The heater only needed a reset

I bought a new stick vacuum to replace the very old one

The technician will be out to fix the coffee machine

Removal of the beer taps from the bar

The old beer taps were taken and piping in the cool room was removed.

Centenary Port

We have been able to get some more bottles of this special port from Horndale It can be yours for \$20. Dont miss out. Order yours today

Bruce Cottle

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MEDIA AND WEB REPORT

CLUB HOLDFAST HAS A WEB AND FACEBOOK PAGE.

The web site is located at www.clubholdfast.com

To access the web site enter this web address into your web browser, google chrome, safari etc. or search google for club holdfast

The home page will be displayed with a menu across the top if using a computer or on the home page if on the ipad, tablet or phone.

The Clubs Facebook group is called Club Holdfast. This also contains a lot of Club information, photos and activities by members. If you wish to join the log into facebook and search for **Club Holdfast**. If you have trouble accessing either of these facilities please contact Roger Zeuner 0421127657.

You can access the facebook group using this link.

[Club Holdfast | Facebook](#)

If you have any cartoons or funny jokes for the club update, please send them to me at rogerzeuner@gmail.com

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FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION RESULTS TO DATE.

#	TIPSTER	PTS
1	Brooster2065	100
2	gloriaz	97
2	Nell	97
4	GraemeStar	96
5	SuzieA	94
6	Kebro	90
7	Brad porter	89
8	Magpie Power 77	86
9	margf	85
10	lthealey	83
11	Rogerz	82

Well Done, keep it going BROOSTER

NEW SPONSOR

We welcome a new Sponsor to the Club

Durham Serviced Apartments. They are warmly welcomed.



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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We have had a very busy year with plenty going on at the Club. Outside events and also the last of our pennant season. Croquet members have commenced their new pennant season with some good results.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with special events coming up.

Bowls SA Media Day 1 – Open and Senior Sides - 23rd August
Media Day 2 - U/18's – 30th August

We require volunteers over this period and we will be establishing a roster for volunteering. If your name is on the roster and you are unable to attend then you must get a replacement for yourself to fill the roster.

Please advise Heather or Sue if you can assist. We cannot rely on the same members to do the work.

Remember this is YOUR club and unless we have volunteers to assist the volunteers currently keeping the club running then the one hundred year history of the club may be in JEOPARDY.

THINK ABOUT IT AND HELP THE CLUB SURVIVE

Roger Zeuner

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..CLUB HISTORY..

To acknowledge the Clubs 100 years of existence, I intend to include snippets from a history of the Club written by Jim Baldwin in the following Newsletters.
Some interesting reading, facts and history.

1929 -1930

In August 1929, following the purchase of the new clubhouse, members donated one pound each towards various projects, the overdraft was on its way down, and the club moved into its first Annual General Meeting in the clubhouse in September of that year.

President Eike told members that he wished to resign, but as no other member was prepared to take the office, he continued. However the Secretary did resign and was replaced by Mr. A.S. Hughes. The club then entered into its first year of pennants in Division 5, and finished the season with 4 wins, 8 losses and a shots ratio of "for" and "against" of 1117 to 1217. The first club champion was Mr Allan Milhinde and the runner-up was Mr. Ernie Toms.

THE 1930's:

Very little happened in 1930, membership showed an increase, and for reasons unknown the club champion resigned. The Secretary sensing that apathy was already growing, wrote to all members saying that he believed that they were being very selective in their nominations for office, he would like to see more discipline and less criticism from members.

In December of that year, there was a proposal "That the Committee is favourable to the formation of a Ladies Branch of the Holdfast Bay Bowling Club", but after consideration by the prospective members, the ladies showed little interest in the matter. Some months later, the subject was raised again, but the ladies again rejected the offer,

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but were eventually incorporated into the club in November 1931.

The club was still experiencing a lack of cash flow, and asked the Glenelg Council to waive a debt of thirteen pounds, but the Council refused saying that the club could repay the debt over three years at four pounds, six shillings and eight pence per year. Who said that they were the bad old days!

At the A.G.M. in September 1933, members decided that the Ladies club would be limited to just 24 members. The reasons for this are not disclosed. In another instance it was decided to adopt the club rules but unfortunately we again are left to ponder on what they were. Prices quoted in the Minutes are a revelation to any young people of today, for instance, the roof of the clubhouse needed to be repaired, and the committee got a quote:

Replacing the current roof with galvanised iron Twenty three pounds.

Strengthening the roof with , extra overlap , Eight pounds, Five shillings.

The Chairman, thought this was all too expensive and suggested that the roof could be replaced for two pounds only.

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2026/27

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