



CLUB UPDATE

MARCH 2026

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello from President Sue

Well, the winter hiatus is upon us. Social bowls is starting this week, hopefully as many of you as possible can come along to bowl and socialise during the winter. Maybe bring along a prospective bowler to try bowls – Members need to help the club to gain new bowlers for next season.

The hiring of our Club for Pre-voting was a busy time for parking, etc at the club. I think it went well with little interference in general to our club members. Thank you to Bruce and helpers for manning a Sausage Sizzle at the club most days. This proved to be popular with voters and was also profitable exercise for the Club.

As many of you are aware I advised members that I will not be re-nominating for the position of President at the upcoming AGM. Despite advising this 2 months ago, no-one has stepped forward to indicate they may consider the role. In fact, no Member of the club has mentioned to me any concerns they may have if no-one fills this role! I will be overseas for the next 6 weeks. When I return there will be only 3 weeks until the AGM. Every member enjoys the benefits of the club. It is now time for members to contribute to its continuation; the role of President is not optional – it is essential!

If no-one is willing to step up, Members need to understand that the club may not be able to continue in its current form. I urge anyone willing to take on this role or learn more about what it involves, to come forward as soon as possible. Heather and I have worked extremely hard to keep the Club running well, and it would be disappointing if that effort has not been worthwhile.

Keep well, Stay Happy and keep bowling and playing croquet.
Cheers,

Sue Allen
Club President

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FROM THE SECRETARY



BOWLS SA FINALS WEEK

Monday 13th April until Friday 18th April

Dear Members

I hope you're all doing well.

The club is reaching out for helping hands!

As we prepare for this upcoming bowls event, one of the biggest on the Bowls SA calendar and which your club has the opportunity to show itself off to the community, we're calling on all bowls and croquet players to give some time to help make it a success. These events are a vital part of your club's spirit and they simply wouldn't be possible without the support of volunteers.

We're looking for assistance across a range of duties, including on the barbecue, in the kitchen (no cooking hot meals!), keeping the grounds tidy and on the bar where your RSA credentials come into play. Whether you can spare a few hours or the whole day, every bit of help makes a real difference.

This is also a great opportunity to connect with fellow members, contribute to the club and be part of a rewarding team effort.

If you're able to help, please reply to this message or contact me to let us know your availability.

Thank you in advance for your support – we truly appreciate it and look forward to working together to make this event a financially fruitful one for Club Holdfast.

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Kind regards

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..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 Wednesday 27 May 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.

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

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.

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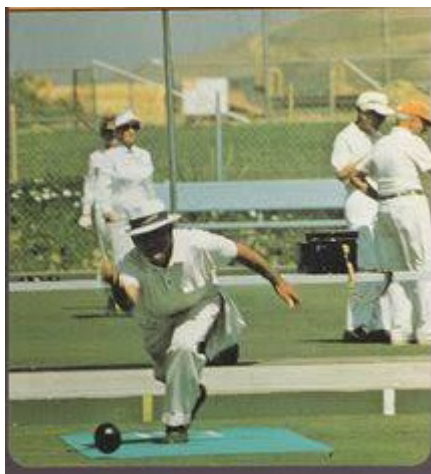




..CLUB HISTORY..

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.

A Written History of the Holdfast Bay Bowling Club:



The Early Years 1927 - 1930 By Jim Baldwin.

In February, 1927 the club faced serious financial difficulties when the Secretary reported that only five pounds three shillings and sixpence was immediately available, and he had outstanding accounts for five pounds six shillings and ninepence, plus anticipated projects totalling One hundred and eighteen pounds ten shillings had been approved. There is no record of borrowings or how this problem

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was solved, but there are indications the Mr. J. Cohen was very generous to the club.

At this stage, meetings of the club committee were being held in the Councillors room at the Town Hall, and there is no mention of a clubhouse until 23rd May, 1929 when a special meeting of members was called to discuss the purchase of a pavilion to be used as a clubhouse. In a later text it is referred to as 'an old sideshow hut'. The price quoted was One hundred and fifty pounds, but the committee rejected that figure and bid Seventy pounds for this old hut. The owner then accepted Seventy five pounds and the club was pleased to negotiate an overdraft to pay the sum. It is interesting that at the conclusion of that meeting (23.5,29), there is an entry which reads "Mr Hughes and Mr Gilbert moved that the committee be authorised to sell the present clubhouse as soon as possible, at the best price obtainable". Further evidence on this topic comes from an article printed in the "S.A. Bowler" dated December 1947 (This publication was an earlier series to the current journal), which deals with the early days of the Holdfast Bay B.C. and in writing about the first brick, two storey clubhouse, the author states:

"This 100 year old structure was at one time the stable and coach-house of the seaside residence of the first Governor of South Australia.it is not the one occupied by Mr. Eike and his band of stalwarts 21 years ago when Holdfast Bay had only 20 members, as the original clubhouse, and a later one had been removed to make way for three additional rinks"



I moved a little ahead in the last paragraph, but nothing was really happening during the first two years except the club was struggling to establish itself. In October 1927 the club applied for membership to the South Australian Bowling Association, and ultimately became its 64th member.

By January 1928 there were only 29 paid members. It was suggested that ladies should be admitted, but was not accepted. By September of that year, the bank overdraft was

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over ninety four pounds, and a proposal was put forward that non-members and visitors should pay two shillings and sixpence per week to play on the green. All these problems were having an effect on the Secretary, and an Assistant was appointed to help with the workload.

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.

NEXT Newsletter

Women in the Club

DEAR BOWLING FRIENDS - WELL, WE MADE IT.

A memo from Sandy G

Despite a worrying weather forecast yesterday, all three divisions took to the greens at 1pm and, after a light sprinkle early, were able to complete their games before the rain finally set in. It was a fitting way to close what has been a challenging but determined season.

As I reflect on the last 18 Pennant Rounds, I would like to sincerely thank every player who represented Club Holdfast across the season. With absences, changes in availability, and the need to constantly rebalance teams, your willingness to step up, fill gaps, and support one another has been greatly appreciated.

Division 1 finished 10th and will be relegated. While this was the anticipated outcome given the rebuilding nature of the side, the team competed strongly throughout the season. Many players performed well above their usual grade, and on numerous occasions the scoreboard did not truly reflect the quality of bowls played. Your effort at that level did the club proud.

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Division 4 West delivered a tremendous result in the final round. Sitting 8th and facing the top side, they secured a draw overall with one rink win, collecting 10 points and moving two points clear of relegation. This was a fantastic team performance under pressure and a terrific achievement for the group.

Division 6 West unfortunately finished 10th and will also be relegated. This side faced continual movement throughout the season and was often required to adjust week to week. Special thanks to the four young bowlers who stepped in yesterday to ensure the team could take to the green. All players contribution is valued and very much appreciated.

To my Selection Committee and the Bowls Director — thank you for the many hours of discussion, careful thought, and difficult decisions made throughout the season. Selection is rarely straightforward, particularly in a year of rebuilding and change, and your commitment to doing what you believed was best for the club and our players has been constant.

Team Managers, Umpires & Measurers, Duty Teams, Coach, Arvo tea helpers, bar and greens' Staff (and everyone who pitched in when needed) – thank you.

Most importantly, thank you to the members who have seen the season through to the end. There were challenges along the way, but we finished with some valuable experience, resilience, and a clearer understanding of where we need to focus moving forward.

Now it is time to rest, regroup, and enjoy a well-earned break. We look forward to building again next season with renewed energy with our **100 year strong club spirit**.

Kind regards,

Sandy G

Chairman of Saturday Selection Team (Sue Crook, Rob Christiansen, Henry Timmers & Lesley Carey (BD))

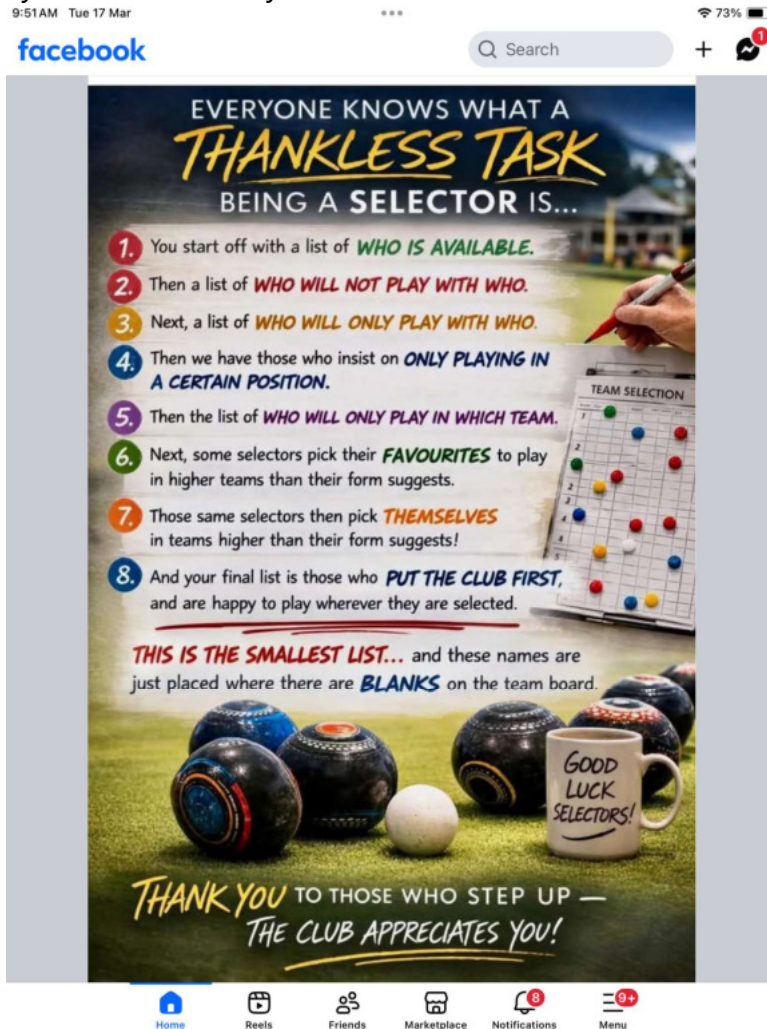
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A SELECTORS DILEMMA

(Give it a go if you think it is easy)



SOCIAL BOWLS HAS KICKED OFF!

In order to give everyone a rest and because the Club is currently being used as a Pre-poll Voting Centre, Social Bowls will commence on **WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH** and **SATURDAY 28th MARCH.**

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Sheets are available in the Foyer.

12pm for 12.30pm start

Format will be 2,4,2 Pairs as usual

\$10 per player

Afternoon Tea provided

See you then!

With thanks and regards

BRUCE COTTLE

CLUB BOWLING CHAMPIONS 2025 – 2026

Club Holdfast held there 2025 – 2026 Club Championships recently.
Congratulation to all the winners.



We have some photos of the winners. Unfortunately there was a lack of photos taken.

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Runners up - Sue Allen and Carol Boyle



Winners - Mila Grimshaw and Helen Dobie



Singles Club Champion Damon Edmunds



Pairs Champions Damon Edmunds and Colin Broom.

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Rob was the Runner Up in the Mens Championship

PRE-POLL VOTING AT THE CLUB

Our Club was used by the Electoral Commission for a full week as a **pre-polling location**, and the venue proved to be an excellent choice with strong community use throughout.

A special thank-you goes to our **fantastic regular volunteers**, who once again stepped up and provided the ever-popular **democracy sausage and onion** for sale. Their efforts created a welcoming atmosphere and raised a **significant amount of money** for the Club.

These volunteers have carried the load for many events, and their contribution is greatly appreciated.

It is now time for **other Club members to lend a hand** and share in supporting these important activities.

Well done to all involved — your work makes a real difference to our Club.

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Very well attended

Croquet went on oblivious to the people and noise.



Our Great regular volunteers



Don't they look special and the taste!!!!!!

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GREEN MANAGER REPORT

BOWLS MANAGER REPORT

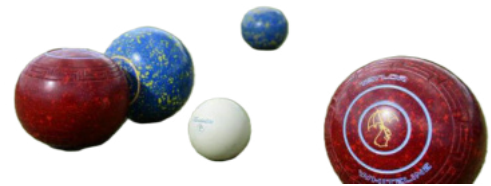
Bowls Report 30th March 2026

Pennants 2026/27 Season after relegations.

Saturday: Div 2, Div 4 and Div 7.

Wednesday: Div 3 and Div 4.

Thursday: Premier and Div 2



Prestige Medley

Ladies have the following Representatives for the event being held on 28th and 29th March 2026 at Encounter Bay Bowling Club. Carol Boyle (Team Manager), Lesley Carey, Sue Crook, Andrea Cresswell, Mila Grimshaw and Heather Cowden Tonkes (Reserve).

Damon Edmunds will Represent in the Men's event at Victor Harbour Bowling Club.

Best in the West Series of 4 games

The first Game to be played at Lockleys on Tuesday 31st March and 3 other games to be held after Easter. Club Holdfast will host one of these.

State Finals

Club Holdfast to host the following Events:

Monday 13th April Mixed Pairs, Tuesday 14th April Triples, Wednesday 15th April Fours, Thursday 16th April Pairs, Friday 17th April Singles. All these events start at 9.30am continuing through to late evening.

If you have not volunteered to help please do.

Champion of Champions Singles

Saturday 18th April and Sunday 19th April at Club Holdfast.

Lesley Carey – Bowls Manager

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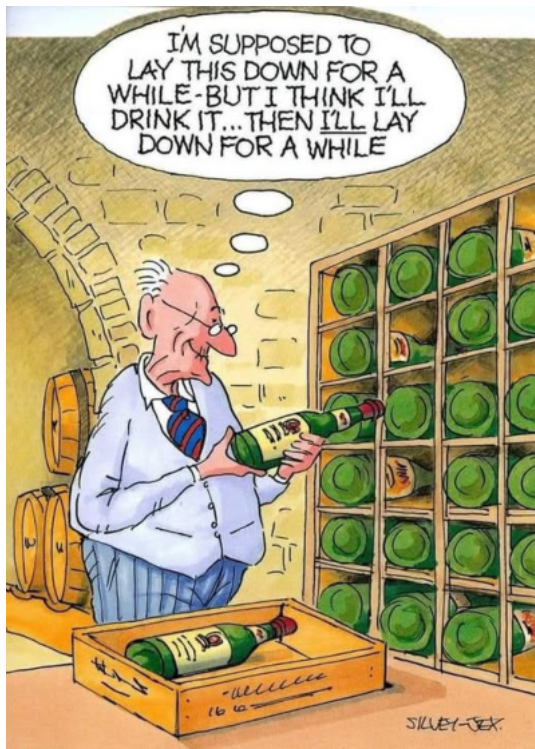
CROQUET MANAGER REPORT

Croquet report March 2026

Another successful month for Croquet members.

Pennants has commenced and we have a number of members who are playing and contributing to some very successful results. We are sure that pennant players will continue to participate well on behalf of the Club.

Social players are very active and enjoying the healthy aspects of playing the game. We are continuing to promote the club in various ways and we have three new persons who are coming out and trying. These three are very enthusiastic towards the game and I am sure that we will have three new members shortly.



Recently we accommodated about thirty people on a come and try night. Unfortunately this has not resulted in any new enquiries to join.

Croquet members are volunteering to assist the Club during April during the Champions week Bowls SA. 13 to 19th April.

Roger Zeuner has commenced the AFL Footy tipping Competition again this year. Good luck to all participants.

Roger Zeuner

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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.



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

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

**** Sunday, 12 April 2026****

Music from ****2pm–5pm**** | ****\$10 Members, \$15.00 Non Members entry per person Bar open from **1pm–6pm****

We're excited to have **The Barker Boys**

. 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

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A poster for Club Holdfast Sunday Sessions featuring the Barker Boys. The poster includes the Club Holdfast logo, the text 'Where the weekend lingers a little longer', the band name 'Barker Boys' in a large script font, and several photos of the band members performing. At the bottom, it lists the venue as Holdfast Bay Bowls & Croquet Club, the date as Sunday April 12, and provides contact information for table bookings.

CLUB HOLDFAST
SUNDAY SESSIONS
Where the weekend lingers a little longer

Barker Boys

ROCK-RHYTHM-SWING

\$10 ENTRY AT THE DOOR
MUSIC 2-5PM / BAR OPEN 1-6PM / TABLE BOOKINGS PH 8295 1444

HOLDFAST BAY BOWLS & CROQUET CLUB
583 Anzac Hwy, Glenelg North (Enter Off Darwin Street)
FREE ON-SITE PARKING

SUNDAY
APRIL
12

KEEP THE DATE FREE FOR GREAT ENTERTAINMENT

SITE EXTERNAL REPORT

SA Bowls Champions week starts week beginning Monday 13th April. We'll be doing a lot of banks preparation, clean up etc the week before, any help would be much appreciated.

Even though bowls season is over, Monday morning working bees continue, 9am, all welcome.

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I would like to ask all our members to consider, if you're able and have time, taking on one job that you could call your own. This could be, mowing of the banks on all four greens, weed spraying on a regular basis, minor pruning of bushes and shrubs, general cleaning up of the kerbs and gutters around our carpark.

If you think this is you, please contact me, we need help!!

Rob Christiansen
Minister for the Exterior
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SITE INTERNAL REPORT

Helpers for democracy sausage sizzle

Rob Christiansen

Roger Sanderson

Bruce Cottle

Barry Allen

Rod Sullivan

Jane Christiansen

We made over \$800 profit over four days

Worked between 10:30 and 2:30

Thanks to all



Slogan for sales

It's not a real vote unless you have a democracy sausage

Lighting in dining room

These lights give poor illumination

They have been replaced with LED s same as the bar

Much improved

Bruce C

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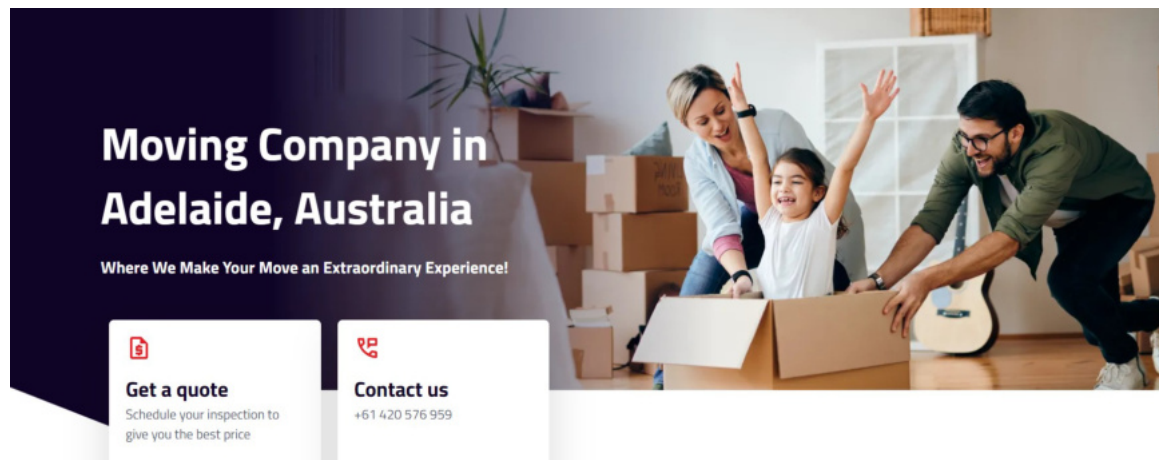
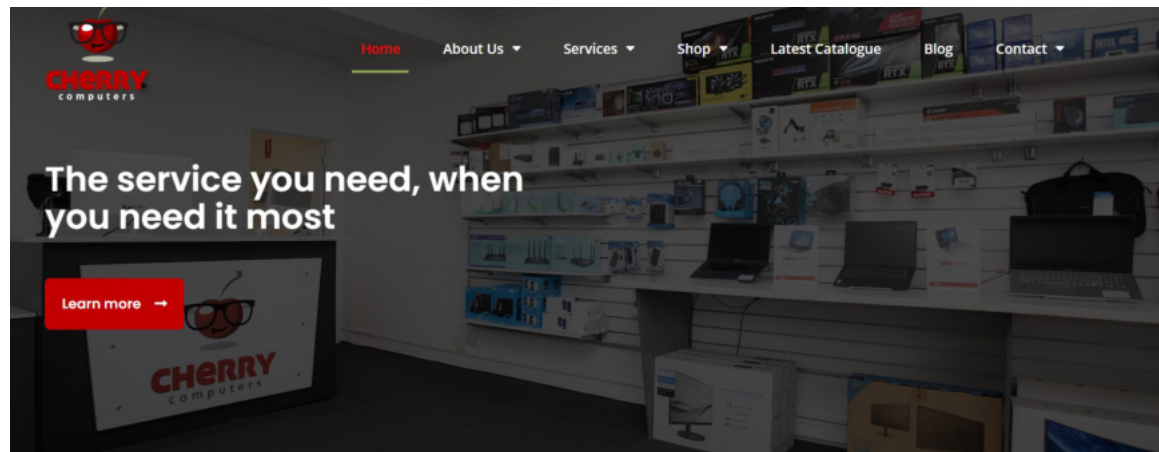
SPONSORSHIP REPORT

We have two new sponsors.

Cherry Computers www.cherrycomputers.com.au

Confidence Moving services@confidencemoving.com.au

Please support them when you can.



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 clubholdfast

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.

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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.

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

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION RESULTS TO DATE.

#	TIPSTER	PTS
1	gloriz	20
2	GraemeStar	18
2	Kebro	18
2	Magpie Power 77	18
2	Nell	18
6	Brooster2065	17
7	SuzieA	16
8	Rogerz	15
9	lthealey	14
10	Brad porter	13
11	margf	9

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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.

Champions Week – Bowls SA

April 13th – 19th

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 old 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.

Roger Zeuner

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SOMETHING FOR YOU TO PLAY WITH

CLUB HOLDFAST WORD FIND

PUZZLE



- BALLS BIAS BOWLS COLOURS CROQUET CRUSH CRUSH ENDS
 GRASS KITTY LAWN MALLET MAT PEGS PUSH RINKS
 ROCQUET SCORES TEAMS TIMER

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ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Refer a Friend – Introduce a New Member

Share the Fun and Save!

Invite someone to join Club Holdfast, and if they sign up, both you and the new member will enjoy 50% off your annual membership fee for the first year.

Already paid your membership? No worries—you'll receive a 50% refund, just for helping grow our vibrant community.

It's a win-win, and a great way to bring more mates into the mix.

Don't miss out—take advantage of this fantastic offer today!

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If you have any items to advertise in this area. Our Last item for sale was snapped up very quickly at a bargain price. You too may be able to get a bargain or sell an item quickly.

Please contact me with details.

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