



CLUB UPDATE

APRIL 28TH 2025

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello from the PRESIDENT

Our current Board of Management has nearly completed 12 months with the next AGM scheduled for 25TH May. It has been a difficult time for myself and Heather as we both stepped up at a time when the club is struggling to hold bowling members. The decision to ask bingo to leave the Club has put a huge strain on club finances even though we have increased functions held at the club and also has to ask Members to volunteer a lot more than in the past.

Members need to be mindful that it is also up to them to bring new members to our Club. It appears we will be losing some bowlers for various reasons. If you are unhappy, please come and talk to me, maybe we can work through your issues. Maybe you might have a solution that could help, it is your Club so if you haven't volunteered, maybe its time to step up, rather than to complain to everyone else in the club. We will be looking for selectors next season so give it a go.

The Champions Week looks to have been a financial success for the Club. A big thank you to everyone who helped during that week.

Great job by Croquet members who worked to make the Quiz Night such a huge success. Big thank you to all involved in the organising.

We have recently decided to bring Roger Sanderson to our club as Treasurer. The treasurer position has been vacant since Greg Hayles left the club in July 2024. Roger brings with him a lot of experience to the role and already Heather, Bruce and I are feeling very pleased to have Roger around to back us up with his finance expertise. Welcome Roger. Please make yourself known to Roger if you see him around the Club.

We have no further news from Holdfast Council/Living Choice at this stage. Living Choice did tell me recently that Council have asked them for a condensed version of their submission. I guess we can assume they are still looking at the proposal but it is going to take time.

Still looking for volunteers to run Social Bowls – no response from anyone as yet! We do need to try to attract more social bowlers somehow. Perhaps we could start up a Scroungers Competition, this is very popular up north. it's just draw bowling. 3 players to a rink, score 3,2,1 for the closest bowl, highest score/RU prizes. Great practice for draw bowling, no driving, no moving jack, play to where jack is rolled. Scrounges could be played

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in the morning before social bowls possibly. It may help us to gain more social bowlers in the afternoon. I don't think any other club does this in Adelaide. Let me know what you think, any ideas let me know.

Hope to see you all at the AGM on the 25th May at 11am.

Cheers

Sue Allen, President

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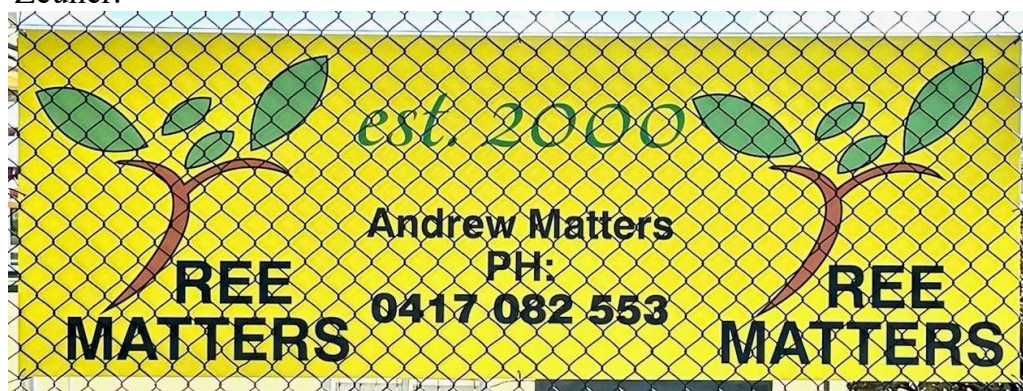
At Club Holdfast, our sponsors play a vital role in supporting our community and ensuring the ongoing success of our club. We're excited to welcome our latest sponsor, ****Tree Matters Australia****!

Whenever you need professional tree services or quality products, we encourage you to check out our full list of sponsors on our website, www.clubholdfast.com and choose to support those who support us. Be sure to mention that you're a Club Holdfast member when making a purchase—it helps strengthen our connections!

You can connect with ****Tree Matters Australia**** through their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/people/Tree-Matters/100092221996247

We appreciate their support and look forward to a great partnership!

Roger Zeuner.



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WINTER SOCIAL BOWLS

Hello Bowlers,

Please note the attached flyer on the upcoming Winter Social Bowls.

We look forward to as many bowlers as can be to enjoy a game and some great social interaction in the off season.

Please put your name down on the list in the foyer, or call Lesley Carey 0417 005 578 or Bruce Cottle 0438 878 926.

Regards

Heather

Heather Cowden-Tonkes
Secretary



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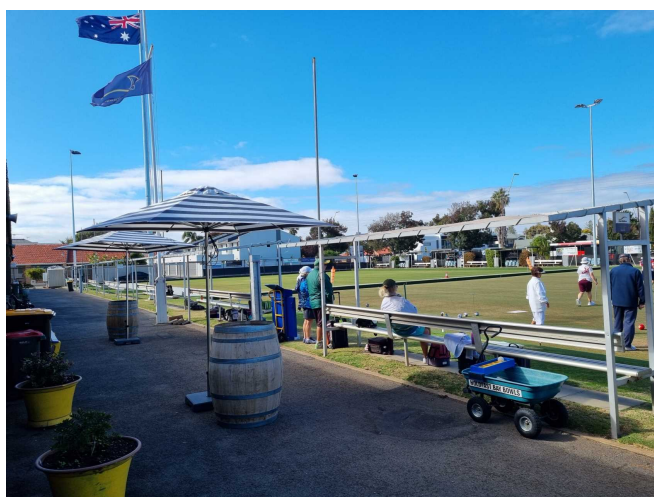
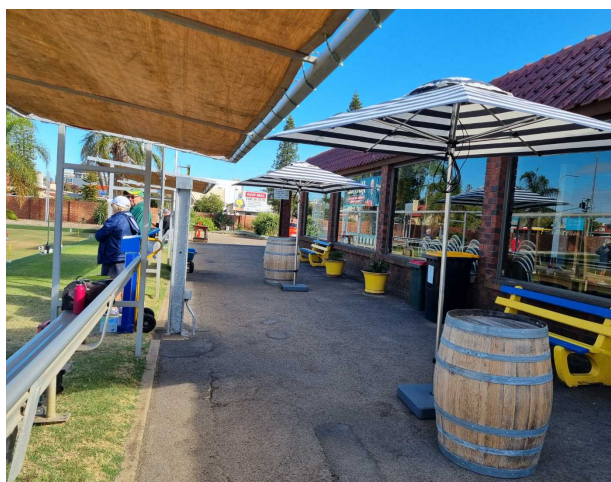
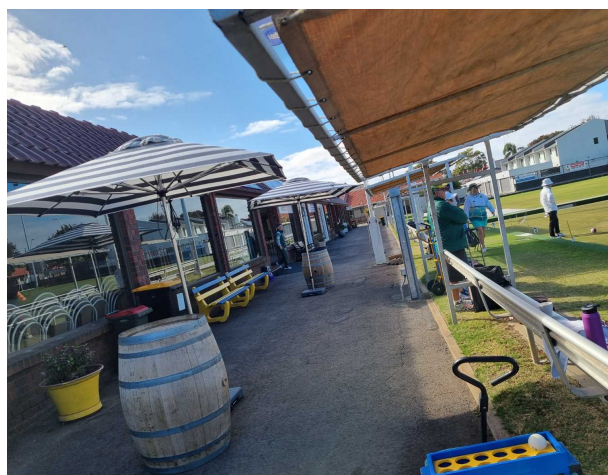


COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT

Club Holdfast is delighted to announce that it has successfully applied for and received a community chest grant from the Holdfast Bay Council.

With the grant, the club has been able to purchase two large shade umbrellas and stands, offering essential sun protection to our members and visitors who participate in our sport and attend events at the club.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Holdfast Bay Council for their generosity and support, which has enabled us to enhance the comfort and wellbeing of our community. The umbrellas will undoubtedly make a positive difference for everyone at the club.



Roger Zeuner

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QUIZ NIGHT

****CLUB HOLDFAST QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2025****



Anticipation was high for Club Holdfast's first quiz night in several years, and it didn't disappoint! Approximately 140 enthusiastic quiz players gathered at the club, creating an electric atmosphere.

Although Jarrod Goodwin was initially set to be the quiz master, unforeseen work commitments kept him in Melbourne, unable to return to Adelaide in time. Roger Zeuner stepped up at the last minute, seamlessly taking

on the role.

Colin Broom did an excellent job organizing players and seating them in groups of eight. Meanwhile, Terry Healey, alongside his wife Irene, outdid themselves with the preparations. Terry collected generous donations from local businesses, crafted challenging quiz questions, and meticulously planned the evening. He and Irene also served as scrutineers, ensuring everything ran smoothly.

The night featured impressive prizes for the quiz and raffles, valued at over \$2,000. A silent auction added to the excitement, offering attendees the chance to score high-quality items at bargain prices.

With strong bar trade and tremendous community support, the event was a resounding success. It raised over \$3,000, providing valuable financial aid to the club and exposure of the Club and its facilities to the community.



A huge thank you to everyone who attended, and to those who helped plan and execute the event, making it an unforgettable evening.

Roger Zeuner

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FINALS WEEK AT THE CLUB



The Bowls SA Finals Week took place at Club Holdfast from 31 March to 4 April 2025, spanning an action-packed five days.

It was a busy time for the club's dedicated volunteers, who worked tirelessly to maintain the bar, ensure the venue was clean and tidy, and provide daily meals for the competitors. Spectators and players alike were treated to outstanding displays of bowling, with many of the finals live-streamed on the Bowls SA website.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of this event. Their hard work showcased Club Holdfast in a positive light to the South

Australian community and helped raise much-needed funds for the club.

Roger Zeuner



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NATIONAL SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE CLUB

Over the Easter weekend, the National Scrabble Championship was held in our Club.

About one hundred and fifty scrabble enthusiasts from around Australia and a couple from overseas battled it out to become the Scrabble Champion of Australia. From feedback received the attendees really enjoyed the venue.



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CROQUET PENNANT WINNERS



Congratulations to the 9+ division autumn midweek croquet team on their outstanding achievement in winning this season's pennant! The team's dedicated and skilled permanent members—Gloria Zeuner, Ruth Dunn, Desley Watson-Ralston, and Roger Zeuner demonstrated exceptional talent and perseverance throughout the home-and-away season, securing their well-earned victory.



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NEW PADLOCK ON FRONT GATE

I have made enquiries with many of the volunteer members who have to secure the Club at night and on leaving lock the front gate.

Many have had the same issue as I have identified in that at night the current combination padlock is very difficult to open due to the wear on the numbers on the tumblers and also the lack of light. It is also unsafe and dangerous, having to spend more time than we should trying to secure the front gate.

I have used the torch on my phone and it is still difficult to select the correct numbers because of the glare from the colour of the tumblers..

Speaking with some members who are responsible for securing the gate, it was necessary to obtain a new lock with larger numbers. I have done so leaving the old lock on the chain as well as the new one.

When accessing the Club gate you can therefore use either lock.

Unfortunately the new lock has five tumblers and therefore I have made the new lock combination the same as the old lock but with a O at the end on the fifth tumbler.

If you have any difficulties with this procedure please let me know.

Roger Zeuner

BOWLS MANAGER REPORT

BOWLS REPORT 28TH APRIL 2025

Anzac Day Tournament

We welcomed 60 bowlers comprising 20 teams of 2 bowl triples. Each team played \$45 to play. A Sausage sizzle was served at 11.30 and bowls commenced at 12.30. 2 games of 15 ends were played with a break for afternoon tea of Anzac cookies. Cheese platters were served at the end of the second game. Prize money was donated by Magain Real Estate: \$75 each for overall winners, \$40 each for Game 1 and 2 winners and a mystery team draw receiving \$15 each. A raffle was also run on the day. Thanks to Barry Allen and Rob Christiansen for cooking the BBQ, Anne Boakes and Jane Christian for selling raffles tickets, Mila for helping decorate, Sue Allen for organising the raffle and Bruce Cottle for organising Bar Staff.

Indoor Bowls

Our first and only practice was held on Tuesday 22nd April. First game is being played at Holdfast tomorrow 29th April. Players have all played a registration fee of \$8 and a club

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registration fee of \$10 was played to South Australian Indoor Biased Bowls Association (SAWIBBA).

Over 60's Mixed Pairs

This is a Bowls SA event hosted by Club Holdfast on Wednesday 30th April. 48 bowlers will be present playing 3 games on 12 Rinks. Pies and Pasties will be available for sale plus Bar Open. I will be managing the event and entering scores into Bowlslink. I have asked Des Schumacher to Umpire for the day.

Champion of Champion Singles

This is a Bowls SA Event hosted by Club Holdfast on Saturday May 3rd (Election Day). I will be managing the event. 6 markers are required for the first game and as it is a knockout event we will be reduced to 1 marker and 1 winner by the end of the day. An Umpire is also required.

Social Bowls

Bruce Cottle will be running Social Bowls starting on Wednesday 7th May and on Saturday 10th May. An email needs to be sent out to all members and night owls asap. Will give the details to Heather.

Concerns Membership

Lesley Carey Bowls Manager

GREEN KEEPER REPORT

Grass and Irrigation Report Summary

Recent assessments have identified high salinity in the bore water as a primary factor contributing to the turf issues, particularly on the A and B ends. The elevated salt levels and top dressing soil which was high in ph and sodium led to bare patches and weakened growth. This situation was further impacted by the lack of our usual summer rainfall, which typically helps flush salts and bicarbonates from the soil profile. I have been continually applying soil nutrients and vast amounts of calcium to try and move the salts out of the soil profile. Why we use bore water, no cost, unfortunately quality is appalling.

To address the issue, we've now installed a float valve, allowing us to blend bore and mains water more effectively. This adjustment provides greater control over water quality and should help mitigate similar problems

Green-by-Green Update:

- A-Green: Currently out of play due to prior damage.
- B-Green: In better condition and recently fertilised, fungicide and aerated to support continued health.

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- D-Green: Has been fertilised and is scheduled for aeration within the next two weeks to enhance soil and root conditions.
- Croquet Green: Treated with fungicide, insecticide, and herbicide to support recovery and ongoing turf health. Possibly to aerate the courts late May

Additional Notes:

- Would suggest one more grass bin removal, and have it returned 1st week of September
- In two weeks' time, can we look at removing the shade covers from the North end of A and B-Greens?

Best regards,
Bradford

CROQUET MANAGER REPORT

Congratulations to the thursday 9+ team who were premiers for the season. Well done to Roger, Gloria, Ruth and Desley.
The weekend 9+ team is also doing well.

Ants have been problem in the shed and brad (greenkeeper) sprayed with a chemical and seems to arrested them for the time being. There was a big mess in the shed and a good clean out was necessary.

Quiz night was a great success. The atmosphere was good and all seemed to enjoy the night. A big thankyou to the committee and especially to Roger for the M.C. Job and to Terry who worked hard to obtain lots of donations for the raffle
We are getting out good numbers to play on Wednesdays and may need to use the third court for the over flow.

St John Ambulance were contacted re a first aid course including defibrillator training..

On may 2nd Coast fm are coming to our croquet courts to have a try-croquet and they hoped to have about 16 players. I will ask some of the members to assist.

Helen Kotz President.

GOLF CROQUET IN SA

a fairy tale by Jane Lewis (nee Fairey) OAM

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Once upon a time in a land far away, they started to play a game called Croquet. It was played by the elite at the court of King James, mallets and balls in the mall by the Thames. But the un-noble masses wished to play it too, fun men and their lasses, what were they to do? They changed the sport into a game of fun.

Golf Croquet was invented its journey begun. Both forms of Croquet spread across the sea, the toffy game remained but Golf Croquet flew free. Far and wide it went where the English landed, the new fun game was welcomed and expanded. From Egypt, Israel and China it was played. South Africa and India, Golf Croquet it stayed.

In Canada, US, Kiwi and more. Who could have seen what was in store? In Angaston, the settlers, with land by the mile, tried to keep it a sport for those of style. But alas the attitudes of old England were changing and the fashions of the motherland were re-arranging.

Then in the late sixties, the Armstrongs of fame took Golf Croquet to school, this wonderful game. To use it as a lure for students to play and maybe when hooked into croquet would stray. It was a visionary idea and it worked really well and wise clubs saw it as a sport ripe to sell. Golf Croquet once started from corner one which everyone knows hoop one can be run. Not fair, too easy the better players lamented. So pretty soon a new starting rule was invented.

GC now started from a quadrant in C4, see how you handle that now was the roar. It matters not, for we play how it is, a little serious with a little bit of fizz. Golf Croquet is great we sing from the rafter, a sport to live on, happily ever after.

THE END



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SITE EXTERNAL MANAGER REPORT

- normal activities ongoing
- Monday working bees to continue till further notice
- a lot of preparation went into the Bowls SA Champions week, shout out to Barry Allen and Glen Crittendon for assistance with this.
- a big acknowledgement to our greenkeeper Brad Porter for the enormous amount of work and effort in overcoming some major obstacles in preparation for that big event.

Rob C

SITE INTERNAL REPORT

MEDIA AND WEB REPORT

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter will continue to be produced and distributed the week of the Committee meeting. It has been received very well by members.

LIQUOR LICENCE

Finalised all board members details with Licensing and Gaming.

SECURITY

Received an email from Clarke Security they are still working on the upgrade. A quote to be obtained re updating old movement and fire sensors.

FINALS WEEK

With other members assisted with this event. Have made a video of the event for display on the Club TV

TV AUDIO SYSTEM.

Still in process of installing a digital audio cable between the TV and the amplifier.
WOULD LOVE SOME ASSISTANCE.















Researching a mini audio system which has access to radio, CD, bluetooth and USB connectivity to replace the old radio which we have. I have since obtained an audio system for the Club and installed it. There are instructions on its use next to the system.

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FOOTBALL TIPPING COMPETITION.

This has commenced. After round 7 results are:-

Round 7		
← Prev		
Next →		
#	TIPSTER	PTS
1	 Rogerz	45
2	 Brooster2065	44
3	 gloriaz	40
4	 skinnyallen	39
5	 Rob Fisho	38
5	 SandyMJG	38
5	 SuzieA	38
8	 Nell	36
8	 Rosio	36
10	 Brad porter	35
11	 Kebro	32
12	 margf	29
13	 Northmelbourneman1955	28
14	 bazzaallen	25

VIATEK PHONE AND INTERNET SUPPLIER.

Contacted viatek and obtained copies of agreements and leases which the Club has with them.

QUIZ NIGHT

In April we held a Club Quiz Night. The event was widely advertised and we had in excess of 140 people attend. Thanks to the organizers of this event and a special mention to Terry Healy, a member, who worked very hard to obtain donations for the raffles and prizes. Probably in excess of two thousand dollars in prizes, and the event raised in excess of three thousands dollars in much needed funds for the Club.

It would be excellent to get more bowls members to attend these events. Have you any ideas on encouraging bowlers to attend Club functions????

Roger Zeuner
April 2025

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No Items at this time. However if you have any items to advertise in this area
Please contact me with details.

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All communication may be directed to secretary@clubholdfast.com

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