

CLUB UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2026

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

President Report Nov 26

The month started with the Prawn Day
This was a great event and well received as usual.

Credit must go to the kitchen helpers who provided an excellent meal

Reillys Wines were served with the meal and our thanks to them for supporting this event.

Many other volunteers worked very hard to ensure a superior outcome.

Damon Edmunds' team has won this event for the last few years but not this time; still the prawns were very tasty.

Good to see others winning.

Night Owls

We have started our season that looks successful once again.
Margret Caskey has again produced one of the culinary specials with her Pie Floater. She does this every year. Wonderful

World Bowls
An exciting new event is being developed to provide the best players in the world an opportunity to compete against each other.
This will be held in Adelaide in April next year.
Various clubs have indicated that they are interested in hosting some matches. This event will be telecast, and Club Holdfast will host the finals.
More details will emerge as the number of entries is finalized.

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Functions
December will be a very active month with many external functions. Our members will be needed to assist with these.

Special General Meeting
This was held on Saturday 21 November to elect the senior members of the club Bruce Cottle was elected as president
Steve Crook as vice president
and Heather Cowden -Tonkes as executive secretary. Thanks to all those who attended

MBA proposal to reduce to 14 rounds
New Electronic Scoreboard/ Advertising display

Bruce Cottle 22/11/26

RECRUITMENT DRIVE.



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ANNUAL PRAWN DAY TOURNAMENT

Prawn Day a Great Success Despite Mixed Weather

The Club Holdfast Annual Prawn Day Competition got underway with a warm welcome to all competing teams from President Bruce Cottle.

A special congratulations must go to Bowls and Event Manager Lesley Carey, who once again did an outstanding job organising the day under some challenging weather conditions.



While players experienced everything from bright sunshine to heavy rain throughout the competition, the changing weather did little to dampen spirits or affect the quality of bowling on display. Excellent bowls were played all day in a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere. Many attendees commented on what a great day it was, and it would be hard to disagree.

A sincere thank you goes to our generous prize sponsor Damon Edmunds and Streaky Bay Marine Products, who also supplied the prawns. Harvested from the crisp, clean waters of Streaky Bay, they are surely among the finest prawns in the known universe.

Events such as these are only possible through the efforts of dedicated volunteers. Our thanks go to the members who prepared the greens and equipment, assisted with the day's operations, and helped ensure everything ran smoothly from start to finish.

And did we mention the prawns? They were absolutely brilliant!

A special salute must also go to our amazing catering team, led by Catering Director Margaret Caskey, together with Pam Hannaford, Lin Williams, Helen Dobie, Anne Boakes, Chris Schumacher, Dee Edwards, and Sue Allen. Their hard work in preparing and serving lunch was greatly appreciated by everyone.





Competitions like Prawn Day simply could not continue without the support of our sponsors. In return, we encourage members to support those who support our club. With the Christmas seafood season approaching, keep an eye out at the club for order forms from Streaky Bay Seafoods.

And finally, just in case it hasn't already been mentioned...

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The prawns were magnificent!
Cheers Colin BROOM





Sponsor Damo and Event organiser Lesley.



The winning teams were.
First place went to Hawthorn



Second place Holdfast + Lockleys.

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Third place Somerton.



Fourth place Streaky Bay

Cheers Colin BROOM

VIDEOS

I have made a video of the two events to celebrate 100 years . Select the following link to have a look.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYt4pFYK2Azc

The videos are also on our Web Page under **Whats on at the Club**

Roger Zeuner

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DETAILS FROM OUR WEB PAGE.

Google Business Profile

Your business performance for October 2026: 380 interactions

See how Holdfast Bay Bowls & Croquet Club at 583 Anzac Highway, Glenelg North SA 5045 performed in October 2026 compared to the previous month.

See full report

Your performance at a glance

29 calls +11%	0 chat clicks	155 people asked for directions -20%
196 website visits from profile +44%	1,726 profile views +25%	544 searches +46%



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DECEMBER

DATE	EVENT	TIME
December	Pennants all Month.	

December is set to be one of our busiest months of the year. We have 13 groups booked for Christmas bowls functions throughout the month, along with our Motown event **and the Club Christmas Party on 19 December.**

Remember we are looking for donations for the Christmas Rally. If you can assist please contact Narelle.



Several additional enquiries are currently being followed up, which could see further bookings confirmed in the coming weeks.

Club Championship matches will also be played during December, ensuring plenty of activity both on and around the greens.

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If you are interested in any of these events
Contact the Club 82951444

BOWLS MANAGER REPORT

Bowls Report 23rd November 2026

Metropolitan Bowls Association
Received email from MBA on Friday 20th November regarding possible changes to 2027/8 Season. I passed out copies to members at our Special Meeting to elect Board Members on Saturday 21st November.

Pennant Results

Saturday: After 7 Rounds. Div 21Oth/10. Div 4 West 8th/10. Div 7 West now a combined team with Nova Gardens 11th/12.

Wednesday: After 6 Rounds. Div 2 South 9th/10. Div 4 West 7th/12.

Thursday: After 6 Rounds. Premier 1Oth/10. Div 2 West 7th/8.

State Events

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Ladies Triples were hosted at Club Holdfast on Sunday 8th November. 24 Players attended and 3 Sectional games of 2 1/2 Hours were completed .. Thanks to the following Volunteers: Ursula Hollis, Di Eatts, Glen Crittenden, Bruce Cottle plus Bar Volunteers. Lesley Carey managed and umpired the day.

Men's Pairs were hosted at Club Holdfast on Sunday 22nd November. 48 Players took part and 3 Sectional games of 2 ½ Hours were completed.
Thanks to the following Volunteers: Glen Crittenden Umpire, Bar Staff Ann Marie Timmers, Henry Timmers, Bruce Cottle, Bill Lawless, Dean Goodwin, Colin Broom. Lesley Carey managed the day.

Lesley Carey Bowls Manager

GREEN MANAGER REPORT

GREENS REPORT

A,B and D- all in good nick
B scarifying to be completed Tuesday Nutrition up to date

CROQUET

Sunday scarified croquet court
Monday cleaned up with Darren's help
Looking to top dress croquet on Friday with Darren and 2 croquet volunteers
Soil to be delivered Friday morning and will hire a top dress machine for this purpose
Brad to facilitate work, croquet court out of action for 4 weeks

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CROQUET MANAGER REPORT

NOVEMBER CROQUET REPORT 2026

Three members attended the Coromadel Valley Gala day and Darren Bails played well, had the highest score and won the day.Well done Darren
Brad [greens superintendent] would like to renovate green 1. It needs attention and spraying for the persistent weed has not been successful. He would like to commence this Monday and would scarify, aerate and top dress the green.The green would be not be able to be used for 4 weeks. If there is over 8 players, we will make alternative arrangements so everyone can have 2 games..The xmas break comes into this time so that will suit.
Pennants have finished for this year. 12+ were top and 9+ will finish 1st or 2nd depending on the weekend pennants.
The pennant teams have done very well.
I would like to have a Come and try evening in the new year to boost our membership.
Helen Kotz
Manager

Coromandel Valley Gala Day

Several Holdfast Bay Croquet Club members enjoyed a great day out at the Coromandel Valley Gala Day on Monday, 9 November.
The event featured four games that were exceptionally well organised and played in good spirit.

A tasty barbecue lunch with salads kept everyone well fuelled, and the Club volunteers deserve special recognition for their excellent catering.

At the conclusion of four hard-fought games, Darren Bails ("Stix") emerged victorious and took out first place for the day.

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Congratulations, Darren, on a deserved win. Clearly, your coach knows a thing or two about croquet!



Helen Kotz, Darren Bails and Lia Bain.

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CROQUET RESULTS

Our teams are fairing very well in the Pennants representing Holdfast Bay
Results as of October 2026

9+ Division: Progressive Standings											
9+	Matches	Wins	Ties	Losses	Points	Games Won	Games Lost	Net Games	Hoops Won	Hoops Lost	Net Hoops
North Adelaide	7	5	0	2	10	25.5	16.5	9	204	180	24
Holdfast Bay	7	5	0	2	10	25	17	8	188	184	4
Tea Tree Gully	6	4	0	2	8	24	18	6	196	169	27
Brighton	7	4	0	3	8	22.5	19.5	3	172	143	29
South Terrace	7	3	0	4	6	23	19	4	203	200	3
Millswood	6	3	0	3	6	18	18	0	153	164	-11
Norwood	7	3	0	4	6	19	23	-4	196	196	0
Hyde Park	6	2	0	4	4	19.5	22.5	-3	176	172	4
Glenunga	7	1	0	6	2	9.5	32.5	-23	138	219	-81

12+ Division: Progressive Standings											
12+	Matches	Wins	Ties	Losses	Points	Games Won	Games Lost	Net Games	Hoops Won	Hoops Lost	Net Hoops
Holdfast Bay	12	10	0	2	20	53.5	19.5	34	391	249	142
Hyde Park	12	9	0	3	18	41.5	30.5	11	325	270	55
Norwood Blue	12	3	0	9	6	25.5	47.5	-22	261	362	-101
Norwood Red	12	2	0	10	4	24.5	47.5	-23	276	372	-96

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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MUSIC AT 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 November 29th 2026**

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

We're excited to have

ROCKIN DALLY ROOS.

. 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

SPONSORSHIP REPORT

The Club is always on the lookout for new Sponsors. If you know of any business that would like to become a Sponsor of the Club then please advise Narelle.

SITE EXTERNAL REPORT

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SITE INTERNAL REPORT

See Presidents Report

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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.

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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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