



CLUB UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2025

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

PRESIDENTS REPORT - NOV 2025

Christmas is nearly upon us and the first half of the season is almost over. It has been stressful for the selectors who have had difficulty filling the 3rd team on both Wednesdays and Saturdays with so many players unavailable each week. Thank you to all of the selectors who have tried to keep all teams as competitive as possible. We knew it was going to be a hard season due to the loss of experienced players. Please remember to be courteous when speaking to our selectors. Without selectors there will be no teams and no games. At present our selectors are reticent to contact players who are demoted because of unpleasant reactions from some players. This is extremely disappointing as we are now a small club and we all need to be considerate of others. Please consider how your comments affect others. **Be Kind!**

Functions:

We have several functions booked prior to Christmas. I will be looking for members to help out with these at times. Most people are at the Club to have a fun time; it can also be fun for the helpers too. I will be making up a list of functions for people to put their names down to help.

Xmas Mingle:

Hoping to see Members at the Christmas drinks and Xmas Raffle Draw. All Members who attend will be eligible for a free ticket in the Jackpot Lottery; come along you may be the lucky winner. We will be drawing a ticket until the jackpot is won! We need everyone to put their names on the list on the bar if they are attending to help with catering.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish every Member a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sue Allen
Club President

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR A CLUB MANAGER POSITION.

Announcement from the Board of Management

Club Holdfast Bowls & Croquet Club Inc.

The Board of Management is excited to announce that we are now advertising for the position of **Club Manager**.

We believe that some of our members may know individuals who would be well-suited to this role. If you are aware of someone who may be interested, we encourage you to share this opportunity with them and invite them to contact the **President** for further details.

This is a wonderful chance to contribute to the future success of our Club, and we look forward to welcoming strong candidates to the process.

An exciting opportunity awaits you...

CLUB MANAGER

Club Holdfast Bowls & Croquet Club Inc

Club Holdfast Bowls & Croquet Club Inc. invites applications for the position of Club Manager. This is a full-time leadership role.

The Club Manager is responsible for the effective management of Club operations as well as playing a pivotal role in ensuring the Club's continued growth, operational efficiency and exemplify its reputation as a premier sporting and community venue.

The successful candidate will have significant club and/or not-for-profit organisational management experience.

If you are a driven leader and team player, looking to succeed in a club environment, the Job Description is available at Club Holdfast, 583 Anzac Highway, Glenelg North, SA 5045

For any initial enquiry about the position please call Sue, 0419 039 527.

Applications must be submitted in writing by 12th December 2025.

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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.

At the Board of Management meeting on 27th October 2025, discussion was held on how best the Club can celebrate it's 100th Birthday in 2026 and in this regard a working party has been established to toss ideas into the ring.

Ideas such as a formal dinner, an informal day of a bowls using the ancient bowls we have in stock, perhaps a bowls/croquet game played together, a breakfast or a lunch and so the ideas compound.

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.



A photo from way back. Can you identify any players.

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VALE

Shirley Sampson OAM, JP

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“Celebration of Life”



Members are advised of the recent passing of our Life Member Shirley who was a much respected and loved Member of our Club for more than 50 years, contributing throughout this time as a player, an administrator and a willing volunteer.

Shirley was in her 100th year.

She was privately buried next to her late husband Rich last Friday.

A Celebration of Shirley's life and achievements was held on :

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 at 11.00am

With regards

**Heather Cowden-Tonkes
Secretary**

Shirley also volunteered for years at the West Torrens Council as a Justice of the Peace. I received this acknowledgement of her contribution from the Council.

Hi Gloria and Roger,

Thank you so much for letting us know. Shirley Sampson was an amazing volunteer and she has helped so many people. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Regards,

Shannon Lopez | Volunteers Program Officer | Community Connections

City of West Torrens

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025/26

We need to get our Club Championships started.
This year we will conduct the following matches:

- + Men's Singles
- + Ladies Singles'
- + Mixed Pairs
- + Men's Pairs
- + B Grade Open Singles (Men & Ladies)
(Div 1 Sat and Wed excluded. Prem One Ladies excluded)

We will need 8 entries to hold each competition:

This year the rounds will need to be played by the dates highlighted on each round, no exceptions. If you do not play by the date listed you will be disqualified.

Please complete an entry form and enclose \$5 per competition.

The entry forms and the box for your entries will be on the end of the bar.

Hopefully we can get some matches played prior to Christmas.

□ Resuscitation & Defibrillator Refresher: A Vital Evening



More than twenty members attended the Club's resuscitation and defibrillator refresher on Thursday night, 6th November. The session was led by two enthusiastic and knowledgeable trainers from the Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club, who delivered an engaging and informative presentation.

Attendees were surprised to learn how much the recommended procedures have evolved—making the refresher not only valuable but essential. It was a night well worth attending, with practical insights that could make all the difference in an emergency.

□ Did you know?

The Club has a **defibrillator and first aid kit** located in the **north-western corner of the foyer**.

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PLEASE take a moment to familiarize yourself with this equipment—IT MAY SAVE A LIFE.



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A CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

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with your fellow Members at our Club

Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20th

5pm - 7pm HAPPY HOUR

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW

FREE LUCKY TICKET ON ENTRY TO WIN
A JACKPOT JOKER CASH PRIZE

*Enjoy a Festive Grazing Table
at \$10 per person*

For the purpose of catering, kindly advise Secretary Heather
if you plan to attend

**Please register your name for attendance either with the secretary or adding your
details to the list on the Bar in the Club.**

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JACKPOT JOKER DRAW

JACKPOT JOKER

**DRAWN AT
OUR CHRISTMAS MINGLE
20TH DECEMBER ---- 5 - 7PM
FREE TICKET FOR MEMBERS
ON ENTRY AND
THERE WILL BE SEVERAL
DRAWS UNTIL THE
JACKPOT JOKER IS WON**

Be in it to Win

The Prize is

\$1266.00

**For all Enquiries
contact Club Secretary
on 82951444**

It is your best interest to be present.

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RAFFLE DONATIONS PLEASE.



CLUB CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS

Dear Members,

The club is seeking suitable items to make up Christmas hampers for this year's Raffle. Items such as alcohol (all types), puddings, cakes, biscuits, nuts, gift vouchers (movie, dining, beauty, or an experience of some kind), bon bons, napkins, candles, beauty products and other items that you may like to receive yourself,

Donations to be received at the Club by 10th December at the latest please.

Thank you in anticipation for any help you provide.



Heather Cowden-Tonks
Secretary

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CHRISTMAS CLOSURE



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GREENS REPORT

It's been a great drop off rain last Saturday 28mm

A green is coming along extremely well, the end is slowly covering in. With continuous fertilisation and salt flushing.

It would be fantastic if we had consistent warm weather. But overall ok. Looking to change direction prior to the Christmas functions

B green is also slowly knitting over well. The clubhouse end is has been fertilised and salt flushing as well.

D green is in outstanding condition with the amount of play, also be fertilised.

Croquet courts. More applications of herbicide to control the poa (winter grass) have been applied. But when it rains, the poa germinates again.

Fertiliser and a fungicide was applied yesterday. Christmas break, will endeavour to scarify 2 ways, to remove the algae and the most important thing to reduce the seed bank of poa.

Machinery issues

The clubs roller has broken down. Which needs to be repaired

The price of new roller is \$10K

The to replace the drive roll, pics below is approximately \$2500.

I pulled apart the roller to see to issue, if the club choses to replace the drive roll, I will rebuild it.

Brad

BOWLS MANAGER REPORT

Bowls Report 24th November 2025 Pennants:

Saturday: All 3 side's games were washed out on 22nd November. Div 1 match to be played on Friday 28th November at Somerton. All 3 sides play at home on Saturday 29th November. This will be the last home game until 10th January.

Ladder positions are as follows: Div 1 10th/10. Div 4 6th/10. Div 6 9th/10.

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Wednesday: Div 1 and Div 3W Sides played away on 19th November.

Unfortunately Div 4 Central E had to forfeit the game against Ascot Park due to lack of players. This is the second forfeit in a row and one more forfeit means we would have to

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withdraw the team. Graeme Gaunt is confident we should be able to field a team this Wednesday. The Conditions of play state that 3 forfeits in a row means withdrawal of that team.

Ladder positions are as follows: Div 1 10th/10. Div 3W 9th /10. Div 4 Central E 9th/10. Thursday: Because of Nationals being held in Tasmania for 3 weeks the Ladies Premier side has had to play 2 Tuesday games during this time because of State Representatives being unavailable.

Last week we did not play Tuesday or Thursday but this week we play Tuesday 25th November at Port Noarlunga and then play Brighton at home on Thursday 27th November. Ladder positions are as follows: Div 2W 10th/12. Premier 7th/10.

State Pairs:

We are hosting Metro State Pairs Sectionals on Sunday 30th November. We will have 12 men's pairs= 24 players and 12 ladies pairs= 24 players = 48. Each pair will play 3 games 9.30am, 12.30pm, 3.00pm. Each game has a 2 ½ hour time limit. Spectators welcome.

Club Championships:

Thanks to President Sue for deciding what championship games we will have. The main goal is to achieve a male and female champion to represent Club Holdfast. Bill Lawless and Paul Griffiths will organise a draw.

Lesley Carey - Bowls Manager

CROQUET MANAGER REPORT

CROQUET REPORT NOVEMBER 2025

We have four new members. Graham and Glenda Dandy, Monica Curtis and one other.

Pennant matches are nearly complete for this year. 24+ have had a difficult year mainly because they are against players on much lower handicaps.

9+ on Thursdays came 2nd on the ladder .

12+ came second.

The 9+ on weekends was about the middle of the field.

A big thank you to Mary Lemm and her helpers for the work they have done on the garden outside the Bowls Office. Well done. Its is much improved.

Also a thank you to the members who help with setting up the hoops on Wednesday morning especially to Terry who often helps. Also thanks to the Friday players who bring in the hoops on Friday afternoon when asked.

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There will be a Christmas lunch at The Junction Hotel on Wednesday November 26th. All welcome.

Helen Kotz
President

Croquet Office Garden Appreciation



Rob, Mary, and Rae have dedicated a significant amount of time and effort to transform the office garden into a spectacular space. Their hard work over the past few weeks has truly paid off, creating an inviting environment for everyone to enjoy.

The photo showcasing these dedicated individuals reflects their commitment and teamwork in bringing the garden to life. It's also important to recognize any additional helpers who might have contributed to this splendid achievement.

Roger Zeuner's appreciation of this initiative emphasizes the collaborative spirit that makes such projects successful. The growth and beauty of the garden can enhance the office atmosphere and provide a refreshing break for everyone involved.

involved.

Roger Zeuner

CLUB HOLDFAST CROQUET CLUB CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

This afternoon, members of the Club Holdfast Croquet Club gathered at the Junction Function Centre to celebrate Christmas together. The meal was most enjoyable, the atmosphere festive, and the company even better.

From all of us at Club Holdfast, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season!

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Roger Zeuner



SITE EXTERNAL MANAGER REPORT

Water leak fixed at main gates, thanks to Andy Flavel for his prompt action.

Brick fence on Topleys Hill Rd in process of repair, in hands of Council.

Big thank you to Barry Allen and Glen Crittendon for their help with outside jobs, especially since shoulder injury to yours truly. There is a lot of lawn banks to edge and mow which Glen has largely been doing.

Monday morning working bees continue with a very small band of volunteers. Thanks to all concerned.

Rob Christiansen
Minister for the Exterior.

Club Holdfast Sunday Sessions.

Last live music afternoon was held Sunday 16th November, 50 in attendance, ok, but another 25 would have made it a great success.

We are going to continue these sessions next year but really need some more support from our own members, over to you Club members!!

Next show is Sunday January 25th, with Snooks and JJ Fields, our original American Blues duo, great musicians, put it in your diary!!

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Rob C and Sue Allen
Joint Sunday Session Organisers

Notice to all bowlers, could any bowlers who are in possession of Club jacks please return them as the jack numbers are getting very low.

Rob Christiansen
Minister for the Exterior

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, 25th January****

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

We're excited to have JJ FIELDS AND SNOOKS LA VIE

. 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!

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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

CLUB HOLDFAST SUNDAY SESSIONS

Where the weekend lingers a little longer

JJ FIELDS & SNOOKS LA VIE

\$10 ENTRY AT THE DOOR
MUSIC 2-5PM / BAR OPEN 1-6PM

HOLDFAST BAY BOWLS & CROQUET CLUB
583 Anzac Hwy, Glenelg North
Enter Off Darwin Street

SUNDAY JANUARY 25

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SITE INTERNAL REPORT

News letter Oct 25

Hand Dryers

These have been installed and are operating well.

The paper litter was a big volume in our rubbish bin.

This cost as well as the towels themselves will offset the installation cost.

Profitability

The club is running and has always used a return on sales margin of 60%. This is the industry standard.

We are undertaking a bench marking exercise to establish where our club is in relation to others for pricing.

Coopers

They have offered the club incentives to promote their products.

We now stock Pale Ale, Dark Ale, 3.5 Dry and Australian Lager as well as Zero.

Lager has a 400ml for the price of 375ml promotion.

The club will now run a \$6 price promotion for members for 3.5 Dry for the month on December.

Would you like to try some?. See me at the bar

Bruce Cottle

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. I trust everyone is enjoying the communications.

AUDIO/VIDEO

Available to assist with these issues when the people who hire the Club and wish to use our audio / video equipment require assistance to do so.

VOLUNTEERING BEHIND THE BAR.

Have been available for this season, every two weeks to operate the bar when members are participating in pennant bowls games.

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CLUB COMPUTING ISSUES AND WEB SITE

Assisting management when there are issues with our computing facilities. Updating the Club's Web site on a continual basis. Liaising with Swiftpos management, our new bar programme to ensure backups etc of our data etc.

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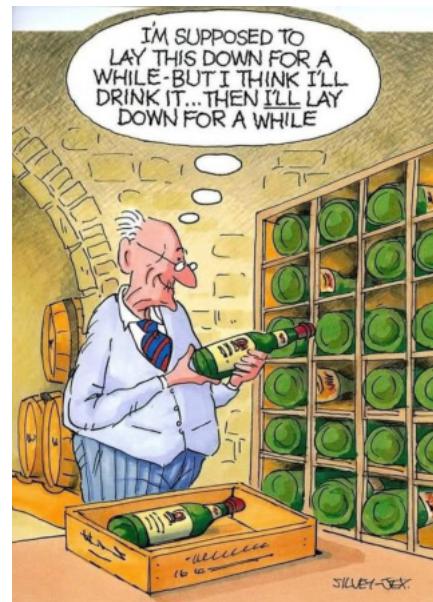
Continually updating our sponsorship video and sponsorship web page.

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Roger Zeuner



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SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS FROM GOOGLE RE OUR WEB SITE.**Your Business Profile report with 358 interactions* last month**

See how Holdfast Bay Bowls & Croquet Club at 583 Anzac Highway, Glenelg North SA 5045 performed in October 2025 compared to the previous month.

[See full report](#)

Your performance at a glance

21

calls
+31%

0

chat clicks

125

people asked for directions
+10%

212

website visits from profile
+45%

2,592

profile views
+68%

1,335

searches
+106%

**An interaction is when a customer calls, makes a booking,*

Roger Zeuner

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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!



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.

rogerzeuner@gmail.com

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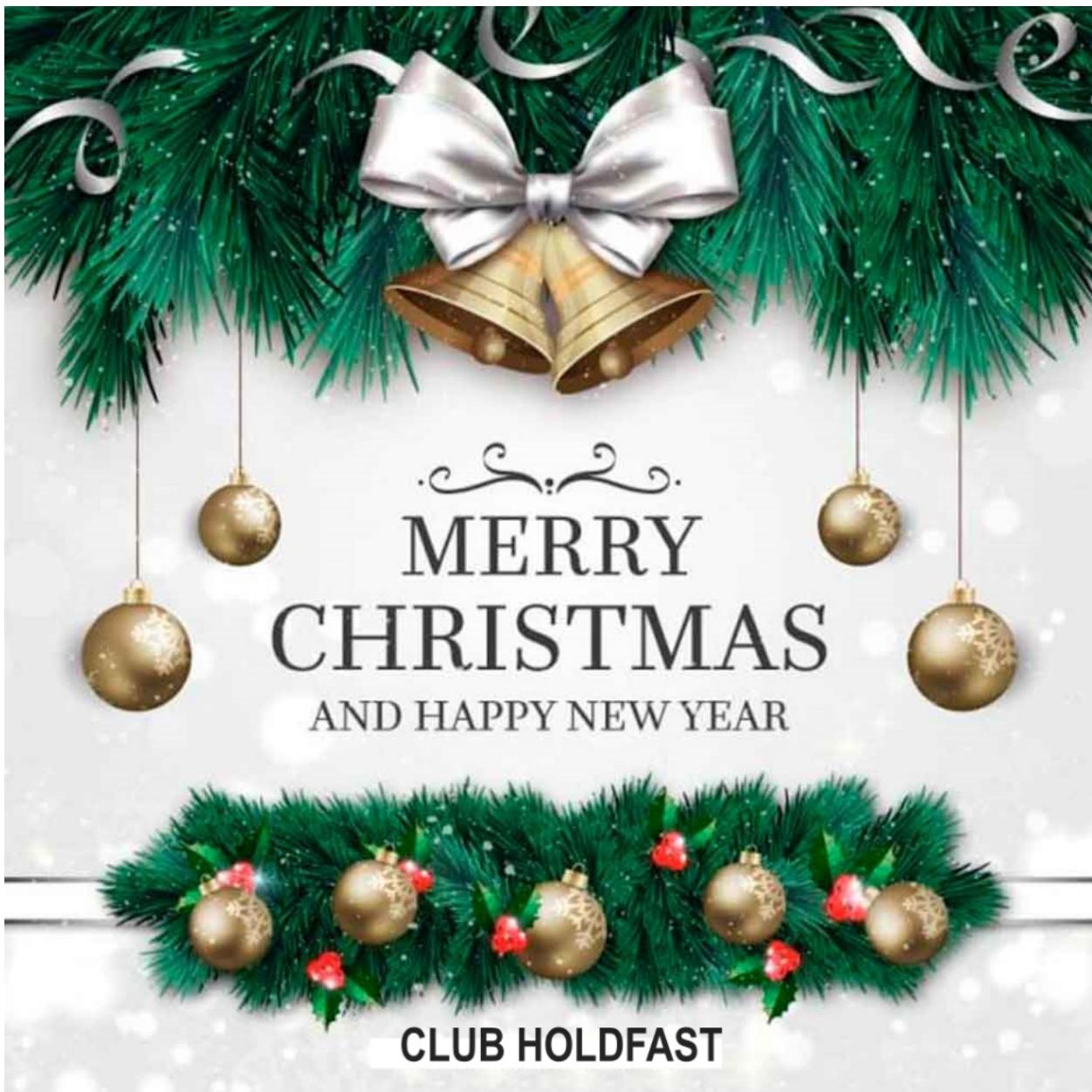
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**HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
FROM THE BOARD OF CLUB HOLDFAST 2025**

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