

Sandwich Croquet Club Newsletter - August 2012

This has been an eventful month as we have been busy teaching and mentoring new members. We now boast 36 active playing members . . . makes for a fuller and merrier group! Play continues on Tuesday from 2 p.m. to whenever, and Saturday, from 10 a.m. on. We found Monday evenings not suitable for most member schedules.

Our new court is growing and Dave Polidor has done a wonderful job at nursing it along. Thanks to the folks who volunteered to water the lawn to encourage growth during the beginning stages. We were on a demanding schedule both due to the time commitment required and everyone's personal summer schedules. Your efforts have been rewarded as the green grass grows!

The SCC has begun a fund raiser to provide for completion of the new full sized court at Sandwich Hollows. Letters with explanation, pledge documents and budget were mailed to all members. It is hoped that we can provide funding for completion of the irrigation system, fencing on the entry corner, ball barriers, storage and equipment for two more courts. We imagine a beautiful, full-sized croquet court landscaped to include benches for respite during play.

The SCC sponsored a Croquet Referee clinic held at Sandwich Hollows, in which twelve members participated. Bob Kroeger, USCA, provided the instruction. Many thanks to Maureen Villiotte who coordinated this, and to Bob for his fine instructional services.

Bill Day and Nancy Spalding have offered two clinics through the Sandwich Community School this summer to introduce people to the sport of croquet. A total of 10 people have attended. The last clinic will be held on Saturday, August 11.

New club shirts have been ordered thanks to the help of Lisa Hendrickson.

During the very beginning of August, a picnic on the beach at Sandy Neck was held. Entertainment included games provided by the Spaldings. Thanks to Lisa Hendrickson for coordinating the event and for providing the delicious creatures from the sea for consumption! Mike and Dianne Walsh helped to build our campfire. Many members contributed wood! The food was great, thanks to the many cooks who contributed to the fine buffet. To cap it all off, we were treated to a beautiful sunset over Cape Cod Bay!

Upcoming events: Opening Day of the New Croquet Court (September 8; rain date – the 9th). Details will be coming soon.

The Sandwich Croquet Club
Steering Committee: Grace, Bob, Nancy, Ed, and Bill