

## **Sandwich Croquet Club News, February 2012**

The SCC now has a full size croquet court ready for seeding in the Spring. An official announcement was emailed to all members in January. Crowell Construction, with coordination and cooperation of the Sandwich Hollows Golf Club and the Sandwich Croquet Club sited, designed and built the court within four working days. Club member donations funded the project with a significant contribution on the part of Debbie Crowell. Plans for a formal celebration and opening in July 2012 are in the works.

A big “Thank you” is due to the Crowell Construction Company and crew, as well as to Dave Polidor, Golf Superintendent at SHGC who coordinated and oversaw the work. John Johnson, Director of Golf, was tremendously supportive and helped to liaison with the Town of Sandwich. He was instrumental in helping the club develop a contract with the town. Ed Gardella, Bob Spalding and Bill Day worked on the preliminary measurements and provided constant checking in with the project as it moved forward. Nancy Spalding was liaison to Debbie Crowell in the initial planning stages.

Thank you letters to all donors to the new court were signed by all Steering Committee members and were sent out by mail.

A gathering of club members who remain on the Cape during the winter will be held on Feb. 18 at the Clubhouse Grill at Sandwich Hollows beginning at 12:30 p.m. It was decided that it would be a nice way to keep in touch with members. All members of the club were invited by email.

Sandwich Croquet Club season will begin the first week of May 2012. First day will likely be Tuesday, May 1. We plan for the season to go through to at least the end of October. Plans are to coordinate days of play with Heritage Croquet Club and Ballymeade to avoid conflicts and so that members can take advantage of as many days of play as possible. Currently we are targeting Tuesdays and Saturdays for play as in the past. An additional time for play, perhaps to be exclusively American Croquet, is under consideration.

The steering committee plans to continue to provide at least two golf croquet tournaments during the coming season. A social calendar will be developed. We will continue to have meals at the clubhouse as well as at other local restaurants before and/or after play. Two pot-luck dinners are planned at members homes.

Nancy Spalding and Bill Day will continue teaching croquet classes through the Sandwich Community School with expansion to more sessions and more advanced skills. We also plan to continue to offer lessons to new and beginning members, especially on Saturday mornings.

A new email address has been set up by Grace Day. Members can communicate to the club at: [sandwichcroquet@gmail.com](mailto:sandwichcroquet@gmail.com) . The SCC now has a new website with information available about the club and photos for new and old members to enjoy. Check it out at [www.sandwichcroquet.com](http://www.sandwichcroquet.com) Bob Kroeger was integral to producing this site with input from the Steering Committee members. At the present time, it will not be an interactive site, but one that will provide basic information and contact information.

The Steering Committee is looking for members who are willing to assist with some tasks this season to help the club continue its success. Assistance is requested in some of the following areas: equipment, courts, membership, public relations, communication, teaching, tournament coordination, planning social events. Email the club or see any member of the Steering Committee if you are interested in helping.

We are looking forward to another season of fun croquet and socializing. See you on the courts!

Grace Day, Member of the Steering Committee  
(for Nancy and Bob Spalding, Ed Gardella and Bill Day)