

## **Sandwich Croquet Club News - July 2012**

In June the club's membership increased to a total of 34 active players. This is a record high for the club. Our June Croquet Clinic, offered through the Sandwich Community School, introduced nine people to the game. The next Clinic will be held July 14. We have a small number of people registered for the course and do not expect it will seriously impact play on that Saturday. The Clinic is taught by Nancy Spalding and Bill Day.

The Potluck Dinner held at the Herring Run Condos in Bourne and hosted by Bill and Grace Day on June 27, provided an opportunity for socializing and getting to know one another better. Drinks and appetizers at pool side were so inviting folks hesitated leaving their tables to get their dinners. Members brought an assortment of delicious dishes. Cynthia and Lewis Skinner's stuffed clam appetizers were a yummy hit.

The Golf Croquet Tournament on July 8, 2012 was a great success with fourteen members playing five rounds. The Tournament, postponed from June 23 due to inclement weather predictions, was played on a beautiful summer day. Welcome relief from the sun was provided by our beach umbrellas, the perimeter trees, and bottles of water on ice. Fruit, banana bread and ice cream sandwich treats refreshed the bodies and encouraged the players to finish in grand style. Winners of the tournament were: First Place: Bill Day, Second Place: Lisa Hendrickson, and Third Place: Peter Owens. Several members stayed on after play and dined at the Clubhouse Grill. A huge thank you to Nancy Spalding for organizing the day!

Many members have taken their turn at irrigating our newly seeded croquet court and it is looking good. Dave Polidor tells us that the grass will soon be cut. We continue to be hopeful to be able to celebrate our new court opening in August. Thanks to all those members who served on the irrigation crew to help our grass grow! A new full-sized court will require investment in new equipment and completion of an irrigation system. Information and opportunities to participate/help with this will be coming soon.

In July we want to continue to focus on enjoying croquet and honing our skills in preparation for playing on our new full sized court. Future events in the planning stage are a beach party at Sandy Neck, our new court opening celebration and a special dinner to be held at a local restaurant. We will also host another golf tournament in August, hopefully on our new court.

See you on the courts!