

Sandwich Croquet Club News – May 2012

We have had a good season opening! We began the season with 28 members—ten new members--and up to 15 persons playing per session on the courts. The Courts have been nicely groomed by Sandwich Hollows and the new full size court awaits the completing of the irrigation construction and seeding. We are hopeful that we will be playing on it by August.

The schedule of play at SCC is as follows:

- Saturday: 9:30-10:00 a.m., Warm up, instruction
10:00-12:30 play Golf and American Croquet
Lunch, optional. Continue play in afternoon if interested.
- Tuesday. 1:30-2:00 p.m., Warm up, instruction
2:00-4:00 play Golf and American Croquet
Beginning June 5: 4:30-6:30 p.m. American and Golf Croquet

As the club grows, we will be expanding play time/days.

Our first Golf Croquet Tournament will be held at SCC for members only on June 23, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$10. Snacks and water will be provided. Members are requested to RSVP by June 18 to sandwichcroquet@gmail.com. We will play six, thirty minute games with a break for lunch. You can bring your own lunch or order from the menu. Dates of future tournaments are: August 18 and September 8.

We offer a huge THANK YOU to Bob Spalding for construction of our new storage box, now sitting off the courts on the Sandwich Hollows grounds. What a big lift this is for those formerly transporting all the equipment! As you know, Bob has also constructed deadness boards, mallets and ball carriers for us, saving us considerable expense.

Bill Day and Nancy Spalding will be teaching beginning croquet clinics through the Sandwich Community School on June 16, July 14 and August 11, 2012. Lessons are from 9:30 to 12:30. You must register through the Community School. Although the students will be using the SCC courts on these Saturdays, there will likely be room to play for members. Opportunity for play will be extended into the afternoon.

Focus of play this year will be on the use of USCA rules. Court etiquette will be a priority as well—stand off the court when not playing, keep distractions to a minimum and begin on time.

The Calendar of events will continue to be developed as we move through the season. In June, we have our first Golf Croquet Tournament and a potluck supper will be held at the Day's on June 27. We will continue to gather at the clubhouse grill and other restaurants in the area after play. Specifics on monthly events will be emailed and available in print on days of play at SCC.