

## **Sandwich Croquet Club News, October 2011**

SCC has decided to offer an additional croquet play day on each Thursday during the month of October beginning October 6. Thursday play will be reserved for American Croquet play only. Come at 1 p.m. and practice or receive instruction (for beginners) and review rules. We will play American Croquet from 2-4:30 p.m.

All are welcome – bring a friend and if they enjoy playing and want to return, we have reduced the cost of membership to the end of the year to \$15.00 ( a total of 11 possible play days)...and play can continue into November if there is an interest—Bill and Ed will help with the set up.

We now have a total of 24 members. Excellent for a club's first year! We want to keep our club going in its current direction—with camaraderie, skill building, and expanding opportunities for all. We hope that all will participate on the days we have planned to play together when your calendar permits. The courts are not to be used at other times. SCC has an agreement with Sandwich Hollows to use the courts on the agreed schedule only.

We plan to have a lunch after play on Saturday, October 29 at the Clubhouse Grill. This will be our last official gathering of the season. Please come and join with us to bid those heading south a “fond farewell and safe travel” and enjoy socializing before dispersing for the winter. We hope to review our first year together at SCC and outline plans for the coming croquet season. The lunch will be simple and everyone will order from the menu as usual.

Next year we hope to expand by an additional day of play each week during our season. Our schedule has yet to be set as we want to coordinate with other clubs so that we have as little over-lap as possible. Send feedback to Grace if you have strong preferences for days of play with your reasons for same ([graceday@gmail.com](mailto:graceday@gmail.com)).

Shirts are in and Lisa is organizing them for distribution! She will have them ready for us on a croquet play date soon.

The Sandwich Croquet Club video, produced by Bob Kroeger, will be out soon, we are doing some final editing and will send a link to all members when it is done. Bob also graciously has agreed to develop a simple web page for us, which we hope to link to the Sandwich Hollows Golf Course website.

Bob Kroeger offered a very nice advanced instruction last Sunday on three and four- ball breaks at Ballymeade. He is an excellent teacher and authority on croquet and we felt it was well worth while. Keep tuned for more croquet learning opportunities.

SCC is organizing a Golf Croquet Tournament on the 23rd of October (Sunday) to be held at Ballymeade. We plan for it to be an activity in which all three Upper Cape Cod clubs can participate. Ed Gardella is in charge of planning. An email will be coming out shortly with more specific information.

We offer continued appreciation to Sandwich Hollows Golf Course (John and Dave) for their support and maintenance of the courts.

Grace Day, Member of the Steering Committee