

## **Sandwich Croquet Club Newsletter – September 2012**

The most exciting time for our Club occurred on September 8 when we opened our new court. The additional space in which to play is wonderful! The opening ceremony was attended by 24 people. Debbie Crowell cut the ribbon to open the first day of play on the new courts. Awards of certificates of recognition were given to Dave Polidor, Dave Tilly and John Johnson for the roles they have played in welcoming the club to Sandwich Hollows and in supporting the club through its growth stages. The ceremony was followed by a celebratory champagne toast given by Bob Spalding and sprinkling of the bubbly on the green. A golf croquet tournament was played by 20 people who also enjoyed a box lunch provided by the Clubhouse Grill. Winners of the Tournament were: First Place – Ed Gardella; Second Place – Bob Kroeger; Third Place – Michael Walsh. Congratulations!

Ed Gardella has been involved in updating our website and you can view new information and photos of events at [www.sandwichcroquet.com](http://www.sandwichcroquet.com). Peter Owens will be working with Ed to enhance the general appearance and content of the website.

Our fund raising efforts have been rewarded and we are a little under one half of the way to our goal. We have raised \$2,977 (which includes the value of donated items) towards the goal of \$6,000. With part of these funds we have paid \$1,000 to Sandwich Hollows for court completion (irrigation) and maintenance. We have purchased ball barriers for the court and fencing to be placed on the corner of the court. With the donations of wickets, balls, a center stake and flags, we are able to complete one additional court, although some other court equipment is still on loan. Opportunities remain for members to contribute toward our goal so that additional equipment and finishing of the courts can take place. Once again, we send a huge thank-you to Debbie Crowell for constructing the beautiful surface on which we play and for forgiving the remainder of the loan.

Another Golf Croquet tournament is planned for Sunday, October 14. Further details will be coming soon.

The SCC can now boast 38 members! We are so pleased to see the energy, enjoyment and fun among all who are playing on the courts. As members become more skilled at play, the level of competition is increasing. Look out!