



**Sandwich Croquet Club**  
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## **Newsletter – July 2014**

The new 2014 season began the first Saturday of May with good weather for play and strong attendance! Since then it has been a busy time with lots of focus on the game and social activities. We have had many guests participating in play during June/July including a few people from Venice, Florida, members of the Sarasota Croquet Club.

Our Annual Meeting, held on June 14, elected the following slate of officers and members at large to the Board: Bill Day, President; Nancy Spalding, Vice President; Ed Gardella, Treasurer; Grace Day, Secretary; Debbie Crowell, Audrey Rickard, and Maureen Villiotte members at large. Bill and Audrey thanked the many members of the club who have helped make it a success. The winners of the raffle for the two USCA memberships were: Anne Flynn and D.J. Zirbel. Congratulations!

The club Cancellation Policy is available in printed form in the shed. Members are directed to call the Pro-shop (508-888-3384, Ext. 0) at the Clubhouse to learn if play is canceled. Weather conditions vary significantly from community to community on Cape. Play will be held based on the conditions on site. The decision is made with the Board and the Croquet Captain of the day. Members will no longer be called personally.

The Guest Fee policy allows for persons new to the sport to try it out twice for free. After that, a donation of \$10 per play day is requested. Members who bring a guest are asked to stay with their guest and guide and assist with teaching them if they are new to the sport. When persons are very new to the game, we encourage that player to learn and practice on the side court. Lessons are available every Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the courts.

Our treasury is in good shape. We currently have 26 members. We estimate we will have additional income from tournaments, guest fees and potential new members.

The court irrigation has been completed by Sandwich Hollows (Dave Polidor and company) at no expense to the club. Thank you Dave!!

On June 25, we held our “Bring a Friend to Croquet” event which was coordinated by Nancy Spalding. It was a great success with ten members plus five guests attending. The appetizers provided by all were delicious.

Interclub Play was enjoyed by all as Sandwich Croquet Club members were joined by Ballymeade members on June 29, a beautiful weather day! A total of nine players enjoyed both Golf and American Croquet on our courts.

Since Bob Kroeger’s workshop on Nine Wicket Croquet, held on June 18, members have been enjoying the game as an alternative to our regular Golf and American games. We now regularly have two six-wicket courts and one nine-wicket court set up for play.

An updated printed schedule of activities is available in the shed and on the picnic table. Aside from our regular play days and meals following them, the Month of July offers the following: Golf Croquet Tournament – July 12 (Saturday), 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants must pre-register at the picnic table or with Nancy Spalding by July 5; Potluck Dinner at Debbie’s – July 18 (Friday), 5:00 p.m.; Lessons on Strategy with Bob Kroeger – July 26 (Saturday), 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Plans for August and September include more Tournaments (Golf and American) and our annual Beach Party.

Membership packets placed in envelopes are in the box in the shed to be given to those who are interested in joining the club.

New membership contact lists are available at the picnic table and in the shed for anyone who wants one. They were also available at the Annual Meeting.

See you on the courts!