



Sandwich Croquet Club

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The Club's 2015 season was a successful one, with membership growing to 32 individuals, and many opportunities for both organized group play and, new for 2015, open play. Of the total 82 days scheduled for group play, only 7 were canceled because of the weather. Average attendance for the group-play days was: Saturdays 10; Tuesdays 8; and Wednesdays 6. In spite of an unusually warm summer, there almost always seemed to be a nice refreshing breeze at the courts.

Accomplishments for 2015 included installation of the Club's permanent signs by Russ and Ed, lessons from Bob Kroeger, and two golf croquet tournaments, one directed by Bob K. and the other by Bill Day. Nine-wicket play was moved to the new court, as an option on Wednesday evenings. We continued the tradition of occasional after-play lunches at local restaurants, and the wonderful potluck dinner hosted by Debbie.

The Club ended its fifth season nicely with a well attended banquet dinner arranged by Audrey and Grace. Included was a brief business meeting voting in a new Board of Directors, whom thanked the former Board for its good work in leaving the Club a firm foundation to build on. In December DJ coordinated a holiday get-together at a local restaurant, also well attended.

Photos of the 2015 (and earlier) events can be viewed on the Club's web site, which continues to be expertly maintained by Peter Owens.

The new Board has now met two times to begin planning for the 2016 season, which will extend from Saturday May 7, through Saturday November 5. The traditional organized group play times on Saturday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will remain in tact as will the open play introduced in 2015. More organized group play time for the American Rules and 9-wicket games will be considered, depending on interest among Club members. Because of anticipated increase in expenses, the annual membership fee for 2016 is raised to \$95 per person.

To attract new members to our sport and to the Club, Nancy (assisted by Ed) is offering a series of introductory lessons in Golf and American-Rules croquet on four consecutive Wednesdays (10:00-11:30 AM) from May 11 through June 1. Cost is \$20 per person, to be paid at the first lesson, and credited toward the annual membership fee if the person chooses to join the Club. We will be advertising mostly at senior centers on the mid and upper Cape, but strongly encourage Club members to inform friends of this opportunity. To register or for further information they can contact Ed at 508-648-6244 (leaving a message) or email (preferred) sandwichcroquet@gmail.com.

The mailing for 2016 Club membership is planned for mid March.

Hoping you will be joining us for another year of croquet fun!

The (new) Board of Directors - Courtenay Barber, Ed Gardella, Jack Graham, Joyce Hurst, Nancy Spalding, Maureen Villiotti, and Jacque Zenopoulus