



Sandwich Croquet Club

Sandwich Hollows Golf Club, 1 Round Hill Road, Sandwich, MA
P.O. Box 284, East Sandwich, MA 02537-0284

www.sandwichcroquet.com sandwichcroquet@gmail.com



Fall 2017 Newsletter

Dear Sandwich Croquet Club Members,

Our 2017 croquet season has ended and Ed is storing the equipment and the courts are being prepared for their winter rest. It was a successful season and an interesting extended season. The November days ranged from icy to pleasant with 10 players attending the final day of play and lunch at the Club House.

Our Annual Meeting in October saw 25 members and guests gather to celebrate the year. Decorations by Jean and Joyce, plus time for appetizers and conversation before dinner made the evening especially fun. Nancy, as Board Chairperson, described just WHO WE ARE as a 36 member croquet club. She went on to say:

WE ARE COMPETATIVE: We had scheduled 2 golf croquet tournaments, plus one 6-wicket tournament organized by Bob Kroeger. The awards this year went to Peter Owens as the Golf Croquet Tournament Winner and Gail Bjornholm as the most improved player.

WE ARE SOCIAL: Several social events, off the courts, were held for the membership. There was a Pot Luck Dinner at Debbie's, a beach party at Sandy Neck, an end of the year luncheon at the Club House, and a Christmas Party at Bob and Nancy's.

WE ARE A TEACHING CLUB: Ed and Nancy taught an introductory class in the spring, and Maureen and Ed taught 6 wicket classes on Wednesday afternoons. Bob Kroeger led 2 Saturday clinics that were well attended. Nancy and Ed, with additional help from other members, taught a group of special young adults on 6 Tuesday evenings.

WE ARE A CLUB OF VOLUNTEERS: While the Board of Directors are responsible for the Club plans and budget and all have distinct assignments, the Club could not function without the willing helpers at each day of play and at each special event. The Board assignments were: Nancy as Chairperson, Ed as Treasurer and overseer for courts and equipment, Joyce as gardener for court plantings, Mike as organizer for weekly set up schedules, and Heather and Maureen as Board Secretaries. Peter takes care of the web site.

NEXT YEAR'S PLANS: Play days will be on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Six Wicket and strategy lessons will be on Thursdays at 3:00 with Maureen and Ed. A new class, Set Up 101, will be scheduled early in the season to help players feel more comfortable in doing that task. Tournaments and additional social events will be scheduled as fun for all. Board members for 2018 are Nancy Spalding, Ed Gardella, Maureen Villiotte, Heather Welch, Mike Bjornholm, Joyce Hurst, and Jean Lynch.

We hope we will see everyone at the Christmas Party on December 14. Check your emails for the flyer with details. And since this is our last communication for the 2017 season, we wish you a healthy and happy winter wherever you are. Watch for our 2018 croquet season mailings in March.