



Sandwich Croquet Club
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April 2015 Newsletter

We look with great anticipation to our first day of play on **Saturday, May 2** beginning at 10 a.m. “Goodbye” to Winter, “Hello” to Spring! Please join us for a fun opening day. Members are invited to stay for lunch after play at noon at the Clubhouse Grill (they have a new menu!).

Our 2015 membership is stronger than ever at this date, with folks joining earlier than ever and some returning after a year or two hiatus. We welcome everyone back and look forward to seeing you on the courts.

We will retain our usual group play schedule which is: Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.; Wednesday, 4-5 p.m. lessons, 5-7 p.m. play; and Saturday, 10-12 p.m. The format will remain the same: a short round of Golf croquet followed by the choice of Golf, Nine-Wicket or Six-Wicket croquet.

The **BIG news** is that in addition to the above scheduled playtimes, the courts will be open for play (practice, pickup games, etc.) during daylight hours, when not used for scheduled group play, tournaments or maintenance. Courts will be closed for use on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings each week until noon for necessary maintenance.

In response to results from the recent survey, we want to restate and/or clarify some policies of general interest. We will continue to utilize the croquet captain policy for group session play. Everyone is encouraged to sign up to help. Sign up sheets will be available on the picnic table. Once signed up, you are responsible for finding a substitute should you not be able to keep your commitment. As usual, everyone is asked to help take down the courts after play.

The SCC weather cancellation policy will remain in effect. Survey results supported this procedure. A decision to cancel play will be made by the Board as soon as possible and the Croquet Captain will be called. The Sandwich Hollows Pro-shop will be called. Members may call the Pro-shop to learn if croquet is cancelled (508-888-3384, Ext. 0). An email regarding the cancellation will also be sent to all members.

In regard to the guest fee policy, the Board wants to make it clear that the guest fee of \$10.00 is a voluntary donation. We continue to encourage non-members to come to our club and experience the game of croquet for the first time free of charge in the hope they will join us long-term.

We will continue to have several tournaments this year (both Golf and Six-Wicket). Each tournament will require a Director and Manager. If you are interested in learning about this and would like to consider helping, talk with Bill Day.

Our social calendar this year will include both old and new events, including a potluck dinner, beach party, Saturday lunches, end of year dinner and a few other yet-to-be-announced additions. Dates and times will be announced later. See Grace Day if you have ideas for new activities or would like to help with planning.

News about our signs: Design, selection, and location have all been completed. The signs have been delivered and will soon be installed on the lawn and at the entrance.

We look forward to the fifth season of play on the Sandwich Croquet courts, and to seeing all of you outside in the sunshine enjoying the sport of Croquet!!