



**Sandwich Croquet Club**  
Sandwich Hollows Golf Club  
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## Summer/August 2015 Newsletter

The hot and humid weather hasn't gotten our croquet players down...we continue to have good attendance at all our sessions despite the heat and humidity. Our attendance numbers tell us that we are on par with last year and going strong. We are steady at over 30 members, but invite everyone to bring a friend to try out the game in the hope of enticing them to membership.

As you have noticed, we have reconfigured the courts with the input of Bob Kroeger and the help of Ed Gardella to provide two smaller quarter courts especially for those who like to play American Croquet and get in some valuable practice with making shots and implementing strategies. On Wednesday, we have allowed one half-court to be set up for nine wicket play. The Board is evaluating this set up and asks for member feedback regarding how this is working for you.

A Golf Croquet Tournament is scheduled for September 12. We will offer four 30 minutes games with snack breaks. Awards will go to the first three winners. Courts open at 9 a.m. for practice; orientation begins at 9:45; play starts at 10. We should be finished by 12:30 p.m. This is planned as a fun event and will be a fund-raiser for the club. Cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP by September 5. Sign up is at the picnic table or through our email ([sandwichcroquet@gmail.com](mailto:sandwichcroquet@gmail.com)).

There are several openings on the Board this year and anyone who is interested in serving a one-year term should contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Maureen Villiotte (508-477-7816; [jdvill@aol.com](mailto:jdvill@aol.com)), or send an email to [sandwichcroquet@gmail.com](mailto:sandwichcroquet@gmail.com) by September 17.

Our Annual Meeting will be held this year at the same time as our Annual Dinner, on October 1. For our Annual Dinner we will enjoy socializing and food at the Old Yarmouth Inn, Yarmouthport, Ma. beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1. Go to [www.oldyarmouthinn.com](http://www.oldyarmouthinn.com) for more information and pricing. You will be able to order off the menu or, before 6 p.m., order from the prix fix menu. Separate checks. We will have the private room available to us. Be sure to sign up at the picnic table or through email.

Courts are doing well and we have provided for sanding which helps with leveling of the grass. The Sandwich Hollows staff have trimmed the edges with coordination from the Board. Our treasury is doing well. The sign with new plantings looks good and is doing

well with regular watering. Next year the plants should require no special attention. A professional gardener was consulted and plants were purchased that are appropriate for the site and signage.

We have a higher number of USCA members this year than ever before....9 members! A kudos to the high aspirations of members of our club.

See you all on the courts!