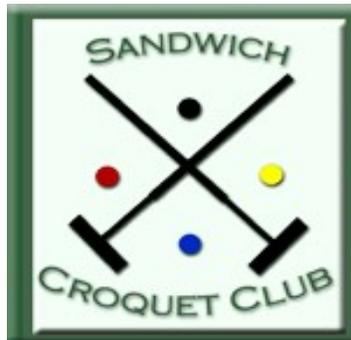


Sandwich Croquet Club

General Information

2019



The Sandwich Croquet Club was established in 2011 by founding members, Ed Gardella, Bob and Nancy Spalding, and Bill and Grace Day. The club is located at Sandwich Hollows Golf Course, a public course owned and managed by the town of Sandwich in Massachusetts. For the first year, the club opened using equipment loaned by the Heritage Croquet Club. With the support of the town, a full-size championship croquet court was built at cost by the Crowell Company Inc, along with financial donations from club members. Through community outreach and the growing popularity of croquet on the Cape, the club has grown to 60 active members today. Organized games of golf croquet, six, and nine wicket are played several times a week. The club also sponsors several social activities off the courts during the May to November season.

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Club Mission

The purpose of the Sandwich Croquet Club (SCC) is to enjoy and promote the game of Croquet in accordance with the rules and regulations recognized by the USCA, and to sponsor associated club activities for the enjoyment of the club members.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the governing body of SCC. The board typically consists of seven members and follows the established by-laws. The board meets a minimum of monthly during the season and as needed in the off-season.

Membership

SCC is an all-volunteer club and the hope is that members will be able to contribute their time and energy both on and off the courts.

Any person interested in the SCC's activities may apply for membership with a completed application and annual dues. Application forms can be found at the courts and on the SCC website. The dues will be established annually and will be reduced for membership after August. The preferred method of payment is by check, to be included with membership application and made payable to **Sandwich Croquet Club**.

A list of all members and their contact information is maintained and sent by email to all members. A paper copy is kept on the shed bulletin board. Members not wishing to have their contact information shared should indicate so on the application form. Updated information can be found on the website.

Website

The club maintains a website where you will find current important information regarding the club activities, days of play, photos and much more. Please visit www.sandwichcroquet.com

USCA Membership

USCA is the national governing body for the sport of croquet, and is a nonprofit organization. The mission of USCA is to promote the growth and enjoyment of croquet and to govern the sport in America. You can view the website at www.croquetamerica.com

As a member of the USCA the SCC can host sanctioned tournaments, have access to traveling instructors, and receive support from the national organization.

As a member of SCC, you may join USCA as part of the club membership and enjoy a discounted annual fee of \$35.00 for an individual and \$55.00 per couple. The club organizes the membership process in late May. Each year through a random drawing the club provides two memberships to members in good standing who have not previously received a free membership. USCA members receive benefits including a monthly emailed newsletter, seasonal magazines, access to sanctioned tournaments and USCA-affiliated clubs.

Tournaments

The club plans for several tournaments during the season. These are for club members only. Normally there are golf croquet, six wicket and nine wicket tournaments. In addition, the club may sponsor tournaments to include members from other clubs.

Social Events

The club sponsors several fun activities during the season including a potluck gathering and a beach party. Several times during the season members will have a meal after organized play in the clubhouse. At the end of the season, there is an annual meeting and awards dinner.

Club Merchandise

Members will have the opportunity to purchase club logo merchandise such as shirts and hats during the season. Information and order forms are available at the courts.

Community Outreach

Experienced players volunteer to provide lessons to interested members of the community. A set of one-hour lessons is offered at the beginning of the season. The mission is to spread interest in croquet and encourage new members to join the club.

The club also works with a local organization to provide several sessions of play and instruction for a group of special needs adults. Anyone wishing to help with this group is welcome.

Calendar

The calendar is maintained and displayed on the website and on the shed bulletin board. Monthly reminder flyers for events are emailed to all members.

Health and Safety

The club's first aid kit is found in the shed.

Mallets should be used with care after proper instruction. Improper use can result in injuries to the wrists, elbows and shoulders resulting in technique errors. Tripping over wickets and balls can be dangerous. Never walk backwards without checking if there are any wickets waiting to trip you. Be careful when lifting wickets as you could put undue pressure on your back. It is best not to carry more than three wickets at a time. Proper sun protection including acceptable clothing and sunscreen is advised.

Hours of Play

Hours of organized play are established at the beginning of each season and posted on the SCC website and the shed bulletin board as well as communicated to members via email. Members are welcome and encouraged to also play during non-organized play times.

The courts are not available on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings due to regular maintenance.

Lessons are available to club members free of charge by other experienced members throughout the season.

Notice of weather Cancellation

On occasion, play must be cancelled due to inclement weather and/or wet courts. Notification is sent via email no later than one hour before play is to begin. Members may also call the Sandwich Hollows Golf Course Pro Shop for play cancellation information at 508-888-3384 x100.

Guests

The club encourages members to bring guests who may be interested in club membership for up to two complimentary sessions. Other guests are welcome if hosted by a member with a suggested donation of \$5.00 per guest.

The club welcomes other USCA members to play on the courts during organized play hours or open play hours, provided they are accompanied by a club member. A \$5.00 donation per guest is suggested.

Each season the Club will host a "Bring a friend" event. This is to promote the games of croquet. There is no fee for the event.

Age Restrictions

A responsible adult member (18 years or older) must be present if younger members (less than 18 years old) are playing.

Facilities

Parking

There is plenty of free parking to the right of the club entrance. The club does not allow parking around the fountain as this is a fire lane and can block access to the clubhouse. Handicap parking is available near the clubhouse.

Golf Course Clubhouse

The clubhouse is close to the courts, has a restaurant with bar service and public men and women restrooms. The clubhouse is available to all members and guests.

Courts

There are three half courts for play. Court # 1 (far court) and court # 2 (closest to shed) are set up to play golf croquet and/or six wicket. The court closest to the sign (court #3) is normally set up for nine wicket games. Players must be careful not to create divots in the lawn surface.

Court Set Up

All club members are requested to assist with set up and breakdown before and after play. Set up information can be found in the shed including diagrams. Players are asked to sign in each day of play, as a waiver of liability and as a record of attendance.

Storage Sheds

There are two sheds to house club equipment. Each unit should always be locked. Please request the combination from a board member. The last person to leave the courts should make sure that the courts are cleared of equipment, that the equipment is properly stored, and that the sheds are locked securely.

Equipment

SCC provides and maintains the balls, wickets, stakes, etc. The club has a variety of mallets of varying weights and lengths club members may use. Members are encouraged to purchase their own mallet once they become familiar with the game.

Play

Court Etiquette

Good sportsmanship is the foremost value in how players should conduct themselves when playing croquet. The use of foul language is not acceptable. Members should strive to know the rules of the game and not try to circumvent the rules or the underlying ethics of the game. Courtesy should be extended to all players whether opponents or partners during play. Shaking hands at the end of play with recognition of a game well played is customary.

Dress Code

It is customary that croquet players wear all white attire on the courts. White clothing is encouraged, but not required. During tournaments inside or outside of the club white attire is expected. All players are required to wear flat-heeled shoes that will not damage the playing surface.

Court Presence

Players should avoid any behavior that distracts another player attempting a shot. Only the striker (the player whose turn it is) shall be on the court, all other players shall be on the outside of the boundary line. The exception is in doubles play; the striker's partner may be on the court to help indicate a shot or ball placement.

Double Banking

Double banking occurs when two separate games are played simultaneously on the same court.

Ask the other team's players before lifting and marking their balls. Then inform the players when the ball has been replaced. The player who is already within a turn generally has priority over a player who is just starting a turn, unless the priority player agrees otherwise.

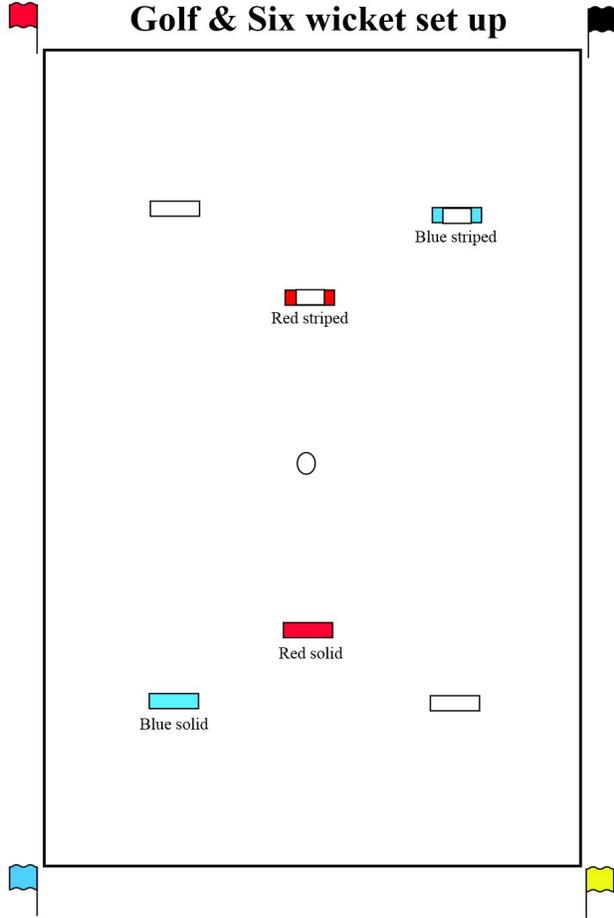
Court Usage

The courts are for club use only including organized play, special club events, and practice by members. Rental of the courts by outside agencies, privately paid lessons, and member's private parties are not allowed.

Use of Food and Drink

Alcohol consumption on the golf course's property is only allowed inside the clubhouse, and not on the playing courts.

Golf & Six wicket set up



Nine wicket set up

