

Hello from the President

The new Board of Management has been appointed for 2024/25.

President: Sue Allen

Vice-President: John MacDougall

Secretary: Heather Cowden-Tonkes

Bowls: Lesley Carey

Croquet: Helen Kotz

Site Internal: Bruce Cottle

Site External: Henry Timmers assisted by Rob Christiansen

Marketing/Website: Roger Zuener

Tournaments: This will be sub-committee of the Bowls Portfolio

Sponsorship: Barry Allen (External Position)

Social: vacant

A big thank you to all the above members to have agreed to take on these positions.

The Tournament Committee will be looking for bowlers to help with tournaments as the Club will be looking to hold more larger tournaments this coming bowls season (Holdfast Classic, etc), with involvement from more members I am sure we can make them as success. Once the dates are set we will be asking for helpers.

Our new Marketing/Website manager Roger Zuener is keen to update some of our TV technology which has been approved in principle by the BOM. It would certainly be a great initiative to help promote the club for events. An email has been circulated to all members regarding this.

At the AGM the members present voted in favour of raising the membership fees by \$50 as proposed by the previous BOM.

Full Members Fees are now \$231.50 plus Affiliation Fee – Bowls SA of approx \$68.50; Croquet SA Affiliation (not yet confirmed) is \$124.

New full members who play pennants (Bowls or Croquet) will receive 50% discount in their first year.

The final session of bingo was held last Tuesday. Anthony has indicated he would be happy to run occasional "Bingo at the Bay" sessions at our Club as a fundraiser for the Club. Hopefully we can arrange this in the future.

The Board has decided to advertise the Treasurer's position as Greg will be moving on. We wish him well and thank him for his contribution to the club. He will be staying on for 4 weeks with another 4 weeks if required.

The Social Portfolio remains vacant again for another year which is disappointing from my point of view. Previous members of this committee have indeed done more than their share of catering for the club and would like to handover to a new group. If you would like to join a Social Committee and help the club with this, please contact any Board Member. Thank you to the Croquet members who have stepped up of late and provided lovely dinners.

Our Club Greenkeeper Brad Porter has had his contract with the club extended for another year with the right of extension for another year. I am sure all members are happy for Brad to continue his excellent care of our greens.

The Holdfast Bay Council are looking into erecting new lights on A & B greens prior to the next season and planning is progressing. Once this is completed, it is planned to pave or cement a raised deck along the front of the new bifold doors creating an AI fresco area with wine barrels etc. This of course is subject to costing. This is a great concept to promote our Club for Corporate events, birthday parties, etc. We are going need to increase the number of events held in the past as a new revenue stream.

Come along to Social Bowls on Wednesday's and Saturday's – 12noon for 12.30 each week. Support the Club as much as possible during the off-season.

Hope to see you at the Club.

Sue Allen

Club President

