



HOOP POINTS

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Colin Pickering.

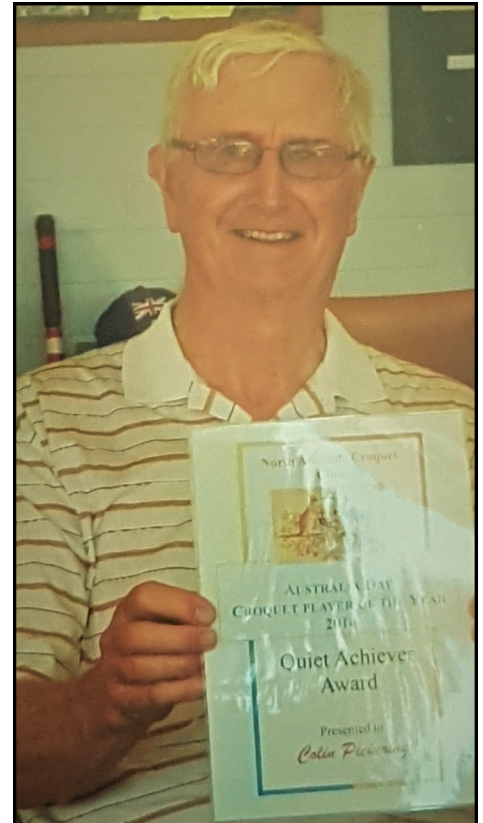
The North Adelaide Croquet Club is mourning the loss of our club member and champion player. Colin passed away on Wednesday 22/9/21 aged 87 years. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife Shuna, also a croquet player, and his family.

He will also be sadly missed by the Croquet Community: members of Fitzroy Croquet Club, North Adelaide CC, the South Australian Croquet Association, National and International Croquet members. He represented Australia more times than anyone else. Not only was he a wonderful player, he was a wonderful coach, an active club member and a wonderful human being. The information about Colin's outstanding achievements was provided by Eileen Ferguson.

Colin was a very modest person. The NACC has many of Colin's medallions and achievements displayed in the club. He donated them to the club long ago. Colin joined the Fitzroy Croquet Club in 1973. He then moved and became a member of the Mt. Barker Croquet Club, and after another move, joined the North Adelaide Croquet Club.

(For more details on Colin's extraordinary croquet career, refer to pages 6&7.)

Kevin Le Poidevin President of the NACC



C.B. SHARP

The annual Association Croquet C.B Sharp event, held over the Labour Day long-weekend on 3rd and 4th of October, was dominated by South Australia's Simon Hockey who won all seven of his matches, including 4 triple peels. Simon, from Jamestown in South Australia is ranked number two Association Croquet player in Australia and number 6 in the world. Dwayne McCormick (ranked 5th in Australia and 19th in the world) was runner-up with 6 wins and three triples. Both players provide a real benchmark for local players.

Other players taking part were David Short (4 wins), Greg Rowberry (4 wins), Barry Jennings (3 wins), Murray Baum (2 wins), Roger Buddle and John Arney (each with one win).

Golf Croquet players may be interested in these players Golf Croquet rankings – Simon is currently ranked 5th in Australia ahead of Barry Jennings, 17th and Dwayne, 32nd.

The C.B. Sharp event is a prestigious event with a long history. It was introduced in 1941 as the SA Gold No. 1 and was retitled to its current name in 1954 when Mrs C.B. Sharp, a member of the Kensington Oval Croquet Club and a foundation member of the South Australian Croquet Association presented a bond of £80 to the Association.

This year's event was managed by the Norwood Club and particular thanks is due to AC Director Roger Buddle who did the majority of the preparatory work including taking entries, scheduling of matches, documentation and even, with Di Helier moving hoop-holes in the days before. James Temlett (AC Refereeing Coordinator and AC Chair of Selectors) provided refereeing support. Jane Lewis provided historic information on the origin of the competition.



Simon Hockey and Dwayne McCormick

Greg Rowberry—AC Captain Norwood



Calling all gateballers

to compete in the 2021 South Australian Doubles Gateball Competition

Dates: Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 Nov 2021

Sunday play may be required. There may be a team event on Sunday if there are sufficient players for 2 or more teams and a referee and recorder. Teams will be selected by random draw.

Times: Practice from 8:00am

Competition from 9:00am

Match Format: The details will be decided when the number of entries is known. Matches will be of 30 minutes duration in accordance with the Rules of Gateball.

Venue: SACA Hutt Road, Adelaide.

Entry Fee: \$15 per person.

Entries Close: Friday 19 November 2021

Entries to: Croquet SA website Gateball – Croquet SA You will be asked to state names and ACA ID of players, whether you wish to play in the team event (if held), and phone number and email address for contact and invoicing.

Event Manager: Geoff Crook

Tel: 0444 549 976

E-mail: gateball@sacroquet.com.au



Last year's winning team, Barry Jennings and Karen Magee, being presented with the trophy by Graeme Thomas

2021 5+ Individual Doubles Golf Croquet Tournament

This competition was held at SACA on Tuesday 14th September. It was an excellent competition which was very evenly competed, with good sportsmanship.

Five teams competed; **Russell Agardi - Geoff Creek, Robert Hamshere - Peter Woodward, Paul Wahlstedt - Colin Broom, John Blight - Peter Willis** and **Barbara Bertram - Ann Millhouse.**

In the end 2 teams had 3 wins, 1 had 2 wins and 2 teams had 1 win. The split left **Robert Hamshere - Peter Woodward** as winners and runners up were **Colin Broom - Paul Wahlstedt.**



Thanks to **North Adelaide** for managing the event and in particular; **David, William, Jim, Norma and Kevin.** Thanks to **Barry Jennings** for refereeing. Congratulations to the winners and to all participants for a great day.

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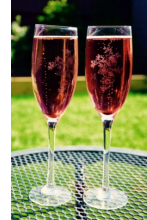


NACC Internal Winter Competition

The SACA Winter Pennant competition was cancelled due to a lack of entries so we decided to run an internal competition at our club. The format was kept the same as SACA's with a 5+ draw and a 9+ draw. There were 12 players in each level, with a group of Reserves who we used regularly. There was a very high level of play over the program and lots of fun and laughter over drinks after play had finished. I would like to say a very special thanks to everyone for participating and to **Kevin and David Stumm** for officiating. **Mary Abbott, Monika Curtis, Robin Golding, Dee Marsh, Eleanor Barnard, Ann Gill and Janice Lis** were lifesavers on occasions when we needed a reserve to fill in. Thanks also to our Barmen, **Dan and Peter**, for opening up for the much needed refreshments after a hard afternoon of play!



The eventual winners were not known until after play had concluded on Sunday 12/9/21 so it was a very close competition. **Congratulations to Barry Elsey, Peter Swalling and Chris Dalzell** who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the 5+ group and to **Sandra Rawlings, Tina Nikou and Gai Tout** who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the 9+ group.



Sue Le Poidevin

THELMA ROACH CELEBRATES 25 YEARS AT THE KADINA CROQUET CLUB

Thursday 7th Oct was a very special day for 93 year old Life Member Thelma Roach and 44 members of the KCC. Thelma joined the club in 1996 and has been a beloved central figure for 25years. Soon after joining, she put her hand up to be Secretary. She and her late husband Marshall did a lot of work around the club in their early days.

Thelma has the patience of a saint when it comes to teaching Association Croquet and croquet in general and she has helped and guided literally dozens of our members over the years. Thelma played in the AC Pennant team for many years and after retiring from competition, continued playing socially till the age of 90, not a bad innings

During the SA Masters Games and on Gala Days and other special occasions Thelma has provided, the club with beautiful roses from her garden Thelma is also a very generous donator of prizes for club events and raffles.

The depth of the vast experience of Thelma and our other retired Life Members cannot be understated and we are lucky to have these sage elders in our midst. Some of her 'old' playing friends from the Moonta CC and Wallaroo CC joined in the celebrations. It was lovely hearing these ladies laughing and reminiscing about past croquet matches and events.

The club has been built on the hard work and dedication of past volunteers and players. It was a delight to see two of Thelma's great grandchildren cuddling into her as she cut her Silver Anniversary cake, a great family lady still full of life, generosity and love for the game of croquet. Congratulations Thelma on reaching this milestone and whatever you're taking, we all want some of it!!

Linda Kinch, Kadina Croquet Club

Thelma is pictured here, seated without a mallet.



Spring Handicap Singles 2021

This event was held on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th of October at the Hutt Road Courts.

There was a lively group of six competitors using the handicap bonus stroke system. The range of handicaps of the participants was 9 through to -2.

The games were played in good spirits.

A classy range of strokes and jump shots were used by all of the players.

The weather was mild and warm with slight winds blowing up late on Wednesday afternoon.



The eventual winner was Barry Jennings (Hyde Park C.C.) – Hcp -2, often giving away up to 11 strokes to opponents.

The Runner-up was Peter Willis (Victor Harbor C.C.)

Thank you to the Brighton C.C. for managing the event – Ken Nunan and Peter Woodward.

Special thanks to referees Anne Woodhouse, Karen Magee, Ansi Baumanis and Carolyn Cooper who volunteered their time.

Peter Woodward

G.C. Captain Brighton Croquet Club

SA WOMEN'S & MEN'S OPEN SPRING SINGLES 2021

Two solid day's play for both the women and the men. The women played Thursday & Friday (October 14 & 15), with a round robin draw of seven 1 hour games. They then went into a play-off competition with players 1 – 4 competing in the best of 3 games of 1 hour. The players who came in 5 – 8 played a single round robin of 1 hour games. After the two full days (nearly 8 hours of play), the results were: - 1st Karen Magee (Brighton), 2nd Kate Logan (Victor Harbor), 3rd Julianne Jago (South Terrace), 4th Anne Woodhouse (Brighton). Day one for the women was played on lawns that were very wet after more than 25mm of rain, which needed to be "swept" away before play started – on time!

The 10 men endured the same gruelling competition, except no rain. A round robin of 1 hour games, followed by a play-off semi-final between players 1 – 4 in a best of 3 1 hour games, with players 5 – 10 competing in 1 each of an untimed games. The competition started at 8.30am and finished on day two at 4.30pm. Another 8 hours of competition. 1st place, Michael Reidy (Hyde Park), 2nd Barry Haydon (Hyde Park), 3rd Steve Condous (Hyde Park) and 4th Robert Brown (Millswood).

Some facts and figures for those interested and/or thinking about competing in next year's Spring Open Singles.

In the Women's competitions, there were 9 games going to a tie-breaker, with only 7 games uncompleted. For the men, 20 tie-breaker games with only 7 games uncompleted. If you think that mental and physical fatigue are only



words, you should have been out spectating. By the end of the day two in each competition, both mental and physical fatigue were etched on the faces of the players and evident in their movements, only matched by sheer doggedness and determination. The standard of play over the four days was extremely high with some of the higher handicapped players showing improvement and even daring to stand up to the tops.

As always the volunteer referees were committed and un-wavering and they cannot be thanked enough.

The team from the managing club Millswood, were, as always, wonderful. Thank you all so much.

Jane Lewis, Event Manager.



Golf Croquet 12+ Singles



Winner Karl Skopal and Runner up Sue Priest

GC OPEN DOUBLES COMPETITION

The SACA Open Doubles for 2021 was held over 2 days, the 9th and 10th October. 12 doubles teams took part in this competition, playing 6 1 hour games on the Saturday and 5 games on the Sunday. The weather was perfect for croquet on Saturday with a reasonable forecast for the Sunday. After 10 rounds of matches, the final positions in the competition were determined in the final round. Congratulations to the winners of the competition Mick Reidy (Hyde Park) and Peter Martyniuk (Hyde Park) and runners-up Julie Grindrod (Aldinga Bay) and Heath Jackson (Hyde Park). Thanks to the members of the Hyde Park Croquet Club for helping to manage this event and to all of the referees who volunteered their time for this event.

Peter Martyniuk



Winners:

Mick Reidy and Peter Martyniuk



RunnersUp:

Julie Grindrod and Heath Jackson



Colin PickeringContinued

Club Achievements

Playing: At club level, Colin was always a regular player and provided assistance and encouragement to club members and aspiring players, which helped to attract members to our North Adelaide club.

Administrative: 2007, 2008, 2009 President of the North Adelaide Club.

State Achievements

Playing: Between 1977 and 2000 Colin:

Won 9 State Singles or Open State Singles Championship titles,

Won the CB Sharp medal (the premier AC gold medal) 4 times,

Represented South Australia 13 times in the Eire Cup team competition, with SA winning the event on all occasions he played,

Won the Victorian Open Singles Championship twice.

Administrative:

SA Selector for 2 years in the mid 1980's

2001 – 2005 Croquet SA Director of Refereeing

Vice President Croquet SA

Croquet SA Director of Golf Croquet. (Colin was instrumental in fostering the growth of Golf Croquet in SA.)



National Achievements

Playing: Colin represented Australia five times in the MacRobertson Shield Competition, held every 4 years between America, United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. He was an Australian team member in 2 Trans-Tasman Competitions,

He also won the Australian Open Singles Championship 3 times as well as being the Australian Doubles Champion and Australian Men's Singles Champion in 1998.

Administrative: He was the Vice President of the Australian Croquet Council (now Croquet Australia) in 1979 and an Australian Selector.

International Achievements

Playing: Selected to represent Aust at the World Croquet Federation World Championships 5 times. He played in numerous invitational events in America and France. At his peak Colin's AC ranking was 12th in the world.

Administrative:

Colin was the Australian delegate to the inaugural meeting of the World Croquet Federation.

Personal

In 2000 Colin Pickering was awarded the Australian Sports Medal.

He is a Croquet SA Life Member.

Colin contributed to croquet, not only with his outstanding playing achievements, but through the other roles that he held throughout his career. His knowledge, encouragement and expertise is very highly regarded and his contribution to the sport both on and off the field is greatly appreciated.

Colin represented Australia in the sport of Croquet more times than any other Australian player over a period of 21 years, from 1979 to 2000. This is a remarkable record especially since he only began playing Croquet in 1973 (age 39), at Fitzroy Croquet Club.

International Competition

MacRobertson Shield Team. Five times. 1997 (vice-capt.) in N.Z. , 1990 in N.Z., 1993 in Aust., 1996 in U.K. (No.1 singles and doubles), 1999 in N.Z., (No.1 Singles and Doubles)

Trans-Tasman Team (Aust. V N.Z.) 1995 in Aust., and 1999 in N.Z.

World Croquet Federation Championships. Five times. 1992 in U.S.A., 1995 in France, 1997 in Aust., 1988 & 1989 in U.K. Reached the last 16 four times and quarter finals once (U.S.A.)

World Ranking: Colin's highest was 12th in the world in 1991 & 14th in the world prior to retirement from international competition in 2000.

Wine Country Invitational World championships. Twelve times between 1986-2000. Medallist twice. Best result 3rd place in 2000

International Invitational Events

1993 France. Celebration of 5th anniversary of the formation of the French Croquet Federation.

1997 & 1998 – resort at the Mountain, Oregon, USA

National Championships

Australian Open Singles Champion 1997, 1998, 1999.

Australian Open Doubles Champion 1998

Australian Men's Singles Champion 1998

State Competitions

Member of SA State Team 13 times between 1978 & 2000. Each time SA won the Eyre Cup which is competed for by the state teams at the national championships.

State Open Singles Champion 1979, 1985, 1995, 1996, 1998.

State Singles Champion 1977, 1979, 1985, 1996.

C.B. Sharp medal winner (Div. 1) 1982, 1997, 1998, 2000

Victorian Open Singles Champion 1989, 1990.

Kevin Le Poidevin President of the NACC

Port Lincoln AC Tournament. Report from R. Buddle

Port Lincoln Croquet Club held its annual tournament from October 15th to 19th and attracted 21 entrants from country and city clubs. The format was three blocks of doubles on day one, followed by three blocks of seven for the singles on the remaining four days. Apart from some wind on the first day, the weather was perfect. Port Lincoln is a very friendly club, and the members made everyone feel welcome. Bendigo Bank sponsored the tournament, and a representative from the bank was present to open the games and present prizes at the end. The club President, Marj Pretty, thanked the bank for their generous support. The club members worked hard in the kitchen, providing morning and afternoon tea and lunches. The club arranged evening meals at two local hotels, which the players and club members well attended.



The winners of Group 1 Doubles were Roger Buddle & Adrian Bishop. The Runners-up were Malcolm Kinch & Sally Harper. The winners of Group 2 Doubles were Judy Lipsett & Margaret Barry. The runners-up were Marj Pretty & Erica Young. The winners of Group 3 Doubles were Linda Kinch & Robert Habner. The runners-up were Trevor Lipsett & Karyn Speed.



There were four players in the Group 1 Singles with four wins – Mary Bishop, Malcolm Kich, Shirley Howlett, and Roger Buddle. Roger Buddle scraped in on hoops with Shirley Howlett runner-up. In Group 2, Garry Speed had an exceptional tournament, winning all his six games and pegging out in five of them. Runner-up was Erica Young with five wins. In Group 3, Rhonda Habner won five games, and Margaret Barry was runner-up, also with five wins, missing out by only three hoops.

At the end of the tournament, a fun competition was held to see who could hit a ball closest to the centre peg. Winners were Di Helier and Lyn Parnell. The club members then provided a delicious barbeque followed by dessert.

SUPERB RULES SESSION

Thursday October 28, 9.30am to 11.30am.

Weather forecast: rain, light hail, thunder and lightning. And so it was!

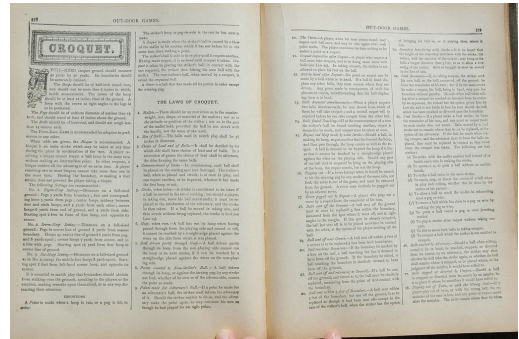
The facilitators, Anne Woodhouse, John Arney and Kim Millhouse initially tried to stick to their program. Nature had other ideas. Rain, thunder and lightning brought everyone back indoors. The whiteboard was overworked – many questions and magnetic ball markers moved up and down, across, back and forwards as various situations were examined.

Weather eased. Everybody out! Overhead thunder and lightning. Everybody in! Eventually, the session time came to an end. Does anyone want to leave? No one! More questions, questions, questions and answers until it was finally time to call it quits. We thanked the facilitators and then the sun came out! So did the players, mallets in hand. You can guess the rest. Millswood Croquet club would like to thank the GC Committee for a superb initiative. Well done SACA.

J. Lewis for MCC.

It was during this session Jane enlightened us with this short poem by John Riches which may help in decision making during a game....

If the players agree,
Don't involve the referee.
If the difference is small,
Let the opponent place the ball.
If it affects future play,
A replay is the only way.



UP COMING AC EVENTS.....

- NOVEMBER 2-3 Alternate Stroke Handicap Doubles. Entries close: 22/10/21
- NOVEMBER 6-7 ACA Bronze Medal. Invitation only from Selectors
- NOV16-18 Lewis Badge 6+ & Maslen Brooch 6+. Entries close: 5/11/21
- NOV 20-21 AC Pennants
- DEC 11-12 AC State Team

UP COMING GC EVENTS.....

- NOVEMBER 7 Victor Harbor Gala Day
- NOVEMBER 13 GC Pennants
- NOV 15 Hyde Park GC Christmas Gala Day
- NOV 27 -28 SACA Gateball. Contact Geoff Crook geoff_crook@hotmail.com

SACA Presentation Day on Saturday, 18th December, 2021.

Croquet SA Presentation Day will be held at the North Adelaide Croquet Club starting at 11am

Following the Presentations you are invited to stay for a BBQ.

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