

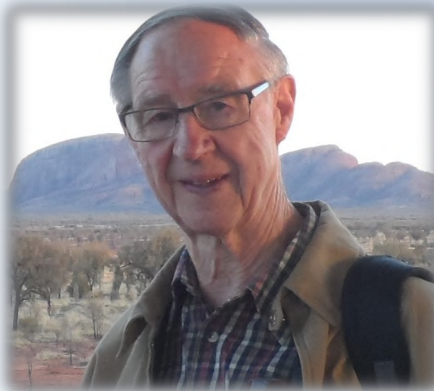
Hoop Points

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The **Tea Tree Gully Croquet Club** is proud to advise that our past President **Mr Peter Rostron**, was awarded an **Australia Day OAM** (Medal in the General Division) for service to the community of Tea Tree Gully in this year's awards.

Peter has worked tirelessly in our community for many years and continues to do work for our club. Thankyou and Congratulations. The extract is for his croquet achievements—**Judy Hayter**



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- Member, Sports and Development Committee SACA 2013-2016

Tea Tree Gully Croquet Club

- President, 2011-2019
- Vice –President, 2010-2011
- Member, Board of Management, since 2010
- Member, since 2005

Follow the link below to read Peter's full citation for the award located on page 95

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- Registrations open for Masters Games
- New players and membership
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The Many Hats of a Croquet Lady

By Beth Young

Cynthia Durbridge is a Life Member SACA and a Life Member Victor Harbor Croquet Club.

As a budding croquet player Cynthia travelled to Brighton Croquet Club weekly for coaching and credits her success and love of the game to the coaching she received from Tom and Jean Armstrong.

On a state administration level Cynthia was the Treasurer at SACA for six years and travelled to Head Quarters on a weekly basis to fulfill the roll—there were no computers or myob bookkeeping back then.

“Cynthia remains active at club level”.....

Prior to serving on the selection committee, Cynthia was a member of the State team for five years (1997—2001) and has great pride in mentioning that SA won the Eire cup in each of those years.

Visiting country clubs to coach, referee or to manage a tournament was something she enjoyed and found rewarding.

Cynthia remains active at club level—as a committee member and the AC Coordinator and maintains a keen interest in the game and croquet happenings in general.

When able Cynthia accompanies the AC Open and Div2 teams to Adelaide to give them support and looks forward to catching up and renewing old friendships made along the way.



Since joining VHCC in 1977—in addition to being a coach, referee or tournament manager—Cynthia has held every administrative position on offer at least once.

Until recently, Cynthia was the Club's delegate to SACA a position she held for 25 years



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Citizen of the Year Australia Day Award

Malcolm and Linda Kinch (Snowtown Croquet Club) have jointly been awarded the 2021 Copper Coast Council 'Citizen of the Year' Award.



This is in recognition of their work with Sing Australia, the KWM (Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta) Band and the Kadina Croquet Club.

Malcolm and Linda emigrated from the UK in 2007 and became Australian citizens in 2013.

They are absolutely 'stoked' to receive this honour and they most certainly feel that they can indeed

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Croquet SA AC

State Team Members



The AC State Team Players are using their last weekend of allocated practice time to play a doubles tournament in lieu of the cancelled Eire Cup. The team would love to see SACA Members coming to watch them slog it out on February 13th and 14th.

The 2021 State Team was to play in Sydney, NSW in March. The SA ACA Bronze medal winner was Dwayne McCormick. The players had been training hard to improve their skills on an individual and team basis. Our Coach Edward Wilson, a highly accomplished player in his own right has brought a new vitality to the long term players and the new "kids on the block".

Harley Watts our highly experienced Captain with 12 years of service to the state team is joined by the other men...
Dwayne McCormick,
Mark Cobalt, (no photo)
David Short
and Mark Senior (NTR)
And the ladies
Di Hellier
Robyn Short
Shirley Howlett
Shirlene McBride
And Tracey Sincott (NTR)



Team Manager
Roger Buddle

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National Coaching Director

SACA Headquarters - Hutt Road

27 February 2021

Golf Croquet

8.00am - 12.00pm

ACA Academy

12.30pm – 2.00 pm

Association

2.30pm - 4.30pm

28 February 2021

Ricochet

1.00pm - 3.00pm

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should be forwarded to:

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The Origin of the “Solomon” Grip

When giving a lesson to a beginner one generally starts with the grip.

Natural Grip—ok how I picked it up....Irish grip—do they play croquet differently in Ireland?.... Solomon grip....what’s a Solomon?. A demo and explanation...both the upper and lower hands grasp the top of the shaft with knuckles forward and thumbs at the back...why is that called a “Solomon?” Generally I just say it is named after the man that invented it and on we go with the lesson.

However, there is a lot more to John Solomon than the inventor of the way to hold a mallet. John had a considerable period of success in competitive tournaments over a period of 25 years - consisting of 48 National and International titles between 1951 and 1974 and he was the President of the Croquet Association. But where did it all start....In John’s words”The usual question I am asked is, "When did you start to play croquet?" - to which I reply, "When I was 15". Whilst this is true in one sense, the real answer comes if, as I sometimes am, I am asked, "How did the Solomon grip come about?" We had a grass tennis court at home which I can only remember being laid out as a croquet lawn, on which we played golf croquet, the only kind we knew. From the age of 5, possibly earlier, I used to amuse myself hitting a ball around. When you are no more than 3 feet tall and you are confronted with a mallet that is as tall as you are, there is really only one way to hold it. Starting at that age, it soon became totally natural for me to swing without even thinking about it.”

I can certainly validate this as both my grandchildren hit a ball around the yard for fun and they have always picked a mallet up in the Solomon grip.

To read more about John Solomon you
can go to.....

[Croquet World Online Magazine | People](#)



You might notice some great new equipment trolleys at SACA.

These were made by Robert Brown from Millswood Croquet Club, maker of the Transformer and Optimum Croquet Mallets

SACA has purchased one and Robert donated two so we would all like to say THANKYOU VERY MUCH for your generosity and support of croquet in our State.

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Golf Croquet Presidents Trophy

Slip, slop, slap and slide was not the main concern on Monday 25th for the GC players at Hutt road. Instead they battled the unusual atmospheric conditions.

In the early morning the lingering smoke from the fires filled the air and lungs of the players, it eventually drifted off leaving the calm before the storm. What started as light steady rain became a deluge. By the end of the day a rather large puddle sat between courts 1 and 2 (luckily the days rounds had been completed by then) and water wings were required to exit the car park.

Tuesday greeted the players with much better weather, the winner of the Presidents Trophy being David Wise and the plate was won by Barry Jennings.

The players that were knocked out enjoyed a Swiss Tournament which won by Mark Senior



The lawns are looking great at Hutt road and the GC players were first to test them out in the singles rounds of the Presidents Trophy.

Due to heat, the doubles component of the Presidents Trophy had to be moved to the weekend of 30th and 31st January.

The winning pair were Karen Magee and Robert Brown

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<https://croquetscores.com> is the online system for tracking players and teams playing in tournaments, all over Australia and the World.



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Or contact: Eileen Ferguson
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[Croquet SA Calender link](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Take the time to participate at one of our wonderful
South Australian Club Hosted Events.**

FEBRUARY 9

Brighton CC Golf Croquet Gala Day

Contact Barry Teague 0408 888 071 jazbaz2010@bigpond.com

28 FEB— 5 MARCH

Victor Harbor Association Tournament

Contact Shirley Howlett 0431 332 194 showlett261@gmail.com

MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26

Millswood CC Golf Croquet Classic Night Tournament

ENTRIES TO jhlewis@optusnet.com.au 0413 582 241 BY FEB 21

15 MARCH

Murray Bridge CC Golf Croquet Gala Day

Contact: Libby Moore 0419515644 Or bronwy43@hotmail.com

7—11 APRIL

Victor Harbor CC Golf Croquet Tournament Doubles and singles

Contact Kate Logan 8554 3356 kate.logan@adam.com.au

3rd—6th MAY

Naracoorte CC Association Croquet Tournament

Forward entries to: Mr E Dunstan, PO Box 326, NARACOORTE SA 5271

Phone 08 87623703 Email: enjordan@bigpond.com

11th—16th MAY

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Doubles played on the 11th Singles played 12th-16th

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Restrictions are still in place.
Bring your own drinking cups and water bottles



Referee Corner



Laws: (Version 7) 27 and 29

Confusion commonly occurs between a “still ball ” (fault) and playing the incorrect ball (error).

1 The striker must declare a still ball. He/she is the ONLY one who knows this, because the Law says the ball must at least “move or shake”.

This ends the turn, is a **fault** and hence the opponent can elect to play the ball from the exact original position where the fault occurred (rectification) or alternately from where the balls lie.

2 Playing an incorrect ball (either of the opponents ball(s), or in doubles, accidentally playing your partner ball) is an **error**, turn also ends, BUT the balls now must be placed back where they were when the error occurred. If a ball could have occupied more than one lawful position at that time it may be placed at the choice of the player who committed the error.

3 The only other issue is if a player plays an incorrect ball (ie opponents elected colours) of the first 4 strokes, the turn ends, the ball is placed anywhere on either bulk line at the **striker's** discretion.

Referees Update for Laws Version 7 Parts 1, 2 & 3 to be held at SACA

TRAINING DATES

Saturday 20th March 5pm—7pm
PART 1—New Laws, V7

Sunday 21st March 10am—12pm
(priority given to country players)
OR

Saturday 27th March 5pm—7pm
(limited to 12 only)

Part 2—

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)

Part 3—

Lawn Craft

Referee Invigilator: James Temlett, Referee coordinator, South Australia

Objective: We plan to focus upon the changes from Laws version 6 to the “New Laws”, version 7

Target audience: All Association Croquet players, who plan to learn the newest and most up to date laws. This is especially important for existing referees, who are required to reaccredit themselves, and is strongly recommended for State Team selected players to be ACA registered referees

ALL existing referees will also need to do the lawn craft questions (but NOT the MCQ's) to accredit a further 3 years.

Please send your

1 Name:

2 ACA Number:

3 Working with children registration no:

4 Registered Club:

If you have not heard from me within a few days, please contact me again

E-Mail: james2temlett@gmail.com

Celebration of the life of ALF SHANTL

By Philip Hadley – SACA Past President

Back in late 2002, Pam Laidlaw a South Australian Croquet Association (SACA) committee member, gave me a call out of the blue, saying that Nancy Whittingham had retired as President of SACA after 5 years service and as no one had put up their hand at the AGM, would I be prepared to take on the role? Now, Pam was not a person to be trifled with, her ute's personal number plate was S H E E - followed by her birth date (I assume inspired by Rumpole's wife in the TV Series – "She who must be obeyed"). So, I accepted.

Very fortunately for me and the Association, Alf had taken on the role of Secretary in 2002 as well. Alf was very instrumental in transforming the management of SACA, from all volunteer Amateurs, to Semi-Professional.

In those days while there was a Committee/Board administering the affairs of the Croquet Association that met monthly, it was the Council of all the Croquet Clubs that had the authority for decisions and expenditure and they only met quarterly. Which meant that when the fridge at SACA HQ gave up the 'will to chill' the week after a Council meeting, the SACA Kitchen would need to wait 11 weeks to obtain the authority to buy a new one.

The Board took the bit between their teeth and bought a new one the following week, despite the threat of incurring the wrath of the Council.

"At meetings when someone requested some improbable information, he would say "I don't have a CRYSTAL BALL".

It was matters like these that inspired Alf to modernize the management of SACA. The SA State Government had become concerned that while major sports had a sufficient flow of income from their members and players to hire professional staff to manage their associations, minor sports didn't. So, when the government introduced Sustainability Grants for management to assist sporting groups like Croquet, Alf was quick off the mark to make an application for SACA.

The result was a boon for the Croquet Association, as they were able to hire Cathy Leske as a part time administrator in March 2005. He warned her on day one that "Never forget you are working in a Sheltered Workshop environment".

It also turned out to be a cunning ploy by Alf, as he was able to orchestrate a change in his position as the Secretary on the Board making it redundant by replacing it with Cathy as Executive Director.

Some of Alf's other innovations include;

- A new SACA Logo which resulted from a competition between Graphic Art students at TAFE.

- The development of a Website. (Using Dreamweaver)

- Photographing all the winners at the annual Presentation Day and posting them on the website.

At meetings when someone requested some improbable information, he would say "I don't have a CRYSTAL BALL".

The committee always enjoyed his *Straight Down the Line Approach* and his *Dry Sense of Humour*.

Alf was also a delightful opponent on the court and as he had a similar playing handicap as myself, we often met playing Pennants at Hutt Road on Saturdays.

We will all miss him.

Congratulations to the following clubs:

South Tce
5 New Members
Glenunga
4 New Members
West Lakes
2 New Members
Millicent
1 New Member
Brighton
1 New Member
Millswood
1 New Member
Victor Harbor
1 New Member
Coobowie
1 New Member

Club Affiliation and Player Registrations

All 35 clubs re affiliated and 928 players were registered and this was 49 less than our total registrations for 2019/20. However, our registration has started an upward trend and at 31/1/21 we have received 16 new registrations.

A new data base system is being built and continually contact with clubs secretaries/presidents has identified some anomalies in registration details which have been rectified. The new data base will enable the board to receive updates reports to use for information required for ACA and to help with sports development in our State.

To assist clubs when running gala days and tournaments a players list has been sent to the secretaries of each club and is updated monthly if new registrations occur.

The list contains: Players name, gender, National ID and their club—to protect privacy, no personal data is available.

Ron McBride Registrations Officer

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