

Hoop Points



Congratulations

At the 2021 ACA, AGM Bernie Pfitzner from Victor Harbor Croquet Club was one of the five new members elected to the ACA Board she joins Mary Marland from the Norwood Croquet Club as the other SA representative.

Croquet SA

Vision – *A thriving sport with a contemporary image.*

Mission – *Croquet SA is a sustainable organisation that;*

- Engages with its members and the broader community;
- Welcomes all people to participate;
- Supports member clubs to achieve their potential;
- Raises the profile of the sport
- Supports the national and international croquet community.



Inside this issue

Our Sporting life

World record day has a great response

New AC HC doubles comp a success

Positions Vacant

Croquet-Its not what you think!

NW Pennant Final

Up-coming events

Two sets of back-up balls (1 Primary and 1 Secondary) have gone missing from the cupboard behind the bar.

These balls were made available if a damaged ball needed to be replaced during penant/tournament play.

It was on the last weekend in March that a ball needed to be replaced and we noticed they had gone missing.

If you know the whereabouts of the balls could you please organise to have them returned—no questions asked.

Greatly appreciated
Shirlene McBride

Carolyn and Michael Shanahan, our sporting life.

Carolyn and Michael were born in the Freeling district and attended Primary schools in Freeling and Daveyston. Carolyn attend Seymour College for her secondary education where she played social sport with fellow students. Carolyn graduated with a Nursing Diploma from the Adelaide Children's Hospital and this is when her romance with Michael begun. Michael attended Rostrevor College where he enjoyed all sporting activities and captained the school's football team in 1953. After completing his Matriculation in 1953 he returned to operate the family farm in partnership with his brother Des and Carolyn went on to become the Matron of the Commonwealth Children's Hostel at Tennyson.

Carolyn and Michael married in 1964 and were fortunate to have a lovely new home built for them on the family farm where Carolyn established an egg laying farm with over 6000 hens.

Michael was a keen footballer and played for Freeling until he retired in 1965. He Captained/Coached the team in 1962-63 and won the premiership in 1962. He also Captain/Coached the Barossa & Light Association football team during 1962—65, which was undefeated during this time. Carolyn started playing golf at Hamley Bridge, then Gawler. They left the farm in 1997 where Carolyn continued with her golf at the Glenelg club as a regular member of the B grade pennant team until 2016. Michael spent the next 40 years traveling in Asia, Europe and North America (Michael flew the Atlantic twice on Concorde—one of those flights accompanied by Carolyn) and serving on numerous large Agri business boards as a non executive director both interstate and in SA.

Carolyn and Michael settled in Linden Park where Carolyn suggested that Michael should enquire about playing croquet at the nearby club, Glenunga. He was greeted by Lyndon Richter the club's coach and old farming friend that had also retired nearby in Myrtle Bank. Michael spent many hours learning association croquet finally achieving the art of "making breaks" which took him into the world of competitions. Michael won the Marryatville Silver Comp and regularly played in the club's B grade team at the end of his AC career he was HC 5. Along came the new game of Golf Croquet which Michael really enjoyed and was selected in the 2010 State Team. Immediately after his selection Michael was hospitalised, requiring a heart pacemaker this was further complicated by a blood clot in his left arm. Continuous physio treatment in Adelaide and the Sunshine Coast enabled him to play in the State Shield Competition. As remarkable as that seems just prior to the State Shield Michael competed in a Singles and Doubles Competition at Noosa winning both events.



Michael played in the State Team in 2011 and 2012. One of his most memorable matches was during the 2012 National titles when he played an epic match against Greg Bury it lasted 2 and 3/4 hours and included a famous jump shot by Greg. Greg played a 6 yard jump shot at hoop 11 then finished one foot in front of hoop 12—Greg won in three sets.

Carolyn started playing golf Croquet in 2004, quickly became a proficient player joining Michael in numerous local and interstate competitions such as the Millswood Carnival and the Horsham Carnival where they won the doubles on one occasion at each. They also enjoyed competing in the National HC Comp at Deniliquin for a number of years. When travelling with Michael to the State Shield Carnivals Carolyn enjoyed competing in the plate competitions.

Carolyn has been a regular team member of the various Glenunga Croquet Club Teams, she is a keen competitor with a steady HC of five.

In the Glenunga Club Competitions, Carolyn won the HC singles in 2011 –12 –14 and 19 and the doubles in 2014 –15 –18.

Michael won the Golf HC single in 2008—09 and the doubles in 2019, he also won the Open Association singles in 2008 –09. In 2013, they won the club's handicap doubles.

From 2012—2019 both Carolyn and Michael played competitively for Hyde Park in their interclub teams.

Apart from this, Carolyn is a key fund organiser within the Glenunga Club. She organises two important Club Dinners annually which usually includes a major raffle—most of the cooking for these functions is handled by Carolyn. Recently she inaugurated a sausage sizzle on Wednesday nights during the summer daylight period, which was highly popular and raised significant funds for the club.

Currently Carolyn shares the coaching duties with Joan Glastonbury and are now busy with two groups of learners.

Michael retired from state competition at 77 years of age but continued to play in club competitions until 2019 as well as this Michael took on the role as Club Coach for many year resigning from that position in 2020.

Carolyn and Michael believe that croquet is a challenging and entertaining sport and despair that more younger people cannot be attracted to the game.

Carolyn and Michael

They Inspired us with their competitive spirit

Early in our croquet careers Carolyn and Michael inspired us with their competitive spirit.

Both highly competitive players we always new when we stepped on to the court to play them in our first SA Open Doubles Competition in 2013 that it would be a fight to the end and indeed they did beat us but we learnt some valuable lessons by observing Michael's tactics which gave them an added edge to their highly accurate skill set. We were the new kids on the block and that game set us up to reach for a higher level of skill in our development journey. The next year, 2014 we did win our match against them. We ended in 2nd they were 3rd place (with only three hoops difference).

One of the most important aspects you learn when playing Carolyn and Michael is that win or loose they never lost sight of the values of good sportsmanship and leadership.

Footnote by Ron and Shirlene McBride



Life is like riding a bicycle, you must keep moving

Albert Einstein



CROQUET WORLD RECORD DAY

Carolyn Cooper from Aldinga Bay Croquet Club had an idea for a day to promote Croquet and possibly create a World Record in 2019. It was not until 2020 when things started to happen with the assistance of Sally Harper (Norwood CC), Karen Magee (Brighton CC), Jane West (Brighton CC) and Norma Greig (North Adelaide CC) came to the group to add the depth we needed to the planning group.



It quickly became apparent that it was a day to include a variety of Mallet sports and not just Croquet. Ricochet and Gateball were demonstrated. Clubs were approached to join in, North Adelaide were incredibly supportive in providing their lawns and facilities. Aldinga Bay, Holdfast Bay as well as North Adelaide catered to all that came along. All events were free to participate, and prizes were awarded for the competitions. Artwork from Pat Welke and a hand-crafted wooden fruit bowl from Brian Lane were amongst the prizes.

The competitions were varied with a list of winners below. Invited guests: Rachael Sanderson MP for Adelaide, David O’Laughlin Mayor of Prospect and Patron of North Adelaide Croquet Club, Deputy Mayor Matt Larwood, and Cr Kristina Barnett were all on hand to watch the World Record attempt.

A big thank you is extended to all the people from a variety of clubs who came along to assist. Most had jobs of managing lawns with competitions, demonstrations and Come ‘n Try. Without this help the 100 or so people who came along would not have enjoyed themselves so much. Special thanks to our photographers and video recorders: Trevor Lapham (NACC), David Kennedy (BCC) and Graeme Thomas (HPCC).

Pictured left—Ansi Baumanis SACA Vice-President presenting Julianne Jago the certificate and prize for the most 21 Yard roquets in 3 minutes.

Winners

10.00am Roqueting 4 Balls – Heath Jackson

and Paul Wahlstedt had to have a playoff; both recoded the same number of roquets. Heath Jackson won the playoff with 33 roquets.

10.00am - 13 Hoops with Lowest Score – Robert Brown with 30 strokes.

11.00am – Longest Hoop – Peter Woodward 9 metres.

11.00am – Longest Jump Shot – Peter Martyniuk 7 metres.

12.00 – Roqueting 4 Balls – Anne Woodhouse with 23 roquets.

1.00pm – World Record 21 Yard Roquets in 3 minutes - Julianne Jago with 11 Roquets.



New AC 12+ Handicap Competition a hit with players



18 of the 20 players. Winning pair on the right, Runners-up on the left.

This is a new competition introduced this year. It proved to be very popular, with 10 couples entering the event, which meant that the courts were occupied for 3 sessions each day for the three days, March 23rd to 25th. Malcolm and Linda Kinch travelled from Kadina to play together and there were pairs from Victor Harbor (Shirley Howlett & Steve Templeton) and a combination from Yankalilla and Victor Harbor (Shirlene McBride & Andy Lang). It was Steve and Andy's first time playing in an event at SACA.

The pairs consisted mostly of a more experienced player coupled with a higher handicapped player, which is a good learning experience for the higher handicapped player. There were some tight games finishing on a draw at the bell and decided by the next hoop made. Outright winners were the Kinches from Kadina who won all 9 games. Runners-up were Shirley Howlett and Steve Templeton with 6 wins and +17 hoops from Barry Jennings and Heather Bajcarz also with 6 wins but +6 hoops.

President Lyn Parnell presented the winners and runners-up with prizes, which she generously donated. The consensus was that it was a very successful tournament, and we will certainly be running it again next year.

GOOGLEGROUPS MAILING LIST

Googlegroups mailing list was established for clubs to advertise their events and for Croquet SA to share relevant information direct to our members.

To join send an email to croquetsa@bigpond.com



ARKABA
HOTEL

A true venue for all occasions. Running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year – THIS show always goes on!

Positions Vacant

Applications are invited for the following Association Croquet positions: -

AC Selector (3 positions) Applications should include relevant experience for the position.

AC State Coach Applications for State Coach should include a proposed training program.

AC State Team Manager Applications should include relevant experience for the position.

Each position is for a two-year term.

Criteria for the position of Selector can be found on the Croquet SA website (www.croquetsa.com.au) under Croquet SA Administration/Management Documents/Duty Statements.

Criteria for the positions of State Coach and State Team Manager can be found on the Croquet SA Website under Croquet SA Administration/Management Documents/By-Laws (Section 26).

Forward applications to: - AC Director acdirector@croquetsa.com.au

Roger Buddle

AC Director Croquet SA

Ph 0409 846 344

Posted March 24, 2021.



Catering for all types of functions and sizes—Call 08 8355 6166|

functions@mediterraneanexcellence.com.au

Croquet: its not what you think

We are very fortunate here in South Australia as we sit in our cocoon and view the ongoing reports of the impact of COVID all over the world.

A message from the CEO of Australia Day Council

“It is my hope that we don’t lose sight of all the good things that came out of last year, how neighbours checked in on one another, how vulnerable people were taken care of, how our homeless people were accommodated, our First Nations communities were supported in the process, that our many diverse Intercultural communities connected in with one another and felt supported and acknowledged. How businesses across many sectors displayed incredible resilience and innovation in order to maintain their businesses and staff. Most importantly where international students, refugees and other vulnerable groups we learnt of communities galvanised around them with food and supplies for the duration. We don’t want to lose our connections to community as we come out the other side.”

With this in mind how can we as a small sporting body encourage growth in the advertising the playing of croquet, increase in membership to our clubs and provide support to the SA community?

SACA took a step in the right direction on the evening of Thursday 1st April when we hosted 60 multicultural young adults between 20 and 30 from a city NFP organization in a croquet experience at a highly reduced rate. Thankyou to our volunteers on the night.

Colleen, Ansi, Fij and Wayne from NCC

Chris, Romaine and Joan for GCC

Colin and Susan from HBCC

Ron and Shirlene from YCC

At 9.30 we had a cool drink, chocolate and a quick de-brief

- * It was a success
- * The visitors enjoyed the experience
- * The volunteers enjoyed the experience
- * Positive outcome for that age group
- * **The experienced changed their ideas of what they thought croquet was**
- * SACA may get other bookings from this for full paying events
- * The visitors were advised to “check-out” their local clubs
- * This age group is into media—this gives us positive free advertising
- * Definitely met parts of our Mission Statement



North Western Croquet Pennant Final



On Wednesday 10th March the North Western Croquet Pennant between Crystal Brook and Port Pirie, played their Grand Final match.

This was between Port Pirie Gold and Port Pirie Blue with Gold emerging the victors 88 Points to 72 Points. The two Crystal Brook teams played off for the minor places with Crystal Brook Red 60 Points defeating Crystal Brook White 36 Points.

To wind up the Season an enjoyable morning was held on St Patrick's day at the Crystal Brook Croquet Club.

In the first photo (left) North Western President, Wilma Hendry presented the Shield and Pennant flag to Port Pirie Captain Pat Norton.

In the second photo (below) is the winning Port Pirie Gold Team, Sandra Arbon, Pat Norton and Barry Hutchinson

Vicki Walters, Secretary Port Pirie Croquet Club.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[SACA Calendar - Croquet SA](#)



Participate at one of our wonderful South Australian Clubs Hosted Events.

7—11 APRIL Victor Harbor CC Golf Croquet Tournament

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

15-18th APRIL 2021 Masters Games hosted by Yorke Peninsula

Registrations closed 28th March

27th APRIL Coromandel Valley CC Golf Croquet Gala Day

Bookings: Kelvin Wright kwright@adam.com.au Phone 8370 7515 or 0421 865 392

3rd—6th MAY Naracoorte CC Association Croquet Tournament

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

Phone 08 87623703 Email: enjordan@bigpond.com

11th—16th MAY Tumby Bay CC Association Croquet Tournament

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

Forward entries to: Garry & Karyn Speed speedgk@bigpond.com

PARKING AT HUTT ROAD

The Adelaide City Council has agreed that Croquet SA members when using Hutt Road car park should display their Croquet SA ID card on the dashboard (Face-up as shown below) if expecting to be parked any length of time that exceeds the current parking restrictions of 5 hours Mon-Fri 8am-6pm. Parking inspectors have been provided with a copy of the card to know what to look for, if you have your card face-down you will be issued with a fine. No exceptions!



Happening's at Hutt Road 1/4/2021

Action was taken to remove the "larger than life" Ant problem by an external service provider.

29/3/2021

Fire Extinguishers and Smoke Alarms were checked and replaced where required

Pending

Application to ACC for a small shed to hold equipment.

COVID 19 4 QR stations

Window above ramp entrance
Front door and Exit door by lounge
Sign in table

All persons entering SACA must sign in if you do not have the app on your phone please do a manual sign at the sign in table

Remember to keep 1.5m apart especially at tables in and outside.
Restrictions are still in place.



Get into Gateball

Contact

Woodville Croquet Club

Hyde Park Croquet Club

CROQUET SA OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
EXEC DIRECTOR HUTT RD
TREASURER
ASSOC CROQUET DIRECTOR
GOLF CROQUET DIRECTOR
SPORT DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
REGISTRATIONS OFFICER
WEB MASTER
ARCHIVIST
EDITOR HOOP POINTS
MEMBER PROTECTION OFFICER
EVENT CALENDAR MANAGER
GRANTS OFFICER
SPONSORSHIP OFFICER

LYN PARNELL
ANSI BAUMANIS
CATHY LESKE
RON MCBRIDE
ROGER BUDDLE
HEATH JACKSON
Vacant
RON MCBRIDE
ALICE MCCORMICK
RON MCBRIDE
SHIRLENE MCBRIDE
ANSI BAUMANIS
PETER MARTYNIUK
KEN MCHUGH
Vacant

president@croquetsa.com.au
vicepresident@croquetsa.com.au
croquetsa@bigpond.com
croquesatre@gmail.com
acdiretor@croquetsa.com.au
gcdiretor@croquetsa.com.au
sportdev@croquetsa.com.au
croquetsareg@gmail.com
website@croquetsa.com.au
history@croquetsa.com.au
hooppointseditor@gmail.com
welfare@croquetsa.com.au
calendar@croquetsa.com.au
sacagrantsofficer@gmail.com

0410 110 764
0421 289 844
8271 6586
0408 457 568
0409 846 344
0456 723 341

0427 259 751

0427 259 750
0421 289 844
0408 277 689
0474 784 039

Croquet SA

South Australian Croquet Assoc Inc
PO Box 7084 Hutt Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Phone/Fax (08) 8271 6586
www.croquetsa.com.au

facebook.com/sacroquet
@sacroquet



SACA COMMITTEES

ASSOCIATION CROQUET Coordinators

Referees James Temlett
Coaching Murray Baum
Events Di Helier
Selection Lyn Parnell
Handicapping Chris Birdsey
Secretary Di Helier

GOLF CROQUET Coordinators

Refereeing John Arney
Events Karen Magee
Coaching Kim Millhouse
Selection Barry Haydon
Handicapping Carolyn Cooper
Secretary Jane West
Scorer Jim Grindrod

0400 740 333
0413 488 053
0409 846 344
0410 110 764
8267 4567
0418 840 740

0404 174 177
0414 318 497
0419 424 184
0427 831 642
0422 837 485



CROQUET AUSTRALIA CONTACTS

Croquet Australia Website www.croquet-australia.com.au
ACA office, PO Box 254, Dickson, ACT 2602: (02) 6257 0880
Administrative Officer, admin@croquet-australia.com.au
See Croquet Australia website for upcoming events
ACA INSURANCE & CLAIMS—JIM SAUNDERS ourjives@bigpond.com