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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.

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.

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An early version of Croquet called Paille-maille ("ball-mallet") was popular across Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries.



South Australian Lady Legend.

Shirley Carr, who is still playing croquet and competing in the occasional country tournament, has had an outstanding history of representing South Australia and Australia.

Shirley began playing croquet in 1980 after a "Life Be In It" campaign in her home town of Tumby Bay. It wasn't long before she was chosen in the South Australian team and remained a member of the team for the next 18 years - as Shirley puts it "I went around Australia 3 times."

During that period Shirley and Creina Dawson (another SA Lady Legend) were doubles partners on many occasions and were greatly feared by their opponents.

SA were very successful in the Eire Cup during this time, and Shirley loves to say that the women carried the men.



she went on to win the Australian Women's Singles in 1990, 1993 and 1997



Shirley's first success in an ACA event was as runner up in 1987, but she went on to win the Australian Women's Singles in 1990, 1993 and 1997, and was runner up a number of other times. Her most memorable victory was in Brisbane against Debbie Cornelius, the leading British woman at the time.

From 2001 to 2011 Shirley had made 17 triple peels.

Shirley represented Australia in Trans Tasman events many times. At this time the event was for women only, the men joined in later. Photos of the Trans Tasman event held in Adelaide are currently on view at Head Office.



Shirley has won many tournaments including the Armstrong, West Lakes Classic, Brighton Women's, One Steel in Whyalla and Cammeray in Sydney (which was the best prize money, about \$1200.)

She has also won numerous country tournaments and only a couple years ago beat a top field to win the Victor Harbor tournament.

In 2000 Shirley was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for her sporting achievements.

Shirley's success is due to her sporting skill, as illustrated by her switching to the Solomon grip (apparently done easily) after wrist problems. She also is a great tactician and hardly ever has to stop and wonder what to do.

In addition to her outstanding playing career Shirley has worked hard at club level. She would have cooked thousands of sponge rolls and other delicious treats. While at Victor Harbor CC she spent many hours working in the club gardens.

By Shirley Howlett





2021 SA MASTERS GAMES

After much planning and consultation with representatives from the Copper Coast Council and Moonta and Kadina Clubs the Masters Games finally arrived. The weather was mostly kind and ideal for playing croquet. With record entries and players travelling from as far away as Mildura and all over SA.

The games started on 15th April. GC players began at Moonta Club while AC players were at Kadina club. On Saturday 17th the players switched venues. With the use of 2 bowling lawns at Moonta a total of 7 lawns were available for use, which enabled the 30 GC and 14 AC entries to be accommodated.

Over the 4 days of competition 126 games of GC and 36 games of AC were played. Well attended dinners were held at both Moonta and Kadina, with the Copper Coast Masters Games committee organising the welcome ceremony, which incorporated the Athletes March, in addition to the farewell dinner.

The Medal presentation ceremony was held at Kadina, with medals being presented by Moonta player and AC State team member Harley Watts and Ansi Baumanis, Vice President, Croquet SA. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals were awarded for each of the 5 GC and 4 AC competitions and the results are listed below. Medals were also awarded to both men, women and doubles pairs for the age groups under 60, 61-75 and 76+.

Many thanks to the players participating and providing exciting croquet and friendly competitiveness and to the volunteers from both Moonta and Kadina clubs for hosting a friendly and well-run tournament. Old friendships were renewed and new ones formed and many players say they look forward to the Tatiara Games in 2022.

Eileen Ferguson

Masters Games Croquet Co-Ordinator

Medal	Event 1 (Red)	Event 2 (Yellow)	Event 3 (Blue)
Gold	Ansi Baumanis (Norwood)	Janis Jenkins (Victor Harbor)	Dean Rodda (Kadina))
Silver	Martin Kennett (Port Lincoln)	Lyn Morgan (Murray Bridge)	Heather Martin (Victor Harbor)
Bronze	Robin Golding (North Adelaide)	Karen Davidson (Mildura)	Valda Buick (Murray Bridge)

GC DOUBLES

Medal	Event 1 (Green)	Event 2 (White)
Gold	Colleen Lane & Ansi Baumanis (Norwood)	Valda Buick & Lyn Morgan (Murray Bridge)
Silver	Karen Davidson (Mildura) & Paul Meaden (Millswood)	Lorraine Powell (Mildura) & Lyle McAvaney (Port Lincoln)
Bronze	Margaret Davies & Marie Smith (Kadina)	Kerryl Kiel & Elizabeth Moore (Murray Bridge)





Medal	Event 1 (Yellow)	Event 2 (Blue)
Gold	Malcolm Kinch (Kadina)	Dianne Paull (Wallaroo)
Silver	Greg Rowberry (Norwood)	Karyn Speed (Tumby Bay)
Bronze	Erica Young (Crystal Brook) Garry Speed (Tumby Bay)	Robert Habner (Tumby Bay)

AC DOUBLES

Medal	Event 1 (White)	Event 2 (Pink)
Gold	John Lydeamore (Kadina) & Barry Hutchinson (Port Pirie)	Suzan Simms (Tumby Bay) & Kathleen Lam- shed (Moonta)
Silver	Greg Rowberry (Norwood) & Erica Young (Crystal Brook)	Joyce Wearn (Wallaroo) & June Marshall (Wallaroo)
Bronze	Malcolm Kinch (Kadina) & Garry Speed (Tumby Bay)	Diane Paull & Jacqueline Riley (Wallaroo)

AC SINGLES

AC Division 4 Singles April 6th—8th

This year we had an unprecedented number of entries. Initially there were 8 entrants which introduced a problem because only 3 days had been allocated for the event. This meant that on one of the 3 days each player would need to play 3 games, which is a heavy commitment at Div 4 level. Players were asked if they could play 3 games in a day, which resulted in one player withdrawing. The others said they would play 3 games in a day. With a bye in each round, it was arranged that 3 men were asked to play 3 games on day one. However, this proved too much for some and there were some very tired players at the end of day 1. Next year, in anticipation, we will allocate 4 days for this event.

Players were Jeff Baker, Judie Cox, Julian Hafner, Jackie Watkins, Kerrie Williams, Peter Woodward and Colin Yeatman. This was the first time entering a major event for several of the players.

The outright winner was Peter Woodward of Brighton CC with 6 out 6 wins. (Pictured back row right)Runner-up was Colin Yeatman of Millswood CC with 4 wins. (Pictured front row right)

Many thanks to Millswood Croquet Club for managing the event.

Roger Buddle



Marryatville Silver Medal April 12th—14th



(The players in the photo are (from L to R): Peter Beatty, Mark Goldsmith, Garry Speed and Stewart Kingsborough).

The 2021 Marryatville Silver Medal started with a beautiful sunny day on the first day, to a cloudy and very windy second day to a mixed third day with two stops for rain, the games were hard fought in the best of spirits. The end was very exciting, as the tournament winner was not decided until the very last game, when Stewart Kingsborough (1st) from Millswood triumphed with a two-hoop win to secure 4 wins overall, closely followed by Garry Speed (2nd) from Tumby Bay and Peter Beatty (3rd) from Hyde Park each with 3 wins. Stewart graciously acknowledged Garry (net hoops +32) as probably the player of the tournament, as he was the only one to peg out (he did that twice) and thrilled with several superb breaks including one of 11 hoops. Stewart (net hoops +15), however, exhibited consistency over all games and was the worthy overall winner.

Roger Harris

NACC – Tournament Manager

Golf Croquet Silver Medal April 17th—19h



North Adelaide Croquet Club managed this year's Silver Medal. Seven people competed. They were Robert Hamshere, Russell Agardi, Colin Broom, Jenny Haydon, Geoff Creek, Peter Woodward and Glen Devison. It was a very even competition with exciting, high standard games. Towards the end there were three outstanding competitors:- Geoff, Russell and Colin. Colin and Russell eventually cleared Geoff and first and second places were decided on hoops.

Colin (pictured centre back) was the winner with Russell (pictured front left) a very close second. Thanks very much to Barry Jennings, Barry Haydon and Anne Woodhouse for their quality refereeing. Thanks also to North Adelaide for making sure that everything ran smoothly.

PENOLA CROQUET CLUB hosted the South East Region Coaching as the SA AC Coaching Task Force starts the roll-out of the ACA Coaches Training in our country areas.

Day One was re-accreditation and accreditation for Level 1 AC coaches, Day Two was Level one players coaching and mentoring for Level 1 coaches. Day three was Level 2 player coaching and day four was personal coaching by appointment.

Each session was well attended and we would like to congratulate the following Level 1 coaches:

Naracoorte Club—Eugene Dunstan, Ann Barker and Di Arnold. Penola Club—Annie Kilsby. Millicent—Tracie Duldig Players travelled to Penola from Kingston, Border Town, Millicent, Naracoorte and

During the four days players had the chance to learn new skills and techniques, improve on known skills and learn drills to practice in the right way to improve their overall game. From the coaches perspective it was great to see so many enthusiastic players from a picturesque region working so hard to improve a game.

Ron and Shirlene McBride AC Coaching Task Force



AC Player Achievement (Break) Pins

Information about player achievements awards (AKA as Break Pins)

Croquet SA began giving awards for break-making achievements in 2006. These awards were instituted to encourage high handicap players to make breaks in their play rather than adopting "play safe / take no chances tactics".

Pin rewards are earned the first time a particular size break is made in competition and are linked to handicap, i.e. the lower a player's handicap the larger the break that must be made to qualify for a pin. A player may only receive 1 pin for each size break, but if a player on a handicap of 18 first makes a break of 7, a B7 would be awarded, but that player cannot subsequently receive a B5 pin for making a break of 5 at a later time.



These are the pins awarded and the handicap barriers:

- 1 1st time making a break of 5 if the handicap is 18 +
- 2 1st time making a break of 7 if the handicap is 12+
- 3 1st time making a break of 9 if the handicap is 9+
- 4 1st time making a break of 12 if the handicap is 7+
- 5 1st time completing a Triple Peel in competition (no handicap barrier)
- 6 **1**st **time** completing a Sextuple Peel in competition (no handicap barrier)

A player making a break of 7 would receive a B7 pin as would a player making a break of 8, providing other criteria are met.

Other criteria are:

- 1 The player must be a Croquet SA registered player.
- The achievement must be performed during a level play singles competition, the results of which will be used for handicapping purposes, **OR** during a level play doubles competition
- The competition is open to players from other clubs.

 (Gala/Social days and competitions open only to club members do not count.)
- 4 The competition is played on full sized lawns.
- 5 The competition is Level Play (Awards are not given for breaks made during Handicap games).

Players should record breaks made when entering their scores and event managers at SACA and Clubs are requested to advise the AC Coaching Task Force of breaks made during the event, so that Achievement Pins can be issued as appropriate.

Please email the following details to Eileen Ferguson woolley17@outlook.com:

Players name, club, handicap, the type of achievement and name of the competition.

Once verified awards will be sent to the player's club for presentation.

Eileen Ferguson (on behalf AC Coaching Task Force)











UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CLUBS DON'T FORGET TO CONTACT THE HOOP POINTS EDITOR ABOUT YOUR UP AND COMING EVENTS

North Adelaide GC HC Singles 10am start Friday May 7 Contact Kevin 04030836954

Port Lincoln Association Tournament October 15-19 Contact Marj Pretty 0427 823

	JUNE 22 nd – 24 th	M E Hatwell Gold Medal 3+
SACA	JULY 5 th – 8 th	Division 2 Singles 2.5+
	JULY 10 th – 11 th	Selectors' Invitation
its af	AUGUST 2 nd – 5 th	Lewis Badge 6+ & Maslen Brooch 6+
Even	AUGUST 24 th – 26 th	J F Harvey Bronze Medal 14+
ion	SEPTEMBER 4 th – 5 th	President's Trophy
ociat	SEPTEMBER 7 th – 9 th	Division 3 Singles 8+
Ass	OCTOBER 3 rd – 4 th	C B Sharp Gold Medal
Up coming Association Events at SA(OCTOBER 22 nd – 24 th	Open Men's & Women's Singles
COL	NOVEMBER 2 nd – 4 th	Doubles – Hi/Lo Handicap
	NOVEMBER 6 th – 7 th	ACA Bronze Medal

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!



COVID 19—4 QR stations

Window above ramp entrance Front door and Exit door by lounge and 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.

DO NOT be complacent..... Remember to keep 1.5m apart especially at tables in and outside. Restrictions are still in place.

Bring your own drink bottles—you can fill up at the water tap.

If you forget your drink bottle there is water available for sale in the fridge.





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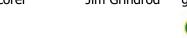
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