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PARKING AT HUTT ROAD

Please welcome Shirlene McBride as a new member on the Board in the role Director of Sport Development.

This position has not been filled for some time and because of this many of the components of Sport Development were maintained by the previous administrator at Hutt Road.

This position is a key element to SA's vision of "a thriving sport with a contemporary image" and Shirlene's enthusiasm in improving the identity of mallet sport in our state, along with her previous work experience will be a great advantage to Croquet SA.

Lyn Parnell - President



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norwood **croquet**

Grandparent's day at Norwood was a success, we had about 30 children from three years of age to teenagers!

In fact, because the parents stayed as well, two generations had a great croquet experience.

A relaxed atmosphere was created with the smell and taste of the sausage sizzle and some (Triple J) music for rhythm.

It was challenging finding the right size mallet, but the children managed one way or another. Might have a bit of a competition next year to add to a successful event.

Thanks to Bob and Julie who initiated the event.

By Sally Harper



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SA's GC State Team..

..will have the Tassie devils and the other states in a spin when they "take-it- to" them in September.

Women

Virginia ARNEY
Julianne JAGO
Kate LOGAN (Captain)
Karen MAGEE
Bernie PFITZNER

Men

John ARNEY
Barry HAYDON (Coach)
Heath JACKSON (VC)
Barry JENNINGS
David WISE
Robert BROWN
Mick REIDY (Manager)

Non-travelling reserves: Norma GREIG





MALLET SPORTS in SA—a different view

The Queen's birthday public holiday Monday 14th June provided an opportunity for 35 intrepid croquet players to try a new mallet sport – Gateball or Ricochet.

Although both games are popular interstate, they aren't played that frequently here – or are we wrong?

The groups were almost evenly split across codes with 17 people trying Gateball and 18 giving Ricochet a go. There were slightly more in the morning perhaps wanting to get in before the bad weather arrived.

After an initial introduction to the rules, everyone was invited to play a game (or in the case of Gateball, four games!)

Ricochet is similar to AC in game duration while Gateball games stop after 30 minutes.



Ricochet players were expertly coached by *Eileen Ferguson* and *Jim Grindrod*, with **Gateball** being overseen by *Geoff Crook* and *Barry Haydon* on one court and *Peter Martyniuk* and *Peter Woodward* on the sec-

All participants were enthusiastic and despite the threat of rain, all sessions were conducted without wet weather gear, and everyone reported enjoying the fun sessions. A big thank you to *Karen Magee* for organizing the event and to each of the coaches who gave their time to introduce **Ricochet** and **Gateball** to new players.

If you missed out and wish to know more about these intriguing games, then you can play

Ricochet at

Brighton on Monday mornings or
Aldinga on Saturdays at 1.30pm.

Gateball at

Hyde Park on Wednesday afternoons,
Woodville on Tuesday nights and
Mount Gambier on Mondays.

Coaching can be provided if required.

Please contact the clubs directly.

Written by Karen Magee / Geoff Crook / Barry Haydon



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HYDE PARK AC INVITATIONAL

Of the eleven players in this event, four were ranked in the top twelve in Australia, which ensured many of the games were of a very high standard. One mistake and it was 'all over red rover'! Play was conducted on three lawns, each with its own individual character and varying speeds, which meant players have to quickly adjust the strength of their shots from one game to the next. Given the time of year, the weather stayed tolerably fine after the first morning and with a little sun on the last day. Not surprisingly the top four ranked players made it into the finals, with Edward Wilson defeating Dwayne McCormick in two games and Simon Hockey needing the best of three to beat Peter Landrebe.

The final looked to be going all Edward's way up until the middle of the second game. From that point, Simon seized his chance and triplepeeled his way to two successive victories. The spectators were all captivated by the ball control demonstrated by these two players. The winner of the Plate was Mark Kobelt, who went through undefeated.

The event included full catering for all the players and officials. The event organisers, Heather Bajcarz, Gary Maher and Philip Hadley, were very pleased with the way this Invitational unfolded and would like to give thanks to all those who helped and especially Jan Madsen – Catering, James Temlett – Refereeing and Edward Wilson - Networking. We hope that next year, with COVID-19 under control, it will be possible to invite more interstate players. - by Phillip Hadley



**Thankyou to
Mark Senior
for the Photos.**

GC Combined 8+ Doubles Competition



The SACA 8+ Combined Doubles was played over two days in somewhat cold weather. Nine pairs from five different clubs played off in a round robin. The winners were Paul Wahlstedt (pictured left) and Colin Broom (picture right) from Holdfast Bay CC by two hoops from runners-up Graeme Thomas and Dougie Francis of Hyde Park CC, six wins each. The managers (VHCC) thank all the players for their cooperation and friendly competition.

Kate Logan for VHCC



GC Autumn 24+ Pennants

North Adelaide Red took out the Autumn 24+ Pennant on the 26th June at Hutt Road.

There were 14 teams of four players whose combined handicap had to be 24 or more. The format is three games of doubles with a time limit of 45 minutes for each game. The Hyde Park Blue team came second.



SA'S ACA GC BRONZE MEDALIST 2021



Congratulations to Barry Jennings from Hyde Park Croquet Club, for winning the Bronze Medal Tournament which was held on Saturday 6th June.

Barry is having a great year as he is also the SA GC Open Men's Champion for 2021 and placed 3rd in Australia in the recent ACA Open Championships.

Barry will now represent SA in the ACA GC Gold Medal tournament to be held in Tasmania in September. *We wish him all the best.*

The Bronze Medal tournament was a demonstration of very good croquet and very hard-fought matches which, apart from one match, all went to three games. It was a pleasure to watch players at the top of their sport in SA. However, it was very disappointing that only three people entered the tournament and only one spectator attended, as it is one of the premier GC tournaments for the year.

That did not, however, detract from the croquet played and we hope for bigger and better next year. *By Anne Woodhouse*

Association Croquet M E Hatwell Gold Medal 3+



The M E Hatwell Gold Medal competition attracted 12 entries, which was very pleasing. The format was two round-robin blocks of six, with playoffs for final placings (1 vs 1, 2 vs 2 etc.). The weather forecast was rather threatening, promising heavy rain on the first day, but luckily it all slipped away to the south and both days remained dry.

The winner of Block 1 was Shirlene McBride with five out of five wins. Shirley Howlett was second with three wins. David Pinnock gave Shirlene a fright in the last game of her block when the scores were level as the bell sounded. David had previously lost one of the end pieces of his mallet so things had not gone so well for him, and then he ran the winning hoop, but from the wrong side! After a few more turns Shirlene finally ran her hoop and won the game 21–20.

The winner of Block 2 was Terry Catling with four wins. Terry travelled from Tumby Bay to play in the event. Di Helier was second with three wins.

Shirlene McBride certainly deserved to win this medal as the only competitor to go through their block undefeated and peg out by almost completing a triplepeel in the final against Terry Catling.

Thanks go to the club members from Hyde Park for helping to manage this event: Heather Bajcarz, Peter Martynuik and Gary Maher and to Roger Buddle for his agility in refereeing three courts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SACA Calendar - Croquet SA

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

Murray Bridge GC Gala Day July 26th Contact Bronwyn 0417 057 001

Brighton Armstrong GC 23rd-26th August Contact Anne 0417 010 048

Port Pirie AC Gala Day September 6th Contact Vicki 0412 400 090

Port Lincoln AC Tournament Oct 15-19 Contact Marj 0427 823 110

AC Level 1 Coach TRAINING & CERTIFICATION DAY

Monday 9th August 10 am—3 pm (Bring your lunch)

SACA Headquarters, Hutt Road

For entry into the Level 1 training day, a potential coach must:

- Have a **Minimum of 12 month's** experience as an Association Croquet player.
- Be **recommended by the Club Coaching Coordinator / Club Captain.**
- Have at least a **basic knowledge of the Laws of Association Croquet** and be able to play all the strokes required for Level 1.
- Be prepared to actively involve him/herself in the general coaching activities of their club; and
- Have completed their **Working with Children Check (WWCC).**

<https://screening.sa.gov.au/types-of-check/new-working-with-children-checks>

Applications to attend should be forwarded to:

Murray Baum

murraybaum@gmail.com

Ph: 0413 488 053

A Golf Croquet Rules Session at Hutt Road

Tuesday 27th July from 10:00 am -2:00 pm

For players who wish to improve their knowledge of the game.

This is an opportunity for players of all levels, whether you are just starting the game or are an old hand, to get an understanding of the rules that control how the game should be played.

The session is run by the referees sub committee using referees who are state players, so they have a player's perspective on the application of the rule.

What do you need to do:

Please let us know you will be attending by email to John Arney at: vjarney@gmail.com

Bring your lunch—Rule books available for \$5

are currently looking for volunteers to fill positions on the Board

Director—Golf Croquet

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Director— Ordinary Board members

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