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Hoop Points

CONGRATULATIONS

James Temlett who is one of six referees in Australia to be appointed as a Senior Referee for National Events and a member of the panel for International events.



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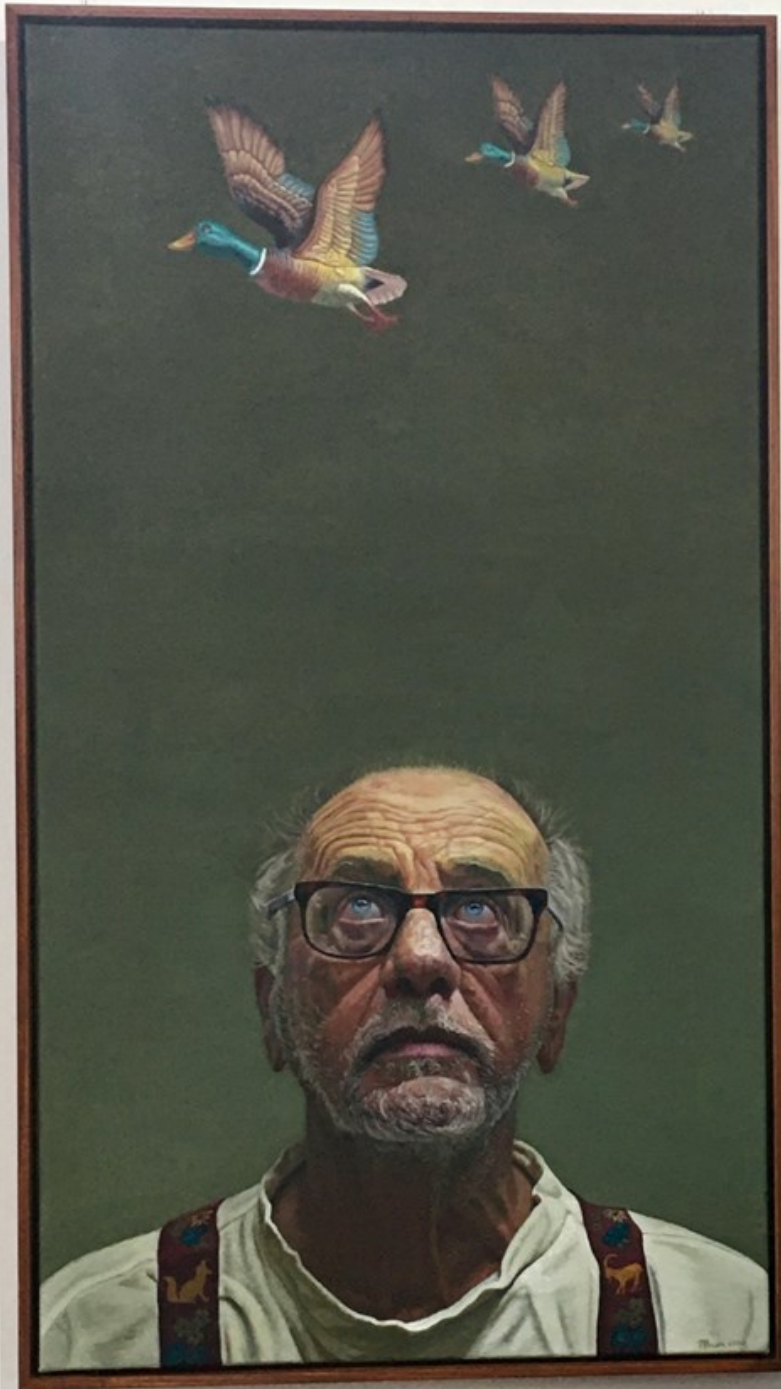
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Portrait of Phil Bateman



Not just a good croquet player and coaching coordinator

Murray Baum is an accomplished portrait painter as well as being the AC Coaching Coordinator. He works from his studio at Central Studios in Kent Town. At the recent Royal South Australian Society of Arts 5th Biennial Portrait Prize Exhibition, he was awarded the \$2,000 second prize and the RSASA Hangers Prize. His winning entry was a portrait of Philip Bateman, *Phil Bateman with Wild Wall Ducks*. The ninety finalists were chosen from hundreds of entries.

Roger Buddle

Portrait of Phil Bateman

by Murry Baum

I've wanted to paint Phil Bateman since I met him at Norwood Croquet Club six years ago.

His sun-weathered skin, his gnarled but somehow soft face, his delicately wrinkled brow all sitting perfectly on a balding but boyishly rounded head, this needed to be painted.

No one else, certainly no other Croquet Club President, dared dress in such an outrageously unconventional, almost feral style. Phil's funky (often previously loved) brightly coloured braces, coordinating beautifully with his oversized maroon trousers and lime green slip-on sandals, immediately captured my painting eye.

On the croquet court, I couldn't overlook his free-flowing gait, his loose flick of hand when he got excited, and his very, very risky tactics as he put together big breaks (especially if he was coming from behind).

This guy was different! A real Wild Duck!

And yet there he was - President of a very, very successful Croquet Club. Norwood, under his Presidency, has become the powerhouse of Association Croquet in South Australia. It also more than holds its own in Golf Croquet.

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As I've come to know Phil, I think I'm beginning to understand his success. He is committed to Norwood Croquet Club. He works hard, puts in the hours, often alone, to make sure the necessary stuff happens. And boy is he tight! He'll work hard yakka all day rather than spend club money.

He's laid back, quietly spoken and unassuming. He's also astute, curious and creative. He not only presents differently, but he also thinks differently. He is constantly seeking surprising solutions to problems that most don't see.

Most importantly, Phil is respectful. He encourages all beginners, respects all players, and deals with people and problems with a rare gentleness. I don't use the word gentleman very often, but it certainly applies to Phil. He quietly and unobtrusively creates space for people to join in - be it in a game, a club activity or a conversation. And so the club is run by many people very successfully.

When I finally got him in my studio and experimented with different poses and ideas that might portray Phil as I know him, he looked up at the ceiling. Phil's eyes were revealed to me in full. Under those usually droopy eyelids were his beautiful, boyish, bloodshot-blue eyes! They screamed to be painted.

When Phil's wife Sally told me that, many years ago, Phil owned the most extensive collection of wall ducks in Adelaide well, the picture just about painted itself.

So this painting is a celebration of Phil Bateman.

We need to treasure our Wild Ducks!

Murray Baum



RECENT GOLF CROQUET EVENTS



Golf Croquet 3+ Singles

We were blessed with cold, clear conditions for the tournament. Nine very enthusiastic players took the field, with handicaps ranging from 3+ up to 10+. Most of the games were won on the 12th or 13th hoop, so despite the range of handicaps, the competition was very close. Anne Woodhouse raced away on Day 1 without dropping a game, but Day 2 was a different story with everyone relaxing into their stride. By the end of the day four people were tied on 4 games behind Anne. Paul Ensor, Paul Wahlstedt, Norma Greig and Anne Millhouse. Unfortunately on the Hoop count Anne Millhouse was the player to miss the Finals playoff.

Day 3 saw Paul Ensor defeat Paul Wahlstedt for first position while it took Norma Greig three 13 hoop games to defeat Anne Woodhouse for third place.

The round robin for the plate saw Kim Millhouse emerge the victor undefeated. I must commend the performances of Peter, Colin and Robert who gave no quarter and made everyone play superbly to defeat them.

Congratulations to all participants and thankyou to the Referees and the Aldinga Bay helpers who made this an enjoyable tourna-

Golf Croquet Handicap Doubles

The SACA Handicap Doubles was played over two days in July with a constant Bureau of Meteorology prediction of very inclement weather. Day one was cold but no rain fell. Five pairs of players competed in a double round robin competition. After the first day 2 teams were within a few net hoops of each other. The winners were decided after the last game on day 2, Barry Jennings and Stephen Condous from Hyde Park CC took out the competition only 4 net hoops ahead of runners-up Cathy Wuttke and Dougie Francis also from Hyde Park CC, both teams had 4 net wins each. The predictions of inclement weather finally happened when rain fell during the last 30 minutes of competition play. The competition was managed by Hyde Park. Our club would like to thank all of the referees who volunteered their time to make sure that the handicap competition ran smoothly and to all of the players for their cooperation and friendly competition.

Peter Martyniuk for HPCC



AC Selectors Invitation

Seven men and six women participated in the AC Selectors Invitation event - David Short, Greg Rowberry, Mark Senior, Roger Buddle, Barry Jennings, David Wise and Ron Mc Bride were invited to play in the men's group - Virginia Arney, Shirlene McBride, Shirley Howlett, Tracey Sincock, Sally Harper and Di Helier made up the women's group. Some nail-biting "golden hoop" moments occurred in both groups. Barry Jennings notched up his first tournament triple peel and continued the excellent form he has displayed all year. It's nice to have David Wise playing in local tournaments. He is usually travelling and playing in overseas events at this time of the year. Mark Senior had to hit a critical full-court roquet to defeat David Short in a very close high standard match. Both Mark and Greg Rowberry were in good form, only losing one game. The winner was Mark, who had a higher hoop point count than Greg, who was runner up.

The women's group had some close matches and 'come from behind' winners. Virginia Arney, absent from competition and tournaments for some time due to injury and surgery, showed good form. It is nice to see her back playing again. Virginia was the winner with Shirley Howlett runner up - Shirley also had a good tournament. If she had won her last match against Sally Harper, she would have been the winner of the women's block - always next year, Shirley !!

Thank you to James Temlett and Jim Curtis. They observed matches in their role as selectors and also donned referee jackets to share umpiring duties.

AC Selection Committee



Shirley Howlett (RU) with Virginia Arney (Winner)



Greg Rowberry (RU) with Mark Senior (Winner)

In search of the (southern) Harvey Shield.

During the early 1950s a Mrs. M. Harvey (a lady who apparently did not play croquet herself but has been described as being a keen observer of the game) decided that she would like to support the game by donating two identical trophies (each in the form of a metal shield on a wooden background) which were to be competed for each year in a series of inter-club association croquet matches. I say two trophies because I know of two (the northern and the southern Harvey Shields), but there may have been more; sadly, it seems that this is just another of those situations where the history of a subject has not been adequately recorded, and there are fewer and fewer people around who know anything at all about it.

The northern Shield (pictured), which now hangs in pride of place in the Norwood CC clubrooms was contested between the Norwood, Albert Park, South Terrace, Woodville, and West Park (the club in the parklands at Fitzroy?) clubs. The southern Shield was (from memory) contested between the Reade Park, Millswood, Hawthorn, and Unley Park clubs (the latter two clubs subsequently amalgamating to form the Hyde Park CC). In the case of the southern Shield, the competition was abandoned in about 2007 when the declining and ageing memberships at some of the clubs involved made it too difficult for them to field teams to contest the trophy. The South Terrace CC was invited to join the southern competition in the last year that it was played, and won the Shield that year.



Each Shield used to be retained for a year by the club that had won it, but it now seems that the southern Shield has gone missing; it is apparently not in the possession of any of the clubs that used to compete for it, nor could it be found at Hutt Road. It would be nice to be able to locate the trophy and to preserve and display it at one of the "southern" clubs as part of the history of the game in this State. If anyone has any knowledge of the current whereabouts of the southern Shield (or possibly its fate!) can they please contact me.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[SACA Calendar - Croquet SA](#)

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

Glenunga GC Gala Day September 6th Contact Yvonne 0427 860 361

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

Brighton GC Gala Day October 12th Contact Barry 0408 888 071

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

Tea Tree Gully GC Gala Day October 20th Contact Aysha 0438 700 956



Croquet SA

are currently looking for volunteers

Director—Golf Croquet Board member

Chair a committee comprising the following Coordinators: Refereeing, Events, Coaching, Selection, Handicapping and a Committee Secretary.

Director— Ordinary Board member

Do you have experience in either business or sports administration ?

We are looking for someone who can add value to our Board in the discussion and decision making process. This position won't necessarily be assigned a specific area of responsibility.

Sponsorship Officer

Organise and manage sponsorship's for all sections of Croquet SA.

Please contact Lyn Parnell for further information about these positions or send your expression of interest to - **president@sacroquet.com.au**



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**

Golf Croquet Development Squad

Roughly every third Friday, health and weather restrictions notwithstanding, a squad of dedicated golf croquet players meet for training. This is the development squad. It was initially developed to train prospective state team members. Today the development purpose has been expanded to provide prospective tournament and pennant players with some improved skills and confidence.

The group of roughly 20 players is made up from members of a wide range of clubs. It is heartening to see that many of the development squad participate in the various tournaments arranged by our GC event coordinator. Training starts at 5.00 pm on Friday night at Hutt Road. We start with a range of drills designed to improve the basic skills of golf croquet. We often include discussions of rules and tactics and usually finish with games where every stroke to be played is discussed before playing. This is done to help players consider all potential options.

The requirements to be included in the development squad is membership of a SACA club. Dedication to improving your game and a willingness to try new and different things.

If you would like to join contact Kim Millhouse at gccoaching@croquetsa.com.au

If your club would like a visit from Kim Millhouse, please contact at the same address. Together we will develop training programs suitable for your skill levels.

Hutt Road—COVID 19

All persons entering SACA must sign in, if you do not have the app on your phone please do a manual sign at the table. Don't forget to sanitize your hands.

We'll have all been missing our weekly does of Vitamin D and comradeship but we must be vigilant and work with the Directive's from SA Health.

Soon we will be back into a weekend competition's and other tournaments.....

On return DO NOT be complacent..... Remember to keep 2 sqm apart especially at tables in and outside. Restrictions are still in place.

Bring your own Cup or Mug for tea & coffee and 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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