

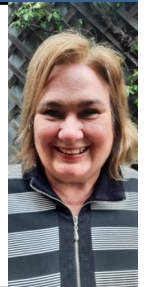


# HOOP POINTS

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Hi my name is Jill Millhouse and I am a Millswood golf croquet player. As the new Editor of Hoop Points, I would like to invite you to send in any stories, photos, reminders and events that would be of interest to the croquet playing community.

It would be great to receive articles from all the hoop sports by the 25th of each month in readiness for the next issue. Please send these to the email address [newsletter@sacroquet.com.au](mailto:newsletter@sacroquet.com.au)



## The Team That Didn't Play



L => R Virginia Arney, Mick Reidy (Manager), Robert Brown, Karen Magee, David Wise, Barry Jennings, Heath Jackson (Vice captain), Barry Haydon (Coach), Julianne Jago, John Arney, Kate Logan (Captain), Bernie Pfitzner, Norma Greig.

The SA 'team that didn't play' met on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August for a mini mixed doubles competition, topped off with a presentation of team members by Lyn Parnell (SACA President) and BBQ break up.

The doubles involved everyone from the squad plus those who had helped the squad during the year with the winners being Julianne Jago & Robert Brown.

Barry Haydon





## AC Division 3 Singles

Five players engrossed themselves in the AC Division 3 Singles in glorious weather on 7 and 8 September 2021. The dew on the courts for the first game at 8.30am each day was a little tricky, but the grass dried out nicely after a while for excellent play.

Three players won three of their four games, so the championship was decided on hoops in the following order: Garry Speed (Tumby Bay), Joan Kelly (Norwood) and Steve Templeton (Victor Harbor). Garry got off to a fast start (26, 22, 26, 11) before falling to Steve in the final game; Joan was steady throughout (22, 11, 26, 20); while Steve took the first game to adjust to conditions then rapidly accelerated (7, 24, 26, 16). The games were played in excellent spirit, and all participants enjoyed the two days of play.



Congratulations to Garry (whose handicap changed from 10 to 9) and Joan.

Roger Buddle



## GC Combined Doubles 20+

Once again the Doubles, Combined 20+ was played in good competitive spirits. South Terrace had a strong showing with 8 of the 14 players. Good on you for being enthusiastic and wanting to improve your games.

The winners were Sara Kendrick and William Chapman of Aldinga Bay CC. Sara is a consistent competitor in this division and always gives her best. Runners-up Margo Ruttley and Marianne Maycock were only a few hoops behind, both pairs with 5 wins.



Kate Logan, event manager for Victor Harbor CC

## Report on Doubles Individual 9+ Competition

Five pairs entered the Doubles 9+ Individual competition held at Hutt Road on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The competition was tight all day as indicated by the fact that 4 of the 10 games were determined by tie breakers. At the end of a very close, enjoyable day of croquet the final winners were Sara Kendrick and William Chapman (Aldinga Bay) from Marjorie Molyneux and Steve Harding (Norwood).

Bob Neil (Norwood)



Winner: Sara Kendrick (with Bob Neil)



Runners Up: Marjorie Molyneux and Steve Harding

## WANT A BIT OF FUN WITH SOME COMPETITIVENESS THROWN IN?

As we all know Croquet is a marvellous game which can be played from childhood through to old age. There is Association with it's all important roqueting, angles, tactics and forward thinking, Golf with its blocking accuracy, making 1 shot do many things and jumping over balls in hoops and then there is Aussie Croquet.

I believe this was introduced primarily for schoolchildren and I must say that they most certainly do enjoy this form of the game. The students we've had in the past have been very varied both in temperament and in natural ability but all have taken great delight in knocking the teachers ball out of the hoop! The vast majority of the youngsters have been competitive and then again there were a few whose body language left us all in no doubt at all that they would rather have been at Macca's. They played Doubles and we chose the partners quite randomly which worked pretty well. We were prewarned that some of the students had poor communication skills and behavioural issues but we ignored all that and just spoke to them one on one and explained the game to them.

One of the main aims of the visits was to give the youngsters an experience of cooperating with each other and discussing tactics with their partner. It's amazing how some of them grasped the concept instantly and with relish, while some others took a bit longer to get the gist of it.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> colours are as usual starting with Blue or Green and everyone has their turn in the correct order. If you hit a ball you get another shot, hit another one, you get another shot etc. but you can only hit each ball once but you can do a 'safety shot' (hitting a ball you've already used) usually at the end of your turn to maybe get a strong opponent out of the way! If you hit the same ball twice in your turn without using them all then that is the end of your turn. The objective is that all 4 balls must go through each hoop but once you and your partner are through then you can proceed to the next hoop, ideally you want to bash the other 2 balls away to give yourselves a bit more time to get through the next hoop. Basically you want to help your partner and thwart the opposition. Jump shots are allowed. We only do 6 hoops then the Peg. The ball is measured in at the start which is along the baulk line A or B and usually you try to get through the hoop straight away. I think I've read somewhere that you can start with the ball placed in the first hoop but that might be for younger children so they don't get too frustrated trying to get through the first hoop as we all know how that feels! The ball is measured in only when it goes out.

The great thing about Aussie is that it is very social and people with different skill levels can be matched together and the weaker player learns from the stronger one. The feed back we had from the teachers was that the experience was hugely positive and some of the students that normally struggled with interaction in general, coped amazingly well and it really improved their self-confidence.

Linda Kinch - Kadina Croquet Club



## Mower Give Away

The South Terrace Croquet Club has been keeping its old croquet lawn mower in storage as a backup mower since outsourcing greenkeeping services several years ago.

The mower is a 30-inch Scott Bonnar electrical cylinder mower with accompanying grass catcher and an extensive heavy duty electric cable.

Due to space pressures in their storage shed, the South Terrace Committee has resolved to give away this mower to any South Australian Croquet Club that may have a need for it.

For further information, contact the South Terrace Club Secretary, Paul Ensor on 0449 019 505



### UP COMING AC EVENTS.....

- OCTOBER 2 – 4 C B Sharp Gold Medal. Entries close: 24/9/21  
OCTOBER 22-24 Open Men`s & Women`s Singles Championship. Entries close: 9/10/21  
NOVEMBER 2-3 Alternate Turn Handicap Doubles. Entries close: 22/10/21  
NOVEMBER 6-7 ACA Bronze Medal. Invitation only from Selectors  
NOV16-18 Lewis Badge 6+ & Maslen Brooch 6+. Entries close: 5/11/21

*\*Submit all entries via the SACA Website\**

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Click on Members` Information/Forms/AC Entry Forms

*The Treasurer will Invoice each player for the entry fee. Please remember to quote the Invoice No. when paying.*

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### UP COMING GC EVENTS.....

- OCTOBER 5 – 6 GC Handicap Singles. Entries closed  
OCTOBER 8 North Adelaide Handicap Singles. Contact Kevin or Sue LePoidevin  
OCTOBER 9 – 10 GC Open Doubles. Entries closed  
OCTOBER 14 -17 SACA Men`s and Women`s Spring Open Championship. Entries close 30<sup>th</sup> September  
OCTOBER 20 SACA 12+ Singles. Entries close 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Tea Tree Gully Gala Day.  
OCTOBER 22 – 23 Brighton Dawson Challenge. Contact Anne Woodhouse SACA [annewoodhouse4@gmail.com](mailto:annewoodhouse4@gmail.com)  
OCTOBER 25 SACA AGM 10.00am  
NOVEMBER 15 Hyde Park GC Christmas Gala Day  
NOV 27 – 28 SACA Gateball. Contact Geoff Crook [geoff\\_crook@hotmail.com](mailto:geoff_crook@hotmail.com)

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