



HOOP POINTS

A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA

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RESULTS FOR ASSOCIATION CROQUET STATE TEAM CROQUET AUSTRALIA GOLD MEDAL AND EIRE CUP 9—20 March, Cairnlea Victoria

Simon Hockey from Jamestown club has won the prestigious Croquet Australia 2016 Gold Medal (Association Croquet) and is the first player ever to win this event three years consecutively. Simon won all 10 games to achieve this result, congratulations Simon, doing SA proud! Simon was also runner-up in the AC Australian Open Men's Singles. Finishing in second place is no disgrace when the winner is current AC World Champion Robert Fletcher! Well played and well done Simon.

Happy South Australian AC State Team players receiving the runner-up trophy in the Eire Cup tournament played at Cairnlea, Victoria. Congratulations! The final results were 1. Victoria, 2. South Australia, 3. Western Australia, 4. NSW, 5. Tasmania, 6. Queensland.



From left: Dwayne McCormick (Captain), Leah O'Neil, Mary Bishop, Virginia Arney, Simon Hockey, Robyn Short, Harley Watts, Greg Fletcher.



Simon Hockey

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Croquet SA is calling for applications from suitably qualified members for the following roles:

AC State team coach for 2016-2017 (see Bylaws 28.3)

The role of the Team Coach is to

Organise and conduct training sessions to prepare Squad/Team members for national competition

Identify where performance needs improvement and implement strategies to facilitate that improvement

Applications should include

Details of the applicant's experience

Reasons as to why the applicant believes they are suitable for the position

A proposed training program

Applications for AC State Coach should be emailed to president@croquetsa.com.au by **COB 22nd April 2016**

Archivist

The archivist is responsible for maintaining the historical records of Croquet SA. A history of Croquet in SA is currently being documented, to be ready for publication during 2017, the centenary of the establishment of the South Australian Croquet Association. Owing to ill health, our current archivist is unable to continue with this project, but her assistant has indicated a willingness to assist the new appointee to bring the project to fruition.

AC Director

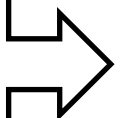
The AC Director shall chair the AC Committee and accept responsibility for the day to day running of Association Croquet in SA.

For further information or to apply for any of the above positions please email president@croquetsa.com.au

2016 AC World Championships

This event is being held in Florida, USA from 16th to 24th April 2016. SA has two players competing in this event **Dwayne McCormick** (Norwood) and **Greg Fletcher** (Hyde Park). Both these players were members of the AC State Team which recently achieved the best result in the Eire Cup competition since 2003. Hopefully their good form will continue into these Championships. Croquet SA wishes both players Good luck, fantastic croquet and fellowship. Aim high and enjoy the moment!

**COUNTRY
WEEK IS
COMING
SEE PAGE 2
FOR
DETAILS**



UPCOMING EVENTS 2016**APRIL**

- 3 GC Norwood CC Twilight 4-8pm Cost \$15 Contact Marlene Roberts 8357 1123 robosall@bigpond.com
 5—7 GC Autumn singles 9+
 8—10 AC Norwood Swiss Singles. Entry fee \$40. Entries close 31 March. Entries to John Arney 8277 2082
 vjarney@gmail.com
 11 GC Brighton Twilight Gala 4-8pm Entry fee \$15 includes BBQ. Contact Ken Davis 8294 4255
 kg.davis45@yahoo.com.au
 14—17 AC/GC SA Masters games. Murray Bridge. Entries to Murray Bridge Council
 15 AC Tea Tree Gully singles day 16+. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
 15—17 GC Autumn Open Singles Women—State team qualifying event. Enter on-line. Entries close 5 April
 16—24 AC WCF World Championship, National Croquet Centre, West Palm Beach, Florida, USA
 23 AC Moonta gala day 9am Entry fee \$15 includes lunch. Contact Judy Elverd 8825 3363 judrops@bigpond.com
 23—28 AC/GC Northern Tasmanian CC Easter Parade event Entry fee \$50 Contact Lee Turner lee-tee@bigpond.com
 21 AC Tea Tree Gully gala day.
 23—25 GC Autumn Open Singles Men—State team qualifying event. Enter on-line. Entries close 13 April
 29 GC North Adelaide handicap singles. Contact Sue Huddy su7eh@hotmail.com

MAY

- 1—5 AC Naracoorte tournament. Singles & doubles. Cost \$40. Contact Eugene Dunstan 8762 3703
 enjdunstan#bigpond.com
 2 GC North Adelaide gala day. 9.30am Entry fee \$15 includes lunch Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891
 su7eh@hotmail.com
 2 GC Kadina gala day. 9.30 for 10am Entry fee \$15 includes lunch. Contact Jenny Lydeamore 8821 4438
 4 AC Glenunga Gala. Entries to Bev Davies owenbev@bigpond.com
 7—15 GC Open Doubles and Singles Championship
 9 GC Victor Harbor gala doubles. Cost \$15 inc. lunch. 10am start. Contact Beth Young 8552 2348
 10 bethyoung@bigpond.com
 12—16 AC Tumbly Bay singles tournament. Entry fee \$40 Entries close 5 May. Contact Kathy Wilkins 8688 1828
 wilkinsrk@bigpond.com
 20 AC Tea Tree Gully singles day 16+. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
 23 GC Mt Barker gala day. Contact Eric Klenke 8391 1808
 27 GC North Adelaide handicap singles. Contact Sue Huddy su7eh@hotmail.com

JUNE

- 17 AC Tea Tree Gully singles day 16+. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
 26 **HAMMER TIME North Adelaide**

JUL

- 3 & 10 **HAMMER TIME North Adelaide**

AUGUST

- 13-14 GC Victor Harbor singles tournament-all handicaps. Cost \$50. Contact Kate Logan 8554 3356

COMPETITION ENTRY FEES—REMINDER

Clubs are now sent an invoice for entries and lawn fees. Clubs are requested to submit entries via the appropriate on-line entry form. For individual and doubles events players are also requested to complete an on-line entry and are encouraged to submit entry fees direct to Croquet SA via bank transfer.

Eileen Ferguson

REMINDER TO ALL PLAYERS & EVENT MANAGERS

A reminder that coaching sessions, club events such as Gala Days and tournaments, as well as Croquet SA events are for **current registered members only**. Players: Please ensure you have your **current** Croquet SA registration card with you when attending these events so that the event coordinators can verify your membership, thank you.

Club event co-ordinators: These events are for current registered members and it is your responsibility to check for current 2016 cards of participants.

COUNTRY WEEK 2016

Country Week 2016 will be held from Saturday 21st to Saturday 28th May inclusive.

The AC competitions will run from Sat 21st to Wed 25th and will involve Singles, Doubles & the Whitelaw Cup. GC competitions will run from Thurs 26th to Saturday 28th and will involve Country Singles, Country Doubles and Country/City Doubles.

An afternoon of coaching and novelty croquet for both disciplines is planned for Wednesday. BBQs will be held on Wed 25th and Sat 28th, incorporating the Prize Presentation ceremony.

For more information contact:

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Association Croquet Sally Harper sportdev@croquetsa.com.au Ph 0400 294 455

Hard copy of Flier and entry form is being distributed to clubs, please see your club secretary if you cannot locate one. It will also be on the website for online entries shortly.

be active.

PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT

Great news from Tumbay Bay CC they now have 8 full members and 12 learners which for a country town of 1800 is amazing. I can remember when they only had 5! It can be done, just ask around and find out what their secret is.

The new quadway hoops are in at SACA, I recently played on them at Cairnlea and easily got used to them – it's like getting a new mallet. However I was surprised seeing them using a sledgehammer and pinch bar when resetting the hoops - ground must be very hard!

Couple of new terms I've heard lately: the bum shot— takeoff, and pass rush—a missed rush when the ball sails away.

Issues discussed at the recent board meeting include:

ACA business and development of their web site , Declaration policy, Honour boards, 4th lawn development, ORS stakeholders survey, Volunteers week, Operations plan, AC world championships, Gateball, Quadway hoops, Sponsorship, GST, Hammer Time.

Board minutes are sent to all clubs and members who subscribe to Google Groups . If you would like to join the mailing list please send an email to info@croquetsa.com.au

Sally Harper

PLANNING IS KEY TO SUCCESSFUL PROMOTIONS

Plan your Hammer Time event now to introduce your local community to croquet in November and apply through Active Club, or your council to support and fund your event!

Contact Cathy if you need help or would like to know more.

ACTIVE CLUB PROGRAM NOW OPEN

The Active Club Program helps active recreation and sports clubs with:
program and equipment (up to \$5,000)
facility upgrade requests up to \$25,000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis.

Closing 11 April

For guidelines and application form go to http://www.ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding/active_club_program

AC COACHING:

AC Achievement pins: Congratulations to Shane Kelly (Salisbury) and Kaye Rostron (Tea Tree Gully) who have both recently earned pins for a break of 5.

Level 1 Coaching achievement: Well done to both Leah and Robert O'Neil (Mount Gambier) who have recently gained accreditation as Level 1 coaches.

Eileen Ferguson

ELITE COACHING SEMINAR featuring Joey Wright Adelaide 36ers Head Coach

Wednesday 13 April: 6pm—8.30pm: Titanium Security Arena (Scout Deck) 44a Crittenden Road, Findon: Cost \$10

Registrations online: http://www.ors.sa.gov.au/sport_and_recreation/coaching_and_officiating/coaching

Registrations close 5 April 2016. Croquet SA will reimburse cost of this—please give your receipt to Barry Haydon on the night.

THANK YOU TO OUR HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our longstanding volunteer and **Croquet SA Life Member Janet Eckert** who has recently retired from the Croquet SA Archivist position. Janet has collected an incredible amount of information over the years about Croquet SA's history and the history of most clubs around SA. Thank you Janet for this incredible legacy and knowledge that you have obtained over the years.

Thank you also to **Stewart Kingsborough** for your work collating all the Croquet SA and club events onto the calendar. We thank you very much for considerable effort that goes into this event calendar which is for the benefit of all members.

Thank you very much to Peter Martynuik from Hyde Park club who has agreed to take over the calendar. Members can send event information to Peter at calendar@croquetsa.com.au or phone 0408 277 689.

Thanks also to **Bernie Pfitzner** for cleaning out and tidying up the shed at Hutt Road and to **Barry Haydon** and his crew who installed the new Quadways on a very hot afternoon.

Cathy Leske

Executive Director, Cathy Leske, recently completed her Diploma of Sport Development. Last week she received her Diploma from the Hon Michael Wright at the Sport SA 2015 Graduation Ceremony. Congratulations, Cathy. Croquet SA is fortunate to have you as part of our Administration Team. Thanks for the great job you do for us.

WEBSITE

Changes for the website should be sent direct to website@croquetsa.com.au . Please be specific and state exactly the changes to be made (eg page, member info, refereeing, etc.) and whether your attachment is to replace what is already on the website or is an addition.

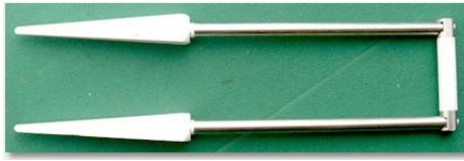
Clubs should regularly monitor the web page that is provided for them and advise of any changes to be made.

CLUB ONE SMALL SPONSORSHIPS

These are considered every one to two months and announced regularly throughout the year. Small sponsorships are to a maximum of \$500 although in special circumstances can be as high as \$600. Access Club One website for further information. www.clubone.net.au



CARE OF QUADWAY HOOPS



You may already know that Croquet SA and several clubs in South Australia have invested in the new Quadway hoops. *The Croquet SA Board has decided that Quadway hoops are now to be used for all Croquet SA competitions and events. We aim to provide members with the most professional equipment possible.*

Quadway hoops are a significant investment and it is important that they are well cared for *and used correctly.*

So here are some do's and don'ts and information for members so that we can all enjoy the use of our new hoops for many years.

- The hoops at Hutt Road have been set to 3 11/16 (=) and should not be altered. They are to be used at this width for all
- competitions.
- If hoops need to be tightened or loosened it is to be done in the old manner, by removing the hoop, and using a screw-driver to move earth in the hole.
- There is only one set of holes (thanks Barry again) at Hutt Road and these should be used at all times.
- The hoops are numbered 1 to 6 and should be placed with the hoop name facing the clubhouse.
- Users should not alter the hoop setting mechanism unless instructed on how to do so.
- Allen keys must remain in the trolley bucket
- When hitting hoops into the ground, NEVER pound on the ends (the adjustment mechanisms). Only hit in the middle of the crown to insert as per the photo below. To straighten the hoops pull in the desired direction while hitting on the middle of the crown.



Thank you to Barry Haydon who managed the purchase and installation of these new hoops at Hutt Road.

SECURITY AT HUTT ROAD—Please look after our biggest asset

It is the responsibility of all users of Hutt Road to ensure that the clubhouse is alarmed and locked when you leave and the shed and gate are both locked.

If you use a key to open the premises you have a responsibility to ensure those remaining when you leave have a key to lock up. It is not pleasant sitting around until someone with a key turns up to secure the premises.

For Saturday pennants the first named team on lawn 2 at 2.30pm should ensure they have a key to lock up. Each club has a key allocated.

AROUND THE CLUBS

VICTOR HARBOR TOURNAMENT 2016

Despite a thunderstorm at the close of play on the first day and some early rain on Day 5, players from the South-East, Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, the South Coast, the Mid-North and the Metropolitan Area enjoyed fine weather playing on first-class lawns during this week-long event. Highlights of the week were the meal at the Grosvenor Hotel and the meal at the club catered for by Victor Harbor club members, which included a quiz and sing-along.

Results VHCC Tournament 2016.

DOUBLES

Group 1

Winners: Alastair Robertson (Norwood) & Stan Zeman (Brighton)
Runners-up: John Arney (Norwood) & Eugene Dunstan (Naracoorte)

Group 2 Winners: Mary Marsland (Norwood) & Liz MacKenzie (Norwood)
Runners-up: Lyn Parnell (Norwood) & Robert Wilkins (Tumby Bay)

Group 3 Winners: Shirley Howlett (Victor Harbor) & Malcolm Kinch (Kadina)
Runners-up: Carole Mulraney (Naracoorte) & Mike Cabot (Tumby Bay)

Group 4 Winners: Linda Kinch (Kadina) & Mark Goldsmith (Norwood)
Runners-up: Lorraine Threadgold (Aldinga) & Joan Kelly (Norwood)

SINGLES

Group 1. Winner Greg Rowberry (Norwood) Runner-up Alan Haywood (Murray Bridge)

Group 2 Winner. Rob Wilkins (Tumby bay) Runner-up Mary Marsland (Norwood)

Group 3 Winner: Malcolm Kinch (Kadina) Runner-up: Tracey Sincock (Corromandel Valley)

Group 4 Winner: Carole Mulraney (Naracoorte) Runner-up: Ross Threadgold (Aldinga Bay)



BOUQUETS...

Members of **Tumby Bay Croquet Club** welcomed Eileen Ferguson to our town and Clubhouse from Friday 12th – Monday 15th February, for four days of tuition, coaching and fun activities to help us to all learn, advance our own games and mostly how to enjoy croquet more, as we all learnt some new skills along the way.

New players to the games of Golf and Aussie Croquet were all a little nervous to be playing their games in front of the President of SACA, but all very soon realised that Eileen was not there to judge anyone but to help us all to manage our own games a little more easily.

Eileen kept the teaching and coaching to an easy level of understanding for all players of all levels to be able to put into practice. We have now also all learnt how to play Pirates, which is a great way of involving many players in a game – great fun!

Players of long standing in our club were also impressed by Eileen's easy attitude to the whole game, and down to earth approach and NO pressure to push anyone into the game.

Players from Port Lincoln also came along to take the opportunity to learn and improve their games as well and went back home feeling better for the experience.

We wish to thank Eileen for taking the time to come and give us all some boosted confidence about what we are trying to do in our club to encourage new players to come and play croquet in beautiful Tumby Bay.

THANKS EILEEN—WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON, COME BACK TO TUMBY BAY WITH YOUR HUSBAND, FOR A HOLIDAY.

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REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 6 months 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016

City \$46.50 County \$32, Juniors under 18 as at 1/7/15 free

Club affiliation fee—\$15 for clubs with less than 40 registered players: \$30 for clubs with more than 40 players

OFFICE HOURS AT HUTT ROAD

The office at Hutt Road is open on Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am—1pm. Phone number is 8271 6586. At other times via email below

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