



HOOP POINTS

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2017 GOLF CROQUET GOLD MEDAL

The 2017 Golf Croquet Gold Medal was played at Croquet SA Headquarters 8-10 of March.

There was a strong field participating, although unfortunately some intended players had to cancel their nominations due to the re-scheduling of the event.

Competition was fierce with some surprise results, all players played to their handicaps or above and regardless of the conditions there were no complaints from the players that they were being pushed beyond their capabilities.

Spectator attendance and support was disappointing. This is an opportunity for club members to observe the best in this state, to learn from them tactics, shots under duress, and to see what shots they play in both attack and defence. By attending these events you may see a situations that you may experience in your pennant matches and see what the top players do to overcome them.

Friday was the day of the finals, semi-finals first, Ron McBride versus Karen Magee, and although Ron was able to conquer in two games, Karen was more than pleased with her effort. The second semi-final Jim Grindrod versus Barry Jennings—Jim surviving to be in the final. The final was an epic, and although Ron won in two straight games, it could have been far different if Jim had not missed a "simple" shot on the 13th. hoop.

Congratulations to Ron McBride our champion for 2017 for his efforts over the three days. To all four players in the finals, congratulations, you all played some brilliant shots, the competition was played in the right frame of mind, with all four congratulating their opponents when a good shot was played.

Thank you to all players for your co-operation under sometimes trying conditions, to the referees Bernie Pfitzner Shirlene McBride and Anne Woodhouse thank you for giving of your time to this important event.

Tony Arthur



COUNTRY WEEK 2017 – Sunday 21st to Sun 28th May

Golf Croquet events will run from Sun 21st to Wednesday 24th May inclusive and Association Croquet will be held from Thursday 25th and conclude on Sunday 28th May. For more information please contact:

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Are you keen and enthusiastic? Can you work as part of a team? If so WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Croquet SA is seeking expressions of interest from players who are keen to be part of a steering committee to organise the *AC Australian Gold Medal, Men's & Women's Singles and the Eire Cup* which will be held in Adelaide in March 2018. Interested players please contact Eileen Ferguson by 30/4/2016. Email president@croquetsa.com.au ph. 8258 9069

be active.

POSITIONS VACANT

Board positions-

Vice President, AC Director, Sport Development Director.

Other ongoing positions: Archivist, GC referee coordinator, AC Event coordinator (see Pg 2), ACA Magazine Correspondent.

Non-ongoing - Croquet SA Centenary Event Organisers.

Delegates needed to represent Jamestown, Port Lincoln, Millicent, Wallaroo and Kadina at Croquet SA AGM (or any special meeting called). Metro members please help our regional clubs have representation. Contact Cathy if you can help.

Note that with the above staff shortages, it is not possible to achieve new initiatives and members should expect reduced programmes.

Please contact any Board member if you are able to offer some support for your sport.

GOLF CROQUET NEWS

2017 GOLF CROQUET SILVER MEDAL

The Golf Croquet SA Silver Medal was held on the 24th and 25th February at Hutt Road in perfect conditions. Although the field was rather select the competitors had the added value of mainly single banked games and referees in charge. Along with the referees in charge there were also 2 referees in training being mentored throughout the tournament, this process has led to SA having really experienced referees.

The structure of the tournament was that players competed in a single round robin of two game matches, 45 minute duration. This type of competition gives each player the opportunity to start at least one game.

As with all tournaments there were a few upsets, Heath Jackson proving to be an early leader, lost a tight game to Sue Huddy on day one. The big hitting Charles had everyone on their toes and did not fail to impress in many games, however the ever steady Norma Greig got the better of him on the 13th Hoop in their second game. The final outcome of this tournament was a win the Heath Jackson from Hyde Park with Charles Seja of Millswood runner-up.

We thank Millswood for running the tournament and for all the referees for donating their time and skills.

Note: Parking with the new 5 hour limit, players and officials put their SACA cards on their car dashboards. The Event Manager notified Croquet SA of the tournament, who then let the Adelaide City Council know of the event, as a consequence none of the Croquet people were fined.



GOLF CROQUET SPECIAL MEETING

Golf Croquet Captains and Handicappers from 13 clubs attended a special meeting on Tuesday 14th March to collect the new Handicap Cards which will be used Australia wide beginning April 3rd. Barry Jennings, the State Handicapper clearly outlined the requirements using a power point presentation developed by Jim Clement (ACA). Clarifying questions were sought and readily answered.

All players are encouraged to collect their new cards from club handicappers as soon as possible as the old green ones will no longer be valid and the new cards are required in order to play all future competitions on or after April 3rd.

The meeting also outlined the requirements to become a GC Referee and the need for at least one to be at each club, preferably more. Anyone interested should contact Bernie Pfitzner of Victor Harbor Croquet Club.

Robert Weaver also spoke about GC Coaching and the new requirements. Many previously qualified referees are no longer qualified and should contact him at Hyde Park Croquet Club. Robert is also looking for some people to work with him on a small sub-committee to further coaching of Golf Croquet in South Australia.

The meeting closed with lively discussion from the floor about the future of Golf Croquet in this state. Notes were taken and the ideas will be discussed at the next GC Committee Meeting. The committee would like to thank all who attended and encourage more ideas to come forward.



GC RULES PRESENTATION

The SACA GC Referee Sub-committee has developed a GC Rules Presentation that is given at clubs, where a game is played and officiated. Club members follow the game around the court so they can see the faults/errors and the Rules being reinforced. This gives visual and actual experience for club members and an opportunity to ask questions. The Presentation normally runs over 2 hours with a final 30 minute coaching session and is free for SACA members—if your club is interested please contact Bernie Pfitzner berniepfitzner@adam.com.au or Robert Weaver gccoaching@croquet.com.au to arrange a time.

2017 GOLF CROQUET UNDER 21 AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FEBRUARY-MARCH (VICTORIA)

Under 21s Australia was represented by Jack Williams, Edward Wilson (SA), Lana Sexton, Charlie Sharpe, Anthony Dask and Jamie Gumbrell. The contest was dominated by the New Zealanders with six making the quarter-final knockout stage. They were joined by Edward Wilson and Nadine El Manoufi (Egypt). Edward Wilson made it through to the semi-final before losing to eventual winner Felix Webby who beat George Coulter in the final. The standard presented by the Under 21s was exceptional and many qualified for the main event. Felix progressed to the semi-finals of the World Championship, an outstanding effort.

Qualifier SA had 4 players in the qualifying round, John & Virginia Arney, Ron McBride and David Wise with Ron and John succeeding in making it through to the main event.

World Championships. There were 80 places in the main event, 26 Australians, five from SA; John Arney, Greg Fletcher, Barry Haydon, Ron McBride & Edward Wilson. Congratulations to Greg Fletcher and Edward Wilson for leading their blocks and qualifying for the knockout & were 2 of the 9 Australians to go through. Unfortunately Greg and Edward went out in the first round and moved into the Bowl event where Greg was the eventual winner - congratulations Greg.

The Egyptians and New Zealanders dominated the quarterfinals with 3 players from each country joining Reg Bamford and remaining Australian Peter Landrebe. U21 winner Felix Webby fell in the semi-finals to Ahmed Nasr in an enthralling 5 game contest while Reg Bamford beat Hamy Erian in the other semi-final in 4 games. The final between Reg Bamford and Ahmed Nasr was an engrossing encounter over 5 games with many amazing shots. Perhaps the shot of the match was a jump shot by Reg from the boundary, over hoop 5, then over his opponent's ball to score hoop 10. Congratulations to Reg Bamford on his triumph. It was an outstanding performance over a week of the toughest croquet imaginable. We in SA can claim some association with Reg after his memorable win at the AC World Championships held in Adelaide in 2012 and being an honorary member at Hyde Park.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT

IT'S ALL GO! GO! GO! AT HOLDFAST BAY

Congratulations to Holdfast Bay Croquet Club who have just completed their first Hammer Time Croquet program. This was held every Wednesday night from November to March with a short break over Christmas. The club has now succeeded in reaching their goal of a whopping 25% increase in membership! For a club which at its lowest point had only 6 members it now boasts 45 members and is continuing to engage with their local community by holding daytime sessions to attract non-workers. What a brilliant example of what can be achieved.

Our Hammer Time Facebook page **now has over 1050 followers, that's more than the whole Croquet SA membership in this state! Isn't it time your club joined the Hammer Time Croquet program** to reap the benefits of:

- More members, which also means more new and enthusiastic people to help keep promoting the club,
- Support for promotion from Croquet SA,
- Significant profit for your club,
- Support and positive relationships with your Council,
- Increased profile in your community.

These are just some of the benefits. Want to know more? Give me a call or send me an email and I will call you.

Cathy Leske

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REMINDER TO ALL CLUBS—FUNDING NOW OPEN

ORS Grant Programs Closing April 10

Active Club Program Round 43 Program and equipment (up to \$5,000) Facilities (up to \$25,000)
Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program
 Minor facility development (requests \$25,000 - \$200,000)
 Major facility development (requests \$200,000 - \$1,000,000)

Check www.ors.sa.gov.au for all details including upcoming Information sessions, guidelines & application forms.

ASSOCIATION CROQUET NEWS

AC STATE TEAM—EIRE CUP, TASMANIA, MARCH 2017—RESULTS

1. Victoria;
2. New South Wales;
3. Queensland;
4. South Australia;
5. Tasmania;
6. Western Australia

AC Achievement Pins:

Congratulations to the following players who have all recently earned Achievement Pins, Wayne Peart (Norwood) B12, Jenny Mitchell (North Adelaide) B9 and Gary Speed (Tumby Bay) B5.

VICTOR HARBOR AC TOURNAMENT 2017

Competitors came from Aldinga Bay, Bordertown, Crystal Brook, Glenunga, Kadina, Millswood, Murray Bridge, Naracoorte, Norwood, Penola, Tea Tree Gully, Tumby Bay and Victor Harbor Clubs. The weather was almost perfect in the mid-twenties although windy on the first two days.

The short game competition was enjoyed by our many visitors, the winner being James Temlett. Many of the games were closely contested with margins of one to four hoops and the Singles winners were not decided until the final games. The visitors enjoyed the social events of the week, highlighted by an evening meal at the Club, catered for by Helena one of our club members.

Local businesses sponsored our tournament.

Results

Singles

Block A	1. Eric Zadow (Murray Bridge)	2. Murray Baum (Norwood)
Block B	1. Liz MacKenzie (Norwood)	2. Di Helier (Glenunga)
Block C	1. Jeff Wheaton (Norwood)	2. Julian Hafner (Norwood)
Block D	1. David Pinnock (Norwood)	2. Linda Stone (Tea Tree Gully)

Doubles

Block A	1. Eric Zadow & Alastair Robertson (Norwood)
	2. James Temlett (Norwood) & Andrew Osborne (Victor Harbor)
Block B	1. Judy Lipsett (Kadina) & Julian Hafner (Norwood)
	2. Annie Kilsby (Penola) & Robert Wilkins (Tumby Bay)
Block C	1. Kathy Wilkins (Tumby Bay) & Malcolm Kinch (Kadina)
	2. Lorraine Smith (Millswood) & Jeff Wheaton (Norwood)
Block D	1. Linda Stone (Tea Tree Gully) & Garry Speed (Tumby Bay)

UPCOMING EVENTS 2017**APRIL**

- 1-6 GC Victor Harbor tournament; doubles April 1-2, singles April 4-6, Entries from Feb 1 to Kate Logan
0402 324 763 kate.logan@adam.com.au
- 3 GC North Adelaide gala Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Lyn Hughes 0413 356 923
lynnh60@yahoo.com.au
- 4-6 GC Autumn singles 9+
- 7-9 AC Norwood Pre-drawn Swiss Singles Entry fee \$40. Contact John Arney 8277 2082
vjarney@gmail.com
- 12-18 AC/GC Launceston Tas St Leonards courts Cost \$30 each event Contact Bob Godfrey bobgodfrey1@gmail.com
0408 419 959
- 21 GC Millswood handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch
Contact Penny Harper 0456 780 273 pharper@senet.com.au
- 21-23 GC Mens SA Championships Online entry Entries close 11 April
- 28-30 GC Womens SA Championships Online entry Entries close 18 April
- 28 GC North Adelaide handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch
Contact Sue Huddy 0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com
- 29 AC Moonta CC doubles gala 9.30am start Cost \$15 pplayer includes lunch
Entries to Barb Hartley 8825 3668 moontacroquet@outlook.com

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- 1 GC Victor Harbor gala start 10am Cost \$15 includes lunch contact Anne Fawkner fawknerkf@dodo.com.au
- 2 GC Norwood gala 10.30 start Cost \$15 includes lunch Contct Marg Allan dmallan@internode.on.net 0403 863 302
- 7-11 AC Naracoorte tournament—doubles and singles Entry fee \$50 Contact Eugene Dunstan 87623703
enjrdunstan@bigpond.com Entries close 29 April
- 8 GC Mount Barker gala 9.30am Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Eric Klenke 8391 1808
- 12 GC Millswood handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch
Contact Penny Harper 0456 780 273 pharper@senet.com.au
- 11-15 AC Tumby Bay Championship singles tournament Entries to Kathy Wilkins 8688 1828
wilkinsrk@bigpond.com
- 21-28 AC/GC Country Week**
- 26 GC North Adelaide handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch
Contact Sue Huddy 0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com
- 30-1June GC Doubles individual 9+

JUNE

- 2-4 GC ACA Bronze Medal
- 9 GC Millswood monthly singles Cost \$6 per session byo lunch Contact Penny Harper
pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
- 13-15 GC Doubles Individual 6+
- 30 GC North Adelaide handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch
Contact Sue Huddy 0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com

PARKING AT SACA HEADQUARTERS HUTT ROAD

Parking restrictions are now in force in the carpark at our Hutt Road facility. This has been put in place by Adel. City Council after our negotiations with them, and in response to many other unknown persons utilizing our carpark on an all day basis, making it very difficult for our own members to have access to the carpark for events.

The restrictions are: Monday to Friday 5 hour parking limit 8am – 6pm. This applies to all users of the carpark including Croquet SA members

For most events during the week, we envisage that 5 hours will be sufficient time for games to be played. In the event of a major tournament, we will advise Adel. City Council and they will take note not to issue parking fines. I will be contacting the ACC next week to ask for a parking inspector to patrol the carpark and the result of this will serve to diminish the other people using the carpark.

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

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.

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 6 months 1 April to 30 September 2017
 City \$48.50 inc GST, County \$29.50 inc GST, Student city \$22.50 inc GST, Student country \$15.00 inc GST,
 Juniors city and country (under 18) free

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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