



HOOP POINTS

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CROQUET AUSTRALIA AC GOLD MEDAL

Winner Simon Hockey (Crystal Brook)

This competition was played from 10th – 12th March at Point Lookout Croquet Club, Maryborough Queensland. Having won SA's ACA Bronze medal competition Simon Hockey was SA's representative in this prestigious event. The Gold Medal is contested by the Bronze Medallists from each of the states and is played as a double round robin. Simon won 8 out of his 10 games, being beaten only by the runner-up, Peter Landrebe (NSW) and he completed 4 triple peels along the way.

Congratulations Simon on your 4th win in this event, having previously completed a hat trick in 2014, 2015 and 2016. This event has been contested since the 1950s and in its long history only 1 player has won the event 5 times and 2 others have won 4 times. With his win this year Simon now joins this elite group players.



Simon (in the red shirt) receiving his award from ACA

AC MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SINGLES 14th -17th March

These events were held at several Brisbane Clubs and 12 South Aussies competed, with mixed results. Dwayne McCormick (Norwood) finished 3rd in the X men's event, Mark Kobelt (Tumby Bay) won the Y event and, after having beaten Mark Senior (Hyde Park) for a place in the Plate final, Murray Baum (Norwood) won that event. Robyn Short (Coobowie) reached the quarter final of the Women's event and Shirlene McBride won the Women's Plate. Congratulations to all competitors.

EIRE CUP - Brisbane March 18th – 22nd March

The SA team competed in the Eire Cup, held at several venues in Brisbane. They played each other State team once, with each match consisting of 4 Mixed doubles games, 8 men's singles and 8 women's singles. A 4th place finish was a creditable result. With the Covid-19 looming the team are to be commended on their determination to see the event to a conclusion and get home as the SA borders were closing.

Back Row L to R: Lyn Parnell (Manager), Shirley Howlett, Murray Baum, Harley Watts (Captain), Dwayne McCormick, Mark Kobelt. Front Row L to R: Mary Marsland (Vice Captain), Shirlene McBride, Robyn Short, Virginia Arney.



SA MEMBER JOINS CROQUET AUSTRALIA BOARD

Congratulations to Geoff Crook (Woodville) who was appointed to the Croquet Australia Board at its AGM on 23 March. Geoff joins another South Australian Mary Marsland who has been reappointed as an ACA Board member.

Well done and thank you to both members for nominating to fill these important positions.

Eileen Ferguson, President Croquet SA

INFORMATION FOR ALL CLUBS AND MEMBERS RE COVID-19

As per the email to members sent on 25 March unfortunately at the current time clubs including Hutt Road must not allow any members to play croquet or congregate at your club either indoors or outdoors. This information was announced by SAPOL and can be found here <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/sa-police-news-assets/traffic/commissioner-stevens-issues-direction-to-close-businesses-and-venues#.XnisENPivD4> .

This is being enforced with heavy fines applicable.

More Information over to next page

INFORMATION FOR ALL CLUBS AND MEMBERS RE COVID-19 Continued

Further to this on 29 March the Federal Govt has advised further restrictions on movement:

- Public gatherings, excluding household members, have been reduced to a maximum of two people.
- Everyone should stay home unless you are: shopping for essentials, receiving medical care, exercising or travelling to work or education.
- People aged over 70, aged over 60 with pre-existing conditions, or Indigenous people aged over 50 should stay home wherever possible for their own protection.

Remember to look after yourself by:

- *Keep practicing high levels of hygiene health* (washing hands often with soap and water, use of sanitizer) *which are widely considered by health experts to be key to disease prevention and management.*
- *Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow*
- *Dispose of tissues promptly and properly*
- *Avoid physical contact (shaking hands)*
- *Practice social distancing by keeping 1.5 m between yourself and others when out*
- *Avoid crowds -stay home unless absolutely necessary*
- *Avoid unnecessary risk - your health and wellbeing is of paramount importance.*
- *Stay active at home and maintain a positive outlook.*
- *Watch out for Covid-19 scams. Like the virus new scamming schemes are springing up all the time*
- ***Maintain contact with family, friends and clubmates via phone, social media, email etc.***

Please take all precautions to avoid the spreading of this deadly virus and seek medical advice if you are concerned about your health and wellbeing. If in any doubt, please err on the side of caution.

Croquet SA is fully aware that this will be a most difficult period to work through, but we will do it together, to ensure we contain the spread of COVID-19 and manage its impact on our community as best as we possibly can.

Information to support clubs and members is being sent as it becomes available. Although Hutt Road is closed Cathy is available by email croquetsa@bigpond.com Monday - Thursday.

NEW ZEALAND OPEN GATEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two SA players from Mount Gambier Croquet Club, Robert and Leah O'Neil, recently participated in the first New Zealand Open Gateball Championships, held at Rose Gardens Croquet Club, Palmerston North.

They played with experienced captain Philip Brown from Kew, Victoria and 2 local NZ players that had not played Gateball before.

And they did us proud, finishing second to the capable and experienced Southport Red team.

In the doubles competition, Philip and Leah repeated their successful pairing from the SA State Doubles competition last year, and were again victorious 16-12 in the final, although it was a close run thing against an enthusiastic and skilled pair of teenagers from the local club.

Reports from the Australian contingent suggest this was a well-run, friendly and enjoyable tournament and one to be added to the future calendar for SA Gateball players.

If you would like to participate in interstate and overseas tournaments, then once we're back to some semblance of normality in SA, you can learn/practice Gateball at Hyde Park, Woodville or Mount Gambier Croquet clubs.

Geoff Crook, Woodville Croquet Club



HAMMER TIME AT NORTH ADELAIDE

Congratulations to North Adelaide club who held a very successful Hammer Time community program during February. Over four consecutive Friday nights, three of which were during the Adelaide Fringe Festival, they attracted 51 people from the following age groups: 7 people under 18, 21 people aged 19-45 and 23 people 46-65 years old. Hammer Time croquet is a program designed to attract people to your club, raising your club's profile in your local community and introducing them to try and enjoy learning croquet while having a fun evening. It also provides an opportunity for the club to fundraise and obtain email addresses in order to keep inviting patrons back to future club activities, which is key to obtaining membership. Clubs are supported by Croquet SA through publicity via social media, local newspaper and website listings.

If you would like to be involved or find out more contact Cathy croquetsa@bigpond.com



GOLF CROQUET SILVER MEDAL

Held in excellent weather from the 13th to 15th March, the competition drew only a small field of competitors. This did however, allow the competition to be played in a two game match, round robin format. The evenness of the competition showed when at the end of round 5 all players were still in contention with only two rounds to play. David Rowe (Hyde Park) managed to break from the pack and win both his matches in the final 2 rounds. Imants Berkis (Norwood) was Runner Up. The event was managed by the Brighton Croquet Club. Thanks to Anne Woodhouse and Karen Magee for the time they put in refereeing the event.



GC AUTUMN 9+ SINGLES

The 9+ Singles Tournament was played over two weeks at Hutt Road (3/3 & 10/3) and was remarkable for the close hard fought games, with hoops hard to score, and most of the games failing to go to 7. The final result came down to the last game.

Susan Dunsby was a clear leader after the first day, having played some flawless croquet shots. However the field drew close on the second day. Chris Cutting finally played some good "catch-up" to finish fourth. Claire Royal put a couple of good games together and Lorraine McIntyre tested everyone, playing well up to and above her handicap.

The last game between Sara Kendrick and Peter Willis would be the ultimate decider and it saw Peter run out the winner with 7 matches to Sara 6, both having lost their penultimate matches. Congratulation to the Winners and to all the players who played in good humour despite the heat. A big Thank You, to the Referees - Karen, Graeme and Anne (So appreciated).



Aldinga Bay (Tournament Managers)

VICTOR HARBOR TOURNAMENT

Singles	Block 1: 1. Greg Rowberry	2. David Wise
	Block 2: 1. Malcolm Kinch	2. Sally Harper
	Block 3: 1. Liz McKenzie	2. Garry Speed
	Block 4: 1. Kathy Wilkins	2. Rhonda Habner

Doubles	Block1: 1. Barbara Hooper & John Arney	2. Mary Marsland & Murray Baum
	Block 2: 1. Judy Lipson & Phil Bateman	2. Lyn Parnell & Malcolm Kinch
	Block 3: 1. Sandy Rodsted & Garry Speed	2. Joan Kelly & Julian Hafner
	Block 4: 1. Tracie Duldig & Robert Habner	

Five players from Snowtown Croquet Club drove south for the Victor Harbor AC Tournament 2020. This croquet tournament runs like clockwork thanks to meticulous attention to detail. Not only is the playing side of things under total control, the ladies of the club are also hell bent on making sure that everyone returns home at least 2 kilos heavier! Each of the 3 lawns has its own shelter containing tea, coffee, milk, hot boiling water, lovely crusty bread, homemade biscuits plus beautiful cold water. What a difference that makes especially when starting at 8.00 am and playing through till lunchtime. Delicious sandwiches and salads, homemade scones, fruit salad and also a bowl of fresh fruit were available and very reasonably priced. The raffle prizes are very good and I should imagine is a good fund raiser for the club. The Club also hosted a meal on Wednesday night and Kathy Wilkins (Tumby Bay) and Anne Kilsby (Penola) joined together to provide super entertainment on the ukulele. The Victor Harbor Club has partnered up with See Optometry for this annual tournament and the club is grateful to them for donating all the prize money. A representative of the company came and gave out the envelopes on the Friday afternoon. Before we bade farewell to Victor Harbor we tucked into a sumptuous afternoon tea which certainly fortified us all for the journey home. A HUGE THANKS to everyone who worked tirelessly before and during the week.



Winners at the Victor Harbor tournament



Snowtown players: Malcolm Kinch, Linda Kinch, Sandy Rodsted, Judy Lipsett, Trevor Lipsett

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 6 months 1 April to 30 September 2020:

City \$85.50 inc GST, Country \$56.25 inc GST, Student (18-25 with ID card) city \$41.25 inc GST, country \$24.75 inc GST, Juniors (under 18 as at 1/7/19) city and country free. Club affiliation \$66 for clubs with < 40 members; \$110 for clubs with 40+ members

For new players who join as the year goes on Secretaries please note that Registration fees are reduced every quarter in January, April and July and are published on the back page of the Hoop Points newsletter. Please use the correct fee when sending in your registration form.

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