



HOOP POINTS

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GOLF CROQUET SA INDIVIDUAL 9+ DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP—7-9 JULY

A small field emerged from a COVID-19 cocoon to contest the event. The first day was cold and overcast but that didn't dampen the competition. Every pair won at least one match and the game was afoot. Kendrick /Martin led on hoop difference only at the end of day 1 but all teams had great moments of croquet to enjoy.

Day 2 saw the sun come out and the race warmed up but the clear leaders by the end of the day were 'The Boys' Kelvin Wright and Rob Hamshire. There was a three way tussle for second place between Kendrick/Martin, Golding/LePoidevin and Williams/Ruttley to play out the last day.

Day 3 (also warm and sunny) and the ladies all won a match and lost a match so that at the end runner-up was decided on a hoop count that saw Golding/LePoidevin get over the line.

I congratulate all participants on their sportsmanship and the friendliness showed to each other (it is truly makes croquet the game it is). I would also like to thank the referees who participated so willingly and offered guidance and encouragement to all.

Aldinga Club—Managers



GOLF CROQUET SA OPEN DOUBLES

This event was played at SACA Hutt Road over three days from 17-19 July. Eleven pairs from 7 clubs competed in the competition. The first two days were a round robin to determine the teams for the finals. The competition



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was won by Karen Magee (Brighton) and Barry Jennings (Hyde Park); runners up were Kim Millhouse (Millswood) and David Darke (Hyde Park). The remaining seven pairs played a split round robin to determine who would play off for the Plate which was won by Robert and Julie Weaver (Hyde Park). The standard of the competition was very high with some amazing shots often changing the balance of a game.

Thanks to Karen Magee for her organization and to all of the players for their friendliness and cooperation.



Kim Millhouse (Millswood) & David Darke (Hyde Park)

GC AUTUMN PENNANTS RESULTS

Autumn Pennants are now finished mid way through winter due to COVID19.

Congratulations to the winning team in each division: Open: Hyde Park Stars 6+ Hyde Park 9+ Brighton

CARE OF CENTRE PEGS - ALL PLAYERS NOTE

New Centre Pegs have been installed recently at SACA and the Board is concerned that they should be kept in a pristine condition for as long as possible. The Centre Peg consists of 2 parts – the actual peg and a much smaller Extension piece.



Centre Peg



Extension

The Centre Peg is being hammered into the ground irrespective of whether the Extension is in place or not. This wedges the Extension into the top of the Centre Peg making it difficult to remove. Eventually the Centre Peg splits around the hole for the Extension and damages the Centre Peg.

Please position the Centre Peg firmly in the ground without the extension in place, then if playing AC the Extension can be added.

The Board has decided that to protect the new pegs AC players need to remove the Extension from the peg at the end of play and place it in the bucket on the trolley for that lawn. As GC do not need to use the Extension there should be no need to remove it from the bucket on each trolley. Thank you all for your co-operation with this matter.

Eileen Ferguson, President, for and on behalf of the Board.

ASSOCIATION CROQUET SELECTORS' INVITATION

The AC Selectors Invitation was held at Hutt Road on the weekend of July 25/26. The event was played as a round robin in two blocks – 6 men and 6 women – Invited players were – **Men** - Mark Senior, Roger Buddle, David Short, Barry Jennings, Greg Rowberry and Ron McBride.

Women – Barbara Hooper, Shirley Howlett, Shirlene McBride, Sally Harper, Tracey Sincok and Di Helier.

The weather was perfect and players were able to enjoy their games in the sun.

In the men's block four players finished with equal wins. These players were Roger Buddle, David Short, Greg Rowberry and Mark Senior. Roger Buddle was declared the winner as he had the highest number of hoops beating David Short by just 3! David was also runner up in the recent AC Division 2 Singles - let's hope in your next event it's third time lucky David!

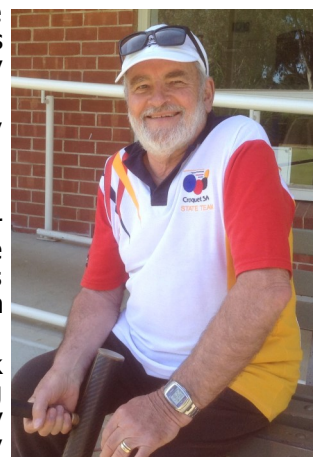


Barbara Hooper

In the women's block Barbara Hooper finished top of the block winning all her games. It was lovely to see Barbara back playing in a competition. Her natural roqueting skills and game strategy were certainly enjoyed by the spectators, (maybe not as much by her opponents!). Barbara represented our state and Captained the AC Croquet team many years ago. Barbara has a wealth of experience and offered encouragement and feedback to players when requested. Shirlene McBride was also in good form only losing only one match to Barbara. Shirley Howlett showed improved form having recently suffered a shoulder injury.

Association croquet is a mentally challenging game and although participants are not big in numbers when compared to other sports the respect and camaraderie displayed between players on and off the court both in competition and club events, is sincere and special and one of many aspects of the game that despite an occasional "poor performance" keeps us coming back for more !!

Lyn Parnell



Roger Buddle

AC STATE COACHING

Newly appointed AC State Coach, Ed Wilson, attended the recent AC Selector's invitation and is seen here videoing players from the AC State Squad in preparation for the training sessions which begin shortly.

Ed has many skills and much knowledge to impart to the squad during training and the players should take this opportunity to learn as much as they can to improve their game.



BEST WISHES SIMON

Simon Hockey recently underwent surgery and will be having a few months away from the game to recover.

The croquet community passes on their best wishes for a speedy recovery Simon and we all look forward to you returning to the game.



ASSOCIATION CROQUET Division 2 Singles

This event was held over three days, July 14 to 16, 2020. We were fortunate to have three sunny winter days although there was heavy fog on the morning of the first day. The event attracted 14 entrants, which was very pleasing. The format was two blocks of seven players, with playoffs on the last day to determine placings. Blocks were seeded on handicap and handicaps ranged from 2.5 to 9.

Winner of Block 1 was David Short and runner-up was Jim Curtis. Winner of Block 2 was Barry Jennings and runner-up was Shirlene McBride. The playoff between the winners of the blocks was won convincingly by Barry Jennings from David Short. Third place was taken by Shirlene McBride, with Jim Curtis fourth. The playoffs for the last six places was rather congested as we had to use third colours in order to fit all the games in.



Barry Jennings

UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

AUGUST

- 4-6 **GC** Doubles combined handicap 8+ @ SACA Hutt Road
10 **GC** Midweek Pennants on Mondays for teams with aggregate h/cap 24+ at SACA Hutt Road
11-13 **AC** Maslen Brooch Women 6+/Lewis Badge Men 6+ Entry fee \$40
Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net
14 **GC** North Adelaide Handicap Singles Cost \$6 for 3 matches Contact Kevin LePoidevin 0403 836 954
kevinlepoidevin@gmail.com
18-20 **GC** 3+ singles Entries to esportsdesk.com Entry fee \$45
25-27 **AC** Harvey Bronze Medal 14+ Entry fee \$40 Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net

SEPTEMBER

- 5-6 **AC** President's Trophy (Invitation event)
7 **GC** Glenunga gala Entry fee \$20 includes lunch Contact yvonnerosevear@hotmail.com 0427 860 361
8/15 **GC** Spring Singles9+ Entries to esportsdesk.com
10/17 **GC** Spring singles 5+ Entries to esportsdesk.com
22-24 **AC** M E Hatwell Gold Medal 3+ Entry fee \$40 Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net
29-1 Oct **GC** U21 Championships

OCTOBER

- 2 **GC** North Adelaide Handicap Singles Cost \$6 for 3 matches Contact Kevin LePoidevin 0403 836 954
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3-5 **AC** C B Sharp Gold Medal (Open) Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net
6-13 **GC** Doubles combined 20+ Entries to esportsdesk.com
8-11 **GC** SA Gold Medal handicap Open Entries to esportsdesk.com
16-18 **AC** Open Mens Singles Entry fee \$40 Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net
16-18 **AC** Open Womens Singles Entry fee \$40 Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net
20-22 **GC** SA Bronze Medal handicap 9+ Entries to esportsdesk.com
24-25 **AC** ACA Bronze Medal (Invitation event)
28-1 Nov **GC** Spring Open Singles Men and Women Entries to esportsdesk.com

2021 MASTERS GAMES 15-18 April

hosted by Yorke Peninsula Copper Coast. Website Copper Coast Information Centre 8821 2333 or
visit@coppercoast.sa.gov.au

WCF delays 2020-2023 events by one year.

Schedule update <https://worldcroquet.org/index.php/latest-news/413-10-year-championship-schedule-update>

COVID-19 ball cleaning

Please clean the balls after play with warm soapy water—sanitiser results in discolouration. Alcohol wipes are provided for timers, laptop keyboard and mouse at Hutt Road.

SACA LAWNS: Players are reminded to use the ramps and steps with handrails provided when exiting the lawns—especially in wet weather—please avoid stepping on the sleeper surrounds which can become slippery when wet.

POSITIONS VACANT—CAN YOU HELP BE PART OF THE SOLUTION?

Board positions vacant: **AC Director, Director Sport Development**
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be active.

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 3 months 1 July to 30 September 2020:

City \$28.50 inc GST, Country \$18.75 inc GST, Student (18-25 with ID card) city \$13.75 inc GST, country \$8.25 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.

Thank you.

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