

HOOP POINTS

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SA CROQUET ASSOCIATION 2019 PRESENTATION DAY

The annual presentation of medals and trophies for both Association and Golf Croquet will take place on SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT HUTT ROAD at 11am. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME! Please bring a plate of food for a shared lunch.

WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBER

Croquet SA Board welcomes Ansi Baumanis who has agreed to fill the position of Vice President. Thank you Ansi for volunteering to fill this role, we look forward to working with you. Croquet SA Board

ALDINGA BAY CROQUET CLUB LAWN DEDICATION TO DEAN AND NANCY PATERSON

On Wednesday 6th November 2019 Aldinga Bay Croquet Club paid homage to its founding members. It was a privilege to join club members and other guests for the dedication ceremony and lunch to honour foundation members Dean & Nancy Paterson. The club has named the number one lawn "the Paterson Court" in recognition of the tireless efforts of Dean and Nancy since the club was founded almost 20 years ago. Croquet SA would also like to acknowledge Dean's contribution to croquet as a State representative player, State Coach, L2 coach and referee.



Eileen Ferguson President

MILLICENT CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

Millicent has celebrated this milestone with a gala day attended by members from Penola, Naracoorte and Mt Gambier. AC and Aussie competitions were held, with Allan Johnston from Millicent winning the Aussie and Lesley Hunter from Penola winning the AC comp. The cake was baked by Ruth Stratford and iced by Andy Crawford. It was ceremoniously cut by former player and Millicent Life Member Mona Kent, who has been playing croquet for 50 years.

Brenda Trotter



Life Member Mona Kent cuts the cake with Tracey Duldig

AC BRONZE MEDAL

This invitation event for players based on their state rankings was held at Hutt Road. The 8 players who competed were Simon Hockey, Dwayne McCormick, Mark Kobelt, Roger Buddle, Mark Senior, Murray Baum, Greg Rowberry and John Arney. Matches were untimed with three played on Saturday and four on Sunday. Simon Hockey (who was married in September) has been enjoying a break from the game but returned in top form – he is still ranked No 1 in Australia and won all his seven matches - 6 with triple peels !! - he conceded just two hoops in his seven matches !! Simon will now represent South Australia in the AC Gold Medal event in Brisbane in March 2020. Second was Dwayne McCormick and Mark Kobelt who travelled from Cleve and is a member of the Tumby Bay Club was third. There were a number of interesting matches where players had to finish with one ball against their opponents two balls.

Simon makes the game look effortless. He started playing croquet at the age of 8 so this may account for his pin point accuracy to load hoops, set up perfect rushes, wire opponents balls and peel his balls. Let's hope Simon returns to competition in the future and can re-join the AC State Team.



Simon Hockey

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GOLF CROQUET INAUGURAL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

This event was held in Port Pirie on 25th – 26th November. There were 10 players in the Singles and 8 playing doubles, from Port Lincoln, Wallaroo, Snowtown and Port Pirie.

Kim Millhouse (GC Coaching Coordinator), Anne Woodhouse (GC Rules Sub-committee) and I (GC SA Events Coordinator) worked together to present a modified rules course and coaching activities on Monday. Unfortunately, the planned play for this day also had to be postponed due to forecast hot weather. Tuesday finally saw the competition take place.

The singles were played first in a round robin of two blocks of 5. The winners of each block played off in the final. Martin Kennett of Port Lincoln won block A to play the winner of block B Joylene Trezise from Wallaroo. The final was well contested with Martin the eventual winner 7 - 4.

The Doubles were played as a simple round robin with Colleen and Martin Kennett (Port Lincoln) winning and sisters Edna Hudson and Vicki Walters placing second. Every player in the tournament won at least one game and the standard was remarkedly close. Players were assigned handicaps from their performances and will now be prepared to enter future competitions. Clubs present were given extra handicap cards to assist in preparing players for competitive play.

SACA would like to thank Port Pirie Croquet Club members for hosting the event and all who attended were made particularly welcome and look forward to returning in the future. Channel 7 Regional news did some live interviews which can be watched here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-3qlmeg4so and The Recorder, Port Pirie's local paper also sent a photographer thanks to thoughtful organization of the club members. Here is the article https://www.portpirierecorder.com.au/story/6489115/hammering-out-thrills-of-croquet/

I am seeking expressions of interest from other regional areas for us to visit in 2020 with the same plan: Rules/ Coaching/Tournament. I can be contacted via email <u>kmageewb@gmail.com</u> or clubs can contact Cathy Leske Executive Director SACA <u>croquetsa@bigpond.com</u>

Karen Magee



Doubles winners Colleen and Martin Kennett with Sandra Arbon.



Singles Finalists Martin Kennett & Joy Trezise With Sandra Arbon



Doubles Runners-up with Pt Pirie President Sandra Arbon

CONGRATULATIONS TO REGIONAL CLUBS

You may recall croquet commenced at **Yankalilla Bowling Club** in October this year. Members Ron and Shirlene McBride have certainly been busy as they now have 12 new croquet members, well done!

Well done to **Port Lincoln Croquet Club** who have increased their membership to 14, 100% increase!

Congratulations to **Millicent Croquet Club** who now have 30 members, 72% increase - fantastic news!

More regional events are being planned to develop and support players and their clubs!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2019/2020

DECEMBER

8 GC Family Day Contact kmageewb@gmail.com 0404 174 177
14 PRESENTATION DAY AT HUTT ROAD

2020

JANUARY						
6-9	AC Portland Croquet Club (Vic) Singles (handicap -3 to 20) Entry fee \$25 Entries to					
	portlandcroquet@gmail.com or Tournament manager PO Box 123 Portland Vic 3305					
	Entries close 30 December 2019					
13	GC U21 Hyde Park Croquet Club gala day for ages 10-20 9.30 for 10am start Cost \$5 byo lunch					
15 21	Contact Trish 0434 281 042					
15-31	GC Millswood classic night tournament doubles Entry fee \$40 Enter with a partner Contact Jane Lewis jhlewis@optusnet.com.au 0413 582 241					
18-20	GC U21 Golf Croquet National Championships Geraldton WA Contact Jacky McDonald 0409 246 294					
10 20	geofmed@gmail.com.au Entry fee \$50 singles doubles \$25 Entries close 15 November					
24-27	GC Presidents Trophy singles and doubles Contact Karen Magee kmageewb@gmail.com					
31-2Feb	GC ACA Presidents Eights Cairnlea Viic					
FEBRUAR						
1	GC Weekend Pennants commence. Team entry \$45 Entries close 18 December Entries to					
•	kmageewb@gmail.com.au					
9 MADCH	AC Victor Harbor gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Beth Young 8552 2348 bethyoung@bigpond.com					
	C Victor Harbor tournament singles and doubles Entry for #E0 Contact Neel Young					
1—6	AC Victor Harbor tournament singles and doubles Entry fee \$50 Contact Noel Young noel.young@bigpond.com 8552 2348					
	noci.young@bigpond.com 0002 2040					
APRIL						
1—9	GC Victor Harbor tournament doubles and singles. Contact Kate Logan 8554 3356					
	kate.logan@adam.com.au					
MAY						
3	WORLD CROQUET DAY CLUB PROMOTION					

GATEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gateball is played by more than 10 million players throughout Asia and South America.

The Gateball National Championships 2019 were held at Victorian Croquet Centre, Cairnlea from Friday 28 November to Sunday 1 December. Well done to Woodville who sent two teams to compete in this event, with one of them comprising internationals. What is Gateball? Have a listen to this program which Woodville members were involved in to find out

https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/sporty/clashing-values-insport-&-what-is-gateball/11773592? fbclid=lwAR0nNGNz hIxnIvEQXJoshMZ15zcUp jhCBSXPM4s0ygISIw77sgBfsHxj0



Gateball is being played on a regular basis at Hyde Park at 9.00am on most Wednesday mornings and Woodville on most Sunday mornings. The club can be contacted first to confirm playing times. Gateball has enormous potential and Croquet SA is working to support Gateball in SA in 2020.

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.

PARKING AT HUTT ROAD The Adelaide City Council has agreed that Croquet SA members when using Hutt Road car park should **display their Croquet SA ID card** on the dashboard if expecting to be parked for any length of time that will exceed the current parking restrictions . The current **parking restrictions are Maximum 5 hours Mon-Fri 8am-6pm**. Parking inspectors have been provided with a copy of the card to know what to look for.

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REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 12 months 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020: City \$114.00 inc GST, Country \$75.00 inc GST, Student (18-25 with ID card) city \$55 inc GST, country \$33.00 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

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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