



HOOP POINTS

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MOONTA CROQUET CLUB

On Wednesday 18 December Moonta Croquet Club ladies braved the heat to unveil their new club sign on Military Road. Our life member Barbara Bagshaw and Club Captain Noreen Hatcher had the honour of unveiling. Many thanks to Kath Lamshed (President) for organizing our new sign.

Club members then proceeded to the Royal Hotel for our Christmas lunch celebration.



U21 GOLF CROQUET GALA DAY

On Monday 13th January 2020 the Under 21 Committee held its first U21 Golf Croquet Gala Day.

The weather was fairly warm but eight players with varying ages and experience attended Hyde Park for the day. The competition consisted of five games of doubles with different partners (and hopefully different opponents) for each game. Fun tactical games were played between the matches. Much laughter and chatter came from the lawns and it was great to see all the players enjoying themselves. Given some of the players hadn't held a mallet before it was decided to have a Gala with a slight difference – referees were in attendance. Thanks to Barry Jennings and Graeme Thomas who helped by explaining some of the finer points of the game while they were refereeing.

The eventual top 3 were Chris 1st, Peter 2nd and Jemma 3rd, with George and Jemma tying for first place in the fun games.

We look forward to seeing more players at the State U21 Golf Croquet competition, to be held at Hutt Road, starting on 29th September 2020. Hopefully there will be more events over time for the U 21 contingent but it really requires all SACA members talking with their family, friends and neighbours to find more players. They will enjoy it!



Trish Fazackerley, U 21 Committee

LEGENDS AWARDS

Among the awards presented at the 2019 Presentation day function were the recognition of two of SA's long standing AC State team members. Greg Rowberry (left) and Dwayne McCormick (right) both from Norwood club, were recognised as "Legends number 2 and 3" respectively.

The Legend Award was introduced in 2017 to replace the Player Life Membership and to recognise those players who had played in either of the State teams for 10 years. Harley Watts was inducted as the Number 1 Legend in 2017 and now Greg and Dwayne have joined this elite group. Croquet SA thanks our Legends for their commitment and personal sacrifices to support the sport.



AC STATE TEAM 2020

Congratulations to the following players in the AC State Team 2020:

Murray Baum	Mary Marsland (Vice Captain)
Mark Kobelt	Virginia Arney
Dwayne McCormick	Shirlene McBride
Harley Watts (Captain)	Robyn Short
Reserve - Mark Senior	Reserve - Shirley Howlett

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17th WCF AC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MELBOURNE 15th to 23rd February

The Qualifying event for the World Championships will be held from 9th to 12th February. Six players from the qualifying competition will progress to the Main Event. Good Luck to the contingent of SA players who will be playing in the qualifier competing for a place in the 17th AC World Championships; John and Virginia Arney (Norwood), Barry Jennings (Hyde Park), Roger Buddle and Di Helier (Victor Harbor) and Greg Rowberry (Norwood).

Following the Qualifying event the World Championships start on 15th February. The following SA players have all been selected as Australian representatives in these championships; Murray Baum (Norwood), Dwayne McCormick (Norwood), Simon Hockey (Crystal Brook) and Edward Wilson (Millswood). Good luck to everyone.

Some fantastic croquet by the world's best players is sure to be played during the Championships. Follow the results on www.croquetscores.com.au

The SA Croquet community sends best wishes for safe travels and excellent croquet to all our players.

"AIM HIGH BUT ENJOY THE MOMENT"

Eileen Ferguson, President

RESULTS

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| GC | SA PRESIDENTS TROPHY | 1. Barry Haydon (Hyde Park)
2. Karen Magee (Brighton) |
| AC | NORTH ADELAIDE Mens Invitation Singles | 1. Dwayne McCormick (Norwood)
2. Ron McBride (Yankalilla) |
| AC | NORTH ADELAIDE Womens Invitation Singles | 1. Robyn Short (Coobowie)
2. Marga Podneiks (Norwood) |

THANK YOU !

Many thanks to Graeme Thomas for donating some much needed outdoor chairs to Hutt Road, very much appreciated.

Cathy Leske

UK PLAYERS VISIT ADELAIDE

Six SA croquet clubs hosted a team of 14 English Croquet Players during the first two weeks of November 2019. This visit came about following a tour by Hyde Park to England in 2018 and followed a similar format of a day's play with host club V visitors before lunch and mixed play afterwards.

An exhaustive program of matches, sightseeing, dining and intermixed with limited rest periods were organised by Andrew Larpent (UK) and Philip Hadley (HP). Barry Haydon coordinated the program of matches with the Clubs concerned.

The tour saw games played at Hyde Park, Norwood, Victor Harbor, Brighton, Millswood and Glenunga where clubs were asked to match, as closely as possible, the handicaps of the tourists. In most cases this request was achieved resulting in a series of close competitions – the final score being 2 test wins to the tourists and 4 to the hosts.

Tourism sights at least included Mt Lofty, Glenelg, Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Kangaroo Island and Adelaide Oval. Various restaurants were supported but the Red Ochre & Windy Point gained particular mention.

The croquet part of the tour started on Monday 4th November when all of the touring party visited Hyde Park for a few hours in the afternoon to have a hit, dust off the cobwebs and, for those who didn't bring their own mallet, borrow a mallet from the Club for the duration of the tour. They then returned for their first match on Tuesday 5th. The day had a Melbourne Cup theme and the Club Room looked spectacular with a combination of Australian / British decorations. Afternoon social play didn't really start until THE race was over. As well as morning tea and lunch the Club also provided a BBQ tea – the only problem being that the visitors said they had eaten and too much.

It is understood that all clubs involved pulled out all stops to ensure the visitors had a good time and some competitive matches. As expected, hospitality was extensive at each venue and extremely well received. Offers of reciprocation were numerous. **We will keep a register of those who may be interested in undertaking a trip to the UK at some stage in the future so please send an email if you have any interest in a potential tour** (haydon@kern.com.au).

On behalf of the visitors and tour coordinators a big thank you to all who helped make this a special tour, understood to be the first of its kind.

Barry Haydon

WHAT WAS THAT?

What do you get when you cross some coach travel amongst magnificent scenery, with some caving, geyser and other geothermal watching, searching for the nearly extinct Kiwi, leisurely walking (or is that hiking) with plenty of shopping, great food, wine tasting, riding the luge and a self-drive electric train, checking out croquet mallets being made (at George Wood's) all together with the hospitality of 6 different croquet clubs for games of GC.

Answer

It must be the Hyde Park Croquet Club's tour of New Zealand. For a fortnight or so from the 18th November 25 members (about a third of the Club's membership) went touring. The tour was predominately a Golf Croquet playing tour against New Zealand clubs in the North Island. Clubs visited were Epsom Remuera (Auckland), Claudelands (near Hamilton), Rotorua, Mt Maunganui, Heretaunga (near Napier), and Kelburn (Wellington). For most Clubs the format was the same – a series of friendly test matches in the morning and generally some more relaxed social games in the afternoon. Each club did their best to come up with competitive games by matching our handicap levels – in some cases this meant importing players to boost their numbers. Fortunately they did this well but not so well that we couldn't hold our own on the field. In fact we won all but one (Mt Maunganui) of our competitive play, a result all tour members were pleased with. Fortunately, other than a couple of niggles, everyone remained fit and healthy for the trip. Unfortunately, 2 of our members didn't make it across the start line – talk to Barrie Wuttke about his knees at some stage.

If anyone wants to know more about the tour or organise one of their own they should contact Philip Hadley, the main organiser for the tour. And no, although we are assured they exist we didn't see any live Kiwis.



Barry Haydon, Hyde Park member

UPCOMING EVENTS 2020**FEBRUARY**

- 1 **GC** Weekend Pennants commence. Team entry \$45 Entries close 18 December Entries to kmageewb@gmail.com.au
 5 **AC** Events Managers meeting at SACA at 10.00am
 11 **GC** Brighton Twilight gala 3.30pm Contact Barry Teague jazbaz2010@bigpond.com

MARCH

- 1–6 **AC** Victor Harbor tournament singles and doubles Entry fee \$50 Contact Noel Young noel.young@bigpond.com 8552 2348
 11-22 **AC Nationals** in Queensland: Gold Medal; Eire Cup
 23 **GC** West Lakes gala 10am start Cost \$20, lunch provided Contact Gail rgnewmarch@bigpond.com

APRIL

- 1–9 **GC** Victor Harbor tournament doubles and singles. Contact Kate Logan 8554 3356 kate.logan@adam.com.au
 3-5 **AC** Norwood CC Swiss tournament Contact Norwood CC 8364 0943 04002 94455
 11-14 **GC** Launceston Easter tournament Contact Ruth McKean, rumckean@gmail.com 0408 432 721
 18 **Gateball** Doubles at SACA
 18 **AC/GC** Moonta CC Contact Robyn Sparrow robynsparrow44@gmail.com
 19 **AC** Victor Harbor gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Beth Young 8552 2348 bethyoung@bigpond.com

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- 3 **WORLD CROQUET DAY - CLUB PROMOTION**
 3-17 **AC** Naracoorte tournament doubles and singles. Cost \$50 Contact Eugene Dunstan 08 8752 3703 enjdunstan@bigpond.com

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.

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 9 months 1 January to 30 September 2020:
 City \$85.50 inc GST, Country \$56.25.00 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.

OFFICE HOURS AT HUTT ROAD The office at Hutt Road is open on Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am—1pm.
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 EVENT OF THE YEAR



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