



# HOOP POINTS

*A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA*

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## **EDWARD (NED) WILSON FIRST AUSTRALIAN U21 GOLF CROQUET CHAMPION 2015 PLAYER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT**

In January 2016 the Inaugural Under 21 Australian Golf Croquet Championship was held in NSW. Edward Wilson, the only SA competitor, succeeded in winning the event. Congratulations Ned, what a great achievement to become the first Australian U21 Golf Croquet Champion and what a start to the year!

This fantastic effort was preceded by the perfect way to end 2015 with Ned being awarded the Croquet SA 2015 Player Achievement Award at Presentation Day. Well done!

Edward commenced playing Golf Croquet in January 2012 at age 13. The Association Croquet World Championship was held here in May that year and he spent time watching play at Millswood (where he met the Fletcher brothers) and Hutt Road for the finals. He came to notice when he won the ACA Men's Plate for golf croquet in 2014 defeating Australian higher ranked players. Following this he was selected to play in the World's Under 21 event in Christchurch January 2015.

During 2015 he has pursued his interest in AC but also continued training with the GC State squad. He was invited to join the AC state squad as his game continued to improve.

His mentor Greg Fletcher (current Australian champion) has generously encouraged, coached, trained and practiced with Edward in the art and skills of playing AC. Triple peels and now sextuple peels are favourite practice territory and his handicap has rapidly come down. Ned has played in several invitation events.

In August Ned completed his first triple peel in a competition at Hutt Road. He now has a collection of TPs, TPOs and OTPs to his name.

His placement as runner up to Dwayne McCormick (current RU in the Australian Championship) in the Croquet SA President's Invitation has been his best result against top players. He is now aged 17 and just loves croquet.

Congratulations again Ned on your fantastic achievements, SA is very proud of you!



## **ASSOCIATION CROQUET EVENTS**

### **SA BRONZE MEDAL—28 November 2015**

Of the 6 Players competing in this event, 6 won 3 games each. The winner, Simon Hockey, was decided on a single hoop from Dwayne McCormick. 8 triple peels were completed during the event. Simon will represent South Australia in the ACA Gold Medal which will be held at Cairnlea, Victoria 9—11 March this year. Simon has won the Gold Medal for the past two years and we wish him well in 2016.



*Four of the competing players - Dwayne McCormick Greg Rowberry, Simon Hockey, Edward Wilson*

### **C B SHARP Medal**

The C B Sharp Gold Medal was the final event on the calendar in 2015. It was played on the Presentation Day weekend. Play was interrupted while Croquet SA's annual Awards ceremony was held and continued the next day. The event was hotly contested with Simon Hockey (Jamestown) being the winner and Dwayne McCormick and Greg Rowberry, both from Norwood, finishing second and third respectively. Simon was presented with his medal at the conclusion of play.

*Eileen Ferguson*

## **VALE IVORINE WAYE**

It is with great sadness that I must advise that Croquet SA Life Member Ivorine Waye has passed away, having been admitted to hospital last week. Ivorine worked tirelessly for the Glenelg Croquet Club and was instrumental in negotiating the amalgamation with Holdfast Bay Bowling Club when Glenelg Club was forced to move. Ivorine worked tirelessly for her club and was also a great supporter of the Association over many years. She served as an AC Selector and was responsible for organising a number of Eire Cup championships. At the time of her death Ivorine was actively involved with the AC events group and had recently organised the Night Doubles competition.

Ivorine's service to her club, Croquet SA and croquet will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this sad time.

*Eileen Ferguson  
President Croquet SA*

**UPCOMING EVENTS 2016**

**FEBRUARY**

- 5—7 GC SA Bronze Medal
- 5—7 ACA President's Ten Cairnlea, Vic
- 6 AC Mt Gambier gala. Cost \$10 byo lunch Contact Robert O'Neil 8725 5629 arjao@optusnet.com.au
- 7 AC Victor Harbor gala. Cost \$15 inc. lunch. 9.30 start Contact Beth Young 8552 2348 bethyoung@bigpond.com
- 20—25 AC Hatwell Gold Medal. Handicap 3+ Entry fee \$40 Entries close February 12. Entries online.
- 26—28 GC SA Silver Medal

**MARCH**

- 5—11 AC Victor Harbor Tournament singles and doubles-all handicaps. Cost \$50 inc. short games & happy hour)  
Contact Noel Young 8552 2348 noel.young@bigpond.com
- 7 GC Murray Bridge Gala Contact Lesley 8532 2048 freckles38@bigpond.com
- 9—20 AC ACA Nationals—Gold Medal, Eire Cup, Mens & Womens Singles. Cairnlea Vic
- 11—14 GC SA Gold Medal
- 18 GC North Adelaide handicap singles. Contact Sue Huddy su7eh@hotmail.com
- 19 AC Saturday Pennants commence
- 23—29 AC/GC Northern Tasmania Easter Parade. Entry fee \$50. Contact Bob Godfrey bobgodfrey1@gmail.com  
03) 6340 1643

**APRIL**

- 3 GC Norwood CC Twilight 4-8pm Cost \$15 Contact Marlene Roberts 8357 1123 robosall@bigpond.com
- 5—7 GC Autumn singles 9+
- 14—17 AC/GC SA Masters games. Murray Bridge. Entries to Murray Bridge Council
- 15—17 GC Autumn Open Singles Women
- 16—24 AC WCF World Championship, National Croquet Centre, West Palm Beach, Florida, USA
- 23—25 GC Autumn Open Singles Men
- 29 GC North Adelaide handicap singles. Contact Sue Huddy su7eh@hotmail.com

**MAY**

- 1—5 AC Naracoorte tournament. Singles & doubles. Cost \$40. Contact Eugene Dunstan 8762 3703  
enjordan@bigpond.com
- 7—15 GC Open Doubles and Singles Championship
- 9 GC Victor Harbor gala doubles. Cost \$15 inc. lunch. 10am start. Contact Beth Young 8552 2348  
bethyoung@bigpond.com
- 10 GC Tumby Bay singles tournament.
- 12—16 AC North Adelaide handicap singles. Contact Sue Huddy su7eh@hotmail.com
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**AUGUST**

- 13-14 GC Victor Harbor singles tournament-all handicaps. Cost \$50. Contact Kate Logan 8554 3356  
kate.logan@adam.com.au

**be active.**

**Competition entry fees REMINDER**

To avoid having large sums of money left at SACA the Board has decided that in future, for team events, Clubs will be sent an account for entry 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 SACA via bank transfer.

*Eileen Ferguson*

**WEBSITE**

A reminder that our website coordinator is not a croquet player and does not understand the jargon. Changes should be sent direct to her at website@croquetsa.com.au but please be specific and state exactly the changes to be made (eg page, member info, refereeing, etc. ) and whether your attachment is to replace what is already on the website or is an addition.

**Reminder to players participating in club events & gala days**

Please ensure you have your SACA registration card with you when attending these events so that the event coordinators can verify your membership, thank you.

**CROQUET SA VACANCIES**

- AC Director
- AC Events Coordinator
- AC Committee Secretary
- ACA Magazine correspondent

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**PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT**

It's a bit hot for croquet during the day but isn't it beautiful during the evening. I just love the colours of the sky often against the black outline of the trees.

I hope Christmas went well, family, loved ones lots of food and a time to chill.

Hopefully your club has made plans for this year's events – obviously including some sort of membership drive. It could be bring a friend to some social croquet on a Friday night BBQ/ bar etc -

Make sure there is someone on your committee who is following up all the grants that become available – for a big promotion that is. I'm always happy to support and help so please don't hesitate to call or email.

I'm very impressed with Mark Goldsmith at Norwood who has developed the Friday night social theme - 6pm BBQ and 7pm croquet; an ideal time for workers and other busy people.

He's following up those who showed interest at the November Norwood Hammer Time and they are learning golf, aussie, ricochet and the fundamentals of association. These new members are able to make informed decisions about the croquet they play.

So please remember that I look forward to hearing from those clubs who feel their membership needs boosting, so we can talk over the issues and find a way to assist your club grow.

*Kind Regards **Sally Harper***

**GOLF CROQUET DEVELOPMENT SQUAD**

A big thank you to Ron & Shirlene McBride for all they have done in developing a program designed to take a range of players to their next level. Over 30 people registered for the first stage of the program, a program that combines classroom work with on the green skills, a program that is based on high performance management techniques that are seen to be very beneficial by the participants. Ron & Shirlene have worked under a range of difficulties (mainly weather related) and helped people with their skills both physical & tactical. Much of the training involved helping people identify their individual training needs and putting in place specific actions that should help. Once everyone has had sufficient time to work on improvements there will be an assessment of the usefulness of the program and whether or not it should be run again.

If you, or someone from your club would like to be involved with version 2 of the training (at some unknown time in the near future) then let Ron, Shirlene or me know by email and register your interest at [haydon@kern.com.au](mailto:haydon@kern.com.au) or [rlskmcbride@iinet.net.au](mailto:rlskmcbride@iinet.net.au)



**Barry Haydon** GC Coaching coordinator

**GOLF CROQUET COACHING**

In the recent SA Interstate competition held in Tasmania, Barry Haydon was our No.1 male player. His clinics are always valuable – if anyone wants a session conducted for their Club they should contact Barry at [haydon@kern.com.au](mailto:haydon@kern.com.au) Barry is also happy to run more training sessions for would be coaches – contact him about those as well and he will keep you informed when the next session is planned.

**MOONTA CROQUET CLUB** finished its first round of croquet for the 2015/2016 season with some wins and some losses.

The club has grown in size this season with four new members playing Association Croquet. Instead of two teams for the season we now have three. New players receive expert coaching from our more experienced members. Even so, playing croquet is still a real challenge even for the 'not so new'.

Shirley Donaldson & Eileen Trenwith have retired from the game but we hope they continue to visit the club as expert spectators.

At the start of the present season, Moonta teams came decked out in new uniforms having decided to give up the traditional white and adopt their official club colours of navy & red.

After the last game of the round Xmas lunch was enjoyed by all with the highlight of the day being a visit from Santa's helpers who gave out Xmas gifts to the deserving.

***Judy Elverd***



**MILLICENT AND MOUNT GAMBIER CROQUET CLUBS**

Teams from these clubs play Aussie Croquet in a weekly competition. The competition has been conducted for almost 5 years and is keenly contested.

***Sandra Edlington***



**MOUNT BARKER CROQUET CLUB**

On 8 December members of our club, led by President John Selby, hosted an afternoon of sport for clients of Willow Fern, Southern Cross Care's Memory Support respite cottage. CEO Andrew Parpent, a member of the Hyde Park CC was on hand to offer some tips on the finer points of the game. A wonderful afternoon was had by all. Therapeutic croquet—just the thing for helping to keep mind and body working well!



**GATEBALL**

**125 South Australians Give Gateball a Go**

Five Adelaide Croquet Clubs gave Gateball and visitors John and Penny Park a warm welcome from 5-8 January in typical SA New Year weather.

The program was coordinated by GC Coaching Director, Barry Haydon, and a story he arranged with the Messenger Press that was repeated in the Adelaide Advertiser drove attendance even higher than expected. See <http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/messenger/sport/gateball-croquets-t20-to-be-played-at-5-adelaide-clubs/news-story/bae85cc7764fbbd299b31ec0cb7afb1f>



*Gateball at Hyde Park CC*

The week started with a 6pm session at the Hyde Park Club and then either 8am or 6pm sessions were scheduled at Hyde Park, Holdfast Bay, Woodville, North Adelaide and Brighton clubs. The timing, to avoid the heat of the afternoons, worked perfectly until a proposed mini competition which was to be held on Sunday at Hutt Rd had to be cancelled. 10 players turned up the next morning at Hyde Park for plan B but didn't play for long as the rain intervened!

By the final session on the Friday, almost 50 people arrived at Brighton Croquet Club to participate. A number of these were people new to mallet sports and were happy to play any code they were presented with. The club arranged a Golf Croquet session for them. 30 people were introduced to Gateball on 3 courts by John, Penny and Barry.

Local ABC attended some sessions and a report headed the sports news on ABC SA's 7pm News on Saturday 9 January. A report was also posted on the ABC News Website. See <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-01-09/gate-ball/7078818?section=sport>

All who played the game enjoyed it with most volunteering to play the game again. There was some initial frustration in learning a new game especially if picking up the ball that has been hit rather than the strikers ball when a continuation shot occurred, but at the end of the session everyone could 'spark' with the best of them.

The Woodville Croquet Club have agreed to take responsibility for the ACA gear that John has left here (for 6 months or so) and to promote Gateball in SA. WCC secretary, Trish Fazackerley, is the main contact – if wanting to know more please contact her

**FRIDAY NIGHTS AT Croquet SA—CHRISTMAS FUNCTIONS**

SACA hosted the Dept of Immigration & Border Protection Social Club's Christmas Function on 4 December. Brighton club managed the night. Catering was organised by the social club while Brighton managed the bar and lawn activities. Social interaction on the lawns was constant and some croquet events keenly contested. A number of guests indicated their awareness of Hammer Time which is now becoming a 'talking point' at these social functions. At Hutt Road we are able to cater for large numbers, but clubs are also receiving enquiries for smaller gatherings which adds to the exposure of croquet to the public and is a great source of fundraising.

**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.

**CLUB ONE SMALL SPONSORSHIPS**

These are considered every one to two months and announced regularly throughout the year. Small sponsorships are to a maximum of \$500 although in special circumstances can be as high as \$600. Access Club One website for further information. [www.clubone.net.au](http://www.clubone.net.au)



**WEATHER—REMINDER**

Please remember to refer to the Weather Policy at this time of year, not just because of the heat but also the storms that seem to be upon us! You can find it here <http://www.croquetsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Croquet-SA-Weather-Policy-feb-2014.pdf>

**REGISTRATION FEES** for all Croquet SA players for 9 months 1 January 2016 to 30 September 2016  
 City \$70 County \$48 Students \$47 (18-25 with student card), Juniors under 18 as at 1/7/15 free  
 Club affiliation fee—\$15 for clubs with less than 40 registered players: \$30 for clubs with more than 40 players

**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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