



HOOP POINTS

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS IN WORLD TOURNAMENT

Two South Australian croquet players have been awarded places to compete in the World Croquet Federation's World Golf Croquet Championships to be held in Egypt in October and November 2014.

David Wise (Norwood Croquet Club) will compete in the 2nd Over 50's Golf Croquet World Championship in Cairo in October 2014. David has been a member of both Association Croquet and Golf Croquet State teams for South Australia and his best placing has been second and third in the Golf Croquet Australian Open. He has also represented Australia at both the 2012 Association Croquet World Championship and 2013 Golf Croquet World Championship.



Bernie Pfitzner (Victor Harbor Croquet Club) will compete in the 5th Women's Golf Croquet World Championship in Cairo in November 2014. Bernie has competed in a number of national events including the Australian Golf Croquet Women's Championships in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, the Australian Golf Croquet WCF Interstate Shield from 2009 to 2014 and captained the South Australian Golf Croquet Interstate Team in 2012. Bernie has also competed on an international level in the World Croquet Federation Women's Golf Croquet World Championships held in New Zealand in 2011 and the World Croquet Federation Golf Croquet World Championships in Cairo, Egypt in 2013.



President of Croquet SA, Ms Maree Skinner said, "The State Association is delighted to see two of its talented golf croquet players competing in these world-class championships and we wish them every success against what will be a very strong international player line-up in Cairo."

RESULT - GC—ACA BRONZE MEDAL 1. Ron McBride (Brighton) 2. David Wise (Norwood).

Ron will represent SA competing against other states for the ACA GC Gold Medal at the GC Nationals to be held in Adelaide in September , congratulations Ron.

Congratulations to all players who played in Country Week—May 2014

AC Section: It was extremely successful event with the fun and friendship outshining a few showers of rain.

Block A: 1. Dean Paterson (Aldinga Bay) 2. Allan Haywood (Murray Bridge)

Block B: 1. Mervyn Dungey (Bordertown), 2. Judy Lipsett (Kadina)

Block C: 1. Shirley Howlett (Victor Harbor) 2. Judy Elverd (Moonta)

GC Section: Perfect weather and much fun and friendly rivalry. A new feature was the City/Country Doubles which were enjoyed by all.

Doubles: 1. Brenda Brown (Victor Hbr) & Joy Schulz (Murray Bridge)
2. Peter Collins (Murray Bridge) & Doug Stewart (Victor Hbr)

Singles: 6+ 1. Brenda Brown (Victor Hbr) 2. Judy Stewart (Victor Hbr)
10+ 1. Keith Fawkner (Victor Hbr) 2. Peter Collins (Murray Bridge)

12+ 1. Ken Zadow (Murray Bridge) Theresa Little (Mount Barker)

City /Country Doubles:

Block A 1. Carolyn Shanahan (Glenunga) & Judy Stewart (Victor Hbr), 2. Ken Taylor (Aldinga Bay) & Chris Tinkler (Glenunga)

Block B 1. Bob Vincent (South Tce) & Theresa Little (Mt Barker) 2. Jeanette Romano (Hyde Park) & Joy Schulz (Murray Bridge)



Judy Elverd, Shirley Howlett, Allan Haywood, Dean Paterson, Judy Lipsett, Mervyn Dungey, Maree Skinner



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UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

JULY

- 13 AC Come and Play at SACA singles, byo lunch, cost \$10, entry to sacaacentries@hotmail.com
 15—17 AC Marryatville Silver Medal 8+; JF Harvey Bronze Medal 14+. Entry fee \$30. Entries to sacaacentries@hotmail.com
 18 AC Tea Tree Gully 14+ singles day 2.5 hr games for handicap, contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
 19—20 AC Croquet Queensland doubles championship at Toombul. Entry \$50/team. www.croquetqld.org
 21—25 AC Croquet Queensland singles championship at Toombul & Windsor. Entry \$50. www.croquetqld.org

AUGUST

- 8—10 AC Broadview Challenge
 12—14 GC 12+ doubles
 15 AC Tea Tree Gully 14+ singles day 2.5 hr games for handicap, contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
 24 AC Div 3 singles. Entries sacaacentries@hotmail.com
 30, 31, 1 Sept GC Victor Harbor Tournament Contact Beth Young bethyoung@bigpond.com 8552 2348
 31 GC Sunday singles

SEPTEMBER

- 1 AC Port Pirie Gala. Contact rayvic@internode.on.net
3—14 GC—ACA National Golf Croquet Championships—Adelaide: 3—4 ACA Gold Medal, 6—9 Men's/Womens Championships, 10—14 Interstate Cup
 8 GC Brighton gala 9.30 for 10am start Cost \$15 includes lunch, am/pm tea. Contact Barry Teague jazbaz2010@bigpond.com 0408888071
 19 AC Tea Tree Gully 14+ singles day 2.5 hr games for handicap, contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
 24 AC Millswood gala 9.30 for 10am start Cost \$15 includes BBQ lunch. Contact Claire Graff 8297 3336 claire_graff@hotmail.com

OCTOBER

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 North Adelaide Swiss Singles
 3—6 AC ACA President's Eights, VCC, Cairnlea, Vic
 10—12 AC Tea Tree Gully Swiss Doubles tournament. Contact Lyn Booth 8263 7212
 14—16 GC 10+ Singles
 17—21 AC Port Lincoln tournament. Contact Barbara Bartsch 8682 4473
 21—3 Nov AC ACA National Handicap tournament, Launceston, Tas
 25—27 AC Mt Gambier Carnival

NOVEMBER

- 3—7 GC ACA National Handicap tournament, Deniliquin, NSW
 9 AC Victor Harbor gala—all handicaps. Cost \$15 inc lunch am/pm tea. Contact Beth Young bethyoung@bigpond.com 8552 2348
 15—23 AC ACA Aus Championships, Open, Doubles, Singles. VCC Cairnlea Vic
 27—28 AC Whitelaw Cup

RESULTS—2014

GC Autumn pennants Open 1. Brighton, 2. Norwood, 3. Hyde Park

CLUB WEBPAGE

A feature included on the CroquetSA website is the facility for affiliated croquet clubs to have their own page on the site. The setting up of the page, on-going maintenance and updating are free of charge. Your page could feature a photo of your clubhouse/courts, playing times and general information. I can design and install the page for you or you can design your own page.

Roger Buddle

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PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT

State wide funding for Hammer Time program has been successful. What an amazing opportunity to grow clubs, especially after all the fantastic exposure at the Royal Croquet Club, as well as building on the experience gained during the Hammer Time Pilot.

Now it's off to the professionals - the marketing/communication people to help us optimise the experience gained and to develop croquet into a thriving and relevant sport in the 21st century.

Other sports have had to reinvent themselves: cricket did it with the Big Bash, bowls did it with Night Owls, golf is concerned because its usual cohort are now turning into MAMILs! Touch footy is booming etc

The characteristics of a successful club will underpin all our activities:

Things like a warm friendly club atmosphere with regular social functions. Clubs that do this well include Millicent in the SE with their great BBQs, or 'Wine Down' Friday evenings at Millswood, Norwood have a successful monthly BBQs which also helps with fund raising- I'm sure there are lots of other events happening around the state.

These gatherings are really important to prevent the 'them and us' frame of mind that can arise between the 2 codes – so be inclusive, find a time where most can attend, buy a few snags, crack open a beer/bottle and enjoy.

Following on from building a friendly atmosphere is being ready to make the most of curious passers by - I heard that Brighton and West lakes are good at this. They have mallets close by, so if someone peers over the fence and starts asking, the individual will have a mallet in their hands and are hitting balls before they know it. Then you find out when they are free, offer them 2-3 free lessons and who knows where it will end

Several successful clubs play more than one code like North Adelaide, Naracoorte, Kadina, Port Lincoln, Murray Bridge etc etc. Playing more than one code broadens the number of potential players. As I've discussed over the last few months, there are many motivating factors for individuals when joining a sports club from serious competition, to a hit and a giggle or quality family fun and all can be valued members. Is there room/need for change at your club? Don't worry about the naysayers – they will always be there. Build on the successes, analyse and modify the weaknesses and help your club grow.

Sally Harper

Golf Croquet Coaching Mt Gambier

On Saturday and Sunday, 17th and 18th May Mt Gambier Croquet Club hosted a two day Coaching Clinic. Thirty two players from quite diverse playing backgrounds from four clubs attended. Mt Gambier, Penola, Millicent and Casterton were represented.

Stroke technique, hoop running, offensive and defensive strategies and tactics were discussed and developed.

Skills were practised with drills and minor games such as "tennis" and "draughts" which mimicked GC game skill requirements.

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning important Rules were highlighted and reinforced during competitive games. It was pleasing to note the standard of play and tactical prowess which occurred.

Most importantly, the hospitality and enthusiasm (not to forget the dinner at the Western Tavern) made for a wonderful playing and learning environment.

Well done Len Stidwell, GC Captain and Margaret Mollowick, President and Susan Jolley for enabling a great weekend.

*Phil Wise
GC Coaching Coordinator*



AC COACHING

ACHIEVEMENT PINS:

Robert O'Neil (Mt. Gambier) earned a B9pin while playing in a tournament in Victoria and Linda Kinch (Kadina) has earned a B5 pin while playing at Country Week. Well done, Robert and Linda.

COACHING ACCREDITATION:

James Temlett (South Tce) has completed the training course to earn recognition as a L2 coach.

Following a recent Beginner Coach training course held at Salisbury these players have earned accreditation as Beginner Coaches; Mark Goldsmith (Norwood), Stuart McLuckie (North Adelaide) and Val Rogers (Salisbury).

Congratulations to all these players.

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Delegates are required for Tumby Bay and Kadina

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 3 months 1 July to 30 September 2014
 City \$22.00 Country \$15.75 Juniors under 18 yrs as at 1/7/13 - Nil
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