



# HOOP POINTS

*A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA*

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## NEWS FROM CROQUET SA

### SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR S.A.C.A. COMMITTEES

SACA is the name given to our Association. It represents the interests of all member clubs whether they are based in Adelaide or country areas of S.A. To enable S.A.C.A. to function more effectively and efficiently it has been suggested that each Metropolitan club nominate a representative who is able to assist as required on one of these Committees or Sub-Committees. It is expected that such an arrangement would better enable sharing of knowledge and expertise thereby assisting clubs to move forward.

Issues continually being addressed by SACA include policy development, strategic planning, coaching, handicapping, refereeing, events, promotion etc. many of which would be replicated to varying degrees at club level.

The way SACA represents your interests is critical to the ongoing future of croquet in our State. There are currently four main committees at S.A.C.A:

- . the main Board (with 8 members),
- . Sports Development Committee
- . Association Croquet Committee &
- . Golf Croquet Committee

Most of the members of these committees are current players of some form of the game with a total of 26 players occupying the positions and representing the broad membership.

There is room for improvement in how SACA operates. In particular there is no representation from some clubs on the various committees. They are not only unable to readily contribute ideas from their area, but they are probably not as aware as other clubs of the proposed future direction for S.A.C.A.

The more people who are prepared to take a role at this broader level the better. Not only does it facilitate idea sharing it also shares the workload. The only way people on these committees can assist clubs is to hear from each of you, the members of SACA. You are invited to have you say and in return we ask for your contribution of knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise. You will have an opportunity to discuss this suggestion further over the next few months at the Strategic/Operations plan review or the next President meeting.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Eric Zadow who has made a worthwhile and considerable contribution to Croquet SA in his position of maintenance officer at Hutt Rd, AC Events Coordinator and Director AC. Eric has resigned from these positions.

### NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO CROQUET SA BOARD

Congratulations and thank you to Ann Rutten (Coromandel Valley CC) who has agreed to fill the casual vacancy of Vice President of Croquet SA. We look forward to Ann's contribution to the ongoing development of croquet in South Australia.

Congratulations and thank you to Tim O'Leary who has volunteered to fill the vacant position of Director AC, managing and coordinating the AC Committee in South Australia.

### VACANCIES

2nd Vice President position—board position

AC Events Coordinator - enquiries to Tim O'Leary

ACA Magazine correspondent

Delegates are required for Port Lincoln and Tumby Bay

Maintenance Person at Hutt Road for occasional jobs Enquiries Cathy croquetsa@bigpond.com

**STRATEGIC FORUM** The annual strategic forum is to be held at Hutt Road on Monday 15th June at 10am. Croquet SA invites one representative from each club to attend the meeting. Please rsvp your club's representative name to croquetsa@bigpond.com by Thursday 11th June.

**Hammer Time** Croquet SA is committed to helping all clubs to thrive and prosper by increasing the number of people coming to play at clubs. This is the first step to having more members, more volunteers, more revenue, increased use of each facility and importantly, an increased direct connection with the local community. Croquet SA is offering practical support to help clubs achieve this.

The Board is aware that our overall membership base is aging and needs an injection of a younger demographic. We have seen the closure of several croquet clubs in recent years, and we are taking steps to help clubs avoid this scenario.

The award winning Hammer Time program (which continues to receive wide recognition) has been created to make it much easier for clubs to overcome the above challenges. It provides support including major advertising, that has never been available before.

It is natural that members may see obstacles and reasons why the programme "cannot" be delivered by their club. The Board accepts these concerns and will continue to work with clubs to overcome these challenges.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all clubs to benefit in many areas and Croquet SA would like you to be involved

*Eileen Ferguson*

*President*

**UPCOMING EVENTS 2015**

**JUNE**

- 2-4 GC Doubles individual 9+ at SACA Entries by email to kmagee@adam.com.au Entry fee \$5  
June/August GC Mid week pennants—Open and 8+, teams of 4, home-and-away 1pm Team entry fee \$30 to SACA; then \$20 per match to home club, Entries on online form, Entries close 8 May
- 6-8 AC Peg Out Weekend at SACA. Open, 3-8, 9-14, 14+. 5 games per weekend. Entry fee \$35. Entry form on SACA website. 0450 782 205
- 12-14 GC ACA Bronze Medal—(qualifying event for ACA Gold medal 15-17 September in Tasmania). Best of 3 round robin  
Entries online form. Entry fee \$70
- 12 AC North Adelaide singles 2 x 2.5 hr games Cost \$5 per game. Contact Kay Seearly 8344 6759  
kay.seearly@bigpond.com
- 14 GC Sunday singles 8+ Entries by email to kmagee@adam.com.au Entry fee \$5
- 16-18 GC Doubles individual 6+ at SACA Entries by email to kmagee@adam.com.au Entry fee \$5
- 19 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. 10am start Cost \$4 p.game Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393
- 26 GC North Adelaide singles. 10am/12.30pm starts. \$5 per 2 x am games/2 x pm games. Byo lunch  
Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891 su7eh@hotmail.com
- 26-28 GC ACA Bronze Medal
- 28 GC Sunday singles 8+ at Hutt Road Cost \$5 entries by email to Karen Magee kmagee@adam.com.au

**JULY**

- 7-9 GC SA Open Doubles
- 17 AC North Adelaide singles 2 x 2.5 hr games Cost \$5 per game. Contact Kay Seearly 8344 6759  
kay.seearly@bigpond.com
- 17 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. 10am start Cost \$4 p.game Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393
- 28-30 GC Doubles combined 15+
- 31 GC North Adelaide singles. 10am/12.30pm starts. \$5 per 2 x am games/2 x pm games. Byo lunch  
Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891 su7eh@hotmail.com

**AUGUST**

- 14 AC North Adelaide singles 2 x 2.5 hr games Cost \$5 per game. Contact Kay Seearly 8344 6759  
kay.seearly@bigpond.com
- 21 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. 10am start Cost \$4 p.game Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393
- 22-23 GC Victor Harbor tournament. Singles Cost \$50. Tournament manager Kate Logan 8554 3356  
kate.logan@adam.com.au
- 28 GC North Adelaide singles. 10am/12.30pm starts. \$5 per 2 x am games/2 x pm games. Byo lunch  
Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891 su7eh@hotmail.com

**OCTOBER**

- 3- 10 GC **XVth AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES** Adelaide



**RESULTS - GC AUTUMN WOMENS OPEN SINGLES**

Winner: Bernie Pfitzner  
 Runner up: Virginia Arney  
 Entrants (Rear L-R) Bernie Pfitzner, Shirlene McBride, Julie Weaver, Anne Woodhouse, Kate Logan  
 (Front L-R) Norma Greig, Virginia Arney, Karen Magee, Helen Cook (Absent Monika Curtis)

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**NARACOORTE AC TOURNAMENT 3—7 May**

On Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 40 keen croquet players from Victoria and South Australia, descended on Naracoorte to play in our Annual Tournament. There were six divisions and the play was very competitive.

While the doubles competition on Sunday enjoyed beautiful weather the rest of the week provided very challenging conditions with rain, hail and wind. No wonder the hot soup provided by the kitchen staff was so welcome.

Ken Bald from Horsham, again won the Division One Singles and Doubles. Ken has been a great supporter of the Tournament winning the Singles for the last four years. Sadly during the presentations, he announced his retirement from competitive Croquet. Ken is a Victorian State player and has represented Australia at World Championships. He will be sadly missed.

A big Thank You to all our Sponsors especially MiniJumbuk who provided pillows as First Prize for all Six Divisions of Singles.



Ollie Holman with Helena Panasewycz

**Results**

**Doubles**

- |         |                                    |                                      |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Group 1 | 1. Ken Bald & Brenda Brown         | 2. Shirley Carr & Alan Haywood       |
| Group 2 | 1. Malcolm Algie & Terry Catling   | 2. Donald Driver & Phil Bateman      |
| Group 3 | 1. Sally Harper & Mary Marslanda   | 2. Annie Kilsby & Ian McKee          |
| Group 4 | 1. Shirley Howlett & Malcolm Kinch | 2. Kathryn McCourt & Barbara Stanley |
| Group 5 | 1. Murray Roberts & Marg Middleton | 2. Helena Panasewycz & Ken Zadow     |

**Singles**

- |          |                      |                    |
|----------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Group 1  | 1. Ken Bald (1 tp)   | 2. Eric Zadow      |
| Group 2. | 1. Alan Haywood      | 2. Bill Humphrys   |
| Group 3. | 1. Phil Bateman      | 2. Adrian Bishop   |
| Group 4  | 1. Mary Marsland     | 2. Ian McKee       |
| Group 5. | 1. Malcolm Kinch     | 2. Shirley Howlett |
| Group 6  | 1. Helena Panasewycz | 2. Barbara McKean  |



Div 1 winner Ken Bald

**BORDERTOWN GALA DAY**

Bordertown CC held a very successful gala day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April with wet weather holding off until the last 10 minutes of play. We played Aussie Croquet, AC Singles and AC doubles.

The winner of the Aussie croquet contest was Graham Croser (Bordertown) with Mark Goldsmith (Norwood) runner up. A special additional prize in this section was awarded to Jacob Zadow (North Adelaide).



In the morning AC singles Eric Zadow (Nth Adelaide) defeated Ann Barker (Naracoorte), and Terry Catling (Bordertown) defeated Annie Kilsby (Penola). The doubles winners were Merv Dungey (Bordertown) & Lesley Hunter (Penola) and Marlene Roberts (Norwood) & Marg Middleton (Penola).

In the afternoon AC singles event Eric Zadow pegged out defeating Annie Kilsby and Terry Catling defeated Ann Barker. The AC doubles winners were Merv Dungey & Dianne Arnold (Naracoorte) defeating Marlene Roberts & Lesley Hunter. Margaret Middleton & Kathryn McCourt (Naracoorte) defeated Simon Mooney & Marg Weston. The final prize winners in this section were Marg Middleton, Merv Dungey, Kathryn McCourt and Lesley Hunter.



Corner cannon

After lunch all the visitors were invited to have a go at 'Nearest the Peg' with three special prizes being on offer. Eric Zadow (North Adelaide), Ann Barker and Tony Roberts (Norwood) were the winners.

The club is extremely grateful to local businesses, Bordertown Pharmacy, Ray White and Bordertown Foodland for their support in sponsoring the prizes. **Terry Catling**

**MENINGIE CROQUET CLUB HAS A SURPRISE VISITOR**

On Anzac Day the Tour De Cure arrived in Meningie at the conclusion of Stage 2. Cyclists were invited to try either bowls or croquet at the club. The weather had been challenging and most of the riders decided to settle for the warmth & comfort of the clubrooms.

A few of our members took advantage of any break in the weather to play a few hoops & were joined by one of the lady cyclists. I was playing a singles game on the other lawn with one of our newer members when a cyclist came out to join us saying, "I'm Jens, what's this game all about?" I briefly described how to play and off we went.

Jens' energy & grasp of tactics was far in excess of anything I would have expected from a complete novice & it was evident he had a good eye. We played several hoops and the "game" came down to a tie breaker.

I later discovered I had been playing a 17 time Tour De France competitor who has also competed in 3 Olympics and has a list of cycling achievements longer than your arm! It was Jens Voigt, internationally renowned cycling professional. After discovering who it was I had been "coaching" I was totally blown away. Jens grasped the basics of golf croquet with enthusiasm and it is easy to see why he has achieved so much in his chosen sport.



**Barry Jennings**

## PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT

I still occasionally hear the comment what does SACA do? The inference is usually very negative!

To me this indicates a lack of knowledge about SACA's activities. This can easily be remedied! Ask one of your committee members what 's happening, they know. The minutes and all the director's reports are forwarded to clubs after each board meeting, for consideration by your committee. If there are important concerns it's the job of your committee to consider them and communicate with SACA.

However there is another fundamental activity – the survival and growth of croquet in SA. During the last 4 years I've watched a few clubs grow from small beginnings, a few thrive, a few stagnate and several clubs close. Many clubs who are small or growing smaller are daunted by the prospect of promotion but growth is possible! We're here to help but there is a need to think outside the square!!

It doesn't mean your club has to have a Hammer Time event, but we can use the knowledge to tailor an event that would suit your club and promote growth.

So does your want more members? Do your current members think it's impossible to grow the club?

Do you want to continue playing as you are now? Are you willing to try something new?

If the answer is 3 or more yeses – then we can start talking and move ahead

Otherwise you just have to plan for closure

RIP

Vale croquet in your town/suburb

Better to have tried and failed than never have tried

Diversify or die

Look forward to hearing from you – really

*Sally Harper*

## GC COACHING

GC coaching coordinator Barry Haydon has been running some clinics in regional areas during May. According to those involved the sessions have been timely and very well received. For most of the sessions he has been helped by his wife Jenny who says it is good to meet the extremely friendly and enthusiastic country folk and spend some time with her husband.

If any club wants a coaching clinic/session of some kind they should feel free to contact Barry on either haydon@kern.com.au or 0419 424 184



Kadina coaching and gala day

## SPORTS FIRST AID COURSES

Two Sports First Aid courses will be held at the Sport SA Industry Skill Centre, Military Road, West Beach, on Tuesday and Thursday 16 and 18 June from 6ypm to 9pm and Sunday 28 June from 9am—5pm. The course cost is \$100.

To register please email your name, sporting organisation and course date to admin@sportsa.org.au, together with a complete Sport SA enrolment form and USI number form.

Participants must be 16+ years of age.

## BRIGHTON CROQUET CLUB CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday 3 May, over 70 people, including dignitaries and past and present players, gathered together to help the Brighton Croquet Club celebrate its Centenary.

His Worship the Mayor, Cr Stephen Patterson, spoke about Tom and Jean Armstrong and their influence on not just the Club but also on croquet at a national and international level. That impact was so great that they were both inducted into the World Croquet Federation Hall of Fame (2006 and 2008) along with two of their protégés, Neil Spooner (2010) and Creina Dawson (2014). Brighton Croquet Club was their second home and in recognition of this, at the end of the afternoon, their son and daughter

scattered Tom and Jean's ashes on our garden, Creina Dawson's achievement of being inducted into the Hall of Fame was acknowledged and Creina unveiled four plaques commemorating the four Hall of Famers.

Alongside this we also recognised five long serving members, Betty Broadbent, Pat and Jack Davis, David Lindsey, Kath McNally and Avis Scrymgour who have been members for over 20 years.

Our long serving Patron, Annette Bradshaw, subsequently launched our history book "Head Down and Follow Through – a History of the Brighton Croquet Club 1915 to 2015" written by Bob Auld. Bob has spent every day of at least two years writing this labour of love, for which the club is very grateful, and he regaled the people present with some interesting excerpts from the book. The book is available for sale at \$20 (plus \$5 p&h) from Bob Auld (71230322 or [rwa@adam.com.au](mailto:rwa@adam.com.au)).

The afternoon was brought to an end with a magnificent afternoon tea provided by members and some croquet.



Cr Stephen Patterson, Creina Dawson, Anne Woodhouse

*Anne Woodhouse*

**REGISTRATION FEES** for all Croquet SA players for 6 months 1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015  
 City \$45.50 Country \$31.50 Juniors under 18 yrs as at 1/7/14 - Nil  
 Club affiliation \$15 for clubs with less than 40 registered players; \$30 for clubs with more than 40 players

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