



# HOOP POINTS

*A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA*

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## AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET OPEN DOUBLES AND SINGLES 2016 CAIRNLEA, VIC

South Australia was strongly represented at the Australian Open Doubles and Singles Event held in Victoria from 7-15 May, with 14 of the 34 players in the Doubles and 12 of the 25 in the Singles event. SA players returned home with six of the eight available trophies.

### Open Doubles

The Doubles event was played with a qualifying single round robin, two SA players and their partners made it into the top six pairs playing in a **knock out** finals series; Greg Fletcher (Hyde Park) & Fleur Brockway (WA) were defeated in the quarter finals, Edward Wilson (Millswood) & Malcolm Fletcher (Vic) were defeated in the semi-finals. The remaining pairs competed for the **Plate** with an outstanding result for SA.

**First place** and congratulations to Mick Reidy and Stewart Kingsborough from (Millswood)

**Second** place to David Wise (Norwood) & Chris Grant (Vic). **Equal Third** place to Shirlene & Ron McBride (Victor Harbor) and Barry Haydon (Hyde Park) & Graham Whiteway (Brighton).

### Open Singles

The Singles event was played in two blocks, the top eight from each block qualified for the Knockout finals series.

Graham Whiteway and Barry Haydon qualified from Block A and Greg Fletcher, David Wise and Barry Jennings (Meningie) from Block B

### Final Knockout Series Results - round of 16

Greg Fletcher and Barry Haydon won and continued on the next round.

David Wise won the Y playoff (9<sup>th</sup> overall). Barry Jennings won the W playoff (13<sup>th</sup> overall)

**round of 8**—Greg Fletcher won and continued on to the Semi-final.

Barry Haydon won the Z playoff (5<sup>th</sup> overall)

**Final**—**Greg Fletcher** became the **Australian GC Singles Champion** after defeating Peter Freer (NSW) in a hard played five games. 4-7, 7-4, 4-7, 7-4, 7-6. Greg is now currently both the Association and Golf National Open Champion. A fantastic achievement. Congratulations and well done Greg.

**Plate Results** SA had six of the eight players contested the Plate.

**Stage One** was a single block round robin with the top four players to the semi-final.

**Semi-finalists:** Anna Miller (Vic), Shirlene McBride, Ron McBride and Graeme Thomas.

**Final**—Ron McBride went on to win the plate in a best of three games final. 7-4, 7-6



*Stewart watches as Mick roquets the black ball*  
Photo courtesy of Shirlene McBride



*Peter Freer congratulating Greg*  
Photo Andrew Larpent



*Ron takes a shot to remove the red ball from the hoop*  
Photo courtesy of Shirlene McBride

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Croquet SA is calling for applications from suitably qualified members for the following roles:

### Archivist

The archivist is responsible for maintaining the historical records of Croquet SA. A history of Croquet in SA is currently being documented, to be ready for publication during 2017, the centenary of the establishment of the South Australian Croquet

Association. Owing to ill health, our current archivist is unable to continue with this project, but her assistant has indicated a willingness to assist the new appointee to bring the project to fruition.

### AC Director

The AC Director shall chair the AC Committee and accept responsibility for the day to day running of Association Croquet in SA. For further information or to apply for any of the above positions please email [president@croquetsa.com.au](mailto:president@croquetsa.com.au)

**Delegates needed** to represent Jamestown, Port Lincoln, Millicent, Wallaroo and Snowtown at Croquet SA AGM (or any special meeting called) Metro members please help our regional clubs have representation. Contact Cathy if you can help. [execdir@croquetsa.com.au](mailto:execdir@croquetsa.com.au)

### Sub-committee for Croquet SA Centenary Urgently Required

Croquet SA will celebrate 100 years as an Association in 2017. Come and be part of the planning and delivery of a special way to mark this historic occasion. If you are interested, please contact Cathy [execdir@croquetsa.com.au](mailto:execdir@croquetsa.com.au)

### Positions becoming vacant at Croquet SA AGM

Board positions—Vice President, Director Sport Development. Please contact President if you are interested in the above [president@croquetsa.com.au](mailto:president@croquetsa.com.au)

Committee positions—GC Referee coordinator. Contact Bernie for more info [gcrefreeing@croquetsa.com.au](mailto:gcrefreeing@croquetsa.com.au)

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2016

### JUNE

- 12 Gateball Woodville doubles competition. 9.30am Cost free. Lunch available. Contact woodvillecroquet@gmail.com or Trish 0434 281 042
- 13 GC Murray Bridge gala 9.30 for 10am Cost \$15 includes lunch. Contact Lesley Zadow 0408 813 360 lemaza@bigpond.com
- 14—16 GC doubles 6+ at Hutt Road Cost \$40 per pair. Entries close 4 June Entries by on-line form only
- 17 AC Tea Tree Gully singles day 16+. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
- 19 GC Doubles combined 15+
- 20 GC Murray Bridge gala 9.30 for 10am Cost \$15 includes lunch. Contact Lesley Zadow 0408 813 360 lemaza@bigpond.com
- 24 GC North Adelaide handicap singles. Contact Sue Huddy su7eh@hotmail.com
- 26—3 July AC Hutt Road SACA singles for handicaps 14—18. Cost \$30—byo lunch. 2 games a day; 4 x 2.5 hr games for all participants Entries to acevents@croquetsa.com.au Entries close 17 June Entry forms on CroquetSA website
- 26 Bridge/card day Hyde Park CC 10.30am—3pm \$20 includes lunch. Contact Judy Barry 8379 2457

### JULY

- 5 GC Open doubles
- 15 GC combined 15+ doubles
- 29 GC North Adelaide handicap singles. Contact Sue Huddy su7eh@hotmail.com

### AUGUST

- 2 GC Doubles combined 8+
- 13-14 GC Victor Harbor singles tournament-all handicaps. Cost \$50. Contact Kate Logan 8554 3356 kate.logan@adam.com.au
- 15 GC Murray Bridge gala 9.30 for 10am Cost \$15 includes lunch. Contact Lesley Zadow 0408 813 360 lemaza@bigpond.com
- 26 GC North Adelaide handicap singles. Contact Sue Huddy su7eh@hotmail.com

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 GC Sunday singles 8+
- 6 GC Spring singles 9+
- 12 GC Victor Harbor gala 10am start Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Beth Young 8552 2348 bethyoung@bigpond.com
- 30—October 3 AC Murray Bridge tournament. Contact Lesley Zadow 0408 813 360 lemaza@bigpond.com

### OCTOBER

- 30 Sept—3 Oct AC Murray Bridge tournament. Contact Lesley Zadow 0408 813 360 lemaza@bigpond.com
- 9 GC Sunday singles 8+
- 14 GC Womens SA Championships
- 21 GC Mens SA Championship
- 31 AC Crystal Brook gala 9.30am start. Cost \$15 includes lunch. Contact Erica Young 8636 2039 grejy@bigpond.com

### NOVEMBER

- 8 GC Spring singles 6+
- 13 GC Victor Harbor gala 9.30am start Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Beth Young 8552 2348 bethyoung@bigpond.com
- 20 GC Sunday singles 8+

**QUADWAY HOOPS please refer to the instructions on the trolleys and in the clubhouse!**

**WEBSITE** Changes for the website should be sent direct to website@croquetsa.com.au . 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.

Clubs should regularly monitor the web page that is provided for them and advise of any changes to be made.

**CALENDAR** Changes to calendar should be sent to Peter calendar@croquetsa.com.au

### 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.

*Eileen Ferguson*

### REMINDER TO ALL PLAYERS & EVENT MANAGERS

A reminder that coaching sessions, club events such as Gala Days and tournaments, as well as Croquet SA events are for **current registered members only**. Players: Please ensure you have your **current** Croquet SA registration card with you when attending these events so that the event coordinators can verify your membership, thank you.

Club event co-ordinators: These events are for current registered members and it is your responsibility to check for current 2016 cards of participants.

**be active.**

**COME PLAY GATEBALL at WOODVILLE CROQUET CLUB** Contact Ann 8248 4410; Trish 04342 2821 042  
SUNDAY MORNINGS 11am for 11.30 start—byo BBQ lunch. Casual players—first two free then \$7.50per adult  
Accompanied kids under 18 free.  
Also social croquet & gateball Tuesday evenings 6-9pm

**VICTORIA GATEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS—CAIRNLEA, VIC.**



As some of you may be aware, Woodville Croquet club has borrowed a Gateball set from the Australian Croquet Association.

As part of a fact finding tour on how to play and run a Gateball tournament, Geoff Crook (2<sup>nd</sup> from the right on row 2) participated in the recent Victoria Gateball championship at the Cairnlea Victoria Croquet facility. Geoff was invited to play for the Kookaburras – a team comprising players from Lithgow and Newcastle in NSW by National Gateball Co-ordinator John Park who visited South Australia in January to demonstrate the game.

The Championships were played on Saturday 30 April in great spirit with the team to beat, Canberra, suffering a couple of defeats allowing the Cougars from Queensland to snatch the title. A doubles competition was held on the next day, the Canberra teams showing their class with an all Canberra final. After a very entertaining and close see-saw game, Bryan Johnson and Gilon Smith beat Glen Whitehead and Hilary White 14 points

to 11 – it was a great game to watch for the neutral observer.

Overall I learnt a great deal about Gateball, was encouraged by the friendly people playing and the relaxed atmosphere around the games – I even refereed a couple of games. If you want to be involved in this extremely strategic game, come along to Woodville Croquet club on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm or Sunday afternoons from 12:00pm – check with Trish on 0434 281 042 or Ann 8248 4410 to confirm that there hasn't been a halt to play!

To find out more about Gateball, visit [www.gateball.com.au](http://www.gateball.com.au).

Finally, a big thank you to John and Penny Park for going beyond the call of duty to make my visit so enjoyable.

**Geoff Crook, Woodville Croquet Club**

**HIT IT**

Croquet SA's second 'Hit It' Competition was held on Wednesday 27 April at Woodville Croquet Club. Thirteen school age children participated, an increase of three from the inaugural event last November. Once again it was successful with the children playing two games of doubles, swapping partners in the changeover. Given that many participants have only had recent croquet experience through Charles Sturt Council Holiday Program at Woodville, the standard of play was quite high. Pairings were arranged so that the more experienced players partnered the beginners. This worked well and the team work displayed was commendable.

The winner was determined on the number of hoops won and it was very close. Samara: 13 Hoops Peter: Ethan, Chris and Seth all on 12 hoops

Members of the GC Schools Sub-committee assisted Woodville Croquet Club in running the event.



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## GOLF CROQUET EVENT

### Double Trouble – NO - Double the Pleasure!

Golf Croquet SA has a range of Doubles Events coming up, why not consider playing in at least one of these events.

On offer are:

- Doubles Individual 9+ (both players handicap need to be 9 or greater, great for the less experienced players). Start date 31<sup>st</sup> May
- Doubles Individual 6+ (both players handicap need to be 6 or greater, great for those of you who played in the Autumn Pennants in this ranking). Start date 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Open Doubles (any handicap can enter this event). Start date 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Doubles combined 15+ (this is a good event to play with someone with a different handicap to yours and develop skills). Start date 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Doubles combined 8+ (again an event to develop skills and play with someone you don't usually play with). Start date 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Players who enter these events do not have to be from the same club, you may team up with anyone.

The specific information for each of these events will be sent out via email by Karen Magee, SA GC Event Promoter closer to the entry dates. All of the doubles events will be played at Hutt Road, Tuesday to Thursday.



### VOLUNTEERS WEEK MORNING TEA—Tuesday 17 May

Croquet SA thanked volunteers at a scrumptious morning tea at Hutt Road. Although some people were not able to make it to the event, Croquet SA is grateful of the time and commitment made to our Association by all of our volunteers.



**MOONTA CROQUET CLUB** recently held their annual Gala Day for the 2015/16 Season which was very successful. The numbers of entries was down on last year's Gala Day but that did not dampen the occasion. Players attending were from all over the state and some extremely good croquet was played. We were honoured, once again, to have Australia's Croquet AC Gold Medallist, Simon Hockey from Jamestown, playing at Moonta. Simon has won the gold medal three years in a row. A lot can be learnt from watching such a highly experienced player and he was keenly observed by everyone during the day.

Division 1 results 1<sup>st</sup> Harley Watts (Moonta), 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Marsland (Nowood) 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Kennett (Walleroo Club).

Division 2 results 1<sup>st</sup> June Marshall (Walleroo), 2<sup>nd</sup> Noreen Hatcher (Moonta) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Arbon (Port Pirie).

Two members of our club participated in the Masters Games in Murray Bridge playing both singles and doubles. Congratulations to Noreen Hatcher who won a Silver Medal at those games.

During the season, our club's new players competed, 'in house', for the Val Gosden Trophy. Congratulations to Anne Coulter on her win and to Barb Hartley who finished in second place.

On a sad note, Eileen Trenwith, an active member of our club for 50 years has recently passed away. Eileen was an inspiration to all players and is sadly missed.

**Judy Elverd**

*Masters Games Silver medallist Noreen Hatcher with Lesley Zadow and Dale Manson from Murray Bridge Club*

**WORLD CROQUET DAY** was a great opportunity to keep the profile of croquet in the spotlight in SA. 14 clubs agreed to "open their doors" on Saturday 7 May for people to come and have a hit. The event was widely publicized on council "What's On" calendar, was included in several Messenger newspapers, SA Weekend Magazine, The Border Watch at Mt. Gambier, and a radio interview on ABC 891. Social media also helped spread the word. Although the event was primarily a PR exercise, it was great to see around 80 people attend different clubs around SA. Thanks to the clubs who participated in this community focused event.



Visitors at Tea Tree Gully



Visitors at Millswood

## **“FACEBOOK FOR YOUR CLUB” TUESDAY 28th JUNE 10am – 12 HUTT ROAD**

**Facebook business pages are an easy way to keep in touch with visitors, existing members, local community and other stakeholders. It can be used to promote and publicise your events and news. Best of all, it's free.**

This is a *hands on* workshop for members exploring the possibility of starting a Facebook page for their club or for those who have started one and would like some tips.

### **We will cover:**

- basic set up of the page,
- settings,
- how and when to use your page (what does it all mean, getting more traffic to your page)
- Guide to good facebook posts
- do's and don'ts and Facebook etiquette
- Facebook on your smart phone
- plenty of time for questions during and after the session.

### **Prerequisites:**

- You will have already established a “personal” facebook page and preferably have spent some time using it.
- Need to bring a laptop or ipad to use.
- We can start your club page at the workshop. You will need a digital club logo and a photo of the club or people playing at it, on your computer, ready to upload, or start it before you come and we can check/edit the settings.
- If you haven't done the above, or are not ready to, you can still come along and participate, but still need a laptop to look at.

RSVP with name, email to Cathy by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June [execdir@croquetsa.com.au](mailto:execdir@croquetsa.com.au)

## **ARE YOU WORKING OR OWN A BUSINESS AND LOOKING FOR A TAX DEDUCTION?**

Croquet SA is very pleased to announce that the Croquet SA Foundation has now been established. The Foundation enables both individuals and businesses to make **a fully tax deductible donation** to Croquet SA.

A quick and easy online donation can be made to either the **Croquet SA Foundation** (general fund) or our first project – the **State Team Support Fund**.

Funds received for this project will be allocated equally to the AC and GC teams.

**Do you know someone looking for a tax deduction either as an individual or for their business?** Spread the word and head to our new look homepage for the link to Donate [www.croquetsa.com.au](http://www.croquetsa.com.au)

For and on behalf of the Board

## **Q & A**

**Q:** Who do we get in touch with about getting some quadway hoops for the club?

**A:** Ray Atkins 18 Marguerite Place, Halswell, Christchurch 8025 Ph (03)3394311 email:- [rnb.atkins@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rnb.atkins@xtra.co.nz)

## **RESULTS**

### **SA PLAYER WINS NSW OPEN MENS SINGLES**

Congratulations to Simon Hockey on winning the NSW Mens Open AC Singles Championship. Well done again Simon, there's no stopping you!



### **GOLF CROQUET SACA Mens Singles**

Winner Howard Wood; R/up John Arney



### **AC LEWIS BADGE RESULTS - Men's 6+**

There were five entries in this competition which has been won by Phil Bateman (Norwood)

### **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)



**REGISTRATION FEES** for all Croquet SA players for 6 months 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016

City \$46.50 County \$32, 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

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