



HOOP POINTS

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AUSTRALIA WINS THE COVETED AC MACROBERTSON SHIELD

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION BETWEEN UK, USA, NZ And AUSTRALIA



We are incredibly proud of South Australian players **Simon Hockey** and **Greg Fletcher**, members of the Australian team in this prestigious competition which was recently contested in Rancho Mirage California. The event, dubbed "the Olympics of Croquet" was played in blistering heat of around 40 degrees every day. Other members of the team were Ian Dumergue, Stephen Forster, Robert Fletcher and Malcolm Fletcher. What



a great achievement—Australia last won the Shield in 1935. Australia will host the next MacRobertson Shield tournament in 2021. Other positions were second, UK, third USA, fourth NZ.

TUMBY BAY AC TOURNAMENT 11-15 May



Tournament entrants

Thirty two players from all over the state were split into four groups of eight with handicaps ranging from zero to 20. It was a very happy tournament, with spectators clapping and laughter till the last game. Club members' catering of soups, sandwiches and desserts were enjoyed by players and spectators. Excellent lawns cared for by Rob and his band of merry men.



Mark Kobelt & Roger Buddle—colourful undies flying from the flagpole!

Social events included hotel quiz night, a singalong, shared tea at Wilkins', bridge with Lyn and Mary, and presentation afternoon tea. Players from groups 2,3,4 enjoyed watching the last round and learning from the 0 – 5 handicap players, especially the cat'n'mouse play between Mark and Roger. Group 4 was a joy with half of the 8 players playing their first tournament, with assistance from Margaret Barrie from Port Lincoln when needed.

Results:

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| Group 1 | 1) Mark Kobelt, Tumby Bay – 6 wins | 2) Roger Buddle, Victor Harbor– 5 wins |
| Group 2 | 1) Wayne Peart, Norwood - 5 wins(+41) | 2) Judy Lipsett, Kadina - 5 wins (+35) |
| Group 3 | 1) Erica Young, Crystal Brook - 6 wins | 2) Christine Bolvig, Snowtown - 5 wins |
| Group 4 | 1) Trevor Lipsett, Kadina - 7 wins | 2) Garry Speed, Tumby Bay - 5 wins |

Many thanks to Roger Buddle, (Tumby Bay Club delegate), referees, and everyone who helped to make our tournament a success. We may catch up with some of you at the Port Lincoln Tournament 20 – 24 October.



Ivan Oates & Dianne Paul

MOONTA'S AC GALA DAY

Saturday 29 April, the Moonta Croquet Club hosted a Gala Day with 32 competitors who came from as far north as Port Pirie and as far south as Victor Harbor as well as Kadina and Wallaroo. The venue for the day was the first class facilities of Moonta Memorial Park Bowling Club.

Three of our Moonta members, Harley Watts, Kath Lamshed and Malcolm Algie were among the top competitors. Prize winners were Russell Kopp from Norwood in Group A; Pat Kennett from Wallaroo in Group B and Dianne Paul from Wallaroo in Group C.



Ivan Oates & Russell Kopp

Guests for the afternoon were the club's long time sponsors Ivan and Winsome Oates. Prizes were presented by Ivan, who although not a croquet player himself, has a long association with the club as his mother and aunts were Moonta members for many years. Muriel Woodward, Ivan's aunt, who is in her nineties is the club's patron.

ASSOCIATION CORQUET INTERSTATE COMPETITION IN ADELAIDE 2018

Are you keen and enthusiastic? Can you work as part of a team? If so WE NEED YOUR HELP?

Croquet SA is seeking expressions of interest from players who are keen to be part of a steering committee to organise the **AC Australian Gold Medal, Men's & Women's Singles and the Eire Cup** which will be held in Adelaide in March 2018.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT & CLUB PROMOTION

WORLD CROQUET DAY AT KADINA

Wow, once again we were blessed with a beautiful day on 7 May – God must have been a croquet player! We hosted a very successful free sausage sizzle and ‘Come and try’ afternoon at the club. 29 of our members attended and we welcomed 17 visitors. A very social and tactical game of Aussie croquet was played and about a dozen players continued after afternoon tea – we could hardly drag them off the lawn. Everyone enjoyed the event and two guests joined the club there and then. Several others said they would be back. David Franke from Kadina read about the event in the local paper and came with his young son Charlie – you are never too young to start croquet.

It was fun and everyone was happy with their World Croquet Day experience.

Linda Kinch



David Franke & Charlie

GATEBALL UPDATE



Well it’s been over 12 months now since we first borrowed a Gateball set from the Australian Croquet Association. In that time we’ve held a Gateball doubles comp, introduced the game to anyone who was willing to play, purchased our own Gateball set, and this year the whole family participated in the Victorian State Gateball Championship at Cairnlea, with Chris (9) and I winning one of our doubles games! I’ve also noticed a distinct improvement in my Golf croquet game since playing Gateball and would encourage anyone to give it a go. Over the year, we have learned that it’s not a game that grabs you immediately, and is best introduced in the doubles format, but once it grabs you it doesn’t let go!

INTRODUCTION TO GATEBALL

9-11 June WOODVILLE, HYDE PARK AND NORTH ADELAIDE

Over the June long weekend we will be joined by an experienced Gateball player from Queensland to demonstrate the game to interested SACA members, with a competition planned at Hutt Road on the evening of Tuesday 13th June.

An experienced gateball player will provide introductory training/strategy sessions at:

- Woodville Saturday 10 June 1.30pm
- Hyde Park Sunday 11 June 0.30am
- North Adelaide Sunday 11 June 1.30pm

Register by 7 June by email woodvillecroquet@gmail.com or call Trish 0434 281 042

This year will also see the Australian National Championships to be held in NSW in October which is also the qualifying event for the world championships to be held in Brazil next year.

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.

Geoff Crook, Woodville Croquet Club

Jean Armstrong Memorial Shield 20th Anniversary 2017 (Brighton)

The Brighton Croquet Club is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Jean Armstrong Memorial Shield from 13 to 16 October 2017.

This is a significant event, not only in the life of the club, but also nationally and internationally. Jean Armstrong had such influence in the world of croquet that she was admitted to the World Croquet Federation Hall of Fame.

Players from around Australia will be coming to Adelaide in October to participate in this event which will celebrate not only the past 20 years but also Jean’s involvement in croquet.

The Brighton Croquet Club is inviting anyone who has played in the Jean Armstrong Memorial Shield (formerly the Jean Armstrong Shield) to enter the tournament and anyone who is interested to come as a spectator and join us at the Official Dinner on Saturday 14 October 2017.

In celebration and remembrance of Jean, players are being asked to wear coloured tops and pearls as Jean encouraged. Ladies Crew Polo tops are available on order for \$27. They will be of different colours and will include the Brighton Croquet Club logo and the words “Jean Armstrong Memorial Shield 20th Anniversary 2017”.

If anyone is interested in playing, attending the Official Dinner or ordering a top, please contact Anne Woodhouse for details.

email annewoodhouse4@gmail.com

phone 0417 010 048



CROQUET SA CENTENARY 2018—ORGANISING COMMITTEE NEEDED

We have two members come forward to help plan a celebration for this milestone, but we are still needing more—can you help? Please contact Cathy execdir@croquetsa.com.au or phone 8271 6586

JUNE

- 2-4 GC ACA Bronze Medal
 9 GC Millswood monthly singles Cost \$6 per session byo lunch Contact Penny Harper
 pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
 13-15 GC Doubles Individual 6+ Entry on-line Entry fee \$40 per pair
 19 GC Murray Bridge 10am start Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Lesley 8532 2048, 0408813360
 freckles38@bigpond.com
 30 GC North Adelaide handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch
 Contact Sue Huddy 0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com

JULY

- 4-6 GC Open doubles
 14 GC Millswood monthly singles Cost \$6 per session byo lunch Contact Penny Harper
 pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
 28 GC North Adelaide handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch
 Contact Sue Huddy 0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com
 18-20 GC Doubles combined 15+

AUGUST

- 1-3 GC Doubles combined 8+
 11 GC Millswood monthly singles Cost \$6 per session byo lunch Contact Penny Harper
 pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
 25 GC North Adelaide handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch
 Contact Sue Huddy 0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com
 30-1 Sept GC Spring singles 9+

SEPTEMBER

- 2-3 AC Millswood Blue & Gold Invitation. Contact heather.bajcarz@gmail.com
 4 AC Crystal Brook gala 9.30am start Cost \$15 Contact Wilma Hendry 8636 2651—0409 362 651
 11 GC Victor Harbor gala day Cost \$15 inc. lunch 10am start Contact Anne Fawkner
 fawknerkf@dodo.com.au
 11 AC Port Pirie Gala 9.30am start Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Pat Norton 0417839 295
 or Carol Haldane chaldane45@bigpond.com
 18 AC Salisbury gala day. Contact Val Rogers valrogers23@gmail.com
 21 AC Millswood gala day. Contact Heather Bajcarz

OCTOBER

- 12-15 AC Tea Tree Gully Swiss doubles Tournament. Contact Lyn Booth 0418 805 458
 20-24 AC Port Lincoln tournament Championship & Handicap singles Cost \$40
 Contact Margaret Barry 8682 2352; Barbara Bartsch 8682 4473
 21-28 Australian Masters Games, Tasmania
 25 GC Tea Tree Gully gala. Contact Aysha Fox 8251 7621
 28-3 Nov GC Victor Harbor tournament Contact Kate Logan kate.logan@adam.com.au

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.

REMINDER TO ALL PLAYERS AND 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 registra-

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

GOOGLEGROUPS MAILING LIST—GET ON IT

Googlegroups mailing list was established for clubs to advertise their events to each other by email and for Croquet SA to share relevant information direct to you—our members. It was lovely to have a player come to me\ the other day to tell me how his interest in croquet has really grown now that he received all the information on events at clubs and from Croquet SA!
 Send an email to execdir@croquetsa.com.au to join.

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

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 6 months 1 April to 30 September 2017
 City \$48.50 inc GST, County \$29.50 inc GST, Student city \$22.50 inc GST, Student country \$15.00 inc GST,
 Juniors city and country (under 18) free

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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