



HOOP POINTS

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CROQUET CENTENARY – 100 YEARS OF CROQUET IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA Sunday 6th May

A celebration of our Centenary was held on a warm and sunny Sunday, very reminiscent of the original ceremony held 1st May 1918, where the theme was "An English May Day".

We welcomed around 70 members and visitors to Hutt Road, where all enjoyed delicious morning and afternoon tea and a scrumptious BBQ lunch. Our Patron Lord Mayor Martin Haese and Lady Mayoress Mrs Genevieve Theseira-Haese attended, and we were thrilled to see them go head to head in a game of doubles with Simon Hockey and Dwayne McCormick helping them.

Some members dressed in period costume and the winners for best costume were Phil Wise, Peter Rostron and Meredith Humble (pictured), whose skirt once belonged to a relative of our original Patron Mr. C Glover (LM of Adelaide)!

One court was set up for Gateball which was really popular as many members had never tried it.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who donated cakes and came together to make this a truly special day, and special thanks to Christina Fowler who co-organised this event.

The display of memorabilia is available for all members to have a look at in the clubhouse at Hutt Road.

Our Centenary book is not quite finished yet, and will be ready later in the year, however we still have our Centenary wine available for purchase. Please give me a call on 8271 6586 if you would like to purchase some.

Cathy Leske



9th AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cairnlea, Victoria 5th -8th May.

Twenty one pairs entered and were divided into 2 Blocks with the top 4 from each Block continuing on for the main event. The remainder went on to play for the Plate. It was somewhat disappointing to see the 5 SA pairings all in the same Block, thus fighting against each other to get into the main event.

Congratulations to John Arney, David Wise, Shirlene and Ron McBride for getting there and doing so well. John and David 2nd and Shirlene and Ron 5th.

Virginia Arney and her partner Richard from NSW joined the Plate players and the event was run roughly as a Swiss event. Barry Jennings and Karen Magee won the Plate.



CRYSTAL BROOK COMMUNITY CROQUET CHALLENGE 2018

Social croquet was held on four Thursday evenings during March for any one who wanted to try a new sport. On most evenings there were at least 16 players, with up to 24 on one occasion. Adults and children all joined in, playing three games of Aussie Croquet each week and becoming quite skilful by the end of the month. This is the second year that the Croquet Club has held a social tournament in March and it has encouraged several more people to consider ongoing membership.

On the last day of the event participants requested that we have a re-enactment of the Alice in Wonderland croquet match where the Queen of Hearts used flamingos for mallets. We had a selection of Mad Hatters, white rabbits, a Cheshire cat as well as some playing cards appearing on the day.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MEN'S GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP

This event was held at Hutt Road in perfect weather conditions Friday 27th – Sunday 29th April. Brighton Croquet Club managed the event and Shirlene Mc Bride, Anne Woodhouse, Karen Magee and Graeme Thomas worked as referees. There were also many spectators supporting the men from a number of clubs, making the championship a vibrant place to be.

Day 1 (Friday) was Block play with 6 men in Block A and 5 in Block B.

In Block A after 3 matches (best of 3 games) with a time limit of 1 hour, 4 players were sitting on 2 match wins, with only net games and hoops separating them. Mick Reidy (Hyde Park) was leading this Block at the end of the day and Jim Grindrod (Aldinga Bay) was in second place.

In Block B at the end of this first day of play 2 players were also equal on match wins, but with only 5 players in the Block byes were involved, therefore overall match wins were not a true indication of placings. Ronald McBride was leading the Block with 2 match wins and only 2 matches played, 3 other players were vying for second place in this early stage of the competition.

Day 2 (Saturday) Mick Reidy continued to display superb skills to win 4 matches and thus Block A. Second place was tight between Jim Grindrod, Heath Jackson (Hyde Park) and Greg Rowberry (Norwood), all on 3 match wins. Jim eventually won out with 4 net games to move to the semi-finals with Mick.

Block B also had a clear winner; Ron was undefeated on 4 match wins, but again second place was less obvious at first sight. Barry Jennings (Hyde Park) wound up second over Eric Zadow (Murray Bridge) due to a better net game score, meaning Ron and Barry proceeded to the semi-finals.

Day 3 (Sunday): Given this was a selection event for the State Team all players were again on the lawns to determine their final placings. All men were still playing matches (best of 3 games) with a time limit of one hour. The play was outstanding, jump shots through hoops from the boundary, clearances from the other side of the court and precision placement of balls to hamper opponents. Ron and Mick won their semi-finals, meaning Jim and Barry J had to play off for 3rd and 4th places.

The final placings were: 1st Ronald McBride

2nd Mick Reidy

3rd Jim Grindrod

4th Barry Jennings

Karen Magee: Brighton Croquet Club



Entrants and referees in the Men's Championships

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S OPEN GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP (18-20 May)

This was an exciting three days of high standard matches. Virginia Arney won the event with Kate Logan in second place. Most matches were close and keenly fought with great spirit and sportsmanship making it most enjoyable for the spectators.

Competitors were Virginia Arney, Kate Logan, Karen Magee, Monika Curtis (a new entrant this year), Helen Cook, Norma Greig, Anne Woodhouse and Julie Weaver.

The event was managed by North Adelaide CC: thanks also to the referees (Barry Jennings, Robert Weaver and John Arney) as well as Bernie Pfitzner as tournament referee.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

JUNE

- 4 **GC** Murray Bridge gala Contact croquetmurraybridge@gmail.com
 8 **GC** Millswood monthly singles Cost \$5 per session byo lunch Contact Penny Harper
 pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
 9-11 **GC** ACA Bronze Medal—Open—handicap
 12-14 **AC** Marryatville Silver Medal 8+ Online entry
 26-28 **GC** Doubles combined handicap 8+
 29 **GC** North Adelaide handicap singles Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch Contact Sue Huddy
 0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com

JULY

- 13 **GC** Millswood monthly singles Cost \$5 per session byo lunch Contact Penny Harper
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 14-15 **AC** CB Sharp Medal. Online entry
 24-26 **AC** Division 2 and Division 4 singles Online entry
 27 **GC** North Adelaide handicap singles Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch Contact Sue Huddy
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AUGUST

- 3-5 **GC** SA Bronze Medal—handicap 9+
 7-9 **GC** Open doubles
 10 **GC** Millswood monthly singles Cost \$5 per session byo lunch Contact Penny Harper
 pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
 19 **AC** Millswood Blue & Gold Invitation Singles
 31 **GC** North Adelaide handicap singles Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch Contact Sue Huddy
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SEPTEMBER

- 3 **AC** Port Pirie gala 9 for 9.30 start Cost \$15 includes lunch. Play on our new lawns
 Contact Pat Norton 0417839295
 10 **GC** Victor Harbor Gala Cost \$20 incl lunch Contact Anne Fawkner 8552 6074 fawknerkf@dodo.com.au

AC STATE COACH

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

AC State team coach for 2018-2019 (see Bylaws 28.3)

The role of the Team Coach is to

- Organise and conduct training sessions to prepare Squad/Team members for national competition
- Identify where performance needs improvement and implement strategies to facilitate that improvement

Applications should include

- Details of the applicant's experience
- Reasons as to why the applicant believes they are suitable for the position
- A proposed training program

Applications for AC State Coach should be emailed to president@croquetsa.com.au by COB Friday 8th June 2018



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 registration card.

VACANT POSITIONS ON CROQUET SA BOARD

The following positions remain vacant on the Board.

- Vice President
- AC Director
- Director Sport Development.

In addition to the above, the position of Treasurer will become vacant at the AGM in September. If all four positions remain vacant after this time the Croquet SA Board will cease to operate as they do now.

Members are urged to consider nominating for these positions, you do not have to wait till the AGM. More information is available from the President Eileen Ferguson president@croquetsa.com.au

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 6 months 1 April to 30 September 2018
 City \$50.00 inc GST, County \$33.50 inc GST, Student (18-25 with ID card) city \$25.00 inc GST, country \$16.50 inc GST, Juniors (under 18 as at 1/7/17) city and country free

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