



# HOOP POINTS

*A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA*

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## WOMENS GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's Women's Championship began in perfect autumnal conditions. With a field of six, on day one we had three "5" handicappers pitted against 3 "zero" handicappers and results might have appeared predictable, but not so. In the first three games, two of the "5" handicappers were victorious and in the third game the "zero" handicapper was taken to a tie-breaker. In an event where the winner was to be decided on matches won (in two game matches), by the end of the day only one player was undefeated.

Day two was far less autumnal, but still good weather for croquet, if a little cool for spectators.

Games were timed at one hour each, and on only rare occasions did timers sound to end games, indicating that the one hour limit seemed to work very well. In the end it was a battle between the top two competitors, with only the results of the final two games determining the ranking order, making for an exciting tournament.

Both finalists won four matches each, so it came down to net games to determine the final result. Congratulations to winner Virginia Arney with four matches, 8 net games, and to runner-up Karen Magee, with four match wins and 6 net games.

The event was managed by Millswood Croquet Club, and referees included Ann Woodhouse, Barry Jennings, Graeme Thomas and Barry Haydon.



## MENS GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seven players participated in a round robin format of two-game matches, each of one hour's duration. Players ranged in handicaps from +4 to -1. By close of day one, with players completing either six or eight games, three competitors had won two matches with one other winning one match for the day.

The standard of play was enthralling and it was good to see some spectators about over the two days but the level of play was such that it would have satisfied even a full gallery of onlookers. A feature of play over the two days was the frequency and consistency and accuracy of long roquet shots.

On Sunday morning, players whipped through each of their games in well under the allotted hour so that all final matches were under way prior to midday. At the commencement of the final matches there were still three players in contention for first place but in the end the honours clearly went to Barry Haydon, who won four matches, from Runner-up Jiim Grindrod, on three matches.

Millswood Croquet Club was the Event Manager and Referees were Anne Woodhouse, Karen McGee and Graeme Thomas.



## SALISBURY CLUB CELEBRATES 110 YEARS



On April 29<sup>th</sup> Salisbury Club welcomed players from Norwood, Snowtown, Hyde Park, Tea Tree Gully, Wallaroo, West Lakes, Moonta and North Adelaide to help us celebrate our 110<sup>th</sup> birthday.

It was a lovely sunny day, just great for playing croquet. Players and members enjoyed a sumptuous lunch and afternoon tea was highlighted by the cutting of the birthday cake, kindly donated and cut by Vice President Rita Inwood. It is truly an achievement for a club to survive for 110 years and it is interesting to note that the club was founded in 1909 with 12 members. At the centenary celebrations there were 12 members and on our 110<sup>th</sup> birthday we still have 12 members.

*Eileen Ferguson  
President Salisbury CC*



## CROQUET SURGING AHEAD AS THE SPORT TO PLAY!

Over the past eight weeks clubs in SA have welcomed **41** new members!

This is fantastic news for not only these clubs but for *all clubs*, because it demonstrates that the word about croquet is getting out!

It's winter now so get inspired as a club to sit down and plan your spring/summer promotion! Everything is much easier when it has been planned properly. Would you like some help to do this? I am happy to assist the club and with all sorts of helpful templates, promotional information and fliers, suggestions and hands on assistance so your club get noticed in your community!

There are many unique fantastic selling points in favour of croquet so let's all work together to make an impact on our communities to get the word out about croquet! The more clubs that have their doors open to the community the more impact we make. Are your doors open and are people being invited to come down to the club? If they are not invited, they simply won't come. I

t's also vital that clubs obtain (and keep) email addresses of visitors - because they need to be invited over and over again. Then they will come and keep coming and bring their friends.

Please contact me at any time on email if I can help you - [croquetsa@bigpond.com](mailto:croquetsa@bigpond.com) or give me a call on 8271 6586.  
Cathy Leske



## BRIGHTON OPEN DAY 2019

It was a gorgeous sunny afternoon for World Croquet Day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Pat Lawson and the team at Brighton had worked hard to provide a varied and appealing program networking with Reilly's Wines for wine tasting and Bank SA for provision of a sausage sizzle cooked by the bank staff. It was obvious that the event was very well planned with various members allocated their role for the day. The proceeds of the sausage sizzle went back to the club. There was also a raffle with some great prizes. Promotion of the event was done by Brighton CC, Reilly's Wines and Croquet SA and over 200 people attended.

What a great example of the success of networking with local organisations this event was.

The lawns and clubhouse were immaculate and welcoming and it was evident from the smiles all round that patrons from all demographics enjoyed the croquet on the lawns. It was great to see some members of other clubs come along too. Well done to Brighton who are gaining significant numbers of new members since their Hammer Time event, this Open Day and their ongoing Tuesday night sessions for the community.



Brighton Croquet Club members Graham Whiteway, Monica Brown and Pat Lawson on the lawns ahead of next month's come and try session to mark World Croquet Day. PICTURE: AAP/MORGAN SETTE

## COUNCIL GRANTS - ARE YOU APPLYING?

Council grants for a club promotion are hands down the best way to receive not only financial help but an incredible amount of support and publicity for your event.

The most difficult part about promotions is getting the word out and councils will certainly help with that. They will advertise it on their website, social media and newsletters when you are a recipient of program funding with them. They have a huge network of locals to help advertise your event to. So make sure someone in the club is always applying for program funding to support your next event. It makes no difference if you have received funding for something else from them - they want to see you out there in the community and will support you.

Cathy Leske

## Going through the hoops

### HOVE

Lauren Nelli

Brighton Croquet Club members will be having a swing next month to help celebrate World Croquet Day.

Club president Graham Whiteway, 74, is encouraging locals to come along to the Stopford Rd club on May 5 for a fun day of croquet and wine.

"We are encouraging people to come and enjoy some wine tasting, have a go at cro-

quet and have some fun," Mr Whiteway says.

Clare Valley winery Reillys Wines will be sponsoring the event, providing a selection of wine tastings, special offers and raffle prizes.

"We thought having a wine tasting was a great way to get a whole lot of people through the door," says club sponsorship officer Pat Lawson.

"It will be a fun day for everyone."

All equipment will be provided, and guests are encour-

aged to bring a pair of flat shoes for classes instructed by qualified club coaches.

Mr Whiteway says the Hove club - formed in 1915 - catered for players from those who wanted to compete at the highest possible level through to those who simply wanted to enjoy a social hit.

The come and try afternoon will be held on May 5, from 1pm to 4pm, at the Brighton Croquet Club. For more details: [brightoncroquetsa.com](http://brightoncroquetsa.com)

Cathy Leske

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF GC STATE TEAM

The 2019 State Team to compete for the Interstate Shield in Melbourne from 11th – 15th September has just been announced. Congratulations to:

**Women** Virginia Arney (Norwood), Julianne Jago (South Tce), Kate Logan (Victor Harbor), Karen Magee (Brighton), Anne Woodhouse (Brighton).

**Men** John Arney (Norwood,) Jim Grindrod (Aldinga Bay), Heath Jackson (Hyde Park), Barry Jennings (Hyde Park), Mick Reidy (Hyde Park)

**Non-travelling reserves** Norma Greig (North Adelaide), Paul Ensor (South Tce)

**Jim & Kate have been elected Captain & vice-captain respectively.**

Also of interest is the fact that after their strong performances in recent competitions the following players have been added to the Squad; Julie Grindrod, Kevin Le Poidevin, and Robert Brown, and it is expected that they will give the team some strong competition between now and September. The squad will prepare for the competition under the combined coaching guidance of Graham Whiteway & Barry Haydon.

We wish all those chosen to represent our State all the best during the tournament and during the preparation for it.

**Barry Haydon**  
*Chair, State Team Selection (GC)*

## MISSING PENNANT FINALLY PRESENTED!

2017/18 Fleurieu Pennant winners Victor Harbor were finally presented with their pennant on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019. Unfortunately the original pennant went missing in transit and a replacement pennant needed to be procured before the winning team could be suitably acknowledged.



## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 20-26 MAY

In National Volunteer Week and we thank all volunteers for your outstanding contribution to our sport.

Our many volunteers, whether at Board, Committee or Club level contribute an enormous amount of time to croquet in this state and really do make "a world of difference".

Croquet SA celebrated the contribution of our volunteers with a morning tea at Hutt Road.

Congratulations and thank you to all our volunteers, past or present, in South Australia, you do a magnificent job.



**Congratulations to Bernie Pfitzner** who has been appointed as the Australian Representative to the WCF GC Rules Committee. Well done Bernie the WCF will certainly benefit from your expertise.

**Thank you to Carolyn Cooper**, our new **GC Handicapper** and **Roger Buddle and Di Helier** new **AC Events coordinators**.

## POSITIONS VACANT—CAN YOU HELP BE PART OF THE SOLUTION?

Board positions vacant: **Vice President, AC Director, Director Sport Development** . Contact Eileen Ferguson for information [woolley17@outlook.com](mailto:woolley17@outlook.com)

## Expressions of interest for the AC State Coach 2019-2020 and AC State team manager 2019-2020.

Please send your EOI to Eileen Ferguson [woolley17@outlook.com](mailto:woolley17@outlook.com)

**Golf Croquet Scorer** is required for the GC Committee. Please contact Graeme Thomas if you can assist [grazzadi@bigpond.com](mailto:grazzadi@bigpond.com)

## Maintenance Officer

To work collaboratively with Board and coordinators to keep our state facility looking its best.

Duties:

- Moving of hoops up to 5 times p.a. unless major events
- Maintenance of trolleys and hoops
- General tidying of shed/facility
- Occasional weeding/spraying of perimeters
- Ad hoc minor maintenance jobs (e.g. repairs to shelters)
- Occasional cleaning of verandah, emptying bins, taking bottles to depot
- Other ad hoc minor jobs from time to time.

Honorarium may be available to cover costs. If interested contact Cathy [croquetsa@bigpond.com](mailto:croquetsa@bigpond.com)

## CROQUET EQUIPMENT FOR SALE ex former BERRI CROQUET CLUB

Dawson 2000 balls—2 sets first colours; 3 sets second colours

One new Dawson mallet—36"; 2 second hand mallets

Contact Warren Botterell 0417 851 940 and make an offer

## 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 [croquetsa@bigpond.com](mailto:croquetsa@bigpond.com) to join.



## REMINDER TO ALL MEMBER PLAYERS, CLUB EVENTS MANAGERS, AND SACA COORDINATORS

A reminder that coaching, information or refereeing sessions conducted on behalf of Croquet SA, club events such as Gala Days and tournaments, as well as Croquet SA events are for **current** registered members only.

**A player quoting their ID number does not mean they are currently registered. The number could have been issued in prior years.**

**All Players:** Please ensure you have your current Croquet SA registration card with you when attending events.

**Club & SACA Event Managers and Coordinators:** After entries close you can check whether players are registered with the Registrations Officer Norma Amey [registrations@croquetsa.com.au](mailto:registrations@croquetsa.com.au) or [croquetsa@bigpond.com](mailto:croquetsa@bigpond.com) prior to the event.

If no checks are made prior to the event, then current ID cards for all participants should be sighted on the day. Croquet SA relies on clubs to administer this for club events. Please ensure this process is undertaken for all internal events held. Thank you for your assistance.

**Croquet SA Board**

**UPCOMING EVENTS 2019****JUNE**

- 8-10 **AC** SA Open Mens and Womens Singles  
 11-13 **AC** Maslen Brooch (Ladies 6+) Online entry  
 14 **GC** Millswood monthly singles Sessions begin 10am and 1pm 12 players per session  
 Contact Penny Harper pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273  
 14 –16 **GC** ACA Bronze medal—Handicap Open Online entry  
 18–20 **GC** Doubles combined 8+ Cost \$40 ppair Online entry Entries close 3 June  
 21 **GC** North Adelaide handicap singles Cost \$6 Contact Kevin LePoidevin 0403836954  
 kevinlepoidevin@gmail.com  
 22-23 **AC** Selectors invitation  
 25-27 **AC** Marryatville Silver Medal 8+ Online entry  
 29—30 **Gateball** Southport CC, teams, doubles Enquiries Elaine Riches 07 5531 4720 Entries close 14 June

**JULY**

- 1-2 **Ricochet** Southport CC, handicap singles Enquiries Elaine Riches 07 5531 4720 Entries close 14 June  
 3-5 **GC** Southport CC Singles & doubles Enquiries Elaine Riches 07 5531 4720 Entries close 14 June  
 6—19 **AC** Gold Coast Tweed tournament. Singles & doubles; championship & handicap; 14 events  
 Cost \$20 pplayer per event. Contact Dave Luxmore 0417 720 844 d.lux53@gmail.com  
 9-11 **GC** Doubles individual 5+ Online entry  
 12 **GC** Millswood monthly singles Sessions begin 10am and 1pm 12 players per session  
 Contact Penny Harper pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273  
 15-18 **AC** Division 2 Singles 2.5+ Online entry  
 19 **GC** North Adelaide handicap singles Cost \$6 Contact Kevin LePoidevin 0403836954  
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 25—28 **GC** Brighton Armstrong Challenge Womens and Mens tournaments Entry fee \$50 Entries close 29 June  
 Contact Anne Woodhouse 0417 010 048 annewoodhouse4@gmail.com

**AUGUST**

- 13-15 **AC** Division 4 singles 14+ Online entry  
 20-22 **AC** Lewis Badge (Mens 6+) Online entry

**SEPTEMBER**

- 7-8 **AC** Presidents Trophy Invitation event  
 13-15 **AC** CB Sharp Gold Medal Online entry  
 24-26 **AC** Division 3 singles 8+ Online entry

**GATEBALL**

Gateball is being played on a regular basis at Hyde Park at 9.00am on most Wednesday mornings and Woodville on most Sunday mornings. The club can be contacted first to confirm playing times.

Gateball is played by more than 10 million players throughout Asia and South America.

The Gateball National Championships 2019 will be held at Victorian Croquet Centre, Cairnlea from Friday 28 November to Sunday 1 December. In 2017 teams from China, South Korea and Paraguay participated; it is a great way to make international sporting contacts.

**SACA LAWNS** Players are reminded to use the ramps and steps with handrails provided when exiting the lawns—especially in wet weather—to avoid slipping on the wet concrete.

**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.

**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.

**REGISTRATION FEES** for all Croquet SA players for 6 months 1 April to 30 September 2019:  
 City 54.00 inc GST, Country \$36.00 inc GST, Student (18-25 with ID card) city \$27.50 inc GST, country \$18.00 inc GST, Juniors (under 18 as at 1/7/17) city and country free.  
 Club affiliation \$60 for clubs < 40 members, \$110 40+ members

**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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