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Hoop Points

CATCH OF THE DAY AT TUMBY BAY

Ron didn't bring home a win at the AC Tournament, but he definitely brought home a win when he spent the afternoon with Gary and Karyn Speed fishing for King George Whiting at Thuruna off Tumby Bay. They taste as good as they look!

Gary new just where to drop anchor. Ron thru in with his cockle bait and Gary and Karyn tried squid. Gary was having success pulling in lots of other interesting types of fish whilst Ron kept loosing his bait. After about 15minutes Ron hooked a large King George straight under the boat. With great team work and rotation of fishing spots on the boat the team had caught their boat limit and were back at the ramp only 1.5 hours after leaving.

Gary had certainly recovered from his heart attack and we all enjoyed a great meal of King George delightfully cooked by Karyn.

Shirlene



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the SA WOMEN'S and SA MEN'S SINGLES GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 27, 28, 29, 30.

Millswood CC had the privilege of managing these two top flight competitions. The women, playing on the first two days, starting off with a seven player round robin of 1 hour games with the first top four players, K. Magee, H. Cook, K. Logan, J. Jago, moving into a best of 3, 1 hour games (the true number 4 player being unable to compete further) and the rest moving into a 1hour game, single round robin.

At the finish of play on Friday afternoon, the results were: **Karen Magee** (BCC) winner pictured left, from **Kate Logan** (VHCC) pictured right. Karen did not lose a game winning 8/8. Very Impressive!

The 10 men started playing on Saturday in a single round robin of untimed games, then moving onto Sunday to finish the competition. By Sunday's finish the final results were:

Winner **Barry Jennings** (HPCC) pictured right 8 wins +34 net hoops from **Stephen Condous** (HPCC) pictured left. 6 wins +13 net hoops, then B. Haydon (HPCC) 6 wins +6 and J. Arney (NCC) 6 wins -1.

I wish to thank all of the referees for giving their time and to the Millswood members who assisted with managing the competitions.

Jane Lewis.
Tournament Manager
Millswood CC.



Extra congratulations go to **Barry Jennings** (the only SA representative) for his outstanding play in the recent ACA Australian Golf Croquet Open Singles competition where he finished in 3rd Position.

Naracoorte AC Tournament 2021



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From Naracoorte to Tumby Bay the Country Clubs have hosted two great AC Tournaments in May 2021

Before setting off for Naracoorte I caught up with Linda Kinch (she and Malcolm have played in the Naracoorte Tournament frequently) to ask her what the weather was like down in the SE her advice “Well Shirlene it’s like this –pack your shorts and your thermals” and so I did and we used them both!

The field was all South Aussies this year separated into three blocks **Linda Kinch** pictured far right was the winner of Block 3 with an outstanding win of 5 (no losses). **Judy Lipsett** was the winner of Block 2; 4 wins 1 loss (well done). **Greg Rowberry** just made it home by two hoops over Barry Jennings—when Ron McBride defeated him in the last game of the draw. This game was an enthralling contest with Ron pegging one ball out leading 25 to 9. With Barry watching eagerly Greg needed to only loose by 7 hoops to win the comp. The tactics by both players kept all spectators on edge. Whilst Ron won the game Greg run sufficient hoops to win the tournament.

Oliver Homan, retail manager of Minijumbuk a long time sponsor of this tournament, presented the winners with their perpetual trophies and provided us with some inspiration about the importance of supporting our Australian products and the high regard that other countries have for the Minijumbuk Product.

Naracoorte is among the “rare” clubs that share facilities with the Naracoorte Bowling Club and have a good working relationship. It was great to have members of the bowling club at the Croquet Dinner in their lovely club rooms.

A great meal was provided by the Naracoorte ladies and we were also entertained by Annie Kilsby with her Ukulele and Malcolm Kinch with some sassy, sliding Trombone playing.

Put it in your calendar for next year and take some time to visit the Coonawarra wineries, the Heritage Listed Naracoorte Caves and the Minijumbuk outlet.



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Tumby Bay AC Tournament 2021

Tumby Bay is having a great number of holiday makers thru there town since overseas travel is not possible. A constant stream of caravans parked along the Esplanade (where the courts are located) meant people walked over to watch the Croquet games being played (lets hope we get some inspired newcomers at our clubs).

The temperature stayed low but the ladies kept us warm with some delicious varieties of home made soup and other delicacies. Robert Habner had done a great job on the lawns and we were treated to the great country hospitality by the croquet members and town folk.



Division 4
Trevor Lipsett and Erika Young

Division 3
Judy Lipsett and Kathy Wilkins

Division 2
John Arney and Joan Kelly

Division 1
Murray Baum and Shirley Howlett

The tournament consisted of a drawn doubles competition played on the first day followed by Singles Competition. It had been a long time since the Division 1 and 2 had such a strong competitive field with players from Norwood, Victor Harbor and Yankalilla adding to their entries.

The winners in all singles Divisions didn't have it their own way..... In Div 3 and 4 there was 3 players all on 5 wins 2 loses with only hoops to separate the winners. In Div 1 and 2 there was 3 players with six wins and 1 loss only separated by hoops to take the win. Tactics and decisions were highly important with the shorter game and stop on the bell.



SINGLES WINNERS

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|-------|-------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| Div 1 | Murray Baum (Norwood) | Div 2 | Malcolm Kinch (Snowtown) |
| Div 3 | Judy Lipsett (Snowtown) | Div 4 | Rhonda Habner (Tumby Bay) |

Judy Lipsett is really on a winning streak, I heard her say the secret is not to practice !



Brrr... All rugged up watching Ron play his game. The day after the tournament the sun was shinning and the wind was gone. Sheeba (our old dog of 15 years) joined us on our trek and made lots of new dog loving Croquet Friends and had lots of pats and cuddles. (Thanks to (Aunty) Shirley Howlett for the lovely family photo (woof....).)

By Shirlene McBride

2021 South Australian Autumn Singles 9+

This tournament ran over two consecutive Tuesdays, the 20th and 27th of April and was managed by the good people from Holdfast Bay Croquet Club. With only four competitors contesting the tournament there was a lack of varied technique on display, but spirited competition soon become evident under trying conditions.

The first Tuesday started under leaden skies with a thirty-minute torrential downpour prior to the bell. The courts became sodden and slow. Even with the hit-up competitors found judging the speed across the grass difficult and many shots were either falling short or in an effort to compensate, were over-shooting the desired length.

Three players: Susan Dunsby (Holdfast Bay) Jill Millhouse (Millswood) and Doug Francis (Hyde Park) all retained a 9 handicap. Making up the four was Lorraine McIntyre (Brighton) retaining a 12 handicap. Although a 12 handicapper, Lorraine certainly showed no signs of being intimidated by the lower handicappers, winning two of her three encounters played. Day one ended with Lorraine McIntyre leading by hoops from Susan Dunsby.



In contrast to day one, Tuesday the 27th was a brilliant, clear, breathless blue morning offering the players superb conditions for play. The play was tight in all but two games. None of the games went to 7 hoops with only a hoop or two at the end of time.

A few extra hoops were to Holdfast Bay's **Susan Dunsby** (pictured left) advantage who went on to win over Millswood's, **Jill Millhouse**. Jill managed to secure the runners-up spot after fighting back and winning against Susan and Lorraine, but was undone by the ever-determined Doug Francis. Overall it was an entertaining and well-competed two days of competition.

Thanks must go to the ever-present adjudication skills of that stalwart trooper, Karen Magee. Thanks also to Paul Wahlstedt who on day one not only assisted with hoop checking, but occupied himself by repairing the hoop

Day two saw Paul replaced by Colin Broom who also wandered around the venue making minor repairs here and there particularly to the courts' number signs.

Golf Croquet Gold Medal April 23rd—26th

The SA Gold Medal is one of South Australia's premium golf croquet event and attracts some of the state's best players. The format of the event is a 12 player round robin followed by semi-finals/finals between the four top placed players from the round robin to determine the medal winner. For the players who did not make the finals a separate round robin is held to determine the finishing positions 5 to 12. This year there were 15 entrants. The top 10 seeded players progressed straight to the main event. The remaining 5 players competed in a qualifying round robin for the final two places.

The qualifying matches were played on the Friday. After 10 hard fought one hour matches the qualifiers were Karen Magee and Ansi Baumanis.

The round robin matches were held on the Saturday and Sunday. The weather was good, the standard of the croquet was better. It is well and truly worth while coming out and watching the top players. Their skills are great and their tactics are a few levels above average, definitely above mine. Enjoyable and a learning experience.

Monday was the finals. Simon Hockey gave a near faultless exhibition of power croquet. He would stike his ball, propelling it like a bullet from one side of the court to the other, squarely striking the target ball and propelling it from in front of the hoop to the boundary. A miss was a very rare. He was also very good at all the other aspects of golf croquet. The result was Simon Hockey defeating David Wise for the medal with Barry Haydon third and Heath Jackson fourth.

The endurance awards go the Kate and Ansi who played 21 one hour games in four days.

Thanks to Karen Magee for organising and to all of the players for their good humour, cooperation and assistance during the tournament.



Simon Hockey pictured left with David Wise



**By Bob Neil
(Norwood Croquet Club)**



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it was not a Men's invitational ! GC 5+ Singles



Peter Woodward
BCC



David Rowe
HPCC

This year's 5+ Singles competition was held over 2 consecutive Tuesdays in early May. A field of six people competed and they were David Rowe, Richard Schneider, Paul Wahlstedt, Peter Woodward, Peter Willis and Robert Hamshere. It was a very balanced competition with some exciting, and high standard games. After the first day's play the competition was pretty open to at least 3 players. Day 2 proved to be the decider with 2 of the players pulling ahead of the rest. The runner-up for this event was David Rowe from Hyde Park with 7 games and 10 net hoops and the winner was Peter Woodward from Brighton with 7 games and 14 net hoops. The last round of the competition was crucial as it decided the final outcome of the competition.

Thanks very much to Graeme Thomas and Barry Haydon for their quality refereeing. Thanks also to Hyde Park for making sure that everything ran smoothly during the event.

By Peter Martyniuk HPCC

DID YOU KNOW



...that croquet was once an Olympic Sport. During the Summer Olympics of 1900 croquet (considered a genteel—although competitive) sport was played. The competitors were all French and one spectator turned up, an Englishman.

In 1904 at the St Louis Olympics croquet was played under a different form called "roque" this was an Americanized variant of the game in which the traditional grass playing surface is replaced by a hard court and the mallets have shorter handles. *Howz that for a back breaker!*



The sport of roque

The first **NSW State Gateball** competition since September 2019 was held at Toronto Croquet Club from **Friday 21 May to Sunday 23**.

Gateball

The Doubles competition was played on the Friday, and **SA pair Geoff Crook and Barry Jennings** competed in challenging conditions to gain a place in the semi-finals after placing second in block B with 4 wins from 5 games. Our prize was to play the very experienced husband and wife team from Canberra, Glen and Kristina Whitehead, on Saturday morning. After a hard fought game which ended 8-8, we unfortunately came second because Glen and Kristina managed to put one of their balls through Gate3, made all the more annoying as I had an opportunity to score 2 points on the final turn and made a strategic mistake which saw the chance go begging.



Undeterred, we each joined our respective teams – Barry played with the Canberra Mavericks (Kristina was now a team-mate) and I joined the local Strathfield team.

The teams event was very enjoyable with many close games and some excellent play. Strathfield ended up with 2 wins (but with good chances to win another 2-3 games) and Barry collected a winners medal after making a telling contribution in the final which helped the Mavericks to a 17-6 win over the Canberra Sparkers.

It was great to catch up with old and new friends and the tournament was well managed by Toronto and played with great spirit.

Gateball is played regularly at Hyde Park, Mount Gambier and Woodville, so if you want to give it a go, please contact one of these clubs directly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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AC COACHING AND AWARDS

ASOCIATION CROQUET at Tumby Bay is alive and well!

On Monday May 10th, prior to the Tumby Bay Tournament, State AC Coaching Coordinator Murray Baum and coaches Joan Kelly, Mary Marsland and Marga Podnieks (all from NCC) conducted a coaching clinic for around 25 participants at the TBCC. The coaching groups consisted of local beginners, Port Lincoln GC players interested in Association Croquet, developing players and more experienced players who were trained as Level 1 Coaches.

Pictured below are the newly trained L1 coaches from the left: Kathy Wilkins, Marj Pretty, Garry Speed, Murray Baum (presenting their badges) Terry Catling, and Rob Wilkins.



On May 3rd **Kevin LePoidevin** (NACC pictured left) and **Philip Hadley** (HPCC pictured right) completed a coach training course to advance their coaching skills from Level 1 and attain accreditation at Level 2. Both players successfully completed all requirements of the course and were presented with their badges at the end of the day.

David Wise and **Mary Marsland** both from NCC have also recently completed their training for accreditation as a Level 4 and Level 3 coach respectively.

Congratulations to all these players.

ACHIEVEMENT PIN AWARDS

Congratulations to the following players who have recently been awarded Achievement Pins for attaining break-making milestones

Graham Drewett (Norwood) and **Jeff Baker** (Norwood) both earned B7 pins for completing a break of 7 and **Karen Speed** (Tumby Bay) has earned a B5 pin for completing a break of 5. *Well done everyone.*

*Murray Baum and Eileen Ferguson
On behalf of the AC Coaching Task Force.*

AC State Squad for 2021-2022

MEN

Edward Wilson
Dwayne McCormick
Harley Watts
Mark Kobelt
David Short
Mark Senior
David Wise
Greg Rowberry
Roger Buddle
Ron McBride
Barry Jennings

WOMEN

Robyn Short
Virginia Arney
Shirlene McBride
Shirley Howlett
Mary Marsland
Di Helier
Sally Harper
Tracey Sincock



The Eire Cup will be played in Sydney March 2021.

Golf Croquet accredited coaches and where to find them

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Jenny Haydon
Philip Hadley
Geoff Miller
Carolyn Shanahan
Joan Glastonbury

Hyde Park
Hyde Park
Tea Tree Gully
Glenunga
Glenunga

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Kim Millhouse
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Eileen Ferguson
Les Cox
Kevin LePoidevin
Philip Wise
Peter Martyniuk

Millswood
Millswood
Victor Harbour
Salisbury
Tea Tree Gully
North Adelaide
Norwood
Hyde Park

Level 3 coaches

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Hyde Park
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