



HOOP POINTS

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ROYAL CROQUET CLUB AND HAMMER TIME

We're having lots of fun at the Fringe with lots of interest and lots of names to follow up.

As well, we're in the throes of preparation for Hammer Time. **IT'S VITAL** that club members check it out, we're marketing croquet for the 21st Century. Come and see how we're doing it, remember it's only a pilot so there's room for change and development.

You've all told us that traditional 'Come and Try's don't work and you want new members, so Hammer Time addresses one crucial element of croquet's future. Hammer Time flyers are being distributed to all clubs so you can see it. There is also a new Facebook page www.facebook.com/hammertimecroquet Remember there's a SACA funding submission in for a state wide promotion to be held later this year, we'll know about this in April.

Before I go any further I have to thank Janet Eckert, Trish Ridings- Horne and Judith Gray for their help with the Alice theme at the Fringe.

It's very important to remember that Cathy Leske has done all the spadework, being receptive to new ideas, having a vision for the future, writing the submissions, negotiating with various parties and many other essential jobs, that help move things along. Maree has been fantastic support helping with negotiations, different approaches to ideas, supported by the board .



Here are just a couple of photos of the hundreds who have tried croquet at the Royal Croquet Club.

Sally Harper

Taking Croquet to the People

I don't think there has ever been so much promotion of our sport in South Australia. It's probably the most important year we have ever had. Thanks so much to Sally Harper who, day after day has been down at the Royal Croquet Club supporting our members there on the lawns. But after March it will be up to clubs, with SACA support and practical help, to reach out and take this opportunity to open your doors to the community. It might mean playing music (even though you don't like it), applying for a one day Liquor Licence here and there (even though you don't drink) and even having a fun themed event, because these are the things that will draw people in, create an interest with a younger generation which will help your club to survive.

If your grant application to Active Club program (open now and closes 14 April www.recsport.sa.gov.au) focusses on greater *engagement* with the community, you have a good chance. Take a good look at your facility, is it an inviting venue or just another clubhouse? Do you need to have work done on the lawns, buy equipment or address that OH & S issue? Please consider creating professional flyers, it's all about first impressions with the public. Can you add value to the event by offering something a bit different as well as croquet? People love to get something for "Free". Remember the most powerful words in marketing are; free, new and you.

I and the Sports Dev committee are here to help you.

Cathy Leske

UPCOMING EVENTS 2014**MARCH**

- 2—7 AC Victor Harbor Annual Tournament. Doubles and singles. Egyptian 1/3/2014. Cost \$45.00.
Contact Noel Young 8552 2348 noel.young@bigpond.com
- 8 AC & Aussie Penola CC social day. 9 for 9.30am start. Entry fee \$10 byo lunch. Entries to Annie Kilsby
0409 191 383; geek2me@hotmail.com. Entries close 5 March
- 14, 21 & 28 Hammer Time—Hutt Road Pilot program 6 for 6.30pm start to 9pm
- 16 GC North Adelaide CC 10+ doubles. 4 x 45 min games. Cost \$15. Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891
su7eh@hotmail.com
- 19—23 AC ACA Eire Cup, Brisbane Q.
- 21—23 AC Kew Vic tournament 12-16; 18—20 Contact Clem Joyce 03 9898 1889
- 21 AC Tea Tree Gully 14+ singles day 2.5 hr games for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
- 23 & 30 GC North Adelaide CC carnival handicap singles. Cost \$25. Contact Colin Pickering 8344 4446
cpickering@ihug.com.au
- 28—30 AC Kew Vic tournament 2—6; 7—11 Contact Mike Cohn 03 9885 6304
- 28—1 April AC Whyalla Tournament. Doubles and singles. Cost \$40. Contact Eldyne Smith 8645 8280
- 30 GC Victor Harbor CC singles. 3 x 45 min games. Cost \$7. Contact Doug Stewart
dougcherrita@hotmail.com

APRIL

- 4 Hammer Time Hutt Road pilot program 6 for 6.30pm start to 9pm
- 6 GC Norwood CC twilight gala Cost \$15 inc. BBQ tea. Contact Marlene Roberts 8357 1123
robosall@bigpond.com
- 7 AC Moonta Gala day. Cost \$12 includes lunch and afternoon tea.. Contact Judy Elverd, 8825 3363
judrops@bigpond.com. Entries close 31 March
- 7 GC Coromandel Valley gala 9.30 for 10am Cost \$15 inc. lunch. Contact Jo Lewis 8278 9012
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- 8 AC Coromandel Valley gala 9 for 9.30am Cost \$15 inc. lunch. Contact Alec Smith 8270 2065
alecsmith@adam.com.au ; Hazel Dunford 8381 3931 haze2u@tpg.com.au
- 14 GC Kadina gala, 9.30 for 10am start Closing date 10 April, contact Linda Kinch I8821 2670
iindakinch2010@hotmail.com
- 14 GC Murray Bridge gala 9.30 for 10am start. Cost \$15 includes lunch am/pm tea. 5 x 40 min games
Contact Tammi Baker 0417 105 908; murraybridgacroquet@gmail.com
- 16 AC Brighton gala 9 for 9.30 am start. Cost \$15 inc lunch am/pm tea. Contact Barry Teague
0408 888 071 jazbaz2010@bigpond.com
- 18 AC Tea Tree Gully 14+ singles day 2.5 hr games for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
- 28 AC Jamestown CC Gala day 8.30 for 9am start. 2 x 2.5 hr games (doubles). Total prize money \$500.
Entry fee \$20 (inc. BBQ lunch and refreshments). Entries with name and handicap to
S Lang, PO Box 38, Caltowie. Ph 8665 5012

MAY

- 4—8 AC Naracoorte Annual Tournament. Doubles and singles. Contact Eugene Dunstan 8762 3703
enjndunstan@bigpond.com
- 3-4 GC Port Pirie "Not the Masters Games") Contact Vicki Walters 0412 400 090; 08 8633 0950
- 5-9 AC Port Pirie "Not the Masters Games")
- 15—19 AC Tumby Bay tournament—details later
- 16 AC Tea Tree Gully 14+ singles day 2.5 hr games for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
- 26—30 AC /GC Country Week (inc. the Whitelaw Cup) Please contact Di Helier on sacacentries@hotmail.com

RESULTS—2014

GC— ACA Golf croquet Presidents Eights (played in Melbourne) Bernie Pfitzner winner Womens Eights
GC South Aus Gold Medal 1. Graham Whiteway (Brighton) 2. David Wise (Norwood)

AC MENS OPEN SINGLES 1. Tim O'Leary (Brighton) 2. Greg Rowberry (Norwood)
AC WOMENS OPEN SINGLES 1. Virginia Arney (Norwood) 2. Ann Rutten (Coromandel Valley)
AC HATWELL GOLD MEDAL 1. Mike Tregilgas (Brighton) 2. Virginia Arney (Norwood)

MILLSWOOD JANUARY NIGHT TOURNAMENT

GOLF CROQUET (dbles) 1. R McBride & J Colley (Brighton) 2. B Hayden & C. Chapman (Hyde Park)
AASSOCIATION CROQUET (H/cap doubles) Group A: Jenny Young & Stan Zeman (Brighton)
Group B: Alan Haywood & Tammi Baker (Murray Bridge)

PROMOTION AND CLUB DEVELOPMENT**Croquet—the funkiest game in town**

Croquet SA's lawns at the heart of the Fringe's Royal Croquet Club in Victoria Square is proving hugely popular.

The association is sponsoring the lawns, and players from its member clubs—which number 40 across Metro Adelaide—are on hand to provide equipment and instruction and share the joys of the sport.

"Anyone can play" says Cathy Leske, Executive Director of the SA Croquet Association. "It's fun, easy to pick up and suits a very wide age group"

The lawns are open during the Royal Croquet Club hours—Wednesday to Friday 4pm to 8pm and Saturdays and Sundays 12pm to 6pm—until 10 March.

Players are encouraged to pay a gold coin donation, which goes to support the individual croquet clubs that are helping on the day.

In response to popular demand Croquet SA will be running a four week follow-up event, Hammer Time, on Friday nights March 14, 21, 28 and April 4—at their magnificent croquet lawns on Hutt Road.

It doesn't matter if you've never held a croquet mallet in your hands, Hammer Time is about getting family and friends together and having some fun.

I am sure you are now hearing lots of stories about how enthusiastic everyone has been to try our sport down at the Royal Croquet Club. This link is to an article that has been written for public service staff around Adelaide, a few thousand I believe!

<http://dpti.sa.gov.au/activeforlife/article?item=271> Active for Life

If this is enough to enthuse you to participate in Hammer Time at Hutt Road, where we hope to provide some transit for all those people at the Fringe to a croquet venue, then please come and be involved.

FACEBOOK We are now on Facebook! Please feel free to use www.facebook.com/SACroquet to post details of events that are open to the general community. This is a great opportunity to publicise your fundraising events and connect with the outside world! Make the most of it! And don't forget to Like and Share our page!

Is there an evening at your club where beginners can come to try croquet? There are a lot of people waiting to play at the Royal Croquet Club. Put something on our above facebook page! Make your post appealing, short and to the point. What are you waiting for?? Just a note of caution—it is not appropriate to post your events on the Royal Croquet Club page or any other people's page.

Association Croquet Interstate playing schedule, Brisbane Qld. Results on the ACA website

MARCH	12—14	Gold Medal
	15-18	Mens Singles/Womens singles
	19-23	Eire Cup

HOT WEATHER POLICY

The Board has issued the following amendment regarding Night Time (7pm) play.

"A forecast temperature of **38 degrees** or higher no night time (7pm) games will be played"

The policy has also been changed to 4.30pm as the time to check the Bureau of Meteorology website to determine whether play will take place on the following day. Players are reminded that it is the forecast issued in the afternoon which is the applicable one.

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 9 months 1 January to 30 September 2014

City \$66.00 Country \$47.50 Juniors under 18 yrs as at 1/7/13 Nil Club affiliation \$15

Honour Boards

Photos of the Honour Board, removed when SACA headquarters club room was renovated, have been uploaded to the SACA website. They may be viewed there. The photos were taken by Philip Hadley in 2011

VALE JEAN MANN (Millswood CC) Life member, 45 years membership. Aged 94 yrs

CLUB NEWS

PENOLA, NARACOORTE AND MILLICENT CLUBS

On Jan 18 Eugene Dunstan (Naracoorte), Annie Kilsby, Lesley Hunter, Marg Middleton (Penola) and Rhonda Schultz (Millicent) along with Sally Harper and Phil Bateman did some demonstrations at Beachport and invited passers by to join in. Sally spruiked all day and got a lot of practice for the Royal Croquet Club.

Sarah, the owner of Bompas restaurant at Beachport is keen for us to come back again.

On January 22 and 23 three of us (Eugene, Anni & Marg) on the foreshore at Robe where quite a number of people of all ages had a go. We gave out cards with contact numbers and talked to kids about getting their schools to contact local croquet clubs.

On the whole a very enjoyable three days.

We probably need to have large 'Come and try' banners as posters tend to get lost in local shops.

Annie Kilsby



At Beachport in January

KADINA CLUB

New extensions to the clubhouse were opened in August 2013. The club received a Recreation & Sport Active Club Program grant and a District Council of Copper Coast community grant to fund this work. The club utilised the funding well by using an extreme amount of volunteer labour to finish the project. The clubhouse and grounds are on land owned by District Council of Copper Coast, formerly used when circuses visited Kadina. DCCC mayor, Paul Thomas, congratulated the club on its growing membership, previously 15 and now 42, with croquet becoming an increasingly popular sport. The club matched the funding it received dollar-for-dollar to pay for the extensions.

Recently at a Christmas luncheon, the members of the club surprised **Mrs Thelma Roach with Life Membership**. In presenting Thelma with her badge, President John Lydeamore thanked her for being such a hard working ambassador for the club and for her numerous voluntary hours given to the club over the past years.



John Lydeamore, Thelma Roach and Jenny Lydeamore

MOONTA Memorial Croquet Club is proud to announce that Betty Promnitz, one of our Life Members, has been made 'Citizen of the Year' at the recent Australia Day Awards Ceremony by the District Council of the Copper Coast. She joined our club in 1983 and has been heavily involved ever since in all facets of our Club. She also holds Life Memberships in the Local Bowls and Golf clubs where she is known to be similarly active. We are all very proud of Betty whose lifetime of achievement is an inspiration to us all and we congratulate her on this, her latest 'gong' in a list of many.



CLUB NEWS

MENINGIE CROQUET CLUB

Mavis Mariager, one of our Club's stalwarts, has written a book about the Club's history and we are in the process of getting it ready for publication. There are too many photos to go in the book itself so there will be a DVD with a little video to cover those. We will be printing 50 books, and we are thinking of an official 'launch' in early April—more precise details will be published later.

If there are any former members of the Club, or any folk who have had an association with it (such as playing at Meningie on one of the famous long weekends of years gone by), and who would like to attend the book launch, please contact our Vice President, Heinz Witteveen to register your interest. It would be good to have some idea of numbers for catering purposes, and to make sure that the 50 books we are planning to have printed will be sufficient. The likely cost of a book (including DVD) will be \$20.

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BILLETING REGISTER

Thanks to a very pro-active SACA Board, 2014 will be a very exciting time for croquet. With promotions, tournaments and hosting Championships, the year ahead is shaping up to be an extremely busy one.

In order to give an opportunity for greater country participation, I have volunteered to investigate the possibility of establishing a billeting register to enable more country members to take part. If you are able to provide accommodation and would like to assist in this venture I ask that you contact me by phone or email so that I can gauge the interest.

Helen Anstey 8277 7735

FROM THE ARCHIVES

WILMINGTON CROQUET CLUB 1913—1972

The game was first introduced to the town when Mrs E.P. Dignan invited ladies to participate on rough courts at the back of her home. Interest was created to such an extent that by 1913 the Wilmington Club was formed. Mr. Dignan lent the ladies an allotment and courts were laid out. Play began on a very uneven surface as the owner did not wish the area to be surfaced.

Facilities were used from the tennis club for afternoon teas and meetings. Records show that on occasion Fred Bird's tearooms, the parish hall and the supper room of the local Institute were used.

On May 3 1924, a meeting of members was held to discuss the feasibility of establishing croquet courts of a more suitable nature. A site was selected on the corner of Melrose Terrace. This is where the courts were eventually situated. A small clubhouse was constructed.

The opening of the new courts was performed by Mrs Linklater who, on the same day was farewelled. At this time she had held the position as secretary and also had been captain for a number of years.

Over the years many home-and-away games had been played between neighbouring clubs of Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Quorn, Orroroo, Gladstone, Melrose, Wirrabara and Solomontown. The popularity of the game had extended to such a degree that at the opening of play in 1938 there were 82 ladies attending.

During 1954 the Club applied to the Wilmington Progress for a site for proposed new courts in the Community Recreation Centre. The move did not eventuate until 1963 when assistance was given by other sporting bodies. the Agricultural and Horticulture Society, Wilmington District Council and members of the public.

By 1964 the courts had taken shape, and in June the new Club House was commenced.

The completed venue was opened by Mrs Thomas Dunn, an old identity of the district.

Unfortunately, since then membership declined and the club has been in recess since 1972.

Janet Eckert

Archivist



Opening of new Croquet Court - 1964.
L. - R. Mesdames A. Davill,
T. Dunn, J. E. Hampel.



Wilmington Croquet Ladies.
Late 1920s.
Back Row - Mrs. Gravestock, Miss
Linklater, Mrs. P. Shaw, Miss
Linklater, Mesdames P. Cole, A.
Giblett, T. Dunn.
Middle Row - Mesdames W. Hill,
W. Farmer, E. Dignan, J. E.
Hampel, D. George.
Front Row - Mesdames J. W.
Farmer, R. Wight, A. Davill,
H. Gannier.

VACANCIES

GOLF CROQUET COACH to work with the Golf Croquet State Team in 2014. Applications close 14 March. For further information and applications please contact Heather White hwhite@townsendpark.com.au 8298 0667
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