



# HOOP POINTS

*A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA*

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## **EIRE CUP 18—22 March—Sydney Best wishes to the AC State Team**

The players are: Simon Hockey (captain), Harley Watts, Greg Rowberry, Dwayne McCormick, Di Helier (Vice Captain), Virginia Arney, Leah O'Neill, Mary Bishop and Pauline Walkom. Tim O'Leary is unable to play because of injury and Greg Rowberry has kindly agreed to fill his position at short notice.

## **VISIT BY GREG BURY—ACA HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER FOR AC & GC**

Greg spent time in Adelaide from 26 – 28 January working with a large number of SACA members. He mainly concentrated on coaching philosophies but he also devoted a day with the GC State Squad, providing hints on how to improve. He also spent half days with interested players of both GC & AC. Almost 100 people benefited from his time here.



The photos shows a selection of GC players on the lawns running through a variety of drills and a group shot at the end of the session – getting over 40 people to productively use the lawns at the same time was a feat of its own.

Much of Greg's mantra is knowing what you are capable of and never under estimating the opposition. He was very keen for players to develop a set of drills in which they actively recorded their results so that they can see whether or not they have been improving.

While special thanks should go to Greg and the ACA for making his time available, thanks also to Eileen Ferguson and Barry Haydon for their organising the logistics of Greg's visit. (Eileen as well as being the President of SACA is also AC's coaching coordinator while Barry is GC's.) Watch out though as Eileen and Barry are already talking about what sessions they can jointly provide for the benefit of all SA croquet players.



## **FROM THE BOARD**

Thank you to Eileen Ferguson (Vice President) who has agreed to fill the casual vacancy of President of Croquet SA until the AGM later in the year.

We now have two Vice President positions currently vacant and members who feel they could contribute are urged to discuss this with any Board member. All board members work very hard in their roles and would be grateful for assistance to achieve our strategic and operational goals.

## **VACANCIES**

Vice President

2nd Vice President position—board position

ACA Magazine correspondent

AC Events Coordinator

Delegates are required for Port Lincoln, Tumbly Bay

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Port Lincoln CC wish to thank Dulcie Freeman for her assistance as their club delegate—it has been much appreciated.



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**UPCOMING EVENTS 2015****MARCH**

- 1, 15, 22, 29 Hammer Time Aldinga**, 1-4pm  
**6,13,20,27 Hammer Time, Norwood, Tea Tree Gully, North Adelaide** 6-9pm  
**8, 13, 20 Hammer Time Brighton** 6-9pm  
 1—6 AC Victor Harbor tournament—doubles/singles  
**13,20,27 Hammer Time, Adelaide**, 6-9pm  
 8-9 GC SA Gold Medal for block play with finals on Tuesday 10 March  
 9 GC Coromandel Valley CC gala. 9.30 for 10am start. Cost \$15 inc. bbq lunch.  
 Contact Jo Lewis 8278 9012 after 5.30pm mjvosper@outlook.com  
 13-15 GC SA Silver Medal 6+ Entry fee \$35 Entries close 3 March Entry by on line form croquetsa.com.au  
 20 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393  
 22 GC Sunday singles 8+  
 29 GC Norwood CC Twilight gala Cost \$15 includes bbq. Contact Marlene Roberts 8357 1123  
 robosall@bogpond.com  
 29 GC Victor Harbor Sunday Singles by the Sea. Cost \$7 Contact Kate Logan—kate.logan@adam.com.au  
 Whyalla CC advises that the Whyalla Tournament will not be held this year

**APRIL**

- 2 Hammer Time Adelaide** 6-9pm  
 3-5 GC Brighton CC Armstrong Centenary Challenge. Cost \$50. Entries close 23 March. Contact Anne Woodhouse 8358 2639 annewoodhouse4@gmail.com  
 7-9 GC Autumn singles 9+  
 13 AC gala West Lakes. 8.30 for 9am start. Byo lunch. Cost \$12. Contact Connie 8248 6091; Derryl 8243 0889  
 13 GC Murray Bridge CC gala. Contact Lesley Zadow lemazamb@yahoo.com  
 15 AC Holdfast Bay CC 9.30 for 10am start. Cost \$10. Byo lunch. Contact Ivorine Waye 8350 0379 ivorine2@bigpond.com  
 17 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393  
 17 GC North Adelaide CC twilight gala. 3.30 for 4pm. Cost \$15 includes tea and supper. Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891 su7eh@hotmail.com; Lynn Hughes 84452923 lynnh60@yahoo.com.au  
 17-19 GC Autumn Open singles men  
 18 AC Moonta Memorial CC gala 9 for 9.30 am start. Cost \$18 inc. lunch Contact Judy Elverd judrops@bigpond.com. A special invitation to all city clubs  
 18 AC/Aussie Bordertown CC Gala 9 for 9.30am. Cost \$10 byo lunch. Contact Terry Catling 8752 0651 catlings@wideband.net.au  
 20 GC gala Kadina 9.30 for 10am start. Cost \$15 inc. lunch. Contact Linda Kinch 8821 2670  
 Entries close 16 April  
 20 Hyde Park Card Day. \$15 cards and lunch. RSVP 10 April to Caroline 0418 838 068; Julie 0408 360 438  
 24-26 GC Autumn Open singles Women  
 27 AC Salisbury CC gala 9.30 for 10 am. Cost \$15 lunch inc. Contact Val Rogers 8260 1510 vlogers@chariot.net.au  
 29 GC Holdfast Bay CC 9.30 for 10am start. Cost \$10. Byo lunch. Contact Ivorine Waye 8350 0379 ivorine2@bigpond.com

**MAY**

- 3—7 AC tournament Naracoorte. Doubles and singles. Cost \$40. Enquiries Eugene Dunstan 8762 3703 enjdunstan@bigpond.com  
 3 GC Sunday singles 8+  
 6 AC Snowtown 90th birthday gala. Contact Joylene Hoskin 8865 2160 joyledean@gmail.com  
 11 GC Victor Harbor gala. 10am start. Cost \$15 inc.lunch. Contact Judy Stewart 0401 931 461 judystewart99@gmail.com  
 14—18 AC Tumby Bay singles tournament. Contact Kathy Wilkins 8688 1828 wilkinsrk@bigpond.com  
 15 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393

**AUGUST**

- 22-23 GC Victor Harbor tournament. Cost \$50. Tournament manager Kate Logan 8554 3356 kate.logan@adam.com.au

**PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT**

I love hearing about success stories, people and clubs growing. Please let me know about the success your club's is having.

I heard about a club in the mid north who were wondering why their funding applications to Rec & Sport weren't successful. They asked and were told their Star Club status was lacking so they contacted their local Star Club field officer who helped them out and they got the funding. Success

Most clubs have access to Star club field officers - they're a wonderful source of information, support, contacts and are keen to help.

Another club has several new players as a result of a promotion and support of their local council. They faced up to the council in person and found the council only too happy to help.

Developing a good relationship with your council is a worthwhile pursuit; in fact it's vital. Every club should know their local councillor and various personnel in the council.

The councils want to see their recreational spaces used - what else are the spaces there for, if you hide your light under a bushel and have no relationship with them they could easily assume your club isn't active and redevelop the site!! Scary! Ring me if your club is losing members and you want to plan for a future. **Sally Harper**

**COACHING COURSES FOR GOLF CROQUET PLAYERS**

Calling all GC players who want to improve their knowledge of the game by becoming qualified as a coach. Barry Haydon, our State coaching coordinator, is offering two coaching courses as follows:

Level 0 to be held on Wednesday 25th March at Hutt Rd from 9.30 to 12.15. Prerequisite – having played the game for at least 12 months

Level 1 to be held on Wednesday 1 April at Hutt Road from 9.30 to 12.15. Pre-requisite – Level 0 certificate and completion of AIS on-line General Coaching Principles course – see <http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/coaches/education/generalprinciples>

Barry will accept the first 12 nominations for each course (and put any others on a waiting list). If you want to know more about the courses please contact Barry on 0419 424 184. If you wish to register for one or both of the courses please let Barry know via email at [haydon@kern.com.au](mailto:haydon@kern.com.au) .

**WEST LAKES CLUB** members Judy Newham and Ngaire Ainsworth manned a croquet stall at the Seniors Information Expo held on Friday morning 20 February 9.30—11.30am at the Waterside Workers Hall in Port Adelaide. Most of the time was taken up with speeches from State and Federal MPs, Cota representative and Energy Ombudsman followed by a question and answer session. All speeches were to give a positive outlook on aging and being involved in the community. The hall was filled to capacity even though it was a very hot morning in a non air-conditioned hall.

People were interested in our croquet stall, asked for information and seemed keen to come and have a try. We handed out pamphlets and compiled a contact list of those interested—in particular one lady wanted to play a sport with no pressure and just for enjoyment. We explained that many of our golf croquet players at West Lakes were social players only and all were very friendly and helpful.



**SACA HOT WEATHER POLICY**

A forecast temperature over **32 degrees but not over 34 degrees** games may be played, but must finish no later than 1.30pm

A forecast temperature over **34 degrees but not over 36 degrees** no play between 11am and 7pm. Games not likely to finish before 11am must not be started.

A forecast temperature **over 36 degrees** no daytime games will be played.

**Night Time play.** A forecast temperature of **38 degrees** or higher no night time games will be played.

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**REGISTRATION FEES** for all Croquet SA players for 9 months 1 January 2015 to 30 September 2015

City \$68.00 Country \$47.50 Juniors under 18 yrs as at 1/7/14 - Nil

Club affiliation \$15 Clubs for clubs with less than 40 registered players; \$30 for clubs with more than 40 players

**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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 See Croquet Australia website for upcoming events



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