



# HOOP POINTS

*A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA*

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## **BEST WISHES TO OUR ASSOCIATION CROQUET STATE TEAM CROQUET AUSTRALIA GOLD MEDAL AND EIRE CUP, 9—20 March, Cairnlea Victoria**



The AC State Team will soon be leaving for Victoria to represent SA in the Eire Cup competition. Simon Hockey will also be the SA representative in the prestigious Gold Medal competition.

We wish them all the best of luck and good croquet in Victoria!

Follow their progress on [www.croquetscores.com](http://www.croquetscores.com)

*From left: Mary Bishop, Harley Watts, Leah O'Neill, Ned Wilson, Greg Fletcher, Dwayne McCormick (Captain), Robyn Short, Virginia Arney, Simon Hockey.*

***Eileen Ferguson, President***

## **HUTT ROAD LAWNS CONNECTED TO GLENELG ADELAIDE PARKLANDS (GAP) RECYCLED WATER SCHEME**

After many long years trying to find a way to connect to the GAP scheme, the project has finally come to fruition and Croquet SA is now using recycled water to irrigate our lawns at Hutt Road.

Our problem has always been the cost of bringing the water to our lawns from the main GAP pipeline approximately 250 meters north of the clubhouse. In the past this cost has proved to be prohibitive due to the distance involved and the difficulty of bringing the pipe through trees without causing them damage.

Three or four years ago the main pipeline was extended further east to allow Pembroke School to connect to the scheme for its playing fields and, with the cooperation of Pembroke, this brought about change to the route for our connecting pipeline and allowed us to avoid most of the trees.

Then last year we received a major boost when we were successful in obtaining a grant of \$13,000 from the Adelaide City Council. This allowed us to proceed with the project which has been very capably undertaken by our groundsman David Watchman.

We now have a much improved and upgraded irrigation system with new solenoids and 5 new sprinklers replacing the previous 13. The recycled water is delivered at a higher pressure than mains water so that fewer sprinklers are required and watering times are reduced. We have reduced our consumption of mains water and the environmental benefits of using recycled water are many. Moreover, in the long term it is expected that there will be significant financial benefits as the recycled water is considerably cheaper than mains water.

Croquet SA wish to thank the City Council for its generous grant which made the project possible, Pembroke School for its cooperation which was very freely given, and David Watchman for a job well done.

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AC SELECTION COMMITTEE 2016-2017**

Croquet SA is calling for applications from members to form this committee for the coming year. As the Director AC position is vacant, applications will be reviewed and an appointment made by the board. Information and the Duty Statement for this committee can be found on our website here <http://www.croquetsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/AC-Selection-Appt-Duty-Statement-.pdf> Applications including experience should be emailed to

president@croquetsa.com.au by 31 March 2016.

## **WINNERS OF THE SOUTHERN YORKE PENINSULA PENNANTS**



*Group 1 Moonta defeated Kadina*



*Group 2 Wallaroo defeated Moonta*

**UPCOMING EVENTS 2016****MARCH**

- 5—11 AC Victor Harbor Tournament singles and doubles-all handicaps. Cost \$50 inc. short games & happy hour)  
Contact Noel Young 8552 2348 noel.young@bigpond.com
- 11 HAMMER TIME Woodville & Tea Tree Gully**  
AC Marryatville Silver Medal 8+. Entry fee \$40. Enter on-line
- 7—10 AC Harvey Bronze medal 14+. Entry fee \$40. Enter on-line
- 7—10 GC Murray Bridge Gala Contact Lesley 8532 2048 freckles38@bigpond.com
- 13 HAMMER TIME—Aldinga Bay & Salisbury**  
AC ACA Nationals—Gold Medal, Eire Cup, Mens & Womens Singles. Cairnlea Vic
- 9—20 GC SA Gold Medal. Entry fee \$40. Enter on-line.
- 11—14 **18 HAMMER TIME Woodville & Tea Tree Gully**  
GC North Adelaide handicap singles. Cost \$5 per session Contact Sue Huddy su7eh@hotmail.com
- 18 AC Saturday Pennants commence
- 19 **HAMMER TIME Salisbury & Aldinga Bay**
- 20 **HAMMER TIME Woodville**
- 24** AC/GC Nthn Tasmania Easter Parade. Entry \$50 Contact Bob Godfrey bobgodfrey1@gmail.com 03) 6340 1643
- 23—29 GC Millswood social afternoon 3—7pm. Entry fee \$15.00 includes BBQ dinner. Contact Jane Lewis 8293 3572
- 30 jhlewis@optusnet.com.au

**APRIL**

- 3 GC Norwood CC Twilight 4-8pm Cost \$15 Contact Marlene Roberts 8357 1123 robosall@bigpond.com
- 5—7 GC Autumn singles 9+
- 8—10 AC Norwood Swiss Singles. Entry fee \$40. Entries close 31 March. Entries to John Arney 8277 2082  
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- 11 GC Brighton Twilight Gala 4-8pm Entry fee \$15 includes BBQ. Contact Ken Davis 8294 4255  
kg.davis45@yahoo.com.au
- 14—17 AC/GC SA Masters games. Murray Bridge. Entries to Murray Bridge Council
- 15 AC Tea Tree Gully singles day 16+. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
- 15—17 GC Autumn Open Singles Women
- 16—24 AC WCF World Championship, National Croquet Centre, West Palm Beach, Florida, USA
- 23 AC Moonta gala day 9am Entry fee \$15 includes lunch. Contact Judy Elverd 8825 3363 judrops@bigpond.com
- 23—28 AC/GC Northern Tasmanian CC Easter Parade event Entry fee \$50 Contact Lee Turner lee-tee@bigpond.com
- 21 AC Tea Tree Gully gala day.
- 23—25 GC Autumn Open Singles Men
- 29 GC North Adelaide handicap singles. Contact Sue Huddy su7eh@hotmail.com

**MAY**

- 1—5 AC Naracoorte tournament. Singles & doubles. Cost \$40. Contact Eugene Dunstan 8762 3703  
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- 2 GC North Adelaide gala day. 9.30am Entry fee \$15 includes lunch Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891  
su7eh@hotmail.com
- 2 GC Kadina gala day. 9.30 for 10am Entry fee \$15 includes lunch. Contact Jenny Lydeamore 8821 4438
- 4 AC Glenunga Gala. Entries to Bev Davies owenbev@bigpond.com
- 7—15 GC Open Doubles and Singles Championship
- 9 GC Victor Harbor gala doubles. Cost \$15 inc. lunch. 10am start. Contact Beth Young 8552 2348  
bethyoung@bigpond.com
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- 12—16 AC Tumby Bay singles tournament. Entry fee \$40 Entries close 5 May. Contact Kathy Wilkins 8688 1828  
wilkinsrk@bigpond.com
- 20 AC Tea Tree Gully singles day 16+. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
- 23 GC Mt Barker gala day. Contact Eric Klenke 8391 1808
- 27 GC North Adelaide handicap singles. Contact Sue Huddy su7eh@hotmail.com

**JUNE**

- 17** AC Tea Tree Gully singles day 16+. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
- 26 HAMMER TIME North Adelaide**

**JUL**

- 3 & 10 HAMMER TIME North Adelaide**

**AUGUST**

- 13-14 GC Victor Harbor singles tournament-all handicaps. Cost \$50. Contact Kate Logan 8554 3356  
kate.logan@adam.com.au

**REMINDER TO PLAYERS AND CLUB EVENT MANAGERS IN CLUB EVENTS & CROQUET SA EVENTS**

Players: Please ensure you have your **current** Croquet SA registration card with you when attending these events so that the event coordinators can verify your membership, thank you.

Club event co-ordinators: These events are for current registered members and it is your responsibility to check for current 2016 cards of participants.

**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.

*Eileen Ferguson*

**be active.**

## PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT

It's a bit hot for croquet during the day but isn't it beautiful during the evening. I just love the colours of the sky often against the black out line of the trees.

I hope Christmas went well, family, loved ones lots of food and a time to chill.

Hopefully your club has made plans for this year's events – obviously including some sort of membership drive. It could be bring a friend to some social croquet on a Friday night BBQ/ bar etc - I'm sure there is someone on the committee who is following up all the grants that become available – for a big promotion that is.

I'm always happy to support and help so please don't hesitate to call or email.

I'm very impressed with Mark Goldsmith at Norwood who has developed the Friday night social theme - 6pm BBQ and 7pm croquet; an ideal time for workers and other busy people.

He's following up those at the November Norwood Hammer Time, and they are learning golf, aussie, ricochet and the fundamentals of association. These new members are able to make informed decisions about the croquet they play.

So please remember that I look forward to hearing from those clubs who feel their membership needs boosting, so we can talk over the issues and find a way to assist your club grow.

*Sally Harper*

## WHAT DO WE GET FROM DOING HAMMER TIME? - A CLUB PERSPECTIVE

Hammer Time ties up a club when it is being run and perhaps provides a little more income during that period of time. It is very member driven.

At Norwood Croquet Club we are in the enviable position of being basically full on normal club days particularly with a strong Golf croquet group (they are dividing the lawns and playing third colours on their day)

In April my wife decided she would like to try croquet and another lady also wanted to give it a go.

I undertook to teach them and two other friends who hadn't played. We started on Thursday nights as the courts were free and I taught them using the prescribed coaching method.

We start with Aussie - which fundamentally is golf croquet except all players make all the hoops and if they go through a hoop they earn another stroke and if they hit another ball they earn another stroke. It is an excellent teaching tool as beginners develop hoop-running and roqueting skills but most importantly they have FUN.

Then we progress to Ricochet - this is only one stroke different to Aussie - but by planning you can make several hoops in one turn. Finally I introduce the croquet stroke and without even realising it they are playing Association.

My beginners must have enjoyed themselves as it was 3 degrees on the lawns some nights.

Just as my beginners reached Association level of play we had 4 new people join us (from playing Hammer Time in summer) and when they had made some progress we had another four join, who had heard about the group through word of mouth.

Then we had Norwood's Hammer Time where we suggested they "come 'n' try" the beginners' Friday night group.

We now have two groups (about 8 players) coming though. Naturally this is way beyond me but I am well supported by Sally Harper, Phil Bateman, Marlene Roberts, Polly Butler and many others. The committee has more or less left the group alone which has been remarkable.

So why hold Hammer Time? Since April the club has grown by 10 members with many playing Association games weekly. Embrace the opportunities Hammer Time can offer your club. The age and demographic of our new players are varied with some nearing retirement and others younger – all looking for a fun and enjoyable way to spend an evening with possibilities leading to a competitive game if desired.

At least half of them joined after they enjoyed Hammer Time. The lifted profile of the sport is attracting them...BUT THEY WANT FUN. This is a game and should be fun!

*Mark Goldsmith*

## PLANNING IS KEY TO SUCCESSFUL PROMOTIONS

Plan your Hammer Time event now to introduce your local community to croquet in November and apply through Active Club, Seniors Grant or your council to support your event!

Contact Cathy if you need help or would like to know more.



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## ACTIVE CLUB PROGRAM NOW OPEN

The Active Club Program helps active recreation and sports clubs with:  
program and equipment (up to \$5,000)  
facility upgrade requests up to \$25,000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis.

Closing 11 April

For guidelines and application form go to [http://www.ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply\\_for\\_funding/active\\_club\\_program](http://www.ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding/active_club_program)

## SENIORS GRANTS—NOW OPEN

Does your club need money for equipment, clubhouse items or a promotional program?

The Seniors grant is now open till 18 March and is available for funding of the above. Your project should support increased participation by seniors in the community. It might be something for your clubhouse to make life a bit easier for your members.

## CLUB ONE SMALL SPONSORSHIPS

These are considered every one to two months and announced regularly throughout the year. Small sponsorships are to a maximum of \$500 although in special circumstances can be as high as \$600. Access Club One website for further information. [www.clubone.net.au](http://www.clubone.net.au)





## MILLSWOOD JANUARY NIGHT TOURNAMENT 2016

Sponsored by Bendigo Bank, the Avoca Hotel, Sublime Café and Flight Centre—Kurralt Park

**Association Croquet Handicap Doubles** were blessed with kind weather during this competition. Sixteen pairs from 12 different clubs participated. Blue group was won by Greg Fletcher (Hyde Park) and Edward Wilson (Millswood) with four wins including three peg outs. Runners up were Greg Rowberry (Norwood) and Richard Wilson (Millswood). Eileen Ferguson and Shane Kelly (both Salisbury) won the Gold section with four wins. Ray Walter (Tea Tree Gully) and Alan Crabb (West Lakes) were the runners up. Phil Bateman and Sally Harper (both Norwood) had the only other peg out in their last game. **Claire Wilson and Barbara Gordon (Organisers)**



Association players introduction

**Golf Croquet Doubles** The first week of the tournament is always a worrying time for the organisers. Will all of the players remember to turn up? What will the weather be? Well this year the first week of the tournament went very well.

We opened on January 5 and everyone arrived in plenty of time and the weather was sublime! A sigh of relief, we were underway but with a watchful eye on the weather forecast.

Heat-wave conditions in weeks two and three meant twenty eight games had to be rescheduled and only one week to do it in! Bearing in mind that some GC players could only play on a Tuesday or a Wednesday, others had work commitments and several others were committed to play in SACA's AC Night Doubles Competition we had substitute players and subs for the subs, the catering and refereeing rosters were up the creek, but by the final Saturday it all appeared to have been sorted. Working on the theory that everything that could go wrong had already gone wrong, it seemed that the finals were going to be good entertainment. But there was one last hurdle to cross, the partner of one of the finalists was also playing AC at the same time as the semi-final was to be played.

Eight "volunteer" players from among the spectator group put on some GC entertainment, while the semi-finals and finals were delayed!

Thirty-two GC players from 8 clubs competed with the eventual GC winners being Dianne and Trevin Love (Hyde Park) from Norma Greig (North Adelaide) and Tim Lewis (Millswood).

**Jane Lewis** expresses her gratitude to all of the players, catering members and referees. The club is very grateful to its sponsors and thanks them for their generous contributions.

### WEBSITE

Changes for the website should be sent direct to [website@croquetsa.com.au](mailto:website@croquetsa.com.au). Please be specific and state exactly the changes to be made (eg page, member info, refereeing, etc.) and whether your attachment is to replace what is already on the website or is an addition.

Clubs should regularly monitor the web page that is provided for them and advise of any changes to be made.

### SECURITY AT HUTT ROAD—Please look after our biggest asset

It is the responsibility of all users of Hutt Road to ensure that the clubhouse is alarmed and locked when you leave and the shed and gate are both locked.

If you use a key to open the premises you have a responsibility to ensure those remaining when you leave have a key to lock up. It is not pleasant sitting around until someone with a key turns up to secure the premises.

For Saturday pennants the first named team on lawn 2 at 2.30pm should ensure they have a key to lock up. Each club has a key allocated.

### CROQUET SA VACANCIES

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 City \$70 County \$48 Students \$47 (18-25 with student card), Juniors under 18 as at 1/7/15 free  
 Club affiliation fee—\$15 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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