



HOOP POINTS

A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA

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GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES TO THE ASSOCIATION CROQUET STATE TEAM

EIRE CUP, TASMANIA, MARCH 2017

The AC State team will represent South Australia in the Eire Cup held in Tasmania this March. Team member Greg Rowberry is also SA's representative in the ACA Gold Medal event which leads off the National Championships & Eire Cup. This event is contested by the Bronze Medallists from each state. The winner & runner up receive the Australian Gold & Silver Medals respectively. Good luck Greg and all team members, SA is barracking for you.

Team members are as follows:

Virginia Arney, Robyn Short (Vice Capt.), Mary Marsland, Mary Bishop (Reserve Di Helier), Dwayne McCormick (Captain), Harley Watts, Greg Rowberry, John Arney

Follow the progress on www.croquetscores.com



WORLD CROQUET FEDERATION GOLF CROQUET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to John Arney (Norwood), Ron McBride (Hyde Park), Greg Fletcher (Hyde Park), Barry Haydon (Hyde Park) and Edward Wilson (Millswood) competing in the main event of the Golf Croquet World Championships at Cairnlea and other Victorian venues. There are around 70 players competing in the event. Good luck to all the SA competitors. Follow the scores on www.croquetscores.com

WORLD CROQUET FEDERATION GOLF CROQUET UNDER 21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations and well done to Edward Wilson (Millswood club), third place in the World Croquet Federation Golf Croquet Under 21 World Championship contested in Victoria. An outstanding effort in this event.

Congratulations to Felix Webby who is now the Under 21 World GC Champion after defeating George Coulter in the final. Both these champion players are from New Zealand. Felix defeated our own Edward Wilson in the semi final. Here is a photo of the medal winners of the event with Edward on the left.



POSITIONS VACANT

Board positions-

Vice President, AC Director, Sport Development Director.

Other ongoing positions: Archivist, GC referee coordinator, AC Event coordinator (see Pg 2), ACA Magazine Correspondent.

Non-ongoing - Croquet SA Centenary Event Organisers.

Delegates needed to represent Jamestown, Port Lincoln, Millicent, Wallaroo and Kadina at Croquet SA AGM (or any special meeting called). Metro members please help our regional clubs have representation. Contact Cathy if you can help.

Note that with the above staff shortages, it is not possible to achieve new initiatives and members should expect reduced programmes.

Please contact any Board member if you are able to offer some support for your sport.

NEW SPONSOR—GO GREEN WITH TINDO SOLAR

Croquet SA supports and encourages a greener environment. We also understand that electricity may be a significant cost to not only our clubs but all players.

We encourage clubs to investigate council grants to install solar panels to significantly decrease costs to clubs as it has at Hutt Road.

Tindo Solar has partnered with Croquet SA and has agreed to provide a donation to support Croquet SA for *every installation* at a club or a member's house.

Tindo are a South Australian company using Australian quality products. So get a quote from Tindo today. Ph 1300 846 367 and visit www.tindosolar.com.au for more information. Please let me know if you would like more information or assistance or if you have agreed to an installation.

Cathy Leske

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GOLF CROQUET NEWS

GOLF CROQUET PRESIDENTS TROPHY 2017

What a tournament, it had it all, lots of entries, doubles and singles play and plenty of non-predicted results along the way.

There were 20 entries in the main draw, representing 8 clubs. The singles were played in 2 blocks of 10 and given the hot weather a finals playoff was not possible, as a result the winners of each block will be awarded the shared prize of the Presidents Trophy.

Block A: Graeme Thomas (Hyde Park), Runner-up Graham Whiteway (Brighton)

Block B: Jim Grindrod (Aldinga Bay), Runner-up John Arney (Norwood) – on a count back, Mick Reidy (Hyde Park) had the same number of games and hoops but lost to John in their game.

The doubles competition had 4 invited guest players to ensure all lawns and single entrants got games. These games were played first in the mornings and were highly competitive. Teams were paired on rankings with the top ranked player paired with the lowest, then second top with second lowest and so on. This structure allowed the less experienced players the opportunity to show their partners what they were really capable of, as I noticed many of the higher handicap players using up all their scoring clips first!

The winners of this competition were Shirley Howlett (Victor Harbor) and Ronald McBride (Hyde Park).

Thanks is extended to the referees who assisted during the tournament, Bernie Pfitzner (Victor Harbor), Neil White (Brighton) and Robert Weaver (Hyde Park) and the Tournament Managers, Brighton Croquet Club: Ken Nunan, Mick Dawkins and Barry Teague.



Shirley Howlett (Victor Harbor) and Ronald McBride (Hyde Park).



Graeme Thomas (Hyde Park), Jim Grindrod (Aldinga Bay),

GOLF CROQUET – ACA President's Invitational Eights - Shirlene Shines

South Australia had eight entrants in the President's Eights: Barry Haydon, Ron McBride, Virginia Arney, John Arney, David Wise, Shirlene McBride, Kate Logan and Karen Magee. The tournament was held in Cairnlea, Melbourne 3rd – 5th February.

Shirlene McBride won the Women's Eight Tray with 6 match wins, 1 match loss and 28+ hoops which was a wonderful achievement, she was ranked third going into the event. Her consistent play also meant her handicap reduced to 2.

Other improvers in handicaps were Ron McBride, now 0 and Karen Magee now 3.

The men also proved themselves to be very competitive with Ron McBride coming second in the Second Eights and David Wise coming second in the Third Eights.



FUNDRAISING FOR SA GC STATE SQUAD

QUIZ NIGHT—Friday 24 March 2017 at North Adelaide Croquet Club

6.30pm to 10.30pm Cost \$10 person BYO Supper Tables of 8

Tickets available from Stewart Kingsborough 0417 774 666 or stewart.kingsborough@gmail.com

GOLF CROQUET STATE SQUAD 2017

Barry Haydon, Graham Whiteway, John Arney, David Wise, Ron McBride, Graeme Thomas, Mick Reidy, Jim Grindrod, Stewart Kingsborough, Barry Jennings, Virginia Arney, Shirlene McBride, Kate Logan, Karen Magee, Anne Woodhouse, Julie Weaver,

GOLF CROQUET COMMITTEE—SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR ALL CLUB HANDICAPPERS & CAPTAINS

Thursday 14 March at Hutt Road. Topics will be presented by Graeme Thomas, Barry Jennings and Robert Weaver. RSVP to gcsecretary@croquetsa.com.au by 7 March

GC RULES PRESENTATION

The SACA GC Referee Sub-committee has developed a GC Rules Presentation that is given at clubs, where a game is played and officiated. Club members follow the game around the court so they can see the faults/errors and the Rules being reinforced. This gives visual and actual experience for club members and an opportunity to ask questions. The Presentation normally runs over 2 hours with a final 30 minute coaching session.

This is a free presentation for SACA members—if your club is interested please contact Bernie Pfitzner

CLUB NEWS

BRING A FRIEND BBQ—KADINA CROQUET CLUB

Wow! what a fantastic turnout we had for our 'bring a friend' BBQ on 3rd February. We had a total of 46 on the night and fortunately had a beautiful evening. Play started at 5pm with a break of about 45 minutes for the BBQ then continued playing afterwards. Due to failing light, we had to stop at 8.15pm but the enthusiasm didn't wane for a second and there were a few audible 'aawwss' when we finally lifted the hoops. The occasion ended with a cuppa and a slice of birthday cake as one of our members, Judy Lipsett was celebrating a big '0' birthday. We played 'Aussie croquet' which, as well as being sociable, is also very tactical and competitive! Bashing the opponents' ball out of the hoop is a great feeling!! This was our first venture in the new BBQ area but I am sure it won't be the last!! The Kadina Croquet Club is very grateful to the District Council of the Copper Coast for awarding us a community grant to improve this area of the club. We welcome visitors, so if you're in the area, give us a call and anyone just interested in 'having a go' at croquet should contact Linda on 8821 2670.



MOUNT GAMBIER CROQUET CLUB

had a record attendance at our gala weekend on 4-5 February. There were 12 entries in Association croquet played on Saturday 4th February. Players from Portland, Millicent and Mt Gambier completing two rounds of keenly contested doubles play. Mt Gambier's Leah O'Neil won the event with Portland's Andrea Toet second and Robert O'Neil (MG) in third position.

Aussie Croquet is increasing in popularity with players from Horsham, Portland, Casterton, Millicent as well as Mt Gambier mounting a field of 32 players. Three rounds were completed in ideal conditions, unfortunately rain affected the fourth round and was cancelled. When scores were tallied there was a three way tie between Anne Cotton (Mt. G), Gary Devlin, Val Hood (both Horsham). A hit off was decided as appropriate to decide the winner, and as the rain came pouring down Anne Cotton won by the narrowest margin from Gary Devlin with Val Hood a very close third.



L-R Gary Devlin, Anne Cotton Val Hood

Visiting players were impressed by the Mt Gambier courts and the conducting of the event with so many players. An old style country afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

Sandra Edlington

MILLSWOOD CROQUET CLUB

The lights were on at Millswood CC in January for their night tournaments

AC Handicap doubles winners were: Section 1: Helena Panasewycz & Roger Buddle (Victor Harbor)
Section 2: Wayne Peart & Mark Goldsmith (Norwood)

GC Doubles Classic An exciting final finish with winners Trevin Love & David Rowe (Hyde Park)
from Heath Jackson & Adrian Piccinin (Hyde Park)

We thank our major sponsor—Bendigo Bank .

AC EVENTS 2017

Over the last year the managing of AC Events has rested on the shoulders of a small group of players. To enable events to continue to run as scheduled the Events organising group is seeking the assistance of metropolitan clubs to help with the day to day managing of events. Training will be offered to assist clubs with the management duties.

PLANNING IS KEY TO SUCCESSFUL PROMOTIONS

Plan your Hammer Time sunset croquet event now to introduce your local community to croquet and apply through your council to support and fund your event! Contact Cathy if you need help or would like to know more.

WEBSITE

Changes for the website should be sent direct to 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.



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



PARKING AT SACA HEADQUARTERS HUTT ROAD

Parking restrictions are now in force in the carpark at our Hutt Road facility. This has been put in place by Adel. City Council after our negotiations with them, and in response to many other unknown persons utilizing our carpark on an all day basis, making it very difficult for our own members to have access to the carpark for events.

The restrictions are: Monday to Friday 5 hour parking limit 8am – 6pm. This applies to all users of the carpark including Croquet SA members

For most events during the week, we envisage that 5 hours will be sufficient time for games to be played. In the event of a major tournament, we will advise Adel. City Council and they will take note not to issue parking fines. I will be contacting the ACC next week to ask for a parking inspector to patrol the carpark and the result of this will serve to diminish the few people still using the carpark.

Event Managers please contact me if you feel any event scheduled for Hutt Road will cause a problem and I will contact the Council.

Cathy Leske

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

Croquet SA is very pleased to announce that the Croquet SA Foundation has now been established. The Foundation enables both individuals and businesses to make a **fully tax deductible donation** to Croquet SA.

A quick and easy online donation can be made to either the **Croquet SA Foundation** (general fund) or our first project – the **State Team Support Fund**.

Funds received for this project will be allocated equally to the AC and GC teams.

Do you know someone looking for a tax deduction either as an individual or for their business? Spread the word and head to our new look homepage for the link to Donate www.croquetsa.com.au

For and on behalf of the Board,

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.

HOUSEKEEPING AT CROQUET SA HEADQUARTERS

Please make every effort to clean up after yourself. All **rubbish and food scraps** in bins. If the bins are full there are council bins out the back door and new garbage bags in the kitchen. Please replace them when needed—with warmer weather things get very unpleasant if rubbish is not attended to.

Your **dishes also need to be done**, it is not the responsibility of the closing club to do the dishes for the whole day—you use it, please wash, dry and put away.

Looking forward to your consideration and a tidier SACA

Thank you

Karen Magee

Croquet SA – AC State Team Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, bought tickets and sold tickets - the joint effort raised \$1,683, which was well above our expectations.

A special mention has to be made to Malcolm Algie, who sold 11 of the 40 books of tickets. Huge effort and really appreciated.

The raffle was drawn on 19 February at team practice by our president - Eileen Ferguson.

First Prize - Weekend Package Coobowie - **Claire Royal** (Forestville) (Bought her ticket at the Millswood Club - new member I believe)

When I rang her she was thrilled - said she had never won anything in her life and she is now 70. - Very happy prize winner.

Second Prize - Pencil Portrait by Murray Baum - **Peter Wood** - Dwayne McCormick's boss

Third Prize - Domestic Carpet Cleaning (Allan Haywood) - **Sonia Twartz** (Yorketown)

Sonia has family in Adelaide who will reap the benefit of this prize

Fourth Prize - 2 Bottles Saltram's Shiraz - **Mary Marsland** (Norwood Club)

Fifth Prize - Basket of Sea Shells - **Sue Hart** (Edithburgh)

Sixth Prize - \$25 gift Card Woolworths - **David Taylor** (Our Treasurer)

Thanks again to everyone for your support.

Mary Bishop

UPCOMING EVENTS 2017**MARCH**

- 3 AC North Adelaide Singles, Divisions 2, 3 and 4. 10am start, byo lunch Cost \$6 per game. Contact Kay Seeary 8344 6759 kay.seeary@bigpond.com
- 3-5 GC Bronze Medal at SACA on line entry
- 5-10 AC Victor Harbor tournament (4/3/17 short game comp) Cost \$50 Entries to Noel Young 8552 2348 noel.young@bigpond.com
- 15 GC Millswood social afternoon 3pm to 7pm Cost \$15 includes BBQ at 5.30pm Contact Jane Lewis 8293 3572 jhlewis@optusnet.com.au
- 21 GC Holdfast Bay gala Cost \$12 byo lunch Contact Margaret Frost 0417 882 477 wmtlem@bigpond.com
- 24 North Adelaide Quiz Night 6.30pm-10.30pm Fundraiser for GC State Squad Cost \$10 person, tables of 8 Contact Stewart Kingsborough 0417 774 666 stewart.kingsborough@gmail.com
- 31 GC North Adelaide handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch Contact Sue Huddy 0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com

APRIL

- 1-6 GC Victor Harbor tournament; doubles April 1-2, singles April 4-6, Entries from Feb 1 to Kate Logan 0402 324 763 kate.logan@adam.com.au
- 3 GC North Adelaide gala Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Lyn Hughes 0413 356 923 lynnh60@yahoo.com.au
- 4-6 GC Autumn singles 9+
- 7-9 AC Norwood Pre-drawn Swiss Singles Entry fee \$40. Contact John Arney 8277 2082 vjarney@gmail.com
- 12-18 AC/GC Launceston Tas St Leonards courts Cost \$30 each event Contact Bob Godfrey bobgodfrey1@gmail.com 0408 419 959
- 21 GC Millswood handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch Contact Penny Harper 0456 780 273 pharper@senet.com.au
- 21-23 GC Mens SA Championships
- 28-30 GC Womens SA Championships
- 28 GC North Adelaide handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch Contact Sue Huddy 0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com
- 29 AC Moonta CC doubles gala 9.30am start Cost \$15 pplayer includes lunch Entries to Barb Hartley 8825 3668 moontacroquet@outlook.com

MAY

- 1 GC Victor Harbor gala start 10am Cost \$15 includes lunch contact Anne Fawkner fawknerkf@dodo.com.au
- 2 GC Norwood gala 10.30 start Cost \$15 includes lunch Contct Marg Allan dmallan@internode.on.net 0403 863 302
- 7-11 AC Naracoorte tournament—doubles and singles Entry fee \$50 Contact Eugene Dunstan 87623703 enjdunstan@bigpond.com Entries clost 29 April
- 8 GC Mount Barker gala 9.30am Cost \$15 includes unch Contact Eric Klenke 8391 1808
- 12 GC Millswood handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch Contact Penny Harper 0456 780 273 pharper@senet.com.au
- 11-15 AC Tumby Bay Championship singles tournament Entries to Kathy Wilkins 8688 1828 wilkinsrk@bigpond.com
- 21-28 AC/GC Country Week**
- 26 GC North Adelaide handicap singles season Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch Contact Sue Huddy 0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com
- 30-1June GC Doubles individual 9+

QUADWAY HOOPS please refer to the instructions on the trolleys and in the clubhouse!**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 execdir@croquetsa.com.au to join.

GC FILLING OUT YOUR HANDICAP CARD

There is an excellent description of how to do this on the Croquet SA website under Members information/Handicapping/Regulations and Forms/Filling in the Golf Croquet Handicap Card. Please familiarise yourself with how to fill in your card correctly.

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

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 9 months 1 January to 30 September 2017
 City \$72.75 inc GST, County \$ 44.25 inc GST, Student city \$33.75 inc GST, Student country \$22.50 inc GST,
 Juniors city and country (under 18) free

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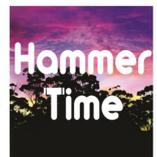
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