



# HOOP POINTS

*A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA*

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## GC PRESIDENTS TROPHY 2019



*Mick Reidy & Virginia Arney*

On Friday morning 8.00am 25 January sixteen very keen croquet players gathered at Hutt Road for the 2019 Presidents Trophy. They are of various handicaps and have seven doubles and fifteen singles matches to complete before Monday afternoon. The double partnerships were decided on handicap with the lowest handicap player paired with the highest handicap, then the number two player with the fifteenth and so on. It made for some very interesting pairings and competition was high. The less experienced players certainly gained experience in tactics from their more credentialed partners. The doubles competition did not count toward the Presidents Trophy but it certainly did not lower the standard of the competition. The doubles although keenly fought by all was eventually won by the pairing of Kate Logan (Victor Harbor) and Heath Jackson (Hyde Park).



*Kate Logan & Heath Jackson*

The singles competition was a very good standard of croquet. It was certainly enjoyed by the spectators who attended over the four days. It certainly was not a matter of the lower handicaps overcoming the higher handicaps, in fact there were quite a few upsets during the competition. Two players that prior to the competition were on eight handicap were labelled as "burglars" and consequently their handicaps lowered significantly by the end of the competition.

Virginia Arney (Norwood) was exceptional over the first three days and led the competition to an extent most thought that she would be the eventual winner. However the last match of the last day was to tell the tale. This match was between Julianne Jago (South Terrace) and Mick Reidy (Hyde Park). Julianne went to a 6-3 lead which ascertained the trophy was already won, however Mick fought his way back to force the match to the 13th, Julianne was in the hoop, Mick was on a 30 degree angle about two metres out, the jump shot was played, Mick won the hoop and the match, the final result Mick Reidy 11 wins 21 net hoops and Virginia 11 wins 16 net hoops. Congratulations go to Mick and commiserations to Virginia.

To all the referees, especially Graeme Thomas who presided over the whole event, as usual thank you for your help during the tournament. To Karen Magee a big thank you for organising the event.

*Tony Arthur, Event Manager, Glenunga Club*

## WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

There were 56 women in the event, 5 from South Australia, 16 from Australia in total. Women came from Australia, Egypt, England, Ireland, Scotland Spain and New Zealand and ranged from 16 to 82 years.

The Tournament started with 8 Blocks of 7 players, each playing a best of 3 game match with each other to determine their position in the Block. The Top 4 women from each Block made it to the main draw, the remainders went to play off in the "Plate" Competition.

SA had 3 women make it to the Main Event of 32 players, 5 other Australians also made it. The competition now was a knockout, with events for people knocked out to determine final placings.

Here are the placings for South Australia

- 19 Kate Logan, Victor Harbor
- 22 Karen Magee, Brighton
- 31 Bernie Pfitzner, Victor Harbor
- 35 Anne Woodhouse, Brighton
- 36 Virginia Arney, Norwood

Well done to all. The top Australian was Alison Sharpe from New South Wales in 7th Position.



## POSITIONS VACANT

Board positions vacant: Vice President, AC Events Coordinator, AC Director. Contact Eileen Ferguson for information [woolley17@outlook.com](mailto:woolley17@outlook.com)

Golf Croquet Scorer is required for the GC Committee. Please contact Graeme Thomas if you can assist [grazzadi@bigpond.com](mailto:grazzadi@bigpond.com)

## POSITIONS VACANT CONTINUED

Committee members needed for the **Australian Masters Games** 5th - 12th October being held at Hutt Road. If you can help please contact Eileen Ferguson on [woolley17@outlook.com](mailto:woolley17@outlook.com)

### Maintenance Officer

To work collaboratively with Board and coordinators to keep our state facility looking its best.

Duties:

Moving of hoops up to 5 times p.a. unless major events

Maintenance of trolleys and hoops

General tidying of shed/facility

Occasional weeding/spraying of perimeters

Ad hoc minor maintenance jobs (e.g. repairs to shelters)

Occasional cleaning of verandah, emptying bins, taking bottles to depot

Other ad hoc minor jobs from time to time.

Honorarium may be available to cover costs. Contact Cathy if you are interested. [croquetsa@bigpond.com](mailto:croquetsa@bigpond.com)

## HAMMER TIME CROQUET AT BRIGHTON

Hammer Time has arrived at Brighton! The Brighton Committee agreed to initially hold three events 2 weeks apart as a trial.

The first Hammer Time event was held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 primarily for Residents at Townsend. Eighteen people (14 non-members) participated.

For the second event (Friday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.) we invited the Townsend Park residents back again (7 came), we had a letterbox drop in the area – 250 leaflets were delivered and as many as EIGHT people came as a result of this and with others who just “came out of the wood-work” our numbers swelled to TWENTY-THREE non members. We were very lucky to have 11 club members arriving, without being asked, to help.

Our last Hammer Time event was held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. February. The majority of the 22 participants were from the Brighton Tennis Club, with many expressing their intention to try Croquet as a post Tennis activity.

**Over the 3 Hammer Time evenings we have introduced 60 + new people to croquet** at Brighton. They all have gone home having thoroughly enjoying themselves with a leaflet “What the Brighton Croquet Club Offers You” outlining play available on Tues & Thurs. (Club mornings 9.30a.m-12.15p.m.), Tues. evenings 7p.m.-9.00p.m. Wed. (coaching 9.00a.m.-11.00a.m.) Friday Evening B.B.Q. (twice a month) 4.00p.m. onwards and week-ends. At this stage with Club support we are planning to hold further Hammer Time events from Oct 2019 - April 2020.



Members of Brighton Tennis Club enjoyed Hammer Time

*Brighton Membership Committee*

Well done to Brighton, Coromandel Valley, Norwood, Tea Tree Gully, North Adelaide and Woodville clubs for engaging in the Hammer Time Program this season. For this program Croquet SA provides fliers for club use, signage for the club to promote awareness and conformity, promotes the event on internet sites as well as regular social media posts to help spread the word. We also set up an online booking system so the club has an email address for patrons who book in to invite them back again.

## GETTING THOSE NEW MEMBERS

As with any “come n try”, it is only occasionally that programs provide instant new members after one or two visits. These programs are an introduction and a vehicle to help you *get people coming to the club in the first instance*. Hopefully they will have a good experience at the club - enjoying croquet, having fun, meeting people and enjoying a friendly relaxed environment. Maybe they can buy a beer or have a meal. This is just the *first step*.

After the initial visit(s) people need to be invited back at regular intervals, by the same person works well. A simple personal invitation to continue their enjoyment at the club is what is needed by members by email, face to face or text message.

As you know croquet is a wonderful sport with unique advantages. Sports clubs provide camaraderie, are an affordable outing and offer new local connections. Do you remember when you became “hooked” on croquet? Perhaps thinking back to how the club members interacted with you at that time can help to pass this wonderful opportunity on.

What kind of experience are visitors to your club having from an outsiders perspective? Are they being welcomed to return? Are you catering for workers or people with daytime commitments? Do you have members who will help with this? Do you need to engage incentives for people to return? From an outsider’s perspective, is your club seen as a community organisation or a closed shop? These are the questions that club committees are faced with over and over. Serious questions, the answers to which can have serious consequences. Is the club committee finding satisfactory answers to these questions?

Croquet SA supports clubs to achieve these strategic goals. We want to help you strengthen and develop your club for a sustainable future. We all know what happens when the members get too old to do this anymore. If you would like any suggestions, assistance setting up your Hammer Time Croquet Program or just want to talk about these questions and your club’s position do not delay contacting Croquet SA for help.

*Cathy Leske*

**Golf Croquet SA Doubles Individual 9+**

The SA Doubles Individual 9+ was held recently over two weeks. There were 6 teams entered. Two from Millswood and Aldinga Bay, one from Victor Harbor and Holdfast Bay. It was good to see half the field from country clubs.

All teams played 3 games on the first day and 2 on the second day. The competition was very competitive and at the end of day 1 there were 4 teams all with 2 wins each.

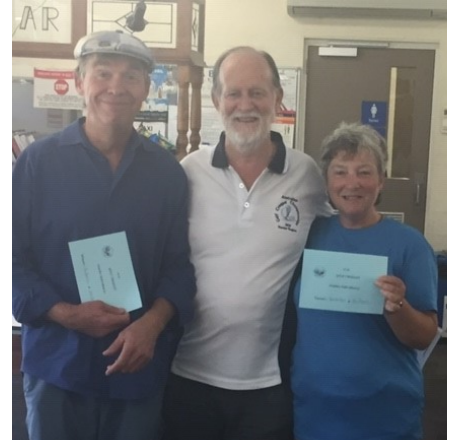
However, the critical round proved to be the 4<sup>th</sup> round where only one of the leading teams won. That team being Sara Kendrick and Paul Beazley (Aldinga Bay). In the final round they saw off a spirited challenge from Christine Horner and Janis Jenkins (Victor Harbor) to secure the Championship.

The final placings were: Sara Kendrick & Paul Beazley (Aldinga Bay) 1<sup>st</sup>; Colin Down & Paul Wahlstedt (Holdfast Bay) 2<sup>nd</sup> and Kaye McDonald & Jenny Lucus (Millswood) 3<sup>rd</sup>

The tournament was played in very good spirit and all players enjoyed the experience.

Carolyn Cooper, from the managing club (Aldinga Bay) knocked up a batch of scones while the teams were battling out the last game.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying the hot scones while the presentation of winners took place.



*Paul Beazley, Jim Grindrod, Sara Kendrick (Aldinga Bay)*

**GATEBALL**

Gateball is being played on a regular basis at Hyde Park at 9.00am on most Wednesday mornings and Woodville on most Sunday mornings. The club can be contacted first to confirm playing times.

Gateball is played by more than 10 million players throughout Asia and South America.

The Gateball National Championships 2019 will be held at Victorian Croquet Centre, Cairnlea from Friday 28 November to Sunday 1 December. In 2017 teams from China, South Korea and Paraguay participated; it is a great way to make international sporting contacts.

Office of Recreation Sport & Racing

**GRANT PROGRAM NOW OPEN FOR - Active Club Program 2019-20 Round 47**

Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program 2019-20 Round—Minor facility development requests \$25,000—\$200,000

Major facility development requests \$200,000—\$1,000,000

ALL ELIGIBLE CLUBS SHOULD BE APPLYING AT LEAST FOR PROGRAM FUNDING

**2019 SA MASTERS GAMES AT PORT PIRIE**

Come and play on our new lawns and enjoy our new clubrooms.

Golf Croquet singles & doubles 5th – 8th April

Pizza night 7th April (\$15)

Association Croquet singles & doubles 8th – 14th April

Pizza night 11th April (\$15)

Entry \$25 singles and \$15 doubles per player (Masters Games fee additional)

Light lunches available to purchase Bottomless cup \$5 GC / \$10 AC

**Entries close 26th March so register NOW**

<http://www.portpiriemastersgames.com.au/index.php/information/>

For more information contact:

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**REMINDER TO ALL MEMBER PLAYERS, CLUB EVENTS MANAGERS, AND SACA COORDINATORS**

A reminder that coaching, information or refereeing sessions conducted on behalf of Croquet SA, club events such as Gala Days and tournaments, as well as Croquet SA events are for **current** registered members only.

**A player quoting their ID number does not mean they are currently registered. The number could have been issued in prior years.**

**All Players:** Please ensure you have your current Croquet SA registration card with you when attending events.

**Club & SACA Event Managers and Coordinators:** After entries close you can check whether players are registered with the Registrations Officer Norma Amey [registrations@croquetsa.com.au](mailto:registrations@croquetsa.com.au) or [croquetsa@bigpond.com](mailto:croquetsa@bigpond.com) prior to the event.

If no checks are made prior to the event, then current ID cards for all participants should be sighted on the day.

Croquet SA relies on clubs to administer this for club events. Please ensure this process is undertaken for all internal events held. Thank you for your assistance.

**Croquet SA Board**



**UPCOMING EVENTS 2019****MARCH**

- 3—8 **AC** Victor Harbor tournament All handicaps doubles & singles Contact Noel Young 8552 2348  
noel.young@bigpond.com
- 5 **GC** Brighton twilight gala Cost \$15 includes evening meal Contact Barry Teague  
jazzbaz2010@bigpond.com 0408888071
- 8 **GC** Millswood monthly singles Sessions begin 10am and 1pm 12 players per session Cost \$5 p.session  
Contact Penny Harper pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
- 9—11 **GC** SA Gold Medal— State team qualifying event Entry fee \$43 Entries on line
- 13 **GC** Murray Bridge gala St Patricks day wearing green Cost \$15 inc. lunch Contact Keryl Kiel,  
kkiel94@outlook.com SMS 0417 858 921
- 15 **GC** North Adelaide handicap singles Cost \$6 Contact Kevin LePoidevin 0403836954  
kevinlepoidevin@gmail.com
- 19-21 **GC** 3+ singles Enter on-line
- 22-24 **GC** Silver medal Entry fee \$43 Enter online
- 26 **GC** Norwood gala Cost \$15 inc. lunch Contact Marg Allan 0403863302 maggieallan@me.com

**APRIL**

- 5-14 **AC & GC** Port Pirie CC SA Masters Games
- 6-10 **GC** Victor Harbor tournament singles and doubles contact Kate Logan 0402 324 763  
kate.logan@adam.com.au
- 12 **GC** Millswood monthly singles Sessions begin 10am and 1pm 12 players per session  
Contact Penny Harper pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
- 12—14 **AC** Norwood pre-drawn Swiss Singles Entry fee \$40 Contact John Arney 0433015440  
vjarney@gmail.com Entries close 5 April
- 20-23 **GC and AC** City of Launceston Easter Tournament Contact Ruth McKean rumckean@gmail.com.  
0408 432 721
- 25-28 **GC** Mens & Womens Championships
- 26 **GC** North Adelaide handicap singles Cost \$6 Contact Kevin LePoidevin 0403836954  
kevinlepoidevin@gmail.com
- 29 **AC** Salisbury 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala \$15 inc. lunch. Contact Val Rogers 82601510 [valrogers23@gmail.com](mailto:valrogers23@gmail.com)

**MAY**

- 5—9 **AC** Naracoorte tournament singles and doubles Contact E Dunstan 08 87623703  
enjrdunstan@bigpond.com Entries close 27 April
- 6 **GC** Victor Harbor gala Cost \$20 inc lunch Contact Anne Fawkner 8552 6074 fawkner.kf@gmail.com
- 10 **GC** Millswood monthly singles Sessions begin 10am and 1pm 12 players per session  
Contact Penny Harper pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
- 15-20 **AC** Tumby Bay AC Tournament Contact Garry Speed 0427 881 020 speedgk@bigpond.com
- 17-19 **GC** SA Bronze Medal 9+
- 24 **GC** North Adelaide handicap singles Cost \$6 Contact Kevin LePoidevin 0403836954

**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 [croquetsa@bigpond.com](mailto:croquetsa@bigpond.com) to join.

**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.

**PARKING AT HUTT ROAD** The Adelaide City Council has agreed that Croquet SA members when using Hutt Road car park should **display their Croquet SA ID card** on the dashboard if expecting to be parked for any length of time that will exceed the current parking restrictions .

The current **parking restrictions are Maximum 5 hours Mon-Fri 8am-6pm**. Parking inspectors have been provided with a copy of the card to know what to look for.

**REGISTRATION FEES** for all Croquet SA players for 9 months 1 January to 30 September 2019  
 City 81.00 inc GST, Country \$54.00 inc GST, Student (18-25 with ID card) city \$41.25 inc GST, country \$27.00 inc GST, Juniors (under 18 as at 1/7/17) city and country free.  
 Club affiliation \$60 for clubs < 40 members, \$110 40+ members

**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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Secretary	Vacant		

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