



# HOOP POINTS

*A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA*

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## CLUB NEWS

### MURRAY BRIDGE CLUB ACTIVITIES

We invited members of the Young Professionals to come and try Croquet. They had a ball and have indicated they will come back. One member said at last she has found her Sport. These young folk hold very interesting and very responsible jobs.

GC gala day—Winners Eric (Mt Barker); Mary (West Lakes). A great day was had by the 28 people who played. It was a pleasure to see players from Meningie, Tea Tree Gully, Coromandel Valley, Victor Harbor, Mt Barker and West Lakes.

***Lesley Zadow Murray Bridge Croquet Club***



### WHYALLA AC TOURNAMENT

Another successful tournament—it was wonderful having 9 city (5 new) and 3 new country players join with our faithful regulars, making a total of 24 competitors. Each group went to the last game to decide the winner or runner-up.

Results  
Singles Group 1 Winner Phil Bateman (Norwood), r/up Paula Gardiner (South Terrace)  
Group 2 winner Edith Williams (Victor Harbor) r/up Sally Harper (Norwood)  
Group 3 winner Yvonne Watts (Whyalla) r/up Sandra Rodsted (Kadina)  
Group 4 winner Rosemary Gloede (Whyalla) r/up Marilyn Murray (Whyalla)  
Doubles Groups 1 & 2 winners Paula Gardiner (South Tce) & Judith Lipsett (Kadina)  
r/up Phil Bateman (Norwood) & Michael Cabot (Tumby Bay)  
Group 3 & 4 winners Betty Grace (Whyalla) & Linda Kinch (Kadina)  
r/u Sandra Rodsted (Kadina) & Rosemary Gloede (Whyalla)

***Eldyne Smith, Whyalla CC***

### VICTOR HARBOUR AC TOURNAMENT

Our tournament was again very successful with visiting players from Norwood, Brighton, Tea Tree Gully, South Tce, North Adelaide, Aldinga Bay, Murray Bridge, Tumby Bay, Moonta, Penola and Kadina.

The weather was quite mild providing good conditions for playing on excellent court surfaces. The atmosphere was very friendly and the social events planned by the club members added to this.

The matches were strongly contested with most block winners/runners-up finishing with the same number of games and decided on net points.

Four or five raffles were provided each day and evenly shared by the participants with major prizes being won on the final day. Sponsorship by local businesses was very good. Lunches were provided each day by Victor Harbor club members.

John Arney won the Short Game competition on the Saturday preceding the Tournament proper—the prize was a classic bottle of red wine donated by the President, Sue Barritt

***Noel Young, Tournament Manager***



*Howard Wood, Lyn Parnell, Mike Cabot*

### VACANCIES

BAR Manager for Hutt Road to organise rosters/work on bar at croquet parties and events. Must be RSA Qualified. Happy to negotiate T & C's. Prefer someone living reasonably close to SACA.

ACA Magazine correspondent

Delegates are required for Tumby Bay and Kadina

Enquiries Cathy croquetsa@bigpond.com



Are you having a community or club event? Post your photos where everyone can see them!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS 2014**

**MAY**

- 4—8 AC Naracoorte Annual Tournament. Doubles and singles. Contact Eugene Dunstan 8762 3703  
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- 8 AC Glenunga CC gala, 9.30am, cost \$15 inc. lunch, contact Bev Davies 8332 5232  
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- 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" )
- 9—11 AC Norwood Swiss Singles, 3 day event, cost \$35, contact John Arney 8277 2082, vjarney@gmail.com
- 11 GC 8+ Sunday singles @ Hutt Road. 1.30pm Cost \$5 Contact Karen Magee kmagee@adam.com.au
- 12 GC Victor Harbor gala 9.30 for 10am, cost \$15 inc lunch, contact Judy Stewart 0401 931 461,  
judystewart99@gmail.com
- 15—19 AC Tumbay Bay tournament 8.30am \$40 entry Ph Kathy 08 86881828 wilkinsrk@bigpond.com
- 16 AC Tea Tree Gully 14+ singles day 2.5 hr games for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930
- 18 AC Come and Play at SACA singles, byo lunch, cost \$10, entry to sacacentries@hotmail.com
- 18 GC North Adelaide singles, 1pm—4pm, cost \$10, contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891, su7eh@hotmail.com
- 26 GC Broadview CC 9.30 for 10am start, byo lunch, cost \$8, contact Norma Amey 8261 8870  
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- 26—30 AC /GC Country Week AC 26—28 entry fee \$25; GC 26—30 entry fee \$15 singles \$10 pp doubles.  
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**JUNE**

- 20 AC Tea Tree Gully 14+ singles day 2.5 hr games for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930

**JULY**

- 13 AC Come and Play at SACA singles, byo lunch, cost \$10, entry to sacacentries@hotmail.com
- 18 AC Tea Tree Gully 14+ singles day 2.5 hr games for handicap, contact Jenny Stein 8251 3930

**NOVEMBER**

- 27—28 AC Whitelaw Cup

**RESULTS—2014**

**SA GOLF CROQUET GOLD MEDAL**

1st - Graham Whiteway (Brighton) , 2nd - David Wise (Norwood) , 3rd - Howard Wood (Brighton)

**ASSOCIATION CROQUET INTERSTATE EIRE CUP**

1. Victoria; 2. New South Wales; 3. Queensland; 4. Western Australia; 5. Tasmania; 6. South Australia

**AC SELECTORS INVITATION—AN OUTSTANDING EVENT**

Respectful grateful players enjoying croquet. Three country players played in this event. Every player was terrific, after the games they walked off together in a sporting manner. The Selectors are very encouraged with the standard of the players. Roger Buddle took photos of this event which have been uploaded on the website.

Block 1 Winner Allan Haywood; R/up Mary Bishop Block 2 Winner Stuart McLuckie; R/up Liz Mackenzie

**AC NIGHT DOUBLES**

Div 3

- 1. Brighton, 2. Salisbury,
- 3. Millswood, 4. Tea Tree Gully,
- 5. Norwood, 6. North Adelaide

Div 4

- 1. Norwood, 2. Tea Tree Gully,
- 3. West Lakes, 4. Salisbury

**GC 10+ AUTUMN PENNANTS**

- 1. Glenunga 2. Norwood Blue
- 3. Norwood White
- 4. Hyde Park Knights
- 5. Hyde Park Bearers
- 6. Brighton 7. Millswood

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## SPORT DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**TEA TREE GULLY CROQUET CLUB** has been having an interesting time lately.

This year we participated in the Royal Croquet Club's promotion in Victoria Square during the Festival where everyone had a good time and we hope we will be able to attract some of those participants to our club.

Three years ago to boost an awareness of croquet in our area, and to give people who were not able to play during the day because of work commitments, we conducted a "Hoop Running" session on a Friday night during daylight saving time. That first time was to be a 'once off' session but the people who came wanted it to go on 'forever' so it was continued. There have been approximately 15 to 20 participants each time.

This summer season ended on 11<sup>th</sup> April and for our "Hoop Running" wind up and presentation night we took a leaf out of SACA's Hammer Time and decorated the club house with fancy lights and played music all evening, then had supper. All this made it an entertaining and fun night. The club was rewarded as three of the participants signed application forms to join the club.

We have also engaged the community by allowing various groups to come and play and then have a BBQ. Club members support these events by coming along and showing the people how to play croquet, and newcomers appreciate this.

*Kaye Rostron Secretary Tea Tree Gully Croquet Club*

**HAMMER TIME SUNSET CROQUET** was four Fridays of lots of fun, both for the patrons (about 235 attendances) and members involved. Hammer Time was done on a much bigger scale than clubs (we are competing with other Friday night entertainment venues around the city!), but hopefully clubs will take a few ideas from what we did for this pilot, whether it be inexpensive ambient lighting, a stereo with some music, or including another activity to add value to the croquet experience (networking with other local organisations). These little things will make a big difference to your event, and heighten a happy atmosphere. Don't forget it's not about what you as members enjoy, it's about what the targeted patrons want! There are lots of photos on the facebook page [www.facebook.com/hammertimecroquet](http://www.facebook.com/hammertimecroquet) Hammer Time will return in Spring!

**Our Community involvement is continuing!** Just because Hammer Time is over doesn't mean the activity is! Croquet SA sponsored the YWCA Breakfast in Whitmore Square on 4th May, Brighton club assisted guests including Mr and Mrs Yarwood on the croquet lawn there. We also sponsored the Nanna Skillz Party on Sunday 5th May at Hutt Road. That's about another 200 people who tried croquet on the weekend! Thanks to Brighton for helping me with these important community activities!

*Cathy Leske*

## PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT

What an exciting couple of months it has been!

We've planned a thank you BBQ and feed back session for those who helped at RCC and Hammer Time – don't forget to RSVP please.

In April I met with some of the clubs north of Adelaide who suggested twinning with other clubs would be a good idea. For country clubs it could be the developing of the relationship with their delegate's club, provide a focal point and welcome for players when in the country or city. Sharing ideas and supporting one another. What do you think?

*Sally Harper*

## AC COACHING

I have agreed to take on the role of AC coaching co-ordinator in addition to my duties as Vice President. Watch this column for details of future coach training courses and updating workshops.

**L1 COACH TRAINING:** Congratulations to Julie Dodgson (North Adelaide) and Sally Harper (Norwood) who have recently completed their training to become L1 coaches.

For all AC Coaching enquiries please contact Eileen Ferguson Ph 8258 9069; email [woolley17@outlook.com](mailto:woolley17@outlook.com) Please [note the change of email address](#)

## LOCKING UP AT HUTT ROAD

There have been a couple of instances of the equipment shed, front door back door and the front gate at Hutt Road not being locked.

Please be vigilant and make sure everything is locked after you finish play. We don't want to lose our equipment or have the courts damaged or the building vandalised. Hired equipment is sometimes stored outside so if the gate is unlocked and it goes missing we would have to pay for the items.

*Maree Skinner, President*

## CLUB WEBPAGE

A feature included on the Croquet SA website is the facility for affiliated croquet clubs to have their own page on the site. The setting up of the page, on-going maintenance and updating are free of charge. Your page could feature a photo of your club-house/courts, playing times and general information. I can design and install the page for you or you can design your own page.

*Roger Buddle roger.buddle@gmail.com*

**REGISTRATION FEES** for all Croquet SA players for 6 months 1 April to 30 September 2014  
 City \$44.00 Country \$31.75 Juniors under 18 yrs as at 1/7/13 - Nil  
 Club affiliation \$15

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