



# HOOP POINTS

*A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA*

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EVENT OF THE YEAR



## HAMMER TIME LAUNCH

Congratulations to five key venues who have just finished their debut Hammer Time event; Aldinga Bay, Brighton, Norwood, North Adelaide and Tea Tree Gully, along with two events at Hutt Road. A total of **1110 people** participated in the program, by age group: <18 10%, 18-45 56%, 46+ 34%. This is a fantastic result for a program in its early stages - two thirds of people were under 46 years old. Does this sound enticing to your club?

Apart from getting more people at the club playing croquet (the first step towards new members), the feedback from clubs is that the *members themselves* gained a lot by showcasing their own skills as players and relaxing and enjoying (perhaps with a glass of wine) with fellow members. There was a great feeling of belonging and pride by members. And yes, there already have been some new members with more in the pipeline.

Croquet SA continues to receive recognition for this program, it is currently nominated for an award by Adelaide City Council, we were interviewed about the program by Flinders University regarding the successful integration of older and younger members of the community - an outstanding demonstration of the state government strategy of "an all ages friendly community", and we have been invited to speak at the Office for Recreation and Sport ***From Diversity Comes Innovation and Growth Conference*** at the Adelaide Convention Centre in May alongside the likes of Keith Thomas, CEO Port Adelaide Football Club.

A comprehensive report has been submitted to Rec & Sport and we expect to receive *further* funding in July to advertise the program on behalf of venues for next Spring/Summer.

A meeting is being held with all venues who participated at Hutt Road on **Tuesday 19th May at 10am** to evaluate the event so far, find solutions to challenges, discuss appropriate follow up events for patrons, and finalise the timing of the next Hammer Time events so that advertising can be coordinated effectively. This is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to have the support of an advertising campaign for their community event.

If your club would like to know more about Hammer Time, would like to ask questions, and speak to those who have already "been there" please come along to this meeting. Remember if you are a small club it is possible to buddy up with another small club and deliver the program at one venue.

RSVP to [croquetsa@bigpond.com](mailto:croquetsa@bigpond.com) by Monday 11th May and we will send you an agenda for the meeting.

**Cathy Leske**

## AC SELECTION COMMITTEE

Croquet SA is calling for applications from members to form this three person committee for 2014/2015. In view of the fact that 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>

## FROM THE BOARD

We have two Vice President positions and AC Director currently vacant and members who feel they could contribute to ongoing growth of croquet in SA 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 - board position

2nd Vice President position—board position

Director Association Croquet - board position

ACA Magazine correspondent

Delegates are required for Port Lincoln and Tumby Bay

Enquiries Cathy [croquetsa@bigpond.com](mailto:croquetsa@bigpond.com)

## NEWS FROM YP

**MOONTA CROQUET CLUB** has had another enjoyable year of playing Croquet commencing with the opening of the 2014/15 Season in September 2014. The first ball of the season was hit by Noreen Hatcher who has been playing croquet for many years. During the year the Moonta Green & Moonta Brown teams played games against Kadina, Wallaroo & Snowtown. The green team clawed its way into the finals, but eventually lost to Kadina. Well done Kadina. Newer members have also had the opportunity during the year to receive coaching & encouragement from the more experienced players from within the club. Also players from the YP Croquet Association were also fortunate to receive expert coaching from Eileen & Keith Ferguson who stayed on after our Finals & our Gala Day. Now that the pennant season is over, we go onto play a Singles Competition for those that wish to participate. Thank you to Mary Bishop who has organised this round. We were recently successful in receiving a valuable grant of a \$1000 from STARCLUB of the Yorke Peninsular & Lower Mid North which will be used to improve our facilities and equipment. The Moonta Club is also delighted to have three of their members who played in the state team. Our season finished with our annual Gala Day which, as with past Gala Days, was very successful. Some extremely good croquet was played on the day. We had 32 entries from all over the state. It was great to see our croquet friends from the city participate. We were honoured to have Australia's Croquet gold medallist, Simon Hockey, play here in Moonta. A lot can be learnt from watching such a very experienced player and he was most keenly watched by anyone who had the opportunity during the day. Next season (2015-16) we will be having five of our Aussie Croquet (modified) players move up to Association Croquet so with that we are hoping for another successful year of croquet.



Players from all NYP clubs with coach Eileen Ferguson



Simon Hockey, Kath Lamshed, Malcolm Algie

Judy Elverd

**KADINA CROQUET CLUB** held a successful GC Gala Day on 20 May with 14 visiting players, followed by a Coaching session conducted by Barry and Jenny Haydon on 21 May. 17 players took part including 5 beginners. Barry covered many aspects of the game including long shots and short gentle shots. He also helped with the jump shot. Several misunderstandings of the rules of the game and off side situations were explained. Barry packed a lot into the morning and his easy and approachable manner meant everyone could understand and felt comfortable asking questions. We all agreed that it had been a useful and pleasant morning. Barry will be welcome at Kadina any time!

Linda Kinch

## GC COACHING

Congratulations to those who have updated their coaching skills by participating in the sessions recently conducted by Barry Haydon (our state's GC Coaching coordinator).

As well as learning how to introduce new people to our great game those who completed the Level 1 session should also be able to give advice to existing club members/experienced players.

If your game needs 'a freshen-up' talk to any of the qualified coaches at your Club. If your club doesn't have any such coaches make sure this is rectified next time Barry runs a session – best idea is to put your name on the waiting list by sending an email to [haydon@kern.com.au](mailto:haydon@kern.com.au).



Level 1—L-R Joan Glastonbury, Kate Hazell, Norman Ord, Carolyn Shanahan, Ruth Dunn, Cathy Wuttke, Barrie Wuttke, John Selby



Level 0—L-R Barrie Wuttke, Graham Whiteway, Julie Weaver, Ruth Dunn, Joan Glastonbury, Virginia Rowland, Robert Weaver, Carolyn Shanahan, Robert Morris, John Selby

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2015

### COUNTRY WEEK 25TH - 29TH MAY

All country clubs have been posted the entry forms and fliers for information. So please ask your secretary for a copy. Information and online booking forms are also on our website under Member Info/Events [www.croquetsa.com.au](http://www.croquetsa.com.au)

#### MAY

- 3—7 AC tournament Naracoorte. Doubles and singles. Cost \$40. Enq Eugene Dunstan 8762 3703  
enjordan@bigpond.com
- 3 GC Sunday singles 8+ at SACA Entries by email to kimagee@adam.com.au Entry fee \$5
- 6 GC Midweek pennant 9+ handicap—club team event ; May 6, 20, June 10, 24, Jul 1,22, Aug 12, 26 Sept 2, 16,20  
Entries close 15 April Team entry fee \$30. Teams of 4 \$20 per team per round. 1.30pm start
- 6 AC Snowtown 90th birthday gala. Contact Joylene Hoskin 8865 2160 joyledean@gmail.com
- 6 AC Glenunga gala. Cost \$15 inc. lunch. Contact Bev Davies 8332 5232 owenbev@bigpond.com
- 8 AC North Adelaide singles 2 x 2.5 hr games Cost \$5 per game. Contact Kay Seeary 8344 6759  
kay.seeary@bigpond.com
- 11 GC Victor Harbor gala. 10am start. Cost \$15 inc.lunch. Contact Judy Stewart 0401 931 461  
judystewart99@gmail.com
- 14—18 AC Tumbay Bay singles tournament. 8.30am start Entry fee \$40. Entries close 5 May.  
Contact Kathy Wilkins 8688 1828 wilkinsrk@bigpond.com
- 15-17 GC President's Trophy (Open) at SACA Entries on on-line entry form. Entry fee \$35
- 15 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. 10am start Cost \$4 p.game Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393
- 22—24 AC Norwood pre-drawn Swiss Singles. Players play 6 games over 3 days. BBQ tea Saturday evening, presentation  
4.30pm Sunday. Entries to John Arney 8277 2082 vjarney@gmail.com Entry fee \$35
- 25 GC Broadview gala 9.30 for 10am start, byo lunch, cost \$8, Contact Norma Amey 8261 8870  
djnamey@gmail.com; Janet Eckert 82601333 jmeck@optusnet.com.au
- 26 Country Week - GC/AC AC Enq Eric Zadow sacaacentries@hotmail.com GC Enq Judy Stewart  
judystewart99@gmail.com
- 25-29
- 29 GC North Adelaide singles. 10am/12.30pm starts. \$5 per 2 x am games/2 x pm games. Byo lunch  
Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891 su7eh@hotmail.com

#### JUNE

- 2-4 GC Doubles individual 9+ at SACA Entries by email to kimagee@adam.com.au Entry fee \$5
- June/August GC Mid week pennants—Open and 8+, teams of 4, home-and-away 1pm Team entry fee \$30 to SACA; then \$20  
per match to home club, Entries on online form, Entries close 8 May
- 12 AC North Adelaide singles 2 x 2.5 hr games Cost \$5 per game. Contact Kay Seeary 8344 6759  
kay.seeary@bigpond.com
- 14 GC Sunday singles 8+ Entries by email to kimagee@adam.com.au Entry fee \$5
- 16-18 GC Doubles individual 6+ at SACA Entries by email to kimagee@adam.com.au Entry fee \$5
- 19 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. 10am start Cost \$4 p.game Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393
- 26 GC North Adelaide singles. 10am/12.30pm starts. \$5 per 2 x am games/2 x pm games. Byo lunch  
Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891 su7eh@hotmail.com
- 26-28 GC ACA Bronze Medal

#### JULY

- 17 AC North Adelaide singles 2 x 2.5 hr games Cost \$5 per game. Contact Kay Seeary 8344 6759  
kay.seeary@bigpond.com
- 17 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. 10am start Cost \$4 p.game Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393
- 28-30 GC Doubles combined 15+
- 31 GC North Adelaide singles. 10am/12.30pm starts. \$5 per 2 x am games/2 x pm games. Byo lunch  
Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891 su7eh@hotmail.com

#### DATABASE

As a result of all the recent marketing and promotions I have developed a database of contacts (over 500 email addresses). If your club is involved in a community event let me know and I can promote it to these people. Although most of the individuals are city people that shouldn't be seen as a restriction—any event where croquet is involved can be targeted (eg Geldwood festival Millicent, or Cornish festival mid north) You have to do nothing, just let me know the details and I'll do the rest.

**Sally Harper**

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## PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT

Well I think I've recovered from Hammer Time - it was an exhilarating time. I couldn't believe the turn out for the last night at SACA; it was the Thursday before Easter and I thought everyone would be packing up to go away - but – no, it was seen as a good way to start the weekend and almost 80 people came along! It balanced the quiet beginning that competed with the Fringe. All the clubs that participated learnt a lot, now we have to look forward to its development - Victoria and NSW are talking with Cathy about launching Hammer Time as well!!!!

Unfortunately my efforts to get some Uni croquet off the ground have not come to fruition yet. Thank you to Salisbury, Norwood, Brighton clubs and those who helped me out at Adelaide Uni O Week for their assistance. We are now working with the Uni to find more effective ways to develop Uni croquet.

Congratulations to Port Lincoln and Aldinga Bay who have recognised the value of having their own Facebook page, well done, it is an effective way to engage with the community.

Why not register to be part of the Aust Masters Games being played at Hutt Rd on 5-9 October. There are AC & GC competitions, and here is all the information you need including forms to book

<http://www.australianmastersgames.com/extra.asp?ID=6931>

**Sally Harper**

## RESULTS



### GC AUTUMN SINGLES 8+

A successful and enjoyable event for the 6 entrants

Winner: Philip Colebatch (Norwood) Runner-up—Graham Nolan (Victor Harbor)

L—R (rear) Charles Seja (Millswood), Barry Jennings (Meningie), Philip Colebatch (Norwood)

L—R (front) Graham Nolan (Victor Harbor) Marlene Salmon (Brighton), Penny Harper (Millswood)

### GC AUTUMN MENS OPEN SINGLES

This event was played 17—19 April.



Winner Barry Haydon (Hyde Park)  
R/up Ron McBride (Brighton)



Participants: Judy Stewart (referee VHCC) Robert Weaver (HPCC) Alan Crabb (WLCC) Neil White (BCC)  
Greg Rowberry (NCC) Barry Haydon (HPCC) David Wise (NCC) John Arney (NCC) and Bernie Pfiltzer

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**REGISTRATION FEES** for all Croquet SA players for 6 months 1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015

City \$45.50 Country \$31.50 Juniors under 18 yrs as at 1/7/14 - Nil

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

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