



# HOOP POINTS

*A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA*

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## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION CENTENARY SUNDAY 6TH MAY 10AM—4PM**

**PLEASE COME ALONG and family /friends are very welcome!!**

This will be a day of free community come and try croquet, with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, and bar available. Centenary wine also available for purchase. Please arrive early to welcome our Patron *Lord Mayor Martin Haese and his wife Lady Mayoress Mrs Genevieve Theseira-Haese* for formal proceedings at 11am and a game of croquet at around noon. This is a registered event within the SA History Festival. **We would like as many people as possible to attend this event**, both past and present members to celebrate and have fun on the croquet lawns. You are welcome to dress in period costume if you wish but you don't have to (prizes are involved). Please book on the Croquet SA website for catering purposes here <https://www.croquetsa.com.au/croquet-sa-centenary-booking/>

The event will be in *Saturday's Advertiser* so we are expecting a large number, please come join the party and play croquet with community members and HAVE SOME FUN!.

### **From the President:**

Croquet SA was pleased to have His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of SA and Mrs Le host a reception for the Eire Cup teams at Government House on the eve of the commencement of the competition. I was required to make a speech in response to that of His Excellency. I was requested to publish my response in Hoop Points by a number of those present, who thought it may be of interest to the wider croquet community, so a copy of it is below.

"Your Excellency, Mrs Le, Members of the Croquet Australia and Croquet South Australia Boards, players, officials and volunteers.

Firstly I would like to express Croquet SA's appreciation to your Excellency and Mrs Le for hosting this reception to celebrate the opening of the 2018 Eire Cup competition between teams of men and women from each state of Australia.

It is indeed a privilege to be invited to Government House to welcome our fellow croquet players from across the nation and I thank you most sincerely.

Croquet South Australia is truly fortunate to have a club house and lawns in the beautiful Adelaide parklands, and the location is ideally suited to promote our innovative Hammer Time croquet programme on warm and balmy summer evenings. The atmosphere created by people enjoying a light repast, sipping a glass of wine and enjoying a social game or two of croquet with friends, in the twilight is amazing and reflects the nature of life in SA. As Croquet South Australia prepares to celebrate the Centenary in May I am conscious of the fact that while many aspects of the game have changed significantly in the last one hundred years one item remains static. South Australian croquet, like I'm sure most other states, has a history which is founded on members volunteering time and effort to keep their club functioning. Croquet South Australia certainly would not have survived for 100 years without volunteers giving their time to support all aspects of the Association.

I pay tribute to all of our volunteers, both past and present, and thank all for their service to ensure that croquet in SA has survived for 100 years. I hope the volunteers of today and those of the future continue to give generously of their time with a commitment to ensure that croquet in South Australia does not "peg out" in the next 100 years.

We will soon be launching a book celebrating the Centenary of South Australian croquet and would be delighted if your Excellency would accept a copy once it is published.

Croquet South Australia is pleased to welcome the captains and teams from around the country,

Stephen Forster and Victoria, Pam Gentle and New South Wales, Willy Silk and Queensland, Alan Sands and Western Australia, Callum Hyland and Tasmania and last but not least South Australia and captain Dwayne McCormick.

It is with pleasure that I advise your Excellency that the Gold Medal event of the Championships was won by Greg Fletcher, the South Australian representative, and that our team captain Dwayne, today played and won the final of the Men's Championship.

I join with your Excellency in wishing all competitors good luck in the Eire Cup competition and I look forward to some closely contested games.

Once again on behalf of Croquet South Australia and all guests here tonight I thank your Excellency and Mrs Le for sharing your time with us this evening."

A couple of photos from the evening show our winning AC State team and some of our volunteers at the reception. Photos are now available in the Gallery of the Croquet SA website

***Eileen Ferguson President Croquet SA***



### INAUGURAL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GATEBALL DOUBLES COMPETITION

The Easter weekend saw the inaugural South Australian Gateball doubles competition held at Hutt Road. The lawns were in fantastic condition and the weather gods smiled on us, with beautiful weather on the practice day, Friday, and the main competition day, Saturday.

Six teams entered, with 2 from Woodville, 2 from Hyde Park, 1 team from Kew (Victoria), and a composite Hyde Park/ Millswood team.

A refereeing workshop was held on Friday afternoon, led by Philip from Kew, which proved extremely informative to the group of assembled novice "referees". Given that there were no refereeing bloopers during the main event, it is

safe to say that the workshop was an invaluable exercise, and provided encouragement to at least one participant who remarked how much they had enjoyed refereeing after the event.

On Saturday, a round robin was held using 2 courts, with the 2 highest placed teams playing off in a final. Competition was fierce with some very close games and all teams won at least once.

Ultimately, experience showed with Philip and Kerry from Kew, Victoria winning all their round robin games.

The final with Geoff and Trish from Woodville was at times a close and tense match, but with 3 out balls in the final round for the Woodville team, Philip and Kerry scored enough points to take an unassailable lead and win 14 points to 9.



Thanks to all the competitors and spectators, Graeme Thomas for organizing the event, Philip Brown for conducting the referee workshop and Croquet SA President Eileen Ferguson for donating and presenting the trophy. A great time was had by all and hopefully we'll see a few more of you next year!



### NORTHERN YORKE PENINSULA CROQUET ASSOCIATION



L-R Joyce Wearn, John Lydeamore, Jenny Lydeamore and Dean Rodda (absent) David Faithfull, Neville Hibbard

The final match of the 2017-2018 season was played on March 21<sup>st</sup>, followed by lunch and the presentation of awards. This season's winner was Kadina Blue and runner-up Moonta Green. The photo shows the Kadina Blue team accepting their trophy and their Pennant Flag which Croquet SA provided. Thank you for the flag. It is hanging in the Club House with much pride. All teams are looking forward to next season.

*Judy Lipsett*



L-R Lyn Thompson, Malcolm Algie, Betty Promnitz (absent) Maray Bishop, A Coulter and KMcCauley

### KADINA CROQUET CLUB

THELMA ROACH CUTS HER BIRTHDAY CAKE CELEBRATING HER 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the Kadina Croquet Club was delighted to host a very special BBQ to celebrate Life Member Thelma Roach's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Thelma has been a member of the club for 22 years and only stopped playing competitive Association Croquet last year. She was made a Life Member in 2015, an award was richly deserved. Our club is very fortunate to have several 'almost' nonagenarians and their wisdom and life experiences enrich our club beyond words.

For many years Thelma has helped to coach and encourage all new AC players. She was patience personified when teaching me and I am extremely grateful to Thelma for giving her time and energy. Thelma may not be a playing member of the current Pennants team but is always there, on the sideline, cheering us on or commiserating with us over a missed roquet or hoop. Despite her advanced years, Thelma makes sure we're all hydrated when playing and brings around slices of watermelon to freshen us up and give us 'a lift'. Since Thelma's birthday celebrations were to last for about 10 days, a new beautiful and bright outfit was purchased and Thelma looked a million dollars.

When she and I were walking hand in hand into the clubhouse for her to cut the birthday cake, all I could hear from behind was "wow, it's hard to tell who the ninety year old is!!!!!" "I'm sure they meant it in the nicest possible way! We all agreed that if we ever get to 90 and have a fraction of Thelma's zest and energy for life, we will have done very well indeed. Thelma, you're a real 'class act' and we all love you dearly! **"Go Girl Go!"**



**GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES COMBINED 15+**

Pairs lined up for the 15+ Combined Doubles this week (17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April) in sparkling weather conditions. The event was structured such that players enjoyed 3 x 1 hour games on three consecutive mornings. From an observers perspective it looked good. Most games were actually completed before time ran out, which was satisfying, and games were not compromised by concerns about time being wasted. All in all, 3 very pleasant mornings, sunny blue skies, with temperatures in the high 20's. At the end of competition the event had been won by Anthea Hoskins and Meredith Humble (Glenunga) with Patricia McGaffin and Peg Scott (Millswood) Runners Up. Chris Tinkler and Joan Glastonbury came a creditable third. David Chapman (Hyde Park) Event Manager



**ASSOCIATION CROQUET                      LEWIS BADGE (Men): MASLEN BROOCH (Women)**

These events were played during the recent April heat wave conditions.

Winners were—Lewis Badge    Wayne Peart (Norwood)                      Maslen Brooch    Shirlene McBride (Hyde Park)

**WEST LAKES CROQUET CLUB                      -                      VALE HUGH FISHER**

West Lakes Croquet Club is sad to inform members of SACA of the passing of Hugh Fisher on 27 March 2018, in his 86<sup>th</sup> year.

Hugh was a long standing and devoted member of our club for 18 years, 10 years as Golf Croquet Coordinator. In that role he arranged competitions, Gala Days and our club champion tournament, the Mayor's Cup, which he won twice. He was always very friendly and ready to help new members to learn to play the game. Hugh was much loved and respected by all our club members and many players in most of the other clubs in our Association. All who played with or against him appreciated his good humour, outstanding competitiveness and superb sportsmanship. Hugh will be greatly missed.

*Connie Knox Club Captain*



**DID YOU KNOW?**

The next Under 21 National GC competition is going to be held in Adelaide (Hutt Rd); January 12 – 14.

The last was held in Tasmania and was considered a success because of the large number of local players that it attracted.

Naturally we want our event to be as good, if not better than the one in Tassie so we need to work with prospective players to ensure there is a large field with appropriate skills.

All clubs with links to schools are encouraged to emphasise the nationals and any members with friends / relatives in the age group (probably 14 – 20) are asked to 'sound them out'.

At this stage there isn't much more information to provide but contact Barry Haydon if you do want to know more or to register interest. Barry & his team are also happy to provide a coaching program for nominees if this is of interest. He is best contacted at haydon@kern.com.au

**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)



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

30 March-April 2 **GATEBALL** Inaugural SA Doubles Championships at Hutt Road.

## APRIL

- 6—8 **AC** Norwood Swiss singles Entry fee \$40 Contact John Arney 8277 2082 vjarney@gmail.com  
Entries close 29 March
- 7—11 **GC** Victor Harbor tournament All handicaps doubles & singles Contact Kate Logan 8554 3356  
kate.logan@adam.com.au
- 9 **GC** North Adelaide gala 10am start Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Lynne Hughes 0413 356 923
- 10-12 **AC** Maslen Brooch 6+ (Womens singles) at Hutt Road. On-line entry Entries close 30 March
- 10-12 **AC** Lewis Badge 6+ (Mens singles) at Hutt Road. On-line entry Entries close 30 March
- 13 **GC** Millswood monthly singles Cost \$5 per session byo lunch Contact Penny Harper  
pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
- 17—19 **GC** Doubles 15+
- 18 **AC** Glenunga gala Cost \$15 inc. lunch. Contact Virginia Rowland 8379 2967 ginnima@bigpond.com
- 20—22 **AC/GC** South Australian Masters Games at Murray Bridge. Book online  
murraybridgemastersgames.com.au
- 24 **GC** Norwood gala Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Marg Allan 0403 863 302 maggieallan@me.com
- 27 **GC** North Adelaide handicap singles Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch Contact Sue Huddy  
0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com
- 27—29 **GC** Mens SA Championships
- 28 **AC** Moonta gala day Contact Malcolm Algie 0438 357 521 malgie@internode.on.net

## MAY

- 2—9 **GC** Handicap singles
- 6 CROQUET SA CENTENARY AT HUTT ROAD**
- 6—10 **AC** Naracoorte tournament. Doubles & Singles. Contact Eugene Dunstan 8762 3703  
enjordan@bigpond.com
- 7 **GC** North Adelaide Eleven-up Singles—3 singles games 10am start Entry fee \$7 Entries to Sue Huddy  
0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com
- 7 **GC** Victor Harbor gala Cost \$20 inc lunch Contact Anne Fawkner 8552 6074 fawknerkf@dodo.com.au
- 11 **GC** Millswood monthly singles Cost \$5 per session byo lunch Contact Penny Harper  
pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
- 11—13 **GC** SA Silver Medal 6+
- 16—21 **AC** Tumby Bay tournament. Contact Garry Speed speedgk@bigpond.com 0427 881 020
- 18—20 **GC** Womens SA Championship
- 25 **GC** North Adelaide handicap singles Cost \$6 per session 10am & 1pm Byo lunch Contact Sue Huddy  
0409 675 655 su7eh@hotmail.com
- 26 **QUIZ NIGHT** fundraiser for the GC State Squad at North Adelaide CC. tables of 8 Cost \$10 person  
byo supper Contact Stewart Kingsborough 0417774666 stewart.kingsborough@gmail.com
- 25-27 **AC** SA Open Mens and Womens Championships. Online entry, Entries close 11 May Entry fee \$40

## JUNE

- 4 **GC** Murray Bridge gala Contact croquetmurraybridge@gmail.com
- 8 **GC** Millswood monthly singles Cost \$5 per session byo lunch Contact Penny Harper  
pharper@senet.com.au 0456 780 273
- 9-11 **GC** ACA Bronze Medal—Open—handicap
- 26-28 **GC** Doubles combined handicap 8+



## REMINDER TO ALL PLAYERS AND EVENT MANAGERS

A reminder that coaching sessions, club events such as Gala Days and tournaments, as well as Croquet SA events are for current registered members only. Players : please ensure you have your current Croquet SA registration.

## 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*

**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.

**ASADA Athlete Warning**—Higenamine is a prohibited drug often listed on ingredient label of supplements

**QUADWAY HOOPS please refer to the instructions on the trolleys and in the clubhouse!**

**REGISTRATION FEES** for all Croquet SA players for 6 months 1 April to 30 September 2018  
 City \$50.00 inc GST, County \$33.50 inc GST, Student (18-25 with ID card) city \$25.00 inc GST, country \$16.50 inc GST, Juniors (under 18 as at 1/7/17) city and country free

**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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