



HOOP POINTS

A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA

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Hammer Time

Starts 14 November at Hutt Road for four weeks of croquet fun



ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

2014 PRESENTATION DAY

The annual presentation of AC & GC medals and trophies

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER AT HUTT ROAD

Commencing 11am

Finals of the Saturday Pennants to be played in the morning

Presentations commence 11am with shared lunch afterwards.

Bring a plate and come along to this important event/social occasion.

Bar will be open for purchase of beverages.



'Have-a-go' at Victor Harbor



A very successful day was held on the Warland Reserve, in the centre of Victor Harbor, on Sunday 5th October, with people encouraged to 'Have-a-go' at Association Croquet. With the Council's approval, advertising in the Victor Times, and distribution of flyers to local businesses, many people, young and old, were attracted to the site, which opened at 10.30 am and closed 4.30 p.m. Approximately, 12 members helped to demonstrate the game, and we are fortunate to have four potential new members enrolled in our beginner classes. Coaching began on Friday 10th October.



Cynthia Durbridge

NATIONAL GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS OOPS correction—Congratulations to SA players in other events:

Mens Singles Championships "**W**" Block—winner David Wise



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

NOVEMBER

- 3 AC Crystal Brook CC 9.30 am 2 x 2.5 hr games. Cost \$12 inc. lunch. Contact Erica Young 8636 2039
 4 GC Murray Bridge CC 9.30 for 10am 5 x 40 min games. Cost \$15 include lunch and am/pm tea.
 Entries close 23 October. Contact Allan Haywood 0427 326 765
 4—6 GC 7+ Spring singles
 8-9 AC North Adelaide CC invitation singles. Entry fee \$30.
 9 AC Victor Harbor gala—all handicaps. Cost \$15 inc lunch am/pm tea. Contact Beth Young
 bethyoung@bigpond.com 8552 2348
 14, 21, 28, Dec 5 Hammer Time Hutt Road
 14—16 GC Mens Championship Singles Entry fee \$35 Entries close 4 November Entries by on-line form
 15—23 AC ACA Aus Championships, Open, Doubles, Singles. VCC Cairnlea Vic
 17 AC West Lakes CC Division 4 gala, 9am for 9.30 start. Byo lunch. Contact Mary 8242 5239
 18 AC Holdfast Bay CC gala day 9.30 for 10a am start BYO lunch Entry fee \$10 Contact Ivorine Waye
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 24 GC Hyde Park Christmas Gala 9.30 for 10am Cost \$15 includes lunch. Dress Christmas theme.
 Contact Caroline Chapman 0419 969 220dcchappo@bigpond.net.au
 27—28 AC Whitelaw Cup—country players
 29 AC Handicap doubles. Entry fee \$10 person. Enter with a partner or we will find one for you. Preferably
 high/low handicap. 8.30 am organisation. Entries to sacacentries@outlook.com by 24 Nov.

2015 JANUARY

- 6 to 28 GC Millswood CC Night tournament. Doubles competition. Entry fee \$30 p.person.
 Entries to Bill Lawson lawson@chariot.net.au
 8 to 31 AC Millswood CC night tournament. Handicap doubles. Entry fee \$30 p.person. Entries to Claire Wilson
 cmwilson13@bigpond.com
 23—27 AC Canberra Open and Plate. Entry fee \$50. Entries to John Byers 0408 401 567
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MARCH

13, 20, 27 & 3 April State launch of Hammer Time Croquet

MAY

- 6 AC Snowtown 90th birthday gala. Contact Joylene Hoskin 8865 2160 joyledean@gmail.com

REMINDER 2015 EVENTS

AC Night Doubles start in January:

Open—Handicap doubles (combined handicap of doubles pairs must be between 4 and 16); Div 3 Level play; Div 4 Level play
Entries close Friday 15 November, Entry form on CroquetSA website; Entry fee \$30 per team

AC SATURDAY PENNANTS

Entries close Friday 30 November.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS : Please send all information for the 2015 Calendar to sacacentries@outlook.com

HOT WEATHER POLICY

The Board has issued the following amendment regarding **Night Time (7pm) play**.
 "A forecast temperature of **38 degrees** or higher no night time (7pm) games will be played"
 The policy has also been changed to 4.30pm as the time to check the Bureau of Meteorology website to determine
 whether play will take place on the following day. Players are reminded that it is the forecast issued in the afternoon
 which is the applicable one.

PORT WAKEFIELD CC has confirmed that the club is officially closing. Remaining members have joined other clubs

'WE'LL JUMP THROUGH HOOPS TO HELP YOU!'

Talk to MARK GOLDSMITH from NORWOOD CROQUET CLUB



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RESULTS

GC 10+ SINGLES entrants

Winner Patricia McGaffin (Millswood)
R/up Bob Vincent (South Terrace)



GOLF CROQUET Mid week pennants

1. Brighton; 2. Millswood; 3. Norwood; 4. Glenunga Gold; 5. Hyde Park; 6. Glenunga Red; 7. Coromandel Harbor; 8. Glenunga



(left) Photos from **TEA TREE GULLY AC SWISS DOUBLES** tournament held in early October. Winners Ray Sweeney and George Brady (Tea Tree Gully); runners up Eric Zadow and Stuart McLuckie (North Adelaide)

CLUB NEWS

MURRAY BRIDGE LONG WEEKEND TOURNAMENT 2014

A short 45 minutes up the freeway on a 4 court venue players from over 14 clubs attended. All players enjoyed a great social time and competitive games. This year the blocks were labelled blue, white, green and yellow.



Some of the highlights of this tournament were the barbecue and the buffet held at the club on consecutive nights catered for beautifully by the local players. A unique time at this tournament is a doubles game on Saturday and Sunday mornings where players are paired High with a Low bisque player in an alternate stroke doubles game and played starting with a 4 ball cannon. This goes for an hour as a warm up to the day's play.

Results :

Blue: Winner Gilbert Schupelius (Snowtown), Runner up David Wren (Essendon)



THE MOONTA PARK MEMORIAL CLUB opened its 2014/2015 season on Saturday 27th September 2014. Mrs. Noreen Hatcher was invited to hit the first ball for the Season. Mrs Hatcher has been a member of the club for 20 years. In that time she has held the positions of President and Captain. She has willingly passed on her expertise in the art of playing croquet to newer players of the club. Members went on to play their first game of the new season. An enjoyable afternoon tea followed at the conclusion of the game.

The 'opening day' represents the start of the Pennant Season which is played weekly on a Wednesday against other clubs from Snowtown, Kadina & Wallaroo.

During the past year we have grown in numbers. We now have a membership of 22. Late last year we introduced Aussie Croquet as a lead up to Association Croquet. So far the slow introduction to Association has paid off.

Judy Elverd Secretary

PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT

One of the major barriers for families participating in croquet is that it's quite expensive.

It's important for clubs to address this issue and look at possible ways to best support their members and potential new members to be able to afford and manage payments in order to continue to grow membership numbers across the community.

Offer upfront and monthly payment options

This doesn't decrease the cost of membership but does help to reduce the burden of finding the money for a lump sum payment by spreading the cost of the membership across the season. Membership software is beginning to be able to support these kinds of payments that ensure there's no extra burden on club treasurers. Whether your club has this software or not, the small amount of additional administrative time may be the difference between people joining as members or not and is often a good idea to invest.

Create memberships options for families or groups of people

This is successfully used by clubs and encourages the whole family to be involved. If your club can create more value with family memberships when compared to three or four individual memberships, it is seen to be fair and is engaging to families. We know that people are generally more likely to help a club if they are members, so encouraging all supporters and people associated with the club to become members helps the club to run more effectively and achieve goals in the long term.

'Buy your membership' scheme

There are people who may not have an abundance of money but may have time, passion, family and networks that can help them to become a valuable member of your club.

This is an approach that is becoming more popular and involves creating an activity where people can 'earn their membership'. For example your club may organise a raffle. If membership costs \$200 the club could potentially say to everyone that if they sell \$400 worth of raffle tickets, they will receive membership for free. This means that if raffle tickets are \$2 each the individual needs to sell 200 raffle tickets. This then becomes a great option for people who struggle to find the money for membership but have time and are happy to put in the extra effort.

Other examples include selling a certain number of tables or tickets to a club event or selling a number of new memberships for the club

This creates real value for the club while also giving people an opportunity to earn their membership and feel good about themselves. It gives them another option, rather than the choice to either not play or ask for charity. Another benefit is that it gets these members engaging with people in the community and talking about the club.

Depending on your club's goals, this idea could also be applied to social media or volunteering skills. For example getting 200 likes to the club Facebook page or volunteering time for a role (like the webmaster).

Be on the lookout for grants and funds to support your club.

You can view an up to date list of the latest grants here: <http://grantsandfunding.com.au/>.

Remember 'DO NOTHING – RISK EVERYTHING' ! I'm always ready to listen and help plan your club's growth.

Sally Harper

VACANCIES

2nd Vice President position - board position

ACA Magazine correspondent

AC Events Coordinator

Delegates are required for Port Lincoln, Tumby Bay and Kadina

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CLUB WEBPAGE

A feature included on the CroquetSA 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 clubhouse/courts, playing times and general information. I can design and install the page for you or you can design your own page.

Roger Buddle

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REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 12 months 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015

City \$91.00 Country \$63.50 Juniors under 18 yrs as at 1/7/14 - Nil

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