



HOOP POINTS

A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA

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ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
2016 PRESENTATION DAY
The annual presentation of medals and trophies
SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT HUTT ROAD



Commencing 11am

AC Pennants will be played

Presentations commence 11am with shared lunch afterwards.

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

FUNDRAISING FOR THE AC STATE TEAM

A raffle is being conducted to be drawn on Presentation Day. \$2/ticket or 3 tickets for \$5 available from:

Eileen Ferguson—Salisbury

Claire Wilson—Millswood

North Adelaide Croquet Club (kindly took 4 books to sell - awesome support thanks)

Leah O'Neil - Mount Gambier

Greg Rowberry, Mary Marsland, Murray Baum, Dwayne McCormick - Norwood

Margaret Strickland, Allan Haywood - Coromandel Valley

Helena Panasewycz - Victor Harbor

Shirley Howlett - Victor Harbor

Di Helier - Glenunga

Robyn Short, Mary Bishop - Moonta



Prizes donated by team members:

1st Framed Painting (Leah O'Neil);

2nd Christmas Hamper (Helena Panasewycz);

3rd 4 Hour AC Croquet Coaching (Dwayne McCormick);

4th 6 bottles Naked Wines Sauvignon Blanc (Margaret Strickland);

5th Horseshoe Flower (Harley Watts);

6th Food & Wine Hamper (Mary Marsland);

7th Hydrangea Pot Plant (Claire Wilson);

8th Christmas Pudding, Christmas Cake & Bon Bons (Diane Helier);

9th \$25 Woolworths Gift Card



CROQUET SA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2016

Board positions:

President—Eileen Ferguson (Salisbury),

Vice President—**Vacant**,

Treasurer—David Taylor (Brighton),

Sport Development Director— **vacant**,

AC Director—**vacant**,

GC Director—Graeme Thomas (Hyde Park).

Thank you to Sally Harper and Kay Seary who have finished their term on the board, we very much appreciate your time and contribution.

It is very difficult to operate with so few board members. If you are able to assist please contact any board member to discuss the position you are interested in.

Committee Changes and Appointments

Changes to the Golf Croquet Committee are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Welcome to Rob Weaver who has taken over GC coaching, Karen Magee as GC Event Coordinator and GC scorer Bernie Viklund.

Congratulations to Ron McBride who has been appointed as GC State Team Coach and Stewart Kingsborough who has been appointed GC State Team Manager. Congratulations also to Dwayne McCormick who has been appointed as AC State Team Coach.

Thank you to Tim Lewis, Bernie Pfitzner and Barry Haydon who have given a great deal of time to their roles, we very much appreciate your effort and contribution.

Croquet SA Board

ASSOCIATION CROQUET EVENTS AT HUTT ROAD

Presidents Invitation 24-25 September

The 2016 Presidents invitation comprised a high class field of 8 players. Whilst the event hinged on the outcome of the final game between Simon Hockey and Greg Fletcher the second round on the last day had all three lawns demanding the spectators' attention. On lawn one Greg Rowberry was executing a triple peel against the undefeated Greg Fletcher. On lawn two Simon Hockey was gracefully going through the motions of a sextuple peel, only to have Rover rob him of the final peel. Lawn three and Eric Zadow looked like he would succeed over Harley Watts, but Harley had other ideas, getting ahead of Eric for the first time during his turn after the bell.

In a match between Edward Wilson and Harley Watts, Edward triple peeled one of Harley's balls out and proceeded to peg out his own ball, leaving them one ball each. Great to watch a two ball game of tactics/flair and luck with Edward the victor.

Greg Fletcher completed 5 triple peels to emerge the deserving winner. Simon Hockey was runner up, completing 3 triple peels and one TPO. Ever had a roquet miss because you hit it so soft it went walkabout, pretty sure Simon knows what we are talking about.

Other competitors to successfully triple peel during the event were Dwayne McCormick and Eric Zadow.

Roger Buddle made a welcome return to competition, rattling some cages and chasing triple peels.



Greg Fletcher & Simon Hockey

AC Invitation croquet event 26– 28 September

A new concept, the first AC Invitation croquet tournament was held over 3 days from the 26th September. The event aimed to invite up and coming players who show potential, enthusiasm and a desire to grow and learn new skills, with the competition an ideal opportunity to gain experience in tournament play.

19 players from metropolitan and country clubs formed two blocks of more experienced players and one higher handicap block.

The weather was average on the first two days but by day 3 the weather forecast was that storms were coming - inevitably the final games had to be cancelled due to lightning, thunder and rain.



Group A&B Back L-R David Faithfull, Imants Berkis, Malcolm Kinch, Stewart Kingsborough, Middle Lynn Harris, Marilyn Smith, Shirley Howlett, Tracy Sincock, Dean Bennett Front Jenny Mitchell, Alan Crabb, Liz MacKenzie, Shirlene McBride, Linda Kinch

The feedback from players indicated that they were thrilled to get their invite and felt it filled a void for their levels of competition in singles play.

The focus was on the players tactics, ability to set up breaks and conduct on the lawns, with winning a bonus but not critical. The attitude, sportsmanship, support and gratitude of the players was exemplary.

Achievements: Shane Kelly from Salisbury, a higher handicap players earned a pin for making his first break of 8 in competition; many breaks of 9 were recorded; others grew in confidence and learned new rules. By participating in the event - you have helped encourage and promote further competition such as this.

Congratulations to:-

- GROUP 'C' - Winner** - Wayne Peart (Norwood) **Runner-up** - David Pinnock (Norwood)
- GROUP 'B' - Winner** - Stewart Kingsborough (Millswood) **Runner-up** - Dean Bennett (Millswood)
- GROUP 'A' - Winner** - Imants Berkis (Norwood) **Runner-up** - Liz Mackenzie (Norwood)



David Pinnock & Wayne Peart



Marilyn Smith & Shane Kelly

Mary Bishop

AC STATE TEAM

The Bronze Medal event will be held at Hutt Road on 5-6 November. Eight players have accepted invitations and the winner will represent South Australia in the Gold Medal event in Tasmania in March next year. Simon Hockey will not contest this event as he will be representing Australia in the MacRobertson International Shield next year. Final selections for the State Team will be made by 21 November.

Fundraising: A raffle is running to support the AC State team. Proceeds will be used to offset travelling expenses of the AC State team to represent South Australia in the Eire Cup held in Tasmania in March next year.

The current squad members are as follows:

Virginia Arney, Leah O'Neill, Margaret Strickland, Robyn Short, Di Helier, Helen Panasewyczs, Mary Marsland, Shirlene McBride, Mary Bishop (Reserve Shirley Howlett)

Greg Fletcher, Dwayne McCormick, Harley Watts, Edward Wilson, Greg Rowberry, Allan Haywood, Murray Baum, Ron McBride (Reserve John Arney)

Mary Bishop, Coordinator Croquet SA AC Selection Sub-committee

GOLF CROQUET NEWS

SA MENS GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP

This event was held from 21st to the 23rd October at Hutt Road. A team of 10 men entered, initially playing in a Round Robin Qualifying event consisting of one hour games. This determined the top 8 players to proceed to the Knock-out Finals. The Quarter Finals saw 4 men eliminated who then joined the 2 men eliminated in the Qualifying event to play-off for the Paper Plate, in a Round Robin with one hour games. Ron McBride of Hyde Park won the Paper Plate.

All games in the Quarter Finals were one hour games, best of three. Each of these matches went to the three games, demonstrating how close the field was.

The Semi-Finals were also one hour games, best of three and again each Semi went the full three games. Players knocked out in the Semi Finals were Barry Haydon and David Chapman of Hyde Park

Jim Grindrod of Aldinga Bay and John Arney of Norwood played off in the final. It was thrilling to watch, tightly contested hoops throughout and again it went to three games. Jim won on the 13th hoop in the final game.



L-R: Barry Haydon, Robert Weaver, Ron McBride, Stewart Kingsborough, Jim Grindrod, David Chapman, John Arney, Mick Reidy, Barry Jennings, David Wise.

North Adelaide CC Handicap Singles tournament.

This is the second year that our club has offered this tournament. Both years it has taken place on one Friday a month, over a period of six months. Entrants chose to play either 2 or 4 games on each of those days. Last year a small prize was given to the winner of each day.

This year participants have been competing for a trophy, which was presented on the last day of the tournament. The number of entrants has grown steadily over the months, with many players involved over both years.

The games have been played seriously but with much comradery and enjoyment. The group has shown friendly inclusiveness to newer players, or players who have been involved just a few times.

Regarding the housekeeping, what a treasure they've all been, not even leaving our club with so much as a cup to wash.

To have been eligible to compete for the trophy, a player only had to play 8 of the possible 24 games, and of the games played and it was an individual's 8 best games that were judged.

The winner of the Inaugural *Huddy Heart Medal* was Penny Harper from Millswood and the runner up was Barry Jennings from Hyde Park.

I would like to thank all who have taken part and I can't stress strongly enough just what a super group they have been.

Watch for the event, next year. Subject to committee approval, it will be offered again from March.

Sue Huddy, Events organiser/sponsor

Weekend Pennants - Finishing on time

The Golf Croquet Committee met recently and the issue of Weekend Pennant finishing times was raised once again. On some pennant days matches run overtime impacting on the club that is designated to lock up, as well as the players in the later matches.

In order to prevent this from continuing to happen the Committee wants to try starting first colours in corner 4 (the usual start point) and secondary colours starting in corner 2 (the opposite corner) at the same time. All players are expected to carry ball markers with them, as this change often leads to some cross over and balls may need to be marked to allow the other colours to play through.

This option will be trialled for the last 5 rounds of 2016 Weekend Pennants and a decision made about permanent introduction for 2017.

Again players should be mindful of not wasting time having breaks between games and only filling in the score sheets between games and leaving the individual cards to the end of the match.

Karen Magee SA GC Event Coordinator 0404 174 177

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.



PENOLA VISIT

I was pleased to be part of a 3 person team which recently visited the South Eastern region to provide some coach training, player coaching and refereeing. Congratulations to Ann Barker and Eugene Dunstan both from Naracoorte and Annie Kilsby from Penola who were all accredited as Foundation Level 1 AC coaches on day 1 of the visit. James Temlett interrupted his holiday at Robe to provide a valuable laws workshop and conducted on lawn training for current referees on day 2. Prior to leaving for home on day 3 some coaching was offered to the players from the clubs in the SE. Sally Harper and I were ably assisted in this task by our newly qualified coaches.

Many thanks to Penola club for hosting our visit and to Annie Kilsby for billeting us. We enjoyed meeting some of the players from Naracoorte, Penola, Millicent, Bordertown and Mt. Gambier, who all worked hard over the three days.



Circle hoop approach

Eileen Ferguson President.

KADINA CROQUET CLUB GALA DAY

was held on 24 October. The weather was perfect and 32 players attended. John and Jenny Lydeamore organised the event and club members prepared the lawns and surrounds as well as the catering. We were able to use the Bowling Club house which made it easier to cater for a large number.

Winners were Div 1 Gil Schupelius; Div 2 Pat Norton

Linda Kinch



Gil Schupelius & Linda



Pat Norton & Linda

HOOP RESETTING AT HUTT ROAD

Thankyou to Barry Jennings, Barry Haydon, Graeme Thomas and Robert Weaver of Hyde Park and Ken Nunan and Karen Magee of Brighton for resetting the hoops on Tuesday 11 October. Thanks also Norma Greig of North Adelaide and Neil White of Brighton who also offered but were not required.

AC ACHIEVEMENT PINS:

Congratulations to these players who have all recently earned pins for making milestone breaks in competition:

Break of 6 Marilyn Smith (Victor Harbor)

Break of 7 Shane Kelly (Salisbury)

Break of 9 David Faithfull (Kadina), Shirley Howlett (Victor Harbor), Wayne Peart (Norwood), Ray Walter (Tea Tree Gully).

Well done everyone!

GC FILLING OUT YOUR HANDICAP CARD

There is an excellent description of how to do this on the Croquet SA website under Members information/Handicapping/Regulations and Forms/Filling in the Golf Croquet Handicap Card. Please familiarise yourself with how to fill in your card correctly.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

Croquet SA is very pleased to announce that the Croquet SA Foundation has now been established. The Foundation enables both individuals and businesses to make a **fully tax deductible donation** to Croquet SA.

A quick and easy online donation can be made to either the **Croquet SA Foundation** (general fund) or our first project – the **State Team Support Fund**.

Funds received for this project will be allocated equally to the AC and GC teams.

Do you know someone looking for a tax deduction either as an individual or for their business? Spread the word and head to our new look homepage for the link to Donate www.croquetsa.com.au

For and on behalf of the Board,

COMMITTEE POSITIONS CURRENTLY VACANT

Croquet SA is calling for applications from suitably qualified members for the following roles:

Archivist

The archivist is responsible for maintaining the historical records of Croquet SA. A history of Croquet in SA is currently being documented, to be ready for publication during 2017, the centenary of the establishment of the South Australian Croquet Association. Owing to ill health, our current archivist is unable to continue with this project, but her assistant has indicated a willingness to assist the new appointee to bring the project to fruition.

AC Director

The AC Director shall chair the AC Committee and accept responsibility for the day to day running of Association Croquet in SA.

AC Events - To manage AC events throughout the year.

For further information or to apply for any of the above positions please email president@croquetsa.com.au

GC Refereeing Coordinator—To manage GC referee committee, manage provision of refereeing for events and accreditation of new referees.

GC Events committee member/coordinator—To provide and oversee GC event management and delivery.

For more information on the above positions email gcdirector@croquetsa.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS 2016**NOVEMBER**

- 1,8,15 GC North Adelaide Pre-drawn Swiss Singles (continue in November) Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891
 2, 9, 16 GC North Adelaide Pre-drawn Swiss Singles (continue in November) Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891
 4,11,18 AC North Adelaide Swiss singles (continued)
 7 GC Murray Bridge gala 9.30 for 10am Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Lesley 8532 2048
 freckles38@bigpond.com before 1/11/16
 8 GC Spring singles 6+
 12 Aussie Croquet Mt Gambier CC 9.30am start Cost \$10 byo lunch Entries to Sandra Edlington
 827230235 kellytwo@internode.on.net Entries close 7 November
 12, 13 GC North Adelaide Invitation singles
 13 GC Victor Harbor singles gala all handicaps. 9.30 start Cost \$7 Entries to Anne Fawkner
 fawknerkf@dodo.com.au
 13,19, 20 AC North Adelaide Invitation Singles
 15-17 AC Womens singles h/c6+ Entries close 4/11/16 Entry fee \$40 on line entry
 AC Mens singles h/c 6+ Entries close 4/11/16 Entry fee \$40 on line entry
 20 AC Victor Harbor gala 9.30am start Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Beth Young 8552 2348
 bethyoung@bigpond.com
 20 GC Sunday singles 8+ and 3+ entry fee \$10 entries to Kmagee@adam.com.au
 21 GC Hyde Park Christmas gala 9.30 for 10am Cost \$20 includes lunch Contact Robert Weaver 8376 0438
 robweaver@adam.com.au before 10/11/16
 29 GC Holdfast Bay gala Cost \$12 byo lunch Contact Margaret Frost 0417 882 477

DECEMBER

- 17 **Presentation Day** at Croquet SA Hutt Street AC State squad practice

2017**JANUARY**

- 2 GC Mount Gambier CC 9.30am start Cost \$12, byo lunch entries to len 8725 9465 tallara9@gmail.com
 3-28 GC Millswood CC Night Tournament h/cap doubles Entry fee \$30 per person Contact Jane Lewis
 jhlewis@optusnet.com.au 8293 3572
 5-28 AC Millswood CC Night tournament h/cap doubles Entry fee \$30 per person Contact Barbara Gordon
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FEBRUARY

- 3-5 GC Presidents Eights at Cairnlea Vic contact Karen Magee 0404 174 177
 12 AC Victor Harbor gala 9.30am start Cost \$15 includes lunch Contact Beth Young 8552 2348
 bethyoung@bigpond.com

MARCH

- 5-10 AC Victor Harbor tournament (4/3/17 short game comp) Cost \$50 Entries to Noel Young 8552 2348
 noel.young@bigpond.com

APRIL

- 10 GC Victor Harbor gala start 10am Cost \$15 includes lunch contact Anne Fawkner fawknerkf@dodo.com.au

MAY

- 11-15 AC Tumby Bay singles tournament Championship and Handicap Entries to Kathy Wilkins 0600 1828
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REMINDER TO ALL PLAYERS & 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 card with you when attending these events so that the event coordinators can verify your membership, thank you.

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

be active.

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 12 months 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017
 City \$97-00 inc GST, County \$ 65-00 inc GST, Student city \$50-00 inc GST, Student country \$33-00 inc GST,
 Juniors city and country (under 18) 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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