

HOOP POINTS

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2018 PRESENTATION DAY

The annual presentation of medals and trophies for both Association and Golf Croquet will take place on SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT HUTT ROAD commencing at 11am ALL MEMBERS WELCOME. Please bring a plate of food for a shared lunch

AC BRONZE MEDAL EVENT – 20/21 OCTOBER 2018

Eight players competed in this event. Eric Zadow, Greg Rowberry, Mark Kobelt, Mark Senior, Roger Buddle, Robyn Short, John Arney and Murray Baum. Association croquet players would benefit

from watching some excellent matches in this event-next year this event needs to be better advertised.

Matches were untimed. Players had four matches on the Saturday, starting at 8.00am and finishing at 8.00 pm under lights—a long and exhausting day, then three matches on Sunday. Some matches had players finishing their game with only one ball and the tactics, strategies were absorbing and exciting to watch.

Murray Baum was the eventual winner-this was only decided on the last match on Sunday. Some nail biting moments where Eric Zadow needed to beat Mark Kobelt and Murray needed to win his last match against Roger Buddle to take out the title. As happens in croquet things don't always go to plan. Murray lost to Roger who played an excellent match and to Murray's great relief watching on nervously, Mark lost to Eric who also played a quality last game. On a hoops countback, Greg Rowberry finished second. Greg took the title of "greatest comeback" for the tournament – down 2-25 he won 26-25 !! I won't mention his opponent who is still recovering!!



Murrav Baum

The support players gave to each other and the genuine sportsmanship displayed *Murray Baum* during this event was excellent. Thank you to Eileen and Keith Ferguson who were the Umpires in Charge. The

weather was perfect and the Hutt Road courts were immaculate.

Congratulations to Murray who will now represent South Australia in the Gold Medal Event in Perth in March next Lyn Parnell Event Manager year.

GOLF CROQUET SPRING SINGLES 5+

The competition was held over two consecutive Thursdays and was relatively hassle-free, particularly as there were only 6 players involved. All players obviously knew each others' strengths and weaknesses and were all challenged accordingly.

Norma Greig from North Adelaide was the winner with Patricia McGaffin from Millswood hot on her heels, coming second.

As an observer, it was a pleasure to watch such consistent strokes by players who are all to be congratulated on their high standards.

For the first time, Bob Vincent and Judy Williams from South Terrace happily managed the event; many thanks to Anne, Barry and Peter for their invaluable assistance in their relative roles to help make the event run smoothly.



Norma Greig

GC SPRING OPEN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

This was won by Virginia Arney of Norwood and Kate Logan of Victor Harbor was runner-up. A very tight competition with most of the matches going to 3 games.

GC SPRING OPEN MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

This was won by Barry Jennings of Hyde Park, who did not drop one game throughout the Tournament and Jim Grindrod of Aldinga Bay was runner-up, only losing the one match to Barry Jennings.

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 card at all events which should be sighted by Event Managers, or Event Managers may check entrants prior to the event.

If you are unsure send your query to croquetsa@bigpond.com

A happy group of players

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GOLF CROQUET SPRING SINGLES 9+

For the first time this year the Spring Singles 9+ was held on two consecutive Tuesdays, in response to player demand. It was extremely well managed by Victor Harbor Croquet Club, with Kate Logan taking the leadership role.

Kate said the games were played in good spirits. The first day was a little cool and rainy but the last day was beautiful weather enjoyed by all. The Players were appreciative of the management by Kate and the referees who officiated, Anne, Barry H and Barry J. Bernie Pfitzner was the Tournament Referee.

Stephen Condous from Hyde Park was victorious, winning all of his games and Carolyne Fraser from North Adelaide was runner-up.

GC FAMILY/FRIENDS DAY

This was a new event this year and unfortunately only 4 teams entered. This however meant for a leisurely 10.00am start, break for morning tea and a 45 minute lunch break which allowed for great discussion. Each of the 4 teams had a fairly new person to competition croquet. Handicap play allowed for fairly even results. All who participated said they really enjoyed themselves. The winners were David and Karen Magee and runners-up Heather Martin and Bill Pennington of Victor Harbor.

AC PRESIDENTS TROPHY 2018

Six men and six women were invited to play in this event - both played as a round robin. The men were Dwayne McCormick, Mark Kobelt, Mark Senior, Eric Zadow, Greg Rowberry and Murray Baum. The women were Robyn Short, Mary Bishop, Mary Marsland, Sally Harper, Shirlene McBride and Helena Panasewvcz. Dwayne was in dazzling form and the only player to win all his matches

(peg outs and a triple peel). Dwayne's enthusiasm, passion and support to other players make him a positive role model and worthy winner. Mark Senior also played well and finished second.

Robyn Short was also in superb form, winning all her matches and pegging out in all but one match. Robyn also achieved a first by completing a 12 hoop break !! Sally Harper played well and finished second. Mary Bishop, returning after a short break from the game, played well and also achieved a 12 hoop break. Special thanks to both Ron McBride as Tournament Referee and Roger Buddle who organised the draw. No AC tournament would be complete

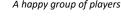
without Mary Marsland's delicious home made soup which was

appreciated by all players. In managing this event, I was able to observe the skills and strategies of some of our best AC players and see the genuine interest and level of support between the men and the women. Lvn Parnell

> This was a very well supported event with 15 entries. It had to be split into 2 blocks of 8 and 7 players. It was pleasing to see two entrants come all the way from Tumby Bay –Terry Catling and William Hollier. William is a keen young player who shows a lot of promise. This was his first major tournament away from Tumby Bay.

There were playoffs for final positions on the last day. Because of uneven blocks Ann Rutten came to play number 8 position for block 2 in the playoffs.

Winner of Block 1 was Wayne Peart, Runner up was Barry Jennings. Winner of block 2 was Mary Marsland and runner up Lyn Parnell. Overall winner of the Medal was Mary Marsland runner up Wayne Peart.











AC-M E HATWELL GOLD MEDAL

Winner Mary Marsland

Dwayne McCormick

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GOLF CROQUET SOUTH AUSTRALIANS IN HORSHAM

Horsham hosted their Golf Croquet Tournament late in October and 15 of us wandered across the border to participate, The players came from: Millswood, Victor Harbor, Brighton and Tea Tree Gully. We had a great time, the hospitality afforded us by Horsham was outstanding. The draw clear, enough referees to ensure we played

those tricky shots fairly, great catering and well-organized social functions. The first day with high/low doubles was made even more fun by having to find not only your opponents but your partner as well, as partners changed with every game. The second day of singles was easier, firstly we knew more people,

having met most of them the day before and of course only looking for one other person.



Finally, day 3 we were getting really confident in finding people, as most of us entered the handicap doubles with someone we knew and we played in blocks against people we had met on the previous three days. Results for our SA people were as follows:

Day 1 hi /lo doubles: div 3 runner up Ann Millhouse Day 2 singles: Block 1/2 winner Karen Magee; runner up Robert Brown; Block 7/8 winner Janise Jenkins Day 3 h/cap doubles: Block 1 Winner Karen & David Magee; runner up Kim & Ann Millhouse Block 2 Winner Robert & Virginia Brown; Block 4 Winner Heather Wade with Horsham partner

AC—J F HARVEY BRONZE MEDAL

Winner: Ken McHugh



The Harvey Bronze Medal for players with handicap 14+ was held on October 16 - 18, 2018. There were six entrants: Ken McHugh, Jeff Baker, John Venning, Roger Harris, Annette Clark and Paul Beasley. It was very pleasing to be able to run this event as it has been cancelled for the last couple of years due to lack of entries. Paul and John were competing in their first major competition. The weather was very damp and misty over the three days. The medal was won by Ken McHugh with 4 out of 5 wins, all peg-outs. Runner up on a count back was John Venning, also with 4 wins. Thanks to North Adelaide club for managing the event, especially Kay Seeary and Janet Willshire.

There appears to be some confusion about when a player may receive an Achievement Pin so the information is detailed here:

Information about player achievements awards (AKA as Break Pins)

Croquet SA began giving awards for break-making achievements in 2006. These awards were instituted to encourage high handicap players to make breaks in their play rather than adopting "play safe / take no chances tactics".

Pin rewards are earned the first time a particular size break is made in competition and are linked to handicap, i.e. the lower a player's handicap the larger the break that must be made to qualify for a pin. A player may only receive 1 pin for each size break, but if a player on a handicap of 18 first makes a break of 7, a B7 would be awarded, but that player cannot subsequently receive a B5 pin for making a break of 5 at a later time.

These are the pins awarded and the handicap barriers:

- 1st time making a break of 5 if the handicap is 18 + 1st time making a break of 7 if the handicap is 12+ 1 2 3 4
- **1**st **time** making a break of 9 if the handicap is 9+ **1**st **time** making a break of 12 if the handicap is 7+
- **1**st time completing a Triple Peel in competition (no handicap barrier) 5

6 1st **time** completing a Sextuple Peel in competition (no handicap barrier) A player making a break of 7 would receive a B7 pin as would a player making a break of 8, providing other criteria are met.

Other criteria are:

- The player must be a Croquet SA registered player.
- The achievement must be performed during a level play singles competition, the results of which will be used for handicapping purposes, **OR** during a level play doubles competition.
- The competition is open to players from other clubs. (Gala/Social days and competitions open only to club members do not count.)
- The competition is played on full sized lawns.
- The competition is Level Play (Awards are not given for breaks made during Handicap games).
- Players should record breaks made when entering their scores and event managers at SACA and Clubs are requested to advise the AC Coaching Co-ordinator of breaks made during the event, so that Achievement Pins can be issued as appropriate.

Eileen Ferguson (AC Coaching Coordinator)

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

NOVEMBER	
2,9,16,23	AC North Adelaide CC Swiss singles Entry fee \$40 Contact Janet Willshire 0438 691 629 jrwillshire@bigpond.com
5	GC Murray Bridge pre Melbourne Cup gala Cost \$15 inc. lunch Contact Lesley 0408813360 freckles38@bigpond.com
6-8	AC SA Open Doubles Championships On-line entry Entry fee \$20 per player Entries close 26 October
10 11	AC Mt Gambier CC Doubles Contact mtgambiercroquetclub@gmail.com, Leah O'Neil 8725 5629 Aussie Mt Gambier CC Doubles Contact mtgambiercroquetclub@gmail.com, Leah O'Neil 8725 5629
11 19	AC Victor Harbor gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Beth Young 8552 2348 bethyoung@bigpond.com GC Hyde Park Christmas gala Cost \$20 inc lunch Dress Christmas theme
10.22	Contact Hugh Levinson 0400 691 829 hugh.klevinson@bigpond.com
19-23	AC Country Week at SACA Hutt Road. Event 1 Doubles; Event 2 Singles; Event 3 Whitelaw Cup Contact acevents@croquetsa.com.au Entries close 2 November
24	Aussie Millicent gala Contact Lois Tilley 0408 374 901 gl.tilley@bigpond.com
25 26	AC Millicent gala Contact Lois Tilley 0408 374 901 gl.tilley@bigpond.com GC Holdfast Bay gala Cost \$16 inc.lunch Contact Jan Sala SMS 040 556 2003 janis.sala@gmail.com
30	AC Entries close for 2019 Saturday pennants on-line entry
DECEMBER	
1-2	AC North Adelaide CC Invitation Singles Enquiries Janet Willshire 0438 691 629 jrwillshire@bigpond.com
7	Murray Bridge Disability Day Contact Lesley Zadow croquetmurraybridge@gmail.com
15	PRESENTATION DAY HUTT RD 11am
2019	
JANUARY 2, 9, 16, 23	GC Millswood Classic Night tournament Doubles enter with partner combined handicap 12 or more
	Cost \$40 pplayer Contact Tim Lewis jhlewis@optusnet.com.au
3-26	AC Millswood Classic night tournament handicap doubles; enter with partner combined minimum handicap 10, and no more than 30. Cost \$40 pplayer Contact Barbara Gordon 8271 1368 ianandbarbaragordon@iinet.net.au
7—10	AC Portland (Vic) annual tournament Entries to portlandcroquet@gmail.com Entries close 31 Dec 2018 Entry fee \$25
12-14	GC Under 21 Championships
25-28	GC Presidents Trophy
FEBRUARY	
2 3 7	AC Mt Gambier gala Contact Kay Larkins mtgambiercroquetclub@gmail.com Aussie Mt Gambier gala Contact Kay Larkins mtgambiercroquetclub@gmail.com
, 10 13 & 20	GC Aldinga gala AC Victor Harbor gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Beth Young 8552 2348 bethyoung@bigpond.com GC Doubles individual 0+
15-17	GC Presidents Golf Croquet Eights—Expressions of interest—held at Victorian croquet centre Cairnlea Entry by email to ACA Closing date 16 November

MARCH

- 3-8 AC Victor Harbor tournament All handicaps doubles & singles Contact Noel Young 8552 2348 noel.young@bigpond.com
- GC 3+ singles GC Silver medal 19-21

22-24

SACA LAWNS Players are reminded to use the ramps and steps with handrails provided when exiting the lawns—especially in wet weather—to avoid slipping on the wet concrete.

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.

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

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

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REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 12 months 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019 City 108.00 inc GST, Country \$72.00 inc GST, Student (18-25 with ID card) city \$55.00 inc GST, country \$36.00 inc GST, Juniors (under 18 as at 1/7/17) city and country free. Club affiliation \$60 for clubs < 40 members, \$110 40+ members

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