



HOOP POINTS

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOC. 2019 PRESENTATION DAY

The annual presentation of medals and trophies for both Association and Golf Croquet will take place on SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT HUTT ROAD commencing at 11am. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME. Please bring a plate of food for a shared lunch.

GOLF CROQUET INTERSTATE SHIELD

From the 11—15 September the SA Golf Croquet team competed in the ACA Interstate Shield—the South Australian team came 4th. However, that is just the short answer.

Four days prior to the start of the tournament Vice Captain Kate Logan withdrew for family reasons. Luckily Norma Greig was available to take her place. Then after playing the doubles against Victoria I had a sudden downturn in my health. The team all stepped up and put in an amazing group performance, not only covering for Kate and myself but producing personal best performances losing to eventual winners, Victoria, by 12 hoops— a magnificent effort. Team members were: Mick Reidy, John Arney, Barry Jennings, Heath Jackson, Virginia Arney, Karen Magee, Anne Woodhouse VC, Julianne Jago, Norma Greig.

They did me proud, they did themselves proud and most importantly they did South Australia proud.

Jim Grindrod, Captain



1. Victoria
2. New South Wales
3. Western Australia
4. South Australia
5. Queensland
6. Tasmania

AC PRESIDENTS TROPHY—7-8 September

The Presidents Trophy comprised separate events for the men and women.

There were 8 men competitors; Dwayne McCormick, Harley Watts, Murray Baum, Roger Buddle, Greg Rowberry, Mark Senior, Ron McBride and David Wise. Despite one downpour the weather conditions were generally favourable. There were a number of exciting matches as indicated by the close results. Mark Senior was unlucky - being in a winning position he "snatched defeat from the jaws of victory" on three occasions!. Entertaining to watch but not for Mark! Highlights were for players who found themselves in a tricky/losing situation and managed to find a way to win by using their skills, tactics and game strategy. Dwayne McCormick won all his matches completing 5 triple peels to retain the men's Presidents Trophy. Roger Buddle finished second and like a bottle of wine just gets better with age - he played some textbook croquet.



Robyn Short

The 6 women competitors were Robyn Short, Mary Marsland, Shirlene McBride, Sally Harper, Marga Podnieks and Tracey Sincock. Robyn Short was in top form winning all her matches to retain the women's Presidents Trophy - Robyn lives in Coobowie on the York Peninsula and although introduced to croquet at a young age by her grandfather she did not play for a long period until her friend Mary Bishop encouraged her back to the sport - we are all so glad she did! Robyn is currently our top ranked Association croquet player in South Australia. Finishing second was Mary Marsland who despite having suffered a shoulder injury earlier this year is getting back to top form losing only one match to Robyn.



Dwayne McCormick

Thanks to all the players who helped set up the courts and a special acknowledgement to Mary Marsland who made delicious soups and other goodies for everyone to enjoy.

Lyn Parnell

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES AT HUTT ROAD

All members are invited to come into Hutt Road and watch the Australian Masters Games

AC & GC (GC 5-9th, AC 9th-10th)

AC C B SHARP GOLD MEDAL— 13-15 September

It was a wonderful three days of high level association croquet from some of the best players in this State competing against each other. There were 10 entrants, 8 men and 2 women. A few matches saw players playing with one ball each to finish the game. Players took delight in pegging out an opponent ball so they could play with two balls and their opponent only one. The tactics and strategies used by our top ranked players in these scenarios was skilful and entertaining - we don't often see this type of game at our local Clubs and more Association players should be encouraged to come and watch events with such high standard of play. When the result of a game is determined by the player who may be well behind, but plays a smarter tactical game, it is exciting to watch and a great way to learn.

Players in this event were Dwayne McCormick, Harley Watts, Mark Kobelt, Roger Buddle, Mark Senior, Murray Baum, Greg Rowberry and Ron McBride. The women were Mary Marsland and Shirlene McBride. Mary and Shirlene both had two good wins and the support between the players displayed great sportsmanship and respect. Mark Kobelt made the effort to drive on his own from Cleve (some 6 hours each way) to participate in this event. Dwayne and Harley both won 7 of their 9 matches with Dwayne the winner with a higher net hoop score (108) - Harley (84). Congratulations to Dwayne who has now had back to back wins in this event (he also won it in 2013). Mark Senior also had a good tournament and finished third with 6 wins.



Harley Watts & Dwayne McCormick



AC MASLEN BROOCH 6+

Congratulations to winner Tracey Sincok winner and to Anne Rutten runner up in the Maslen Brooch. Thanks for being such as friendly, helpful and cooperative group. Thanks to Roger Buddle and Di Hellier for the preparation work—it all went very smoothly.

Claire Wilson



ALFRED JAMES HYDE PARK AC INVITATIONAL



Ed Wilson (runner-up) congratulates
Simon Hockey (winner)

In July 2019 the Hyde Park Croquet Club held its first Alfred James AC Invitational Event, generously sponsored by Alfred James Unley and the Unley Council. This three day event attracted 16 elite AC croquet players Australia-wide. Spectators from both country and local croquet clubs were not disappointed with the high and exacting level of play demonstrated during the event.

There was praise and awe as the crowd witnessed various starts of the game, break making, triple peels, stunning cross wiring and pegging out. With the completion of the opening four blocks, the Semi-finals and Plate matches followed on the second day.

As with all competitions, the finals were a spectacular event. With the best of three games, Simon Hockey (Crystal Brook) ranked 6th in the world and Edward Wilson (Millswood) ranked 13th in the world contested it over several hours. Victory went to Simon Hockey (2 games to 1) as winner of the Gold Medal and Perpetual Trophy with Edward Wilson runner-up for the Silver Medal. Both played superb, flawless games.



Presentation to Simon
Hockey—winner

Congratulations goes to the winner of the Plate, Nick Chapman, and also to Block A winner, Murray Baum; Block B winner, Edward Wilson; Block C winner, Mark Senior and Block D winner, Callum Hyland. Thank you to all volunteers who worked to ensure a successful tournament, especially Nick Chapman for his invaluable expertise and time in assisting with the coordination of this event at Hyde Park Croquet Club. Watch out for an even better Event in 2020.

Heather Bajcarz & Gary Maher
Event Coordinators, Hyde Park Croquet Club

be active.

GOLF CROQUET 9+ SPRING SINGLES

Thirteen players, many of them new Golf Croquet and to singles competition, competed in the 9+ Spring Singles on 10 and 17 September. The days were sunny and competition was able to run uninterrupted. Graeme Thomas and Karen Magee spent a day each refereeing the event, a vital service that players greatly appreciated. Games were played in very good spirit, but never lacking in competitiveness, with a lot of games being wins by one hoop.

Winner of the event was Mary Murphy from the South Terrace club, with Runner Up being Marie Winter from the Brighton club.

Thanks to Howard Wood, Mick Dawkins, Ken Nunan and Karen Magee from the Brighton Club for managing the event.



9+ Spring Singles Competitors with Karen Magee

GOLF CROQUET 5+ SPRING SINGLES

This event was managed by South Terrace.

Stephen Condous (Hyde Park) emerged as a worthy winner of the GC Spring Singles 5+ event held at Hutt Road on 12th and 19th September.

Stephen won with 5 matches and 10 games to beat David Darke (South Terrace) on 4 matches and 9 games. Paul Wahlstedt (Holdfast Bay) also won 4 matches and 9 games but with fewer net hoops than David.

Many thanks to the referees, Graeme Thomas and Barry Haydon.



THANK YOU!

Thank you very much to Graeme Thomas, Barry Haydon and Peter Martyniuk for installing a wire fence barrier to the SE corner of Hutt Road.

Thank you very much to a small group of people lead by Kim Millhouse. The hoops were moved at SACA Saturday 28th September. Thanks to Kim and Tim Lewis (Millswood) David and Karen Magee (Brighton), Peter Martyniuk (Hyde Park) and Paul Ensor (South Terrace).

GOOGLEGROUPS MAILING LIST—GET ON IT

Googlegroups mailing list was established for clubs to advertise their events to each other by email and for Croquet SA to share relevant information direct to you—our members. It was lovely to have a player come to me the other day to tell me how his interest in croquet has really grown now that he received all the information on events at clubs and from Croquet SA! Send an email to croquetsa@bigpond.com to join.



NEW SPONSOR WITH BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

We welcome our new partner and esteemed allied health provider Kensington Osteopathy. Their treatment is focused on resolving the real cause of health conditions, helping you to manage your own health and stay active. They are very kindly offering **20% discount for all members on their first consultation**. Dr Barbara Towers provided information and gave a talk at the recent AGM. Hopefully delegates have brought this information back to clubs for members to look at. Give them a call now to discuss how they can help you.

<http://www.kensingtonosteopathy.com.au/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

OCTOBER

- 4-7 **AC** Murray Bridge Annual Tournament Entry fee \$40 Contact Eric Zadow 0450 782 205
croquetmurraybridge@gmail.com
- 5—6 **GC** Brighton Dawson Challenge 3+ tournament. Entries Anne Woodhouse annewoodhouse@gmail.com
0417 010 048 Entries close 24 September
- 5-12 **Australian Masters Games ADELAIDE GC & AC**—for details see Croquet SA website
- 11-14 **AC** Presidents Eights Victorian CC Cairnlea Expressions of interest to might.e.quinn@gmail.com by
Friday 30 August
- 16-18 **GC** Horsham tournament 3 events Entry fee \$15 p.event Contact rae.hill@bigpond.com 0428 504 733
- 17-20 **AC** Tea Tree Gully Swiss Doubles tournament (20th year celebration) Contact Kaye Rostron 8261 8870
- 18-20 **GC** Spring Open Mens Singles Entries to kimageewb@gmail.com 0404 174 177
- 21 **GC** Hyde Park Spring gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Hugh Levinson hugh.levinson@bigpond.com
- 21-24 **AC** Hatwell Gold medal 3+ Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net
- 23 **GC** Tea Tree Gully gala Cost \$20 inc lunch Contact Aysha foxyaysha@bigpond.com 0438700956
- 27 **AC** Snowtown gala to be held at Kadina croquet lawns 27 Hallett Street, Kadina Cost \$15 inc lunch
Contact Chris Bolvig christinebolvig@gmail.com or Joylene Hoskin 0419 652 160
- 28 **GC** Coromandel Valley gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Kelvin Wright kwright@adam.com.au
0421865392

NOVEMBER

- 1-3 **GC** Spring Open Womens Singles Entries to kimageewb@gmail.com 0404 174 177
- 1,8,15,22 **AC** North Adelaide Swiss Singles, 4 x 2.5 hour games Entry fee \$40 Contact Janet Willshire
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- 4 **GC** Brighton gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Barry Teague jazbaz2010@bigpond.com 0408888071
- 5 **GC** Murray Bridge gala Melbourne Cup theme Entry fee \$20 inc. lunch RSVP 20 October
- 6 Contact Eric Zadow 0450 782 205
- 6 **GC** Hi/Lo Doubles at Hutt Road Entry fee \$10 person kimageewb@gmail.com 0404 174 177
- 7 Entries close 20 October
- 8 **GC** Family Day Contact kimageewb@gmail.com 0404 174 177
- 9 **GC** 12+ singles at Hutt Road Entry fee \$20 Entries to kimageewb@gmail.com 0404 174 177
- 10 Entries close 20 October
- 9-10 **AC** ACA Bronze medal (Invitation event)
- 10 **AC** Victor Harbor gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Beth Young 8552 2348 bethyoung@bigpond.com
- 12-14 **AC** SA Open Doubles Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net
- 18-19 **GC Inaugural Regional Tournament, Port Pirie.** Entries to kimageewb@gmail.com 0404 174 177
Entries close 23 October
- 25-29 **AC** Country Week (inc. Whitelaw Cup) Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net
- 30 & 1 Dec **AC** North Adelaide Invitation Singles
- 2020 **AC** Saturday Pennants—Entries close 30 November

DECEMBER

- 8 **GC** Family Day (Doubles) Entries kimageewb@gmail.com 0404 174 177
- 14 PRESENTATION DAY AT HUTT ROAD**

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

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.

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 12 months 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020:

City \$114.00 inc GST, Country \$75.00 inc GST, Student (18-25 with ID card) city \$55 inc GST, country \$33.00 inc GST, Juniors (under 18 as at 1/7/19) city and country free.

Club affiliation \$66 for clubs with < 40 members; \$110 for clubs with 40+ members

For new players who join as the year goes on Secretaries please note that Registration fees are reduced every quarter in January, April and July and are published on the back page of the Hoop Points newsletter. Please use the correct fee when sending in your registration form

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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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