



# HOOP POINTS

*A Monthly Newsletter from Croquet SA*

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### WORLD CROQUET FEDERATION HALL OF FAME

The Board of Croquet SA congratulates Creina Dawson (Brighton) who was one of three nominees to be inducted in December into the World Croquet Federation's Hall of Fame for 2014.

This award is well-earned recognition of Creina's long and distinguished service to croquet as an elite player, National and State representative, coach, administrator and supporter of croquet, both Association and Golf.



**Bernie Pfitzner** competed in the Women's GC World Championship in Egypt during November 2014. Bernie reached the semi-finals of the Bowl event and lost to the eventual winner (7-6, 7-1)

This was a great feat with such fierce competition from the best Women GC players in the world.

### GOLF CROQUET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS to be held in New Zealand in February 2015.

For the first time South Australia has fielded a competitor in the under 21 Golf Croquet World Championships in New Zealand – hearty congratulations to **Ned Wilson** (16 next month) from Millwood in being included in this event. There are a total of 28 competitors in the event with just 2 representing Australia – other countries represented Egypt and New Zealand. As a result of his performance in the National Golf Croquet Championships in September 2014 Ned was offered a scholarship from the A.C.A. to compete in this event.

Congratulations also to **David Wise** (Norwood) who is one of the 16 Australian who have already qualified for the Open event. There are currently 74 men and women who have already been accepted for this event but I am aware of South Australians who will be competing in a further qualifying tournament with the goal of being included.

We wish them all the best and will be following their results closely.

### ACA Scholarship

Congratulations to Eric Zadow who is the SA recipient of the above to further his development as a player in 2015.

**The AC State Team** was announced on Presentation Day (13 December 2014).

The players selected are: Simon Hockey (captain), Harley Watts, Tim O'Leary, Dwayne McCormick, Di Helier (Vice Captain), Virginia Arney, Leah O'Neill, Mary Bishop and Pauline Walkom. This team will compete in Sydney against the other States for the Eire Cup 18–22 March. Congratulations to all players.

### AC Victorian Open

Congratulations to Simon Hockey who has just won the AC Victorian Open. As captain of the State Team he is an inspiration!

FROM THE BOARD At the beginning of 2015 it is appropriate to acknowledge the hard work of all those who volunteer in support of Croquet SA. Thank you to all who have assisted in the furtherance of Croquet in SA during 2014. Thank you to all Board members and members of the various committees and the appointed officers, without whose efforts the croquet administration would grind to a halt. Thank you to those who have assisted in your clubs; volunteers are vital at grass roots level to ensure our sport is promoted and sustained. To everyone who has volunteered for croquet in 2014 whether at National, State or Club level, your efforts are greatly appreciated and we look forward to continued support.

Wishing you successful croquet in 2015.

*Eileen Ferguson, Acting President, Croquet SA*

Congratulations to all who have worked so hard to get our new Hammer Time program up and running. Without you we would not have won this most prestigious award. We look forward to the launch of the event across Aldinga, Adelaide, Brighton, Nth Adel, Norwood, Tea Tree Gully in March! If you can lend a hand at one of these venues, please contact them now!



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2015

## FEBRUARY

- 8 GC Sunday Singles 8+ Contact Karen Magee kmagee@adam.com.au  
 9 AC Gala Victor Harbor CC Cost \$15 includes lunch, start 9.30am Contact Beth Young 8552 22348  
 bethyoung@bigpond.com  
 11 GC twilight gala Brighton CC Cost \$15 includes BBQ. Start 3.30 for 4pm 4 x 40 min games  
 Contact Barry Teague 8294 7646 jazbaz2010@bigpond.com  
 13-15 AC Hatwell Gold Medal 3+ handicap Entries close 30 January Entry form on SACA website  
 15 GC North Adelaide CC Sunday afternoon gala Cost \$10 pp. Start 1pm Contact Sue Huddy 8262 1891  
 su7eh@hotmail.com  
 20-22 GC SA Gold Medal (Open)  
 20 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393

## MARCH

**1,15,22,29 Hammer Time Aldinga**

**6, 13,20,27 Hammer Time Adelaide, Norwood, Brighton, Tea Tree Gully, North Adelaide**

- 13-15 GC SA Silver Medal 6+  
 20 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393  
 22 GC Sunday singles 8+  
 29 GC Norwood CC Twilight gala Cost \$15 includes bbq. Contact Marlene Roberts 8357 1123  
 robosall@bogpond.com  
 30 GC Victor Harbor Sunday Singles by the Sea. Cost \$7 Contact Kate Logan—kate.logan@adam.com.au  
 Whyalla CC advises that the Whyalla Tournament will not be held this year

## APRIL

- 7-9 GC Autumn singles 9+  
 13 AC gala West Lakes  
 17 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393  
 17-19 GC Autumn Open singles men  
 20 GC gala Kadina Cost \$15 inc. lunch. Contact Linda Kinch 8821 2670 Entries close 13 April  
 24-26 GC Autumn Open singles Women  
 27 AC gala West Lakes

## MAY

- 3—7 AC tournament Naracoorte. Enquiries Eugene Dunstan 8762 3703 enjdunstan@bigpond.com  
 6 AC Snowtown 90th birthday gala. Contact Joylene Hoskin 8865 2160 joyledean@gmail.com  
 14—18 AC Tumby Bay tournament. Contact Kathy Wilkins 8688 1828 wilkinsrk@bigpond.com  
 15 AC Tea Tree Gully 16+ singles day for handicap. Contact Jenny Stein 8251 393

**The office of Recreation and Sport** sent the following reminder on Monday 12 January in regard to hot weather and extreme conditions issued by **Sports Medicine Australia-SA**.

"There was an unfortunate situation on Friday in Perth (where it was 44 degrees) where a 15 year old Rugby player collapsed at an Academy training session and later died."

**SACA HOT WEATHER POLICY**

A forecast temperature over **32 degrees but not over 34 degrees** games may be played, but must finish no later than 1.30pm

A forecast temperature over **34 degrees but not over 36 degrees** no play between 11am and 7pm. Games not likely to finish before 11am must not be started.

A forecast temperature **over 36 degrees** no daytime games will be played.

**Night Time play.** A forecast temperature of **38 degrees** or higher no night time games will be played.

Play is determined by the forecast temperature from the Bureau of Meteorology at 4pm the previous day—www.bom.gov.au or as given on any of the local TV stations' evening news service.

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**PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT**

What will this year bring; last year was certainly full on!

2014 was capped off by Hammer Time winning the Sport SA "2014 Event of the Year" - fantastic recognition from the sporting community for SACA's efforts in presenting the sport in a manner relevant to the 21st century. We calculated that about 5,000 people had a croquet experience through these events, as well as all those who have attended local club events. So the good word is being spread, the stereotype being challenged and as a player I find it very rewarding watching people have fun playing the sport I love.

Last year we were only practising, this year is the real thing with Hammer Time launch in March—so watch out!!!! Is your club small, the members getting older and energy levels diminishing? Do you see your club probably closing in a few years? If this saddens you and you would like to get some new members there is help at hand. It is possible to turn things around—I've seen it happen. If you want to change we can sit down and work out a plan of action—just ask. Goal setting and planning allows you to optimise your efforts/energy.

*Sally Harper*

**EDWARD (NED) WILSON FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE - LIZ JONES                      TRANSFORMA Mallet BY ROBERT BROWN  
2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE – STAN ZEMAN                 \$50 VOUCHER  
3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE – CHARLES SEJA             MAGNUM RED WINE

The raffle was drawn in the Millswood Croquet Clubhouse on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

It raised \$600.00 towards Edward's expenses when he competes for Australia in the Under 21 Competition to be held in New Zealand in February. The Management Team of the Millswood Croquet Club Incorporated wishes to thank those who donated prizes, particularly Robert Brown as the "Transforma" mallet is valued at \$350.00 and of course many thanks to all you croquet players who bought tickets.

**FOR PLAYERS WHO USE THE SOLOMON GRIP (GC and AC players)**

John Solomon, one of the most successful AC croquet players of the 20th Century, has died in the UK aged 82. John first played croquet in the garden at age five, and as the mallet was the same size as he was, he held it in the only grip he could and so invented the 'Solomon Grip'. Despite his success in championship and international play he was ambitious in playing terms. He is credited with the first ever 3-ball triple peel, and for jumping a hoop to hit the centre peg to win a match.

John Solomon was one of the greatest players ever to hold a mallet. The game owes him a huge amount.

**VACANCIES**

President

2nd Vice President position—board position

ACA Magazine correspondent

AC Events Coordinator

Delegates are required for Port Lincoln, Tumby Bay

Enquiries Cathy croquetsa@bigpond.com

**From Ron McBride 3 December 2014**

"It is with regret that I must tender my resignation as at today. This is due to medical reasons; as you are most likely already aware I suffered a third heart attack on Friday 28/11/14 and in discussions with the QEH Registrar of Cardiology it was strenuously recommended that I eliminate the maximum amount of stress from my lifestyle. This will involve changes not only in my work situation but also in my private life. Given this decision the stress generated by the position of President of Croquet SA is not in my best interest."

**PROCESS FOR POLICE CHECKS**

1. <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/apply-for-a-police-record-check>
2. Follow the steps outlined to download the form PD 267.
3. Complete the form and sign Consent on P2 in the presence of a JP or Police Officer at local Police Station
4. Make sure the JP or Police Officer completes the Proof of Identity at the bottom of P2 and certifies the photocopies of the ID.
5. Return the completed form and copies of the Certified Proof of Identity to:  
Phil Wise, 3 Monaco Crescent, Grange 5022
6. I will then complete the Volunteer Authority and forward all the documentation to SAPOL Records Release Unit who will post your National Police Certificate directly to you in approximately 10 days. (Volunteer Association Number, VOAN, authorises the Government to pay the Fee on SACA's behalf).
7. Advise your Club Secretary that you have received your Police Check.

Phil Wise VOAN Authorised Officer [pewise@bigpond.com](mailto:pewise@bigpond.com) 0402 109 816

## GOLF CROQUET NEWS

### Coaching

On 1 December the newly appointed State GC Coaching Director, Barry Haydon, ran an introductory course for a number of enthusiastic 'would-be' coaches.

Looking pleased with their certificates showing they had completed the course are (L-r) Graham Whiteway, Anne Larpent, Jenny Haydon, Robert Weaver, Julie Weaver, Marvin Hanno, Robert Brown, Lin Mayfield, Kim Millhouse and Dora Ling. They are all more than capably able to help players who are starting to learn the game.

Barry plans to run other Level 0 and Level 1 courses before too long. If you would like to know more about these please contact him on haydon@kern.com.au



### COACH FOR GOLF CROQUET STATE TEAM 2015:

coach interested in this position.

Please contact John Arney

Golf croquet committee would like to hear from any

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## CLUB NEWS

### NORWOOD CROQUET CLUB 75TH BIRTHDAY

The Norwood Croquet Club is situated at Buttery Reserve, Norwood, and we were delighted to have Mr Ray Buttery OAM as our special guest at our end of month BBQ. Ray's father, Thomas, was an Alderman on the Norwood Council and it was he who influenced the Council to purchase the land on Portrush Road for a sporting complex. The Croquet Club, the previous bowling club and Tennis Club have shared this land since 1939.

Our secretary, Gayle Richards made a cake with 75 candles, which Ray (who is 93 years of age) blew out without effort. Ray's late wife was President of the club and whilst Ray did not play croquet, he acted as Treasurer and subsequently as Auditor.

A good time was had by all, with Club Captain, Marlene Roberts, reading from the history of the Club which she is preparing for publication. The Club President, Philip Bateman, proposed the toast to mark the Club's birthday.

*Polly Butler* (Vice President)

### AC PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

### Which grade gets more opportunity to play?

When considering the competitions currently available on the SACA calendar and excluding Gala days (which provide additional opportunities for high handicapped players), the following are the current number of opportunities for people in the various grades to participate in level play events.

If your handicap is less than 3: You have the opportunity to play 48 Singles and 13 doubles games.

If your handicap is between 2.5 and 7: You have the opportunity to play 78 Singles and 27 doubles games.

If your handicap is between 8 and 14: You have the opportunity to play 74 Singles and 26 doubles games.

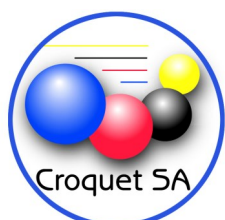
If your handicap is 16 plus: You have the opportunity to play 79 Singles and 25 doubles games.

Handicap events would give more opportunity for all grades.

Of course if you are employed your opportunities will be much less until we learn to maximise the available time and the use of lights.

Irrespective of your handicap speak to me about your willingness to assist in running competitions so more opportunities to participate are created because **your help is needed.**

**Eric Zadow AC Director**



**Hammer Time**

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**REGISTRATION FEES** for all Croquet SA players for 9 months 1 January 2015 to 30 September 2015

City \$68.00 Country \$47.50 Juniors under 18 yrs as at 1/7/14 - Nil

Club affiliation \$15 Clubs for clubs with less than 40 registered players; \$30 for clubs with more than 40 players

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