



# HOOP POINTS

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## President's Trophy - Golf Croquet

This competition, played over three days (January 22nd, 23rd and 26th), involved 22 players in two blocks with block A in the morning and block B the afternoon. Through the three days, each player played 5 doubles matches and 11 singles. Unfortunately, the weather was distinctly inclement across all three days. On Sat and Sun, especially the Sat afternoon session, Wellington boots, or even waders, should have been the go-to footwear. And, at times, it was difficult to distinguish this event from a wet T shirt competition. On Wednesday, less rain but the heat plus humidity was energy sapping.

Following these initial stages, the final, a three-game playoff, was between Karen Magee and Paul Ensor, with Karen winning a well fought match.



Robert Brown and Joan Glastonbury

From the perspective of a higher handicap player, it was most enjoyable and educational to watch the play of these low handicappers in both singles and doubles. But it made me feel better when, not only seeing many fantastic roquets and hoops run, there were some monumental stuff-ups (no names mentioned here to protect the guilty).

From a venue management view, all players need to be aware of the conditions of play. In particular, the manager or a referee should be contacted if a player wishes to leave the venue, even for a short time. Scores need to be entered promptly by the winners of each game, and with losers initialling.

Chris Dawson



Karen Magee and Paul Ensor

### Results.

Block A doubles: Steve Condous and Graeme Thomas, Hyde Park

Block B doubles: Robert Brown, Millswood and Mark Senior, Hyde Park

President's Trophy winner: Karen Magee, Brighton

Runner up Paul Ensor: South Terrace

The awards were presented by Joan Glastonbury

Congratulations to these players, and to all for making it a tight and friendly competition.



Steve Condous and Graeme Thomas

## Portland Tournament

The Portland, Victoria AC tournament was held from January 10 -12, 2022. Four South Australian players, Liz Mackenzie, Joan Kelly, Di Helier and Roger Buddle travelled there for the event.



The croquet club is situated in a very picturesque setting in the Portland Botanical Gardens. There are two courts there and an additional two were added on the adjacent tennis courts. Unfortunately, there is a problem with destructive corellas that rip up the grass in large chunks. That, plus the undulating tennis courts, plus the wind, plus the use of third colours in all matches, made for some “interesting” croquet.

In addition, the day before the tournament started there was a fierce hailstorm, with golf ball sized hailstones, which stripped leaves from the trees and plants in the garden and made a large mess to be cleaned up.

Despite all that it was an enjoyable tournament played with friendly sportsmanship. There were 4 blocks played in round robin format. The winner of block 2 was Di Helier (Norwood) and runner-up was Liz Mackenzie (Norwood). Roger Buddle (Victor Harbor) was runner-up in Block 1, the winner was Kevin Maloney from Twin Cities CC.

Roger Buddle



Di Helier

## Know your Rules—Golf Croquet

Kim Millhouse

The scenario is ..... White's owner plays an inconsequential shot. Brown's owner plays brown and runs the hoop. Wrong ball is called after the shot is played.

What options do the owners of pink and white have?

The owners of pink and white have two options. Replace and replay and ball swap. If they choose the ball swap, the hoop is scored to brown and green.

### 10.4.1 Replace and replay

- (a) The last stroke is annulled and any points scored as a result of the stroke are cancelled.
- (b) All balls moved as a result of the last stroke are replaced in the positions they occupied before the last stroke was played.
- (c) The striker for the last stroke then replays that stroke with the striker's ball (the green ball).

### 10.4.2 Ball swap

- (a) The last stroke is treated as valid and any points scored in the last stroke are counted for the owners of the balls that scored the points.
- (b) All balls moved as a result of the last stroke are left where they stopped, except that the positions of the ball played in the last stroke and its partner ball are swapped. A swapped ball takes the offside status of the ball with which it is swapped.
- (c) The non-offending side then plays the ball next in sequence (the pink ball) after the partner ball of the ball played in the last stroke.



## Inaugural Golf Croquet Director's Trophy (5+)

This addition to the Golf Croquet competition calendar took place in very warm humid conditions on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Hutt Road.

The competition was well received with 16 players from 7 clubs entering. Tuesday saw players compete in three blocks of round robin format, with the top two from each block progressing to a round robin final on Wednesday.



Ann Millhouse and Annie Millhouse

Ken Nunan - Brighton CC

Players not making the final were given the opportunity to play a doubles competition while the singles final took place. Three pairs took up the challenge. Winners of this doubles competition were sisters in law, Ann and Annie Millhouse from Millswood.

Players making the final were Adrian Piccinin, Dougie Francis and David Rowe from Hyde Park, David Magee (Brighton), Russell Agardi (Millswood) and Phil Colebatch (Norwood). This group were very evenly matched and resulted in some very tight contests with close results. Of the 15 games only 2 were won by 7 and one of those was 7/6.

The eventual winner was Dougie Francis from Hyde Park who pulled out a 7-1 win against David Magee from Brighton.

Joan Glastonbury, GC Director, presented certificates to Dougie and David .

Thanks to Karen Magee, Anne Woodhouse, Barry Haydon, John Arney , and Ansi Baumanis for refereeing during the competition. Managers of the event were Ken Nunan and Peter Woodward from the Brighton Croquet Club.



Dougie Francis and Joan Glastonbury

## SA Masters Games

Croquet is on again at the SA Masters Games which are to be held in the Tatiara district this year. Bordertown Club will be hosting the croquet competition from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Golf Croquet singles and doubles will be played.

This link will provide details about croquet:

[Croquet - Tatiara Masters Games - revolutioniseSPORT](#)

Registration and accommodation details are available at:

[Tatiara SA Masters Games \(tatiaramastersgames.com\)](https://tatiaramastersgames.com)

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**Come and join in the fun of the Tatiara Masters Games.**

## Meet the SACA Board Members

### Lyn Parnell

My work career was in the State public sector, predominantly in human resource management. I was a Director in the Department of Recreation and Sport with oversight of sports grants, walking trails and community sport and spent over ten years as the Presiding Officer of the Promotion and Grievance Appeal Tribunal for the South Australian State Government.



I have been a member on a number of Sporting Boards including basketball and tennis. I was the first Chairman of the Adelaide Quit Lightning and a Board Member of the National Women's Basketball League. I have always been an outdoors active person and played State basketball for a number of years.

I still play competition tennis and in more recent years, have enjoyed playing contract bridge and walking – my walking exploits include England, New Zealand, Tasmania and the Kokoda Track. South Australia has some beautiful walks and one highlight was walking the Heysen Trail with friends (Cape Jervis to Parachilna Gorge), a distance of 1,200 km. I've also tried tandem and a solo parachute jump!

When I was invited to try croquet I was reluctant as I thought it was not active enough. However I soon learnt that although croquet may not be as physically active as my other pursuits, Association Croquet which I play, was very taxing on the brain! This is what intrigued me - the more I played and observed others, the more I understood what a unique sport it was as it tests you in so many different ways.

I would like to see more young people involved and also have the sport promoted in a more positive and fun way. It is perceived as an activity only older people do. Maybe we can learn from Lawn bowls who have changed this image and attracted younger players through the introduction of night owls and other initiatives. Bowls have the advantage of being a Commonwealth funded sport with access to sponsorships and wide media coverage. It would be nice if croquet could one day be in the same position.

Lyn Parnell  
President, SA Croquet



## Meet the SACA Board Members

### Roger Buddle

Roger is a member of Victor Harbor CC and an associate member of Norwood CC. His first experience of croquet was at a Christmas function at his wife's brother's in-law's house (actually Norma Greig's parents) where Norma's father had made mallets out of bits of sawn mallee with broom handles attached. The balls were cricket balls and the wire hoops were scattered over the lawn and they had great fun bashing balls all over the place without any rhyme or reason – but it sowed the seed that the game could be interesting.

Fast forward quite a few years and when he and his wife Betty moved to Victor Harbor in 1994, they had a bit of land and he laid out a small croquet court. It wasn't long before they became hooked and joined the Victor club.



Roger playing a half jump.

Roger grew up in Adelaide and attended Adelaide Technical High School on North Terrace. On finishing school, he joined the PMG's Department in 1957 as a technician-in-training. He stayed with the PMG, which became Telecom Australia and then Telstra, for 31 years. Firstly, working in telephone exchange maintenance and for the last 15 years in the Electronic Applications & Technology Section, designing computer hardware and software applications for Telecom installations all over Australia.



One of Roger's glass sculptures called Corner Cannon.

In 1988 he was not happy with the way the company and his job were going and he resigned to start a small business called *Pictures in Glass* - designing, constructing and installing stained glass windows. He became bored with that and in 1991 enrolled in a design degree course at the University of SA. He graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor Degree in Glass and Ceramic Design. This was followed in 2002 with a Masters Degree in Visual Art.

He established a glass studio at Victor Harbor and produced kiln-formed glass work which he exhibited and sold around the world.

Roger's wife, Betty, died in 2016 after nearly 56 years of happy and adventure-filled marriage. They produced two girls and a boy who gave them five grandchildren. Roger is now in a loving relationship with Di Helier and they enjoy playing croquet together.

Roger enjoys his croquet immensely, although he has passed his peak and is in slow decline. His greatest achievement was to be included in the AC State Team in 2010 to play in the Eire Cup at Cairnlea. Roger is Association Croquet Director and also looks after the Croquet SA website and the AC handicaps.

## Australia Day 2022

Brighton Croquet Club was invited to attend an awards ceremony which was held by the Holdfast Bay City Council and took place in the Ballroom at the Grand Hotel, Glenelg. Such a stunning backdrop over-looking the beach and ocean.

We were nominated and short listed for an award (Community Event of the Year). Howard Wood and I went to represent the club.

The presentation was attended by the CEO Robert Bria from Holdfast Bay Council together with the Mayor Amanda Wilson, Hon Stephen Patterson MP, Member for Morphett and Minister for Trade and Investment, Hon Corey Wingard MP Member for Gibson and Minister for Trade and Transport and Councillors. Also attending were 73 new Australians who received their citizenship. Some community members, unable to attend because of Covid, were live on screen and could participate in the event.

We were absolutely thrilled to win and receive a certificate and flowers on behalf of the Brighton Croquet Club for their part in holding and supporting the Open Day of the \$13.7m new Brighton Oval. Thank you to all members for your continued support. It was a pleasure to work along side the Football and Lacrosse Clubs, who received the same award.

We have a great club and it's wonderful to be recognised for our efforts, which benefit the community.

Pat Lawson.



Pat Lawson and Howard Wood receiving the "Community Event of the Year" Award.



### What's new at Hutt Road?

Some recent additions / improvements at Hutt Road include a huge new clock which can be seen from many different distances on the lawns.

You will find hat/ coat hooks along the front wall placed for your convenience.

Also the new mallet stands which players should use whenever they leave the lawn. The racks are moveable (1 per lawn) – please put them where they are most convenient but not in the walkways. (They should be left on the concrete areas at the end of play, not on the lawn areas.)

The gas bottles for the BBQ are now locked in a cage at the end of the building. The key is the same as for the gate.



### **UP COMING GC EVENTS.....**

FEBRUARY 5	GC Pennants
FEBRUARY 14	Possible start for 24+
FEBRUARY 15	Possible start Autumn Pennants played at competing clubs
FEBRUARY 19	GC Pennants
FEBRUARY 20	State Squad Training
FEBRUARY 27	GC Pennants
MARCH 6	State Squad Training
MARCH 12	GC Pennants
MARCH 13 - 14	SA Bronze Medal - Handicap 9+ SACA Hutt Road
MARCH 15 - 17	Murray Bridge Tournament
MARCH 26 and 27	Men's Championship at Hyde Park <b>Entries via the SACA website</b>
MARCH 27	GC Pennants
APRIL 2 - 6	GC Victor Harbor Tournament - <b>Contact Kate Logan kate.logan@adam.com.au</b>
APRIL 9	GC Pennants
APRIL 12 and 26	9+ Autumn Singles
APRIL 23	GC Pennants
APRIL 24 and 25	SA Silver Medal - Handicap 6+

Please refer to the new **SACA website Calendar** for more details on events.

### **UP COMING AC EVENTS.....**

FEBRUARY 12/13	State Team
FEBRUARY 26	Pennants
FEB 27—MARCH 4	Victor Harbour Tournament All handicaps. Doubles and singles <b>Contact: S. Howlett 0431332194 showlett261@gmail.com</b>
MARCH 5	Pennants
MARCH 9 - 20	Gold Medal, National Men's & Women's Singles and Eire Cup (Sydney)
MARCH 22-24	Handicap Doubles 12+
MARCH 26/27	Pennants
APRIL 5 - 7	Division 4 Singles 14+
APRIL 19 - 21	Marryatville Silver Medal 8+
MAY 18 - 23	Tumby Bay Tournament. <b>Contact Garry Speed 0427 881 020</b>
JUNE 14 - 16	Lewis Badge 6+ & Maslen Brooch 6+.



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