



HOOP POINTS

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Night Handicap Doubles

The Handicap Night Doubles competition was held instead of the team-based Night Doubles competition. This event was open to any doubles pair and attracted seven entries.

Games were held at SACA on Monday evenings from January 17th to February 21st. Two games were held on the last night, starting at 4 pm, enabling the competition to finish before the Victor Harbor tournament. Players enjoyed a light tea of party pies and pasties and lamingtons between the games.

The weather was great, and the evenings were mild. There were three couples on four wins and two losses after the final games. Glen Blatchford and Lynne Harris were the winners with +30 net hoops. However, it must be noted that one of their wins was a forfeit from Tracey and David Sincok when Tracey had a scare with Covid-19, which proved to be negative. Second place was Kevin LePoidevin and Janet Will-shire with +7 net hoops, and third was Shirley Howlett and Brenda Brown with -8 net hoops.

Roger Buddle

The History of Gateball

Gateball is a sport originally developed for children, by Eiji Suzuki in Japan in 1947, based on croquet.

In 1984, the Japan Gateball Union was established, with the World Gateball Union (“WGU”) being formed the following year. The initial members of the WGU were Brazil, China, Chinese Taipei, Japan, Korea, and USA.

The founding Chairman of the WGU, Ryoichi Sasakawa said, “Gateball is a sport that can be enjoyed by children through to the elderly, helps people to maintain health, contributes to a fulfilling lifestyle and at the same time, promotes communication amongst many people.”

Today there are sixteen members of the WGU and an estimated 15 million players, predominantly in Asia and South America, but also in Canada, Europe, and USA.

Gateball was first introduced to Australia during a visit in October 1986 by Mr Sasakawa.

Mr Sasakawa made a promotional gift of Gateball equipment to his acquaintance, Mr Douglas Sutherland, the then Mayor of Sydney.

On Valentine’s Day in 1989, a group of Japanese visitors, including the President of the Japan Gateball Union, demonstrated Gateball at the Coogee Croquet Club in Sydney. This is the first recorded game of Gateball being played on Australian soil. Australian players joined in and received coaching from the visitors.

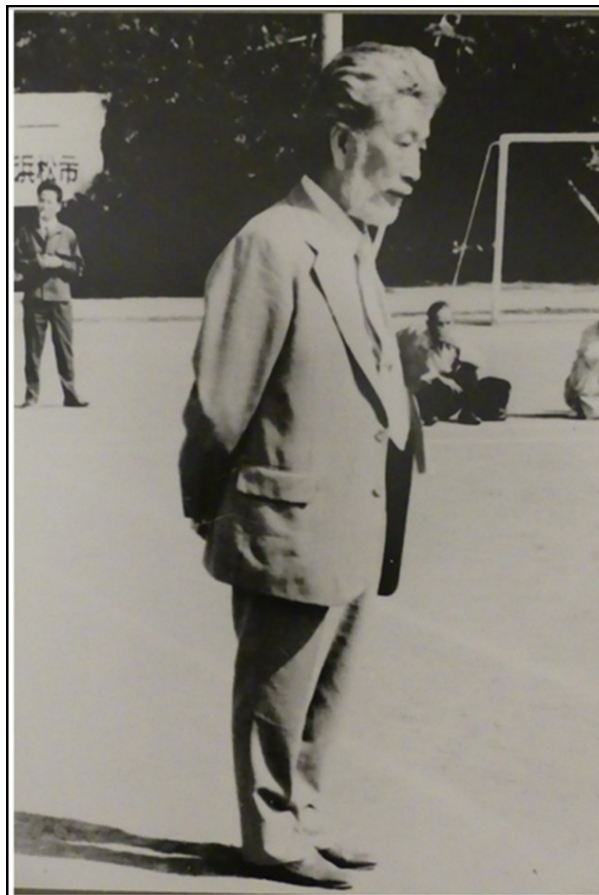
Shortly after this event, Japan’s International Study Regulations Centre arranged a promotion visit of Japanese Gateball players from Kanagawa. This event was held at Mackey Park, Tempe, Sydney and further stimulated interest from Australians in Gateball.

Then, in 1991, Gateball was again displayed by a party of about thirty Japanese visitors at Hunters Hill, Sydney.

In 1996, Australian players in Sydney started to try the sport. And on 17 January, 1997, a Gateball day was held at Tempe, Sydney to host a large group of eighty Japanese tourists.

Later in 1997, thirty Gateball players from Korea were welcomed at Tempe.

In 1998, Gateball was well established in NSW and Victoria, and two teams of enthusiastic Australian players travelled to Hawaii to compete in the 7th World Gateball Championships.



The sport steadily expanded and the inaugural Australian Gateball Championships were played in Sydney in 1999 and attracted eleven overseas teams in addition to local and interstate teams.

In 2003, Australia was elected as a member country of the World Gateball Union.

In 2004, two teams representing Australia played in the 8th World Gateball Championships in Toyama, Japan. Australian teams have also competed at the World Championships in Jeju Island, South Korea (2006), Shanghai, China (2010), Niigata, Japan (2014), and Sao Paulo, Brazil (2018).

Over the years, Gateball has been tried by a few clubs in South Australia, with the current crop of players being introduced to the game during a visit to South Australia by National Gateball Coordinator, John Park and his wife Penny in January 2016.

In South Australia, Gateball is currently played at Hyde Park, Mount Gambier and Woodville Croquet Clubs.

Geoff Crook

Woodville Croquet Club

Adapted from “What’s Gateball” published by the World Gateball Union and Gateball Australia website www.gateball.com.au

Linda Kinch has recently visited several country clubs. Here are the short reports on two of the clubs.

Murray Bridge Croquet Club

During my recent trip to the clubs in the South East, I was made very welcome by President Libby Moore, Treasurer Lyn Morgan, Val Buick Ass. Secretary and Keryl Kiel. The members of the Murray Bridge CC are trying to attract new players by having several organisations use their clubhouse and then encouraging them to 'have a go' at croquet. Members of the MBCC sign up for it and every dollar they spend in the store goes on a sort of loyalty card and after a certain time, Drakes gives the Club a voucher to spend.

As with many clubs, the cost of water is their biggest expense and they have held a couple of garage sales which have been very successful. They have a volunteer who cuts the grass which also is a big saving.

They were very pleased with the visit from Karen McGee and Barry Haydon who were organising a GC Country Tournament in mid March. Unfortunately this has had to be cancelled. Several players expressed their interest in the coaching element of this tournament.

If you fancy a change of scene why not have a day out at Murray Bridge. We stayed 1 night on the way down to the South East and another night on the way back and enjoyed a meal at the new Bridgeport Hotel and had beautiful food at the Bombay Beat Indian Restaurant. We met up on both evenings with Ken and Lesley Zadow and reminisced about the tournaments that we almost won! Happy Days!

Bordertown Croquet Club

This was my first visit to Bordertown and I was very impressed with the town. I was welcomed by Barb Carter and met up again with Merv and Heather Dungey whom I've played against during Country Week at Hutt Rd.

The Club is preparing for the upcoming Tatiara Masters Games 7-11th April (GC) and we had a fruitful meeting discussing how to keep everything as simple as possible! My husband Malcolm painted the hoops and it's amazing what difference a lick of paint makes.

There are lovely old photos up in the clubhouse which can seat 48! They have a clear and welcoming sign at the side and the lawns are very visible from the street. They run a successful Wood Raffle which helps with the finances. I'd never heard of such a thing and it was very interesting hearing all about it.

Entry for the Masters Games closes strictly on 18th March, please contact Eileen Ferguson 0447 171 109 if you are interested. Also book your accommodation asap. We stayed at the Caravan Park and it was really lovely with grassed sites and very clean facilities. Suzy in Reception couldn't have been more helpful. We enjoyed our weekend there and I enjoyed my birthday meal at the Bowling Club. They asked me to say something so I said that when they got fed up with bowling to give croquet a try, I couldn't resist it!!



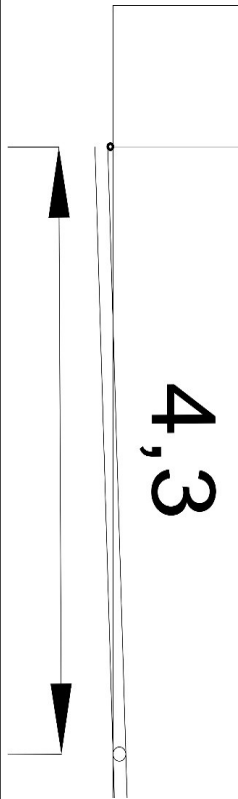
Keryl Kiel, Libby Moore, Lyn Morgan



Bev Croser, Heather Warncjen, Barb Carter

Know your Rules—Association Croquet Roger Buddle

Marking a ball in that has hit a corner peg



Imagine a full-sized croquet court that is perfectly flat and has the surface of a billiard table. Player “A” has just run hoop one-back, and his striker ball has gone through quite a distance. He turns to roquet the reception ball about 8 yards away and misses.

Player “B” is delighted to see that, as she is entitled to a lift, there is a ball on the west boundary, correctly marked in on the western yard line, 3 yards from the corner one corner spot. She lifts one of her balls, marks it in correctly on the corner one spot at the end of the A Baulk and shoots at the ball 3 yards away. To her amazement, the striker ball narrowly misses by a whisker on the inside, or boundary side, of the ball. It rolls on to only just clip the left-hand edge of the correctly placed corner peg on the west boundary of corner two.

Where should she mark in her striker ball? In the corner? Just a little South of the corner?

Answer: The correct point to mark in the ball is where the edge of the ball first intersected the inner edge of the boundary line. That point is 4.3 yards south of the corner peg that it just clipped.

Of course, in reality, croquet courts are not flat, and they don't have the surface of a billiard table. Still, this example illustrates that just because a ball hits a corner peg, the ball is not necessarily a corner ball. If it hits the peg full-on at a right angle to the boundary, it probably is, assuming a correctly placed corner peg. But if a ball hits the corner peg at an acute angle relative to the boundary, then the edge of the

ball would have intersected the boundary line a distance – large or small, depending on the angle – from the corner peg.

We often see players hit a corner peg and then mark the ball in on the corner spot while the correct location was some distance away. This inaccuracy could be significant later in the game.

Know your Rules—Golf Croquet Kim Millhouse

The striker plays their yellow ball and before the yellow ball stops, the strikers partner plays their red ball. What is the remedy?

12.2 ONE SIDE PLAYS OVERLAPPING STROKES

In doubles, if two or more balls are caused to be in motion at the same time as the result of strokes played by both players of the same side, no points are scored for any ball and the non[1]offending side chooses whether all balls moved as a result of the strokes are left where they stopped or are replaced in the positions they occupied before both strokes were played. Play then continues by the non-offending side playing either ball of their side.

In this scenario, one of the players from the blue/black team might say, 'That was an error. Two balls were in motion at the same time. We will chose whether to leave the balls where they are or put them back into the positions they were in. Then we will decide which ball we will play.'



Meet the SACA Board Members

Linda Kinch

Hi my name is Linda Kinch and I have recently taken on the role of Vice President of SACA. To this role I believe I bring good old fashioned Scottish bluntness mixed with a sense of humour.

I (try to) play both AC and GC for the Kadina Croquet Club. I started off with Aussie Croquet which is a great game with plenty of time to chat, discuss tactics and also bash the opponent's ball away. It's a good introduction to AC. I have played ricochet in Cairns which I enjoyed and also have had a go at Gateball at the North Adelaide CC. I'm nothing if not enthusiastic.

I like the social side of croquet, also it's not as sore on the body as golf or tennis which I used to play. I joined the KCC in August 2011 after being in Australia for four years. I remember with Sing Australia attending a 'Come n Try' evening and really enjoyed it and then a friend invited me along and I was hooked. I was very aware of the game of croquet as I had a cousin (John Mc Mordie) in England who was an extremely good player and in fact Mary Marsland and Lyn Parnell met him a couple of years ago when they were touring there. A small world indeed!

I grew up in South Ayrshire, Scotland, Rabbin Burns country, which is stunningly green due to the fact that it basically rains all the time! Croquet is only a summer sport in Scotland because of the inclement weather.

I played tennis in the UK at Harrow School and was a reserve for all the teams which meant that no matter how well or badly I played, they were so grateful that I was there as they then didn't need to forfeit. I also got invited to all the team's social events and dinners. There was method in my madness!

I studied the Violin at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow and played for Scottish Opera and the orchestra of the Sadlers Wells Royal Ballet. This is where I met my husband Malcolm where he was the Bass Trombonist. After our son was born, I started teaching the Violin and Malcolm worked at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden as Orchestra Operations Manager. It sounds glamorous but it was 7 days a week, morning, noon and night and we weren't sorry to retire and emigrate to Australia.

I have one son a daughter-in-law and three grandchildren. The rest of my family live in the UK but I do have two second cousins that live in Adelaide which does make a difference to me. Our son, Gavin emigrated in 2003 to marry Kate whom he met in England. We followed him to Oz in 2007 and have never regretted it. Their three children were all born in Adelaide and we enjoyed nine years of being near to them before they moved to Singapore. Gavin is the Principal of the ACS International Singapore and they love their life overseas. At least he didn't move back to Harrow!!

My interests are mainly musical. I'm Bandmaster of the local Community band – KWM Band (Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta) and also travel to Adelaide to play String Quartets with some friends. I used to lead the Marlborough String Orchestra but gave it up as the travelling was too much. I enjoy Table Tennis and have a mean sliced back hand. I joined the Red Hatters shortly after arriving in Kadina and these ladies have become good friends. Their main aim in life is 'to age disgracefully'.



Australian Gateball Championships 2022

Australian Gateball Championships are to be held at the Gold Coast Performance Centre, Qld from the 1st to the 3rd April 2022. Players and spectators are invited to attend this delayed biennial event.

The inaugural Australian Open Doubles will showcase a high standard of play. Previous winners, Canberra and 2019 runners up, Kew, will be there providing challenging competition. It is an opportunity to play in the world class Gold Coast performance Centre.

All the best to Hyde Park who are sending a team from South Australia.

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Or see www.gateball.com.au



Meet the SACA Board Members

Ansi Baumanis

Ansi Baumanis holds the positions of Sports Development Officer and Member Protection Information Officer for SACA. Previously Ansi held the position of Vice President of SACA.

In his working life Ansi was the Occupational Health and Safety Coordinator at the Marion Council and was the Secretary and Chair of the Safety Committee for quite a number of years.

For the past two years Ansi has played Golf croquet at Norwood Croquet Club where he is a committee member and currently holds the position of Vice President. Before that he was a committee member and Vice President at Victor Harbor.

Since being on the Management Board of SACA Ansi has taken on the role of Maintenance Officer at Hutt Road, he has been instrumental in obtaining the new GC score card booklets and the handicap sheet that have seen good reviews. As previously said he has taken on the role of Member Protection Information Officer. Ansi has also undertaken training and become a registered Golf Croquet referee.

Ansi believes that a good Board of Directors needs dedicated members who are willing to work together for the betterment of all members. He believes all members should get the same opportunities whether they come from regional or local areas – that any benefit to one club should be offered to all clubs.

Proper governance is a high priority and with that in mind he has supported the President and other board members in establishing reviews of the current Constitution and policies.

He sees a bright future for croquet in South Australia whether it be Association, Golf, Gateball, Aussie or Ricochet.



UP COMING AC EVENTS.....

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	Pennants
APRIL 5 - 7	Division 4 Singles 14+
APRIL 19 - 21	Marryatville Silver Medal 8+
MAY 2 - 5	Naracoorte Tournament Contact: Eugene Dunstan enidunstan@bigpond.com Ph: 8762 3703
MAY 18 - 23	Tumby Bay Tournament. Contact Garry Speed 0427 881 020
JUNE 14 - 16	Lewis Badge 6+ & Maslen Brooch 6+.
JULY 16 - 17	Selector's Invitation (Invitation only)

UP COMING GC EVENTS.....

MARCH 4	North Adelaide Handicap Singles
MARCH 6	State Squad Training
MARCH 12	GC Pennants
MARCH 13 - 14	SA Bronze Medal - Handicap 9+ SACA Hutt Road
MARCH 26 and 27	Men's Championship at Hyde Park Entries via the SACA website
MARCH 27	GC Pennants
APRIL 1	North Adelaide Handicap Singles
APRIL 2 - 6	GC Victor Harbor Tournament - Contact Kate Logan kate.logan@adam.com.au
APRIL 4	Coromandel Valley Gala Day kwright@adam.com.au
APRIL 7—11	Tatiara Masters Games Eileen Ferguson 0447 171 109
APRIL 9	GC Pennants
APRIL 12 and 26	9+ Autumn Singles
APRIL 23	GC Pennants
APRIL 24 and 25	SA Silver Medal - Handicap 6+
MAY 1—2	Women's Championship 2022 Entries via SA Croquet website
MAY 6	North Adelaide Handicap Singles

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

SA Masters Games

Bordertown Club will be hosting the croquet competition from 7th to 11th 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 \(tatiaramastersgames.com\)](http://tatiaramastersgames.com)



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

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