



HOOP POINTS

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Golf Croquet Bronze Medal

The two day SA Bronze Medal Tournament for 9+ handicaps was held at Hutt Road with eleven players from a variety of clubs competing.

After a fluctuating contest where the leadership changed several times, Sara Kendrick just edged out Stephen Davel after a tense final round to win by one hoop (18-17) with both players level on games won.

The tournament was played in good spirit with players exhibiting exemplary croquet etiquette at all times.

Thank you to Paul, Christine, Peter and Marianne from South Terrace for managing a very successful tournament ably supported by Kim Millhouse, Ansi Baumanis, Anne Woodhouse and Karen Magee as referees.

Paul Ensor

Editor's note: Karen Magee commented on the tournament, saying that despite the hot weather, the play was of a very high standard. As 9+ players, she observed, they were roqueting, running hoops and using excellent strategies.



Runner up Stephen Davel (Millswood) and Winner Sara Kendrick (Aldinga Bay)

Association Croquet Selection Subcommittee

Applications are sought for positions on the Association Croquet Selection Subcommittee. Three positions are required. The term of appointment is for one year, commencing in April and terminating on completion of the Eire Cup in March next year.

The duty statement for the Selection Subcommittee can be viewed on the Croquet SA website (sacroquet.com.au/GOVERNANCE/MANAGEMENT_DOCUMENTS/CONSTITUTION etc)

Forward applications to: acdirector@sacroquet.com.au
Closing date Friday April 22nd

Roger Buddle
AC Director



SACA Strategic Planning

The Board has decided to formalise our long-term planning with the development of a new Strategic Plan. The current Strategic Plan expired in 2021.

The Board sees this an essential piece of work, to ensure we have a contemporary perspective as we consider our player and club needs. Good governance dictates that it is important to have regard for the wider community who are consumers of recreational and sporting activities.

The Board unanimously agreed it was essential that an independent person be engaged to lead this process who had experience in developing strategic plans with other state based sporting organisations. The Board approached Sport SA and **Wallace Long from C2M Consulting** was identified as the preferred partner to lead our strategic planning process.

C2M Consulting has a wide range of experience developing strategic plans with local and state based sporting organisations. A key aspect of C2M's approach is a focus on ensuring the voices of all members are heard during development of the plan.

In the first stage, there are two areas where members can contribute to the strategic planning process;

1. by completing the **Member Survey** when you receive it.
2. consider registering your interest in being part of the **Strategic Planning Working Group**.

We are looking for up to seven members to be involved, with representation from across our croquet community. You can read more about this Working Group, and register your interest here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CroquetSACommunity>

The closing date for the **Strategic Planning Working Group - Registration of Interest** is **Monday 11th April**.

Lyn Parnell
President

Wallace Long—leading the strategic planning process

Wallace is a planning and marketing consultant with thirty years' experience in the health, professional services, sport and recreation, and not-for-profit sectors.

He has been a Director of advertising, publishing and medical education companies, and has undertaken strategic planning for local, state and national organisations.

Wallace is a Certified Practicing Marketer, Member of the Australian Marketing Institute, The Research Society of Australia, Fundraising Institute of Australia, and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

He has recently worked with the team at Equestrian SA to develop their Strategic Plan.

Wallace has been involved in community sport for many years, as a player, coach and official, as well as a committee and board member. More recently he has held the roles of President - Sturt Baseball Club, and Board Member - Gymnastics SA.

In April 2020 Wallace and Ben Hook, sports columnist with the Advertiser created the Hooked on Sport podcast, with the aim of supporting SA sporting clubs as the COVID shutdown commenced.

Moving from Sydney a decade ago Wallace is an avid supporter of his daughter's softball, and the Swans.

Hooked on Sport <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/hooked-on-sport/id1505748042>



Gateballers prepare for the Australian Gateball Championships

Gateballers from the Hyde Park Croquet Club are off to the Australian Gateball Championships being played from the 1st to 3rd April 2022 at the Gold Coast Performance Centre.

Gateball has been played at Hyde Park since 2016 but according to Club President and Team Manager, Barry Haydon, this is the first time they have sent a team to the Nationals. While it is a first for many of the team, several members have already played internationally and are looking forward to bringing their skills to the national championships.



About to compete are (L => R) Geoff Crook, Trish Fazackerley, David Magee, Barry Jennings, Peter Martyniuk & Barry Haydon

The Gold Coast has welcomed the event as 100 Gateballers from across Australia will gather for a doubles event, practice sessions and an opening ceremony on Friday 1st April. The ceremony will conclude by the stroking of a ball through a ceremonial gate to officially open the Championships.

Gateball, sometimes called the 20/20 version of Croquet, is a fast and skillful team game involving 5 players per team trying to outwit and outplay the other team in a 30-minute play fest. Each stroke (or spark) has to be played within 10 seconds! It combines the precision of snooker, with the tactical skills of chess in a game for all ages.

Though relatively unknown in Australia, the game is played by over 10 million people worldwide and is very popular in Asia. The last Australian Championships were held just over two years ago at Cairnlea, Victoria. It ended in a thrilling final between teams from China and Kew (Melbourne). Who knows what this year's event will bring!

For further information about the Championships or the game of Gateball, go to www.gateball.com.au or email info@gateball.com.au. For those wanting to see the game live it is played every Wednesday afternoon (starting at 1.00 pm) at Hyde Park.

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Know your Rules—Association Croquet **Roger Buddle**

Law 28.7 – Failing to play a ball from baulk

This situation arose at the recent Victor Harbor tournament.

Suppose a player is entitled to a lift. She lifts one of her balls and places it at the end of A baulk. On taking her stance, she notices that if she moves her striker ball about two feet to her right she will have a double on two balls further up the court. She moves her ball accordingly and then moves it a bit further to improve her chances. She plays her stroke and roquets one of the balls. Just as she is about to take croquet from the ball she hit, her opponent calls out, “Just a minute; your ball wasn’t on the baulk line when you played your shot.”

Question: How is this situation resolved?

Answer: The ball that was roqueted is replaced in its original position, and the striker returns her ball to any place on the A baulk (or the B baulk if she so wishes) and plays on.

If the player, having roqueted a ball, had taken croquet and in the croquet stroke her striker ball had passed through one of her hoops in order before her opponent had called out, the croqueted ball would still have to be returned to its original position before it was roqueted. The hoop would not be counted. The player is still entitled to re-play from any place on either baulk.

However, suppose one of the balls went out due to the croquet stroke. In that case, the error is rectified (balls replaced and hoop disallowed), but the striker’s turn ends because of the fault of going out on a croquet stroke.

The limit of claims for this non-fatal error is the third stroke of the striker’s turn. In other words, if either player does not notice the error before the third stroke, then it is too late, and the striker continues. Any points made are valid.

Know your Rules—Golf Croquet **Anne Woodhouse**

A ball has been moved from its original position.

A ball may be moved by the weather or even by the court (the ball may be resting on a small mound).

1. If moved by weather, replace the ball in its original position. (See rule 9.7)
2. If a ball has stopped in a position for at least five seconds before it moves, it is to be replaced in its original position. (See rule 6.4.2 and 6.4.3)

If, however, the ball has been deliberately moved (perhaps to give more of an advantage to its owner) this is a very difficult situation.

Check with the other players (if playing doubles) whether they agree that the position of the ball has changed and whether they saw how it had moved. Unfortunately if it has been moved deliberately, probably no one would have seen it moved.



If the incident was not observed there is not much you can do. However it is important to let all the players know that you have observed the change in position. In this way, hopefully, it will not happen again.

If it does happen again (surely not!) then a warning can be given to the relevant player for deliberately moving the ball, or, if the player says it was an accident then a warning for not taking care on the court (as it was the second time it has happened). (See rule 16)

IMPORTANT Make sure you do not accuse anyone but keep the conversation polite and good-natured.

Keith Croquet Club - Linda Kinch

Keith Croquet Club was the first club I visited on my tour of the South East. What a wonderful welcome from the members. We were met at the club by Pam Cameron who showed us their 'bijou' clubhouse.

Despite the limited facilities, it was plain to see what a vibrant and proud club this has been and still is. The Honour Board had one prominent name on it, Evelyn Rowsell who was obviously a very gifted and treasured player from the past.

We also were very impressed by the mallet rack and trolley which had been made by a very talented member. There was a row of old cinema seats in the shelter which I'm sure have witnessed many happy and nailbiting events.

Despite the numbers dwindling, they still hold an Aussie Competition and a GC competition and are hoping that a few new members will emerge from the current Keith population.

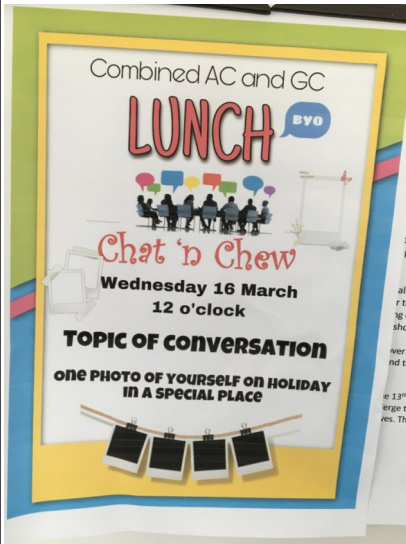
Jo Rayson (Secretary) organised a beautiful lunch for Malcolm and myself and we met up with Ruth Caldecott, Margaret Watson and Helen Wood (President) who all brought a plate (or 2) to share. It was lovely to hear about the croquet club as well as being told how to make marshmallow. I thought you could only buy it in a packet just like custard!!

Next time you're travelling to Victoria, why not stay a night at Keith and have a game at the croquet club? Check the SACA website for details



Enjoying a beautiful lunch at Jo Rayson's house. Helen Wood, Linda Kinch, Pam Cameron, Jo Rayson and Ruth Caldecott.

Aldinga Bay Croquet Club



I'd never been to Aldinga Bay before and it was a beautiful morning when we visited the croquet club. We recognised Bob and Carol Mc Millan, Ross and Lorraine Threadgold straight away as we've met them several times at different tournaments.

Just as we arrived another couple got out of their car and were both in working gear ready to tackle the gum nuts and leaves which are quite a problem at the club.

Anyway, I got speaking with Kay Lane and very quickly we discovered that we had a mutual friend in Kadina. As we were chatting away, Brian (Rocky) was working away so I went over and we had a chat about the lawns and also the nuisance of the white corellas. Aldinga Bay CC has installed some sonic equipment on the corners of their shelters and apparently that has greatly helped.

Kay is very artistic and she's made a great poster to advertise their monthly lunch, Chat 'n' Chew. What a great idea for getting to know your fellow club members. They share the Bowling Club facilities which are very pleasant and spacious and has a nice warm friendly feeling. They play AC, GC and Ricochet and their membership is quite strong with some players coming from Yankalilla.

Aldinga is a vibrant and bustling place with lots of development and growth and we certainly will be going back for another visit and maybe take the caravan next time and savour everything that is on offer. It also would make a lovely day out, croquet followed by lunch and then maybe more croquet. What a life!!!

Registration fees for new members

Registration fees for the full year (1st Oct to 30th Sept) are listed in the first column. They are reduced every quarter in January, April and July for players joining later in the year.

Starting after	1 st Oct	1 st Jan	1 st April	1 st July
Full City member	\$114.00	\$85.50	\$57.00	\$28.50
Full Country Member	\$ 75.50	\$56.25	\$37.50	\$18.75
Country Casual Member	\$ 38.00	\$28.50	\$19.00	\$ 9.50
Student City Member	\$ 55.00	\$41.25	\$27.50	\$13.75
Student Country Member	\$ 33.00	\$24.75	\$16.50	\$ 8.25
Juniors <18 (as at 1 st July)	Free			

NB This schedule of fees has been sent to the clubs.

If you are unsure of the fees required for any new players please contact the Registrations Officer.

Ken McHugh

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SA Men's Championship - Golf Croquet

This competition was played over two days (Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March), and was hosted by Hyde Park croquet club due to other events being held at SACA Hutt Road.

Initially the competition had a full field of twelve players. Unfortunately, in the preceding weeks, COVID, colds and other events reduced the final field to eight players. The final format of the competition was a single round robin on each day of the competition (7 one-hour games on each day).

After the first day there was a clear leader, but the final outcome could not be guaranteed. With the temperature due to rise on the Sunday, the players in association with the event manager and referees agreed to start play an hour earlier than advertised to avoid the afternoon heat. Interestingly you would expect to finish an hour earlier but that was not the case with the final game finishing at roughly the same time as the previous day.

The 2022 SA GC Men's Champion was Dwayne McCormick (Norwood), winning 13 of his 14 games. Stephen Con-dous (Hyde Park) was the runner up, winning 11 of his 14 games.

Thanks go to Kim Millhouse, Bernie Pfitzner, Karen Magee and Julianne Jago the four GC referees who officiated at this event and to the members of the Hyde Park club who helped setup and manage the competition.

Peter Martyniuk
Hyde Park Croquet Club



SA Men's Championship winner, Dwayne McCormick with Peter Martyniuk

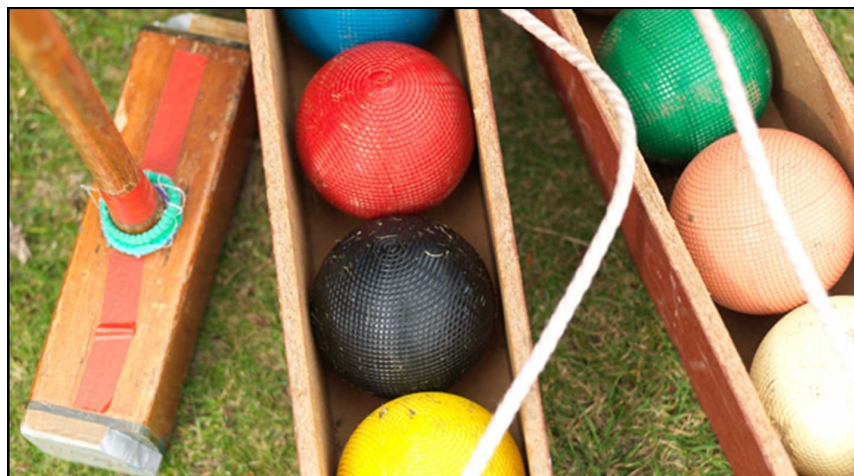
UP COMING EVENTS.....

Golf Croquet

APRIL 1	North Adelaide Handicap Singles
APRIL 2 - 6	GC Victor Harbor Tournament - Entries have closed.
APRIL 4	Coromandel Valley Gala Day kwright@adam.com.au
APRIL 7—11	Tatiara Masters Games Contact Eileen Ferguson 0447 171 109
APRIL 9	GC Pennants
APRIL 12 and 26	9+ Autumn Singles - Entries have closed.
APRIL 23	GC Pennants
APRIL 24 and 25	SA Silver Medal - Handicap 6+
APRIL 29th	North Adelaide Gala Day RSVP by 21st April Contact Sue 0411134161 suelepoidevin54@gmail.com or Kevin 0403836954 kevinlepoidevin@gmail.com
MAY 1—2	Women's Championship 2022 Entries via SA Croquet website
MAY 5	Murray Bridge Gala Day RSVP 26th April Contact bronwyn43@hotmail.com or 0417057001
MAY 6	North Adelaide Handicap Singles
MAY 9	Victor Harbor Gala Day RSVP 1st May Contact Kate Logan kate.logan@adam.com.au
MAY 23	Mt Barker Gala Day Contact Eric Klenke Ph 83911808

Association Croquet

APRIL 5 - 7	Division 4 Singles 14+
APRIL 19 - 21	Marryatville Silver Medal 8+
MAY 2 - 5	Naracoorte Tournament Contact: Eugene Dunstan enjdunstan@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)



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