



# HOOP POINTS

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## Marryatville Silver Medal

Played at SACA over three days in April. Seven keen competitors vied for the medal under ideal conditions, if you excuse the drop of rain that fell on the morning of the second day.

David Pinnock was the outstanding player pegging out in four of his five wins and with only one loss. Lyn Parnell also played very well pegging out in two of her five wins. She finished as runner up in the last match of the day by beating David Pinnock in a close game. Both these players reduced their handicap by one during play.

The event was managed by Hyde Park.  
Philip Hadley



David Pinnock lines up for a take off stroke.



All the 2022 competitors of the Marryatville Silver Medal.

Winner – David Pinnock, runner up – Lyn Parnell and event manger - Philip Hadley.





## Tatiara Masters Games 2022 (April 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>)



April 2022 was the Tatiara region's time to shine when the Tatiara Masters Games of 2020 finally came to fruition, after having been impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Croquet, however, was not scheduled to take part this time around, but players wishing to participate put pressure on the Council to offer croquet and after consultation with the Bordertown Club and the Tatiara Council, croquet was back on the schedule.

With only 3 lawns and 5 days to play it was decided to offer only Golf Croquet on this occasion. At the closing date for entries a record 36 players had registered to play. Unfortunately, 12 players found it necessary to withdraw prior to the games commencing.

With players travelling from Mildura and all over SA, the games started on 7<sup>th</sup> April with 24 competitors in the doubles and 18 in the singles.

The doubles were played in 2 groups while the singles were contested in 3 groups. Two Medal Presentation ceremonies were held with the awards being presented by Raelene Eats a long time and valued member of the Bordertown Club, who was very surprised when Club President Mervyn Dungey presented her with Life Membership at the conclusion of the medal presentations.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals were awarded for each of the 5 competitions and the results are listed below. Medals were also awarded to both men, women and doubles pairs for the age groups under 60, 61-70, 71- 75 and 76+.

Many thanks to the players for participating and providing exciting croquet and friendly competitiveness. Special thanks to the Bordertown Croquet Club players, especially Mervyn and Heather Dungey and Barbara Carter for hosting a friendly and well-run tournament. It was an amazing effort for a club with such a small membership.

Games were closely contested; old friendships were renewed and new ones formed and many players said they look forward to the Copper Coast Games in 2023.

### Golf Croquet Singles:

Medal	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
Gold	Ansi Baumanis (Norwood)	Karen Davidson (Mildura)	Terry Trudgen (Port Lincoln)
Silver	Martin Kennett (Port Lincoln)	Brenda Pentland (Aldinga)	Anne Wedding (Port Lincoln)
Bronze	Colleen Lane (Norwood)	Lorraine Powell (Mildura)	Lyn Best (Port Lincoln)

### Golf Croquet Doubles:

Medal	Event 1	Event 2
Gold	Colleen Lane & Ansi Baumanis (Norwood)	Terry Trudgen & Martin Kennett (Port Lincoln)
Silver	Bronwyn Richterjork (Murray Bridge) & Keith Ferguson (Salisbury)	Ann Hesse & Joan Thompson (Aldinga)
Bronze	Lyn Best & Colleen Kennett (Port Lincoln)	Helen Crosby (Kadina) & Karen Davidson (Mildura)

**Eileen Ferguson**

**Tatiara Masters Games Croquet Co-ordinator**



## SACA Silver Medal 6+

This event was held over the Anzac holiday weekend on the 24th and 25th April. The competition was scheduled to be a single round robin over 2 days for 10 players. A last-minute withdrawal meant that there was a bye round for each player over the competition.

The weather was perfect for playing croquet and the players stepped up and played some great croquet over the two days. At the end of day one, three players were at the top of the leader board but the second day would be the decider. Day two started well, with perfect weather again. As the day progressed the leader board narrowed.

The final outcome was decided after the very last game was played. The runner-up for the competition was Susan Dunsby (Holdfast Bay) and the winner was Lorraine McIntyre (Brighton) winning six out of nine games.

As a spectator, it was great to see all of the players making great shots during the whole competition. Many thanks to all of the referees who attended the competition over the two days.

Peter Martyniuk  
Hyde Park Croquet Club



## Association Croquet State Squad/Team Coach or Coaching Coordinator

Expressions of interest are sought for the position of State Coach, Association Croquet. Suitably qualified coaches should attach a proposed coaching programme with their application.

In the past, it has been difficult to generate any interest in this position, so we are also advertising for applicants for the following position:-

### **State Squad/Team Coaching Coordinator, Association Croquet.**

It is intended that the Coaching Coordinator will coordinate training sessions by

- inviting presenters with specific skills to address identified areas of need,
- recognise squad and team members who need to strengthen particular skills or tactical knowledge in their game and arrange for coaches to address those needs,
- organise mentors for a one-on-one connection with members of the squad or team, and so on.

Suitably qualified applicants should attach a summary of their proposed training program for the AC State Squad and the AC State Team.

Closing date for applications – Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Address applications to:

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## Gateball National Championship 2022

This year Hyde Park Croquet Club entered a team in the Australian Gateball Championships that was played from the 1st to 3rd April 2022 at the Gold Coast Performance Centre after a two-year Covid break.

One week out from the competition we were all wondering if the competition would even go ahead with heavy rain and flooding in the Gold Coast area. A day later we were advised that 2 of our team would not be able to travel due to Covid. Luckily, we had sufficient time for the competition organisers to find our team 2 fill-in players for the 2 days of the team competition. Barry Jennings, Barry Haydon, David Magee and Peter Martyniuk made the trip up north. Jim Nicholls (ACA President) played with our team for the warm up games and on the first day of team competitions and Keith McLeod (Queensland International gateball referee) played on the second.

On Friday the team arrived early at the Gold Coast Performance Centre to have a good look at the venue and get a bit of on-site practise. The courts were setup on a very lush rugby field in the middle of a running track. Most of our players had trouble hitting the ball from one side of the lawn to the other, let alone hitting a ball in a straight line.



Day one included the start of the doubles knockout competition. Our doubles pairs (created at the last moment) did not fair too well. Teams that were not playing were helping to score, referee or be lines people for other games. The day also included training sessions, initial team practice games, the Opening Ceremony and welcoming BBQ.

Day two was the start of the team's competition. Two blocks of eight teams started playing a single round robin format to populate the final play-off rounds. The doubles semi-finals and finals were

also played during the day. The Toronto doubles pair from NSW took out the doubles final 9 to 7 from the doubles team from Canberra, ACT.

Day three saw the completion of the teams round robin competition. Hyde Park placed third in our group of eight teams. With a little more skill and/or luck we could have placed in the top two teams of our block. In the finals round Hyde Park placed sixth out of sixteen teams. Many thanks to Barry Jennings for taking on the role of team captain/strategist, his skills helped us rank where we did in the competition. During the event Hyde Park did score the highest winning score when we played Eildon White (Qld) with a 23 to 8 win.

This year's championship winners were the Kew team from Victoria with a score of 11 to the Southport Red team from the host state Queensland with a score of 9. The venue and dates for the 2023 Australian Gateball Championships was announced during the final presentations. The next event will be held from the 7th to 10th September 2023 at the Twin City Croquet Club, Albury, NSW. So, there is plenty of time to learn all of the necessary gateball skills if you want to join a team for next Australian Championship competition.







## Victor Harbor GC Tournament

Victor Harbor Croquet Club recently held it's annual Golf croquet tournament. This is held every year in the first weeks of April, the dates dependent on Easter and school holidays.

Singles and Doubles are played and the blocks are based on handicap groups so players compete against their own handicap level.

This year there were groups from Ballarat and Port Lincoln as well as players from Adelaide clubs. It is always a good mixture of players and the visitors from interstate and country clubs make for interesting play.

The event also has a social aspect with meals at the club and a local hotel. The players commented on the quality of the lawns as well as the hospitality of the club.

Cash prizes are provided by sponsorship from MorganStanley Wealth Management as well as support and raffle prizes from many local businesses.

Kate Logan, tournament manager 2022



### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AC EVENTS COORDINATOR

I will be retiring at the AGM in October and seek the interest of a person/s to continue the role of AC Events Coordinator.

Please contact me for further information: [dianamh@bigpond.com](mailto:dianamh@bigpond.com)

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AC Events Coordinator  
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## Meningie Croquet Club

Wow what a beautiful setting this club has. It's right down close to Lake Albert and but is quite sheltered from the wind. They have a carpet surface which is fast but because the lawns are slightly modified, it is possible to have a certain amount of control as you don't have to move the balls as far, that's the theory anyway.

They organised a lovely morning tea for our visit and also welcomed a new member to the club. Dianne Henshall (President) told me they get most of their members by word of mouth and she puts articles plus results in the local paper. They have a healthy 25 members and have a very healthy number of male members. Men do tend to be happier joining clubs that are not entirely female (I wonder why). It certainly helps attracting people if your club is visible both geographically and publicity wise as well!



We thought Meningie was a beautiful spot and I've never seen as many pelicans in all my life. The emblem on the Meningie CC top is very apt and modern looking. They only play GC and said that they would welcome some coaching from SACA. We showed them Aussie Croquet and managed to confuse everyone!! They have had 'fun days' with South Terrace, Mt Barker and Murray Bridge and would like to start that up again now that Covid restrictions are easing.



Linda Kinch, Jan Williams, Dianne Henshall, Ian Williams

We found the members very friendly and Jan Williams (Secretary /Treasurer) was very chatty and informative about the club. They share facilities with the Bowling Club which is working well. We were invited by Miriam Smith and her husband to a BBQ at their home on the edge of the lake, it was truly lovely and we really hit it off with them. We weren't sure at first on how to pronounce Meningie and glad that 'golden staff' didn't come to mind! We most certainly will have a wee holiday there and travel around the area next time we go. Thank you to everyone who made us so welcome.

## Registration fees for new members—amended

Registration fees for the full year (1<sup>st</sup> Oct to 30<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Oct	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> July
Full City member	\$114.00	\$85.50	\$57.00	\$28.50
Full Country Member	\$ 75.00	\$56.25	\$37.50	\$18.75
Country Casual Member	\$ 38.00	\$28.50	\$19.00	\$ 9.50
Student Member	\$ 33.00	\$24.75	\$16.50	\$ 8.25
Juniors <18 (as at 1 <sup>st</sup> July)	Free			

### These figures are for the 2021-22 registration year only

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

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## Millicent Croquet Club

When we arrived at the Millicent CC with the caravan on the back, we looked over the wall and saw an absolute hive of activity!

I have met Tracie Duldig several times during tournaments and was really looking forward to seeing 'her' club. She is a very vibrant and hard working President and that enthusiasm has really spread to the troops. It is a big club with 35 members and growing all the time. It is very visible from the road which really makes a difference. People passing see a busy vibrant club and want to be a part of it. Success does most definitely breed success.



They play AC, GC, Aussie and Ricochet so there is a game to suit everyone. Tracie told me that she applies for every grant going and is usually successful. There are quite a number of volunteers who do good quality work for the club. She hadn't quite got a handle on the new sacroquet website but we had a look together and she saw how easy it was to get information about other clubs, tournaments etc. You just have to press the right buttons.

Tracie had an appointment later in the morning but organised to meet up with us for a coffee and a chat in the afternoon and was it was nice to hear about her hopes and aspirations for the club and the South East area and she has extended an invitation to Mt Gambier members to their forthcoming Gala Day.

Croquet clubs do have to work together to build the member base and also good healthy inter club competition. The Millicent members were very friendly and proud of their club as they most definitely should be. I assured Tracie and her committee that they were doing an outstanding job and to keep up the good work! Well done to everyone for making the Millicent CC a great place to be.

### Linda Kinch





## Know your Laws — Association Croquet R. C. Schotte

### When is a ball pegged out?

Roy is playing Red and Yellow. Red is on the peg, and Roy feels confident, having just made 4-back with Yellow resulting in a perfect rush on Red to penultimate.

He rushes Red to a good position in front of penultimate. In the croquet stroke, he puts Yellow six inches dead in front of the hoop with Red about a yard ahead as the reception ball. He runs penult with control, hoping to get a rush to rover hoop, but Yellow goes a little too far and roquets Red. Disappointed, Roy decides to go for broke and roll both balls to rover, hoping to get position to run rover with a chance to peg out and win the game.

He rolls for the hoop, but on the way, Red hits the peg, but Yellow travels on to run through rover perfectly and finishes two feet past the hoop. Roy can't believe his luck as he turns to see that Red has finished about two feet to the peg's left and is open. His eyes light up, and he hits the Red ball with his Yellow rover ball.

Roy is about to take croquet from the Red ball and then peg both balls out when his opponent Bob fore-stalls. 'Hang on, Roy, Red has been pegged out and is dead.'

'No,' says Roy, 'Yellow wasn't a rover ball when Red hit the peg because it had not run rover at that stage, so Red was still live.'

The referee is called to adjudicate, and rules that Bob is correct and Red is indeed pegged out. Why?

**Law 21.1.2 has the answer.** If the striker's ball is a rover ball, it may cause another rover ball to be pegged out by causing it to hit the peg as a consequence of a STROKE. A stroke ends when all balls have come to rest, so in the stroke that caused Red to hit the peg, Yellow became a rover ball, so Red was pegged out. Poor Roy had to leave his Yellow ball where it was, remove his Red ball and clip from the game, and end his turn. We don't know what happened next but let's hope Bob didn't roquet, make a big break, and eventually win the game. That would have made Roy's day!

## Know your Rules — Golf Croquet

### Kim Millhouse

#### Wrong Ball Play

You're playing blue and black but unfortunately play the Red ball by mistake. What is the penalty?

The rules of golf croquet

(5<sup>th</sup> edition 2018) states that there is no penalty.

You replace all balls moved and play the correct ball. (Replace and replay)

The rules further state that if any player (or referee, if present) believes that a wrong ball is about to be played, they are to forestall play and require that the correct ball is played.

#### 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.

Next Month we will look at what happens if you should have played the black ball but played the blue ball.





## UP COMING EVENTS.....

### Association Croquet

MAY 2 - 5	Naracoorte Tournament <b>Contact: Eugene Dunstan</b> <a href="mailto:enjdunstan@bigpond.com">enjdunstan@bigpond.com</a> <b>Ph: 8762 3703</b>
MAY 18 - 23	Tumby Bay Tournament. <b>Contact Garry Speed 0427 881 020</b>
JUNE 14 - 16	Lewis Badge 6+ & Maslen Brooch 6+.
JULY 16 - 17	Selector`s Invitation (Invitation only)
AUGUST 9 - 11	J F Harvey Bronze Medal 14+
AUGUST 20-21	President`s Trophy (Invitation only)
AUGUST 21	Crystal Brook Croquet Club Gala Day <b>Contact Erica Young 0429679245 Cost \$20</b>

### Golf Croquet

MAY 1—2	Women`s Championship 2022 <b>Entries via SA Croquet website</b>
MAY 5	Murray Bridge Gala Day RSVP 26th April <b>Contact</b> <a href="mailto:bronwyn43@hotmail.com">bronwyn43@hotmail.com</a> <b>or 0417057001</b>
MAY 9	Victor Harbor Gala Day RSVP 1st May <b>Contact Kate Logan</b> <a href="mailto:kate.logan@adam.com.au">kate.logan@adam.com.au</a>
MAY 17	5+ Autumn Singles
MAY 19	SA Gold Medal qualifying event, if required
MAY 21— 23	SA Gold Medal <b>Entries via SA Croquet website Entries close 4th May</b>
MAY 23	Mt Barker Gala Day <b>Contact Eric Klenke Ph 83911808 or</b> <b>terrance.thiele@bigpond.com</b>
MAY 31	5+ Autumn Singles
JUNE 8—9	Doubles combined 8+ <b>Entries via SA Croquet website Entries close 24th May</b>
JUNE 9—13	MCMF 19 Point Tournament Kingston Tasmania. <b>Entries close 18th May</b>

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

**Port Pirie Croquet Club will be celebrating their  
100th Birthday on the long weekend in  
October 2023.**

The dates would be Saturday, September 30 and Sunday 1st October 2023.

They will be offering both AC and Golf croquet.



Please put this in your diaries now as a reminder.

The Port Pirie Croquet Club hope you will be able to join in with the celebration of this very important occasion.



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