



HOOP POINTS

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South Australian GC Women's Championship May 2nd –3rd

The 2022 South Australian Woman's Singles Croquet Tournament was held at Hutt Road over two days on the 2nd and 3rd of May 2022. The event was managed by Holdfast Bay Croquet Club with thanks to Paul, Helen, Roger, Susan, Margaret and Jānis.



Eight very skilful women played seven games each on each of the tournament days. All games were of one hour duration. The weather was spectacular with a cool start warming up to the early 20's with bright sunny skies. The tournament was of a very high standard befitting this competition and some exceptional croquet was witnessed.

This tournament was also used as one of the competitions to select the Woman's State team.

After two days of exhausting competition, Kate Logan was the winner with 11 wins and +21 hoops, with Karen McGee the runner up with 10 games and +20 hoops. The results indicate how closely the competition was fought.



Congratulations to them both but also congratulations must go to all the competitors.

A special thanks also to the referees (Ansi Baumanis, Robert Weaver, Carolyn Cooper, Kim Millhouse & unofficially Graeme Thomas) who assisted on both days of the tournament.

Roger Zeuner. Holdfast Bay Croquet Club.

Block	Wins	Losses	Net Hoops
Kate Logan (Victor Harbour)	11	3	+21
Karen Magee (Brighton)	10	4	+20
Virginia Arney (Norwood)	8	6	+7
Anna Woodhouse (Brighton)	8	6	+1
Norma Greig (North Adelaide)	7	7	-1
Julianne Jago (South Terrace)	4	10	-10
Helen Cook (Norwood)	4	10	-14
Bernie Pflizer (Victor Harbour)	4	10	-24

The final score card.

* Results are list Win % then Net Hoops order. This may not represent the tournament regulations on determin

Kate Logan (right) and Karen McGee receive their certificates from Jānis Sala (Event Manager HBCC)



Autumn 9+ Singles GC Tournament— April 26th

The final day of the Autumn 9+ Singles, was played in such a good spirit, where all the players played some very hard fought matches.

At the presentation this was displayed, when all the players expressed how they enjoyed playing in the tournament against each other.

They gave thanks to both John Arney and Ansi Baumanis the referees for being there, and doing such a good job.

When asked if there was anything that could have enhanced the tournament; they would have liked to see more players in the event.

Overall it was a good finals day.

Pat Semmens Norwood Croquet Club



Winner: MARY MURPHY
Runner/Up LAURA EDEN

Naracoorte AC Tournament 2nd—5th May

The Naracoorte Tournament has come and gone quite successfully. With only 3 courts our target is 21 players however with several withdrawals we finished up with 15. Three groups of 5 played 2 round robins for each group. The first round robin was level play and the second handicap, as the handicap range in each group was large. Only one player ventured over the border.

Although the weather forecast was for rain most days there were only a couple of showers. In fact the weather was quite good for Naracoorte.

Competition was good and the handicap round made for some different results in the second round.

Winner of Group 1 was Ken Bald. Runner up was Greg Rowberry.

Winner of Group 2 was Mary Bishop. Runner up was Gary Bishop.

Winner of Group 3 was Tracie Duldig. Runner up was Judy Lipsett.

We would like to thank all of the players who came to our tournament and made it such an enjoyable event.



Group 1 winner
Ken Bald



Group 2 winner Mary Bishop



Group 3 winner Tracie Duldig

South Australian GC Gold Medal May 21st—23rd

A starting field of twelve was soon reduced to nine due to injury and illness. The competitors were Julianne Jago, Anne Woodhouse, Norma Grieg, Mark Senior, Robert Brown, Ansi Baumanis, Karen Magee and Steve Condous.

The weather was fantastic right across the three days. All matches were keenly contested and played with good sportsmanship.

The referees were Kim Millhouse, Robert Weaver, Bernie Pfitzner, Graeme Thomas and Kevin LePoidevin.



North Adelaide managed the event with many people volunteering over the three days. This contributed to the smooth running of the event and the up to date scoring.

After two days the competitors were split into two groups. One group played in a round robin series. The 'play off' group including Steve, Mark, Ansi and Barry played for the 1st to 4th positions.

This culminated in an exciting three match series between Steve Condous and Mark Senior. At 2 games all, and on the 13th hoop, Mark made the deciding shot with a long angled jump!

Congratulations to the winner, Mark Senior and runner-up, Steve Condous. Ansi Baumanis followed in third place, with Barry Jennings placing 4th.



More images from the Gold Medal later in this issue.

Kadina Croquet Club - Linda Kinch

Well, I haven't had to travel far at all to visit this club as I live in Kadina and am the current President. We are a very large club with 69 members. The heart of the Kadina Croquet Club is the social Thursday morning session when we regularly have between 35 and 45 attending all out playing Aussie and Golf Croquet. Each week we award a 'Shot of the Day' badge for anyone who has done a spectacular shot, a round the corner shot or just a plain fluky shot. We sometimes have several recipients and they wear their badge with pride during the break. We are a very social club and many of our members, who do not have a family close by, do get great comfort and enjoy making new friendships by belonging to the KCC.

Every week of the year, we run 2 dedicated AC sessions, 2 GC sessions and 2 Aussie sessions and encourage everyone to attend. On the 1st Thursday of each month, we have a Mix 'n' Play session where we draw names out of a hat and create random partnerships. This has proved very successful and introduces all sorts of different playing styles and strategies and as a result, many of our milder mannered members have discovered that they do possess a competitive streak and find it quite exhilarating.

Members have 365 days a year access to the club. All we ask is that they lock up afterwards! Because we are such a large club, we have enough volunteers to more or less be self-sufficient although unfortunately younger men are a bit thin on the ground and the green keeping might soon have to be partly paid for. I must say that the standard of work done by our willing members is extremely high, we are so very, very lucky in this regard.

Despite the success of the club, we are struggling to attract members to AC and as a result of the low numbers plus illness and other commitments. We have only been able to field one team this season for our NYPCA Pennants. Kadina did win this year's competition.

We were awarded the top Level 4 Star Club status in 2019 and also won the Copper Coast 'Community Club of the Year' in 2019. It was a good year! The KCC is very grateful to the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing for grants received which enabled us, amongst other projects, to renew all our hoops, balls, clips and pegs in time for the 2021 SA Masters Games and we look forward to hosting this croquet event once again next year.

Our age range is 54 – 94 and we have a few members with disability who all play on equal terms with everyone else! We love having visitors and the area is an easy drive from Adelaide. Why not try visiting the Copper Triangle Towns, playing croquet at 3 different venues (Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo) and experiencing what each unique town and club has to offer.



Articles on Moonta and Wallaroo Croquet clubs will be included in next month's issue of Hoop Points.

Left—Di Flowers, Julie Arthur, Jenny Lydeamore, Maureen Krieg, Margie Davies.
Right—Linda Kinch, Ellie Webb, Kathy Snodgrass, Helen Rodda.
Absent: Marie Smith.

Coobowie Croquet Club Inc – April 2022 Mary Bishop

The Coobowie Croquet Club originally formed in 1932 where the playing surface was skimps from Moonta Mines. The court was opened by the mayor of Edithburgh, Mr J Richardson on Sept 24th, 1932. Surrounding clubs were invited to attend opening:- Minlaton, Yorketown, Stansbury, Oaklands & Edithburgh.

In 1935 the club had 32 subscribers (members). Then in Sept 1969, the skimps were replaced with lawn by the four male members of the club.

In 69/70 the club commenced holding a yearly Art and Craft display, which helped to fund the costs associated with the lawn court. The event grew to not only be a successful fundraiser, but an annual district event. The Art Show ran until 96/97 season and was taken over by another local organisation, which still holds a form of the show, to this day.

Yorketown then closed their lawn in the 2004/05 season and joined with Coobowie. This amalgamation was short lived, as several original Coobowie members advised they were leaving the district and the remaining members felt they could not maintain the facility alone. Coobowie lawn was surrendered to the council, sold for housing blocks and the funds distributed to local sporting clubs. The club's final meeting was held on 9th September 2006.



Coobowie Premiership team 1973/74 season
Herb Short (no hat)
Doris and Keith Algie
and C Rattley

Edithburgh club, which formed in 1924 and was officially opened on 13th December 1924. In 1940 the club took leave from the SYP Association, for the duration of the war. The club was reformed in 1945 and re-opened in 1946 until its eventual closure in 1994. The site of the original Edithburgh croquet court is now a playground.

The Coobowie members who had left the district eventually returned, however, with no lawn available, played within the NYP association for several seasons. With the need to have a lawn to practice on, closer to home, they approached the Edithburgh RSL and Bowls club to seek permission to practice on their green. Hitting only to begin with, eventually having above ground hoops made (we had to get someone to put their foot on the hoop, whilst it was being made), then graduating to bowling green hoops, the greens keeper pronounced that we were not damaging his lawn and they were happy for us to use one of their greens. Due to increased fuel costs and personal family circumstances, we no longer were in a position to travel to NYP, so held an informal discussion and muted rejoining Croquet SA.

As Edithburgh club had never been incorporated and Coobowie still was, plus all the past records were to hand, it was easier to re-instate Coobowie with CroquetSA than try to deal with the Edithburgh situation.

The first meeting was held on 9th September 2018, to reinstate the Coobowie club (note, unintentionally on the same date that the final meeting was held in 2006). Coobowie was officially reaffiliated with CroquetSA on the 1st October, 2018, with four registered AC players.

We currently have 6 registered AC players and one country casual registered player. Four of our members are once again playing in the NYP association and past Edithburgh player, Robyn Short, is the current number 1 lady in SA.

We do not have a clubroom, but the Bowls club built us a small shed, just large enough for our equipment, for which we are very grateful. We assist the greens keeper when requested and have a very amicable relationship with him. Annual fees are paid to the Bowls club.

During the Bowls season, we can only utilise the court when not required, but generally aim to practice on a Sunday morning. During the off season we can use the lawn at our convenience.

Over the years Coobowie and Edithburgh have seen several past members attain impressive rankings and been selected to represent the state. Herb Short played for Coobowie for many years, winning gold, silver and bronze medals competing in state/national events in the late 60's/early 70's, until his health failed him.

After Herb's passing, the SYP Association held a Herb Short Memorial tournament annually from 1981 until 2003, which was originally for local players, but eventually opened to all. Many past and present players may remember entering this tournament.

More recently David and Robyn Short, both past Edithburgh players, were selected to play for SA in the national Eire Cup in Sydney. Interestingly, in 1985/86 season Edithburgh saw the first grandparent/grandchildren team, playing beside their grandparents Eileen and Tipper Stehbens.



Eileen Stehbens, Tipper Stehbens and Robyn Short.

David Short,

Brother and Sister Play in the Eire Cup in Sydney

Past players of the Edithburgh Croquet Club, Robyn and David Short represented South Australia in the Eire Cup in Sydney in March this year. It is a state versus state team competition. The South Australian team finished fourth, this year.

Robyn is currently a member of the Coobowie Croquet Club, which is grateful to utilise the greens at the Edithburgh RSL and Bowls Club, as their home court.

David is a member of the Norwood Croquet Club and it was the first time David had been selected in the South Australian team. He, and his partner, were successful in two of their double matches and David won, one of his singles games. This was well done, considering he was elevated to the position of number one man, due to the top three men being unable to take their place in the team, this year. David is currently ranked as number 39 in Australia, after returning to the game for just four years after a lengthy break away from it.

This is however Robyn's sixth year in the South Australian team, competing to win the Eire Cup. As SA's number one lady, Robyn played number one in the competition. Whilst she and her partner had some very close doubles matches, they were not successful, however, with 50% wins in her singles matches and a 21 to 26 loss to Australia's number one lady, Robyn put in a very respectable performance for her team and State. Robyn is ranked as number 6 lady, in Australia.

Here are some more photos taken at the 2022 Eire Cup in Sydney, courtesy of John Stokes.



Tumby Bay Croquet Club AC tournament 2022

Our annual tournament just gets better every year. The competition is strong and enjoyed by all in great fellowship. Thank you to you all who travelled across the state to enjoy our hospitality.



President Karyn Speed presenting Division 3 winner Garry Speed



Images and report kindly provided by Karyn Speed.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - AC EVENTS COORDINATOR/S

I will be retiring at the AGM in October.

AC Events can be managed in four areas:

Special Medals, Division Singles, Doubles

Weekend Pennants

Night Singles

Night Doubles

ASSOCIATION CROQUET MUST GO FORWARD INTO 2023

To enable this to happen a person, people or even a club or small committee need to consider managing one or more of the events. You may have ideas to change an event (Not the Special Medals or Division Singles) or introduce a new event.

Please contact me for further information: dianamh@bigpond.com

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Croquet SA's Strategic Plan

The Strategic Planning Working Group met together for the first time in late May to start the development of the Strategic Plan. The group consists of people from all sectors of croquet in SA; both disciplines and locations. Wallace Long from C2M Consulting will lead the planning process.

Listed below are the group members...

Ansi Baumanis
Roger Buddle
Geoff Crook
Tracie Duldig
Barry Haydon

Sally Harper
Linda Kinch
Lyn Parnell
Mick Reidy
Mark Senior



There will be opportunities for everyone in our community to contribute—stay tuned.



Rules articles

In last month's issue the AC scenario describing pegging out was incorrect. (Refer to Law 22.1.2) We apologise for any confusion and would like to thank those that brought the error to our attention. I would like to also sincerely thank those who contributed scenarios to illustrate croquet rules.

UP COMING EVENTS.....

Golf Croquet

JUNE 4	Pennants
JUNE 8—9	Doubles combined 8+ Entries have closed
JUNE 11—13	ACA Bronze Medal, the winner represents South Australia in the ACA Gold Medal played in Adelaide Wed 7th - 9th September at Hutt Road
JUNE 18	Pennants
June 29-30	Doubles Individual 9+
JULY 9	Pennants
JULY 6 - 7	Doubles Individual 5+
JULY 19— 21	Singles 3+
JULY 23	Pennants
JULY 27 - 28	Handicap Doubles

Association Croquet

JUNE 14 - 16	Lewis Badge 6+ & Maslen Brooch 6+.
JUNE 21-24	Hatwell Gold Medal 3+
JULY 8 - 10	Hyde Park/ Alfred James Tournament
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 Contact Erica Young 0429679245 Cost \$20

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

South Australian GC Gold Medal May 21st—23rd

Images provided by Trevor Lapham.



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