



HOOP POINTS

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AC - Lewis Badge 2022

Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 June saw the competition for the 2022 Lewis Badge. The first day was cloudy and partially sunny, followed by a second day of cloud and rain. But the Lewis Badge was played in wonderful spirit.

Steve Templeton started off brilliantly on the first day, bagging two wins. However, Phil Bateman gradually crept up behind him, and the final result was not known until the last game ended at 5pm on the second day, when Phil overtook Shane Kelly in the dying stages of their game.

That resulted in three wins each to Phil and Steve, with Phil finishing the winner on net hoops: Phil +14 to Steve +7.

An exciting tournament was experienced by the competitors, managed by North Adelaide Croquet Club.

Roger Harris
North Adelaide Croquet Club

L to R: Steve Templeton (Victor Harbor), Phil Bateman (Norwood) and Shane Kelly (Salisbury).



New GC Rules Start 1st July 2022 - Anne Woodhouse

The rules have changed again but this time nothing much has changed.

To get you started, you need to know that when you **toss for the start of the game** you now have the choice of starting first or second. Whoever goes first plays with the Blue and Black balls and whoever goes second (even if you have won the toss) plays with the Red and Yellow balls.

Another rule change is for **successive ball play**. Eg Blue plays (correct ball) and then Black plays (not their turn). Blue's stroke stands and Black's is annulled (as if it had not happened) ie Black is put back where it was (and any balls it may have hit) and then the correct ball (Red) is played. Black then plays ie does not miss a turn.



New court at Aldinga Croquet club named after Stalwart Couple

Sunny skies graced Aldinga Bay Croquet Club in April as we gathered to honour one of the stalwart couples of our club. Bob and Carol Mc Millan were some of the earliest players in our club. They have willingly mentored newcomers in play . They have assisted in the negotiations for building, and maintenance of the courts. Also they have been involved in the management of our club, including managing our major income stream, the manning of the beach ramps.

SACA president Lynette Parnell spoke kindly of the couple including her own treasured memories of Bob and Carol, before our founder, Dean Paterson, proposed a toast to them . The new McMillan Court was then unveiled to the enthusiastic applause of guests followed by a hearty country morning tea. Other special guests included Councillor Richard Peat and Sponsor Claire Neylon.

It is people like Bob and Carol who work tirelessly, consistently and uncomplainingly that make up the backbone of our croquet clubs and the many other clubs and organisations throughout Australia. Aldinga Bay Croquet Club salutes them.

Carolyn Cooper



(L to R) Dean Paterson, Lynn Parnell, Bob and Carol McMillan

GC State Team announced

On behalf of the GC Selection Committee, I wish to announce the team which will compete for the Inter-State Shield (ISS) during September this year. The championships will be held in Adelaide 14 – 18 September at Hutt Road (& South Terrace), Norwood and North Adelaide. This is the second time that the championships will be held in Adelaide (the first was in 2014).

All members are encouraged to assist with the smooth running of the Championships – there will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer for tasks – keep an eye out for them.

We wish the team well in their preparations.

MEN	CLUB	WOMEN	CLUB
Dwayne McCormick	Norwood	Kate Logan (Captain)	Victor Harbor
Stephen Condous	Hyde Park	Karen Magee	Brighton
Heath Jackson (VC)	Hyde Park	Virginia Arney	Norwood
Barry Jennings	Hyde Park	Anne Woodhouse	Brighton
Barry Haydon (Coach)	Hyde Park	Norma Greig	North Adelaide
Mark Senior (Res)	Hyde Park	Helen Cook (Res)	Norwood

Graeme Thomas
Chair,
State GC Selection Panel



M E Hatwell Gold Medal

The Hatwell Gold Medal is for players with handicaps of three or more. You can read the history behind the M E Hatwell gold medal on the Croquet SA website under History/Medal History. The event for 2022 was held on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd of June.

The competition attracted six entrants; of the six, four were from the country, two travelling from Tumbay Bay (Garry Speed and Terry Catling), one from Kadina (Malcolm Kinch) and one from Victor Harbor (Shirley Howlett). The other two were Liz Mackenzie and James Temlett.

The format was a single round-robin over the two days, with two games on the first day and three on the second day. The weather, considering the time of the year, was not too bad, with just a few showers. Unfortunately, James Temlett was not well after the first day and had to withdraw.

Three games were drawn when the bell rang and decided on the next hoop, and Terry Catling reduced his handicap to 4.5 after his first game. The overall winner was Shirley Howlett, who won all her games, and the runner-up was Garry Speed.

Roger Buddle



Autumn Singles Tournament for 5+

The two day Autumn Singles Tournament for 5+ handicaps was held at Hutt Road on the 17th and 31 May.

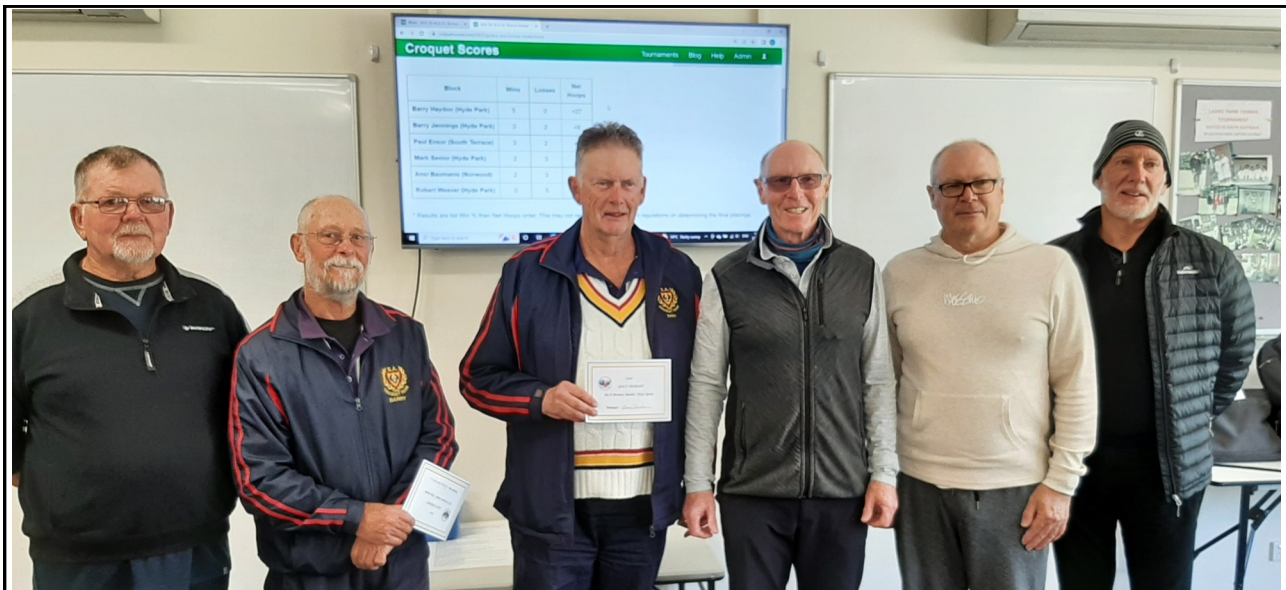
A small but competitive field of six players vied to pull back an early lead by Russell Agardi from Millswood after the first day.

Russell maintained composure despite his lead being cut back to eventually edge out Lorraine McIntyre from Brighton and win the tournament by 8 games to 7.

The tournament was played in good spirit despite some indifferent weather. Thank you to all volunteers from South Terrace for managing a very successful tournament with special thanks to Julianne Jago, Anne Woodhouse and Kim Millhouse as referees.

Paul Ensor
Tournament Manager





ACA Bronze Medal

The ACA bronze medal was played in cold conditions. A large group of spectators attended, rugged up in fur lined parkas, gloves and hoodies .

On the other hand, croquet was hot. The cream of Adelaide's golf croquet community played matches of best of three untimed games.

Ansi took full advantage of this format, playing nine untimed games on the first day.

The eventual winner was Barry Haydon. He kept his composure, weathered some tumultuous battles and won with a total of 5 matches.

Barry Jennings came second and exhibited some magnificent croquet skills. In his match against Ansi the match score was Ansi one game to Barry J zero. Barry J ran the 12th hoop to make the score 6 all. Ansi put in a perfect approach to the 13th One shot for the match. Barry roqueted Ansi's ball from 25+ yards. Not just clipping Ansi's ball, hitting it smack in the middle.

Just one example of some brilliant croquet played by all players. If this was an example of what we can expect when the national titles come to town, look out Vic. Qld. NSW. etc.

Many thanks to Bernie, Anne and Karen who were referees for the event. The event was managed by a host of volunteers from the Millswood Croquet Club.

Kim Millhouse
Millswood Croquet Club



Wallaroo Croquet Club

The Wallaroo CC is unique in that it is part of The Wallaroo Community Sporting Clubs complex. They share the facilities with a huge Bowls club and Golf Club. They have about 12 members and take their turn working mainly in the kitchen for events that the Community Club hosts in the large entertainment area.

The Wallaroo ladies do have a home advantage playing on the artificial lawn but find it very difficult to hit the ball hard enough when playing on grass. Of course, the obvious benefit of an artificial surface is that no watering or cutting is required, however some maintenance is necessary and Secretary Jacqui Riley and Club Captain Di Paull have taken this task on board. The surface has been down for 11 years and is starting to show signs of age, with mould being a major problem especially on Lawn 1 which does not get much sunshine. The question of replacing the lawn at an approximate cost of \$180,000 is a discussion they will be having with the Centre's Management Committee in the near future.

They play Association Croquet and have been able to field two teams in the NYPCA Pennants. Wallaroo White were Runners Up in this year's competition, well done ladies! They have a group of 'social players' who gather on Thursday evenings and are trying to get them interested in coming to their daytime practices. It's really quite amazing to have three croquet clubs in such a small geographical area, all with different challenges and identities.

The Wallaroo ladies would make you very welcome at their club and you would soon find out exactly how much control you have of the ball! Wallaroo is a port town and it's interesting watching the boats and also the cargo ships which collect the grain and take it overseas. There is also a ferry which goes to Lucky Bay on the Eyre Peninsula and it is good fun watching it berth, especially when it hits the jetty! The main street has several cafes and a very popular 'Bond Store' which serves up various blends of Gin along with other beverages and food. Like all of the Yorke Peninsula the population is growing rapidly with new developments and it's lovely driving around The Marina and looking at all the different styles of houses. North Beach is a truly great place to sit and watch the sun go down and you can drive your car onto the beach so no need to lug heavy seats and picnic stuff. Wallaroo has a rich maritime history which is showcased in the Nautical Museum. The Copper Triangle is well worth a visit and throw in a game or 3 of croquet, what could be better! The details of all the clubs are on the sacroquet.com.au or alternatively give me a call if you want more information.

Linda Kinch



Four new Level 1 Golf Croquet Coaches in South Australia

Recently, we had four new Level 1 GC Coaches accredited at Hutt Road.

Roger Zeuner of Holdfast Bay, Warwick O'Brien of South Terrace, and Noel Spooner and Jim Carter, both of North Adelaide, received their Level 1 accreditation under the guidance of State GC Team Coach, Barry Haydon, and State GC Coaching Co-ordinator, Mick Reidy.



Four newly minted Level 1 GC Coaches showing off their Level 1 Badges
From Left: Noel Spooner, Roger Zeuner, Mick Reidy (State GC Co-ordinator), Warwick O'Brien and Jim Carter

The Level 1 session takes about 3 hours to run through the course with both course notes in the classroom and coaching activities on the lawns. The four new Coaches will now be able to provide coaching to new and learning players to Golf Croquet at each of their Clubs.

If your Club would like to have some members become accredited GC Coaches, please contact Mick Reidy on 0413 298 301.

Doubles Combined 8+

The recent Combined 8+ Doubles was won by Ann Millhouse and Karen Magee with close competition from runners-up Ansi Baumanis and Colleen Lane. This event brought out some interesting pairs as a lower handicap player could team with a higher handicap partner for the combined handicap of 8 or more. This gave the larger handicap players a chance to play with more experienced partners and opponents. Despite the cold and windy wintry weather, the event was played in good spirits aided by the absence of rain that threatened at times.



Winners—Karen Magee and Ann Millhouse

Kate Logan, event manager



Runners up Ansi Baumanis and Colleen Lane

CAN YOU HELP?

SEPTEMBER 7th to 18th 2022

AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Attention all Croquet players, your help is needed to assist with ensuring the smooth running of the forthcoming **Golf Croquet Championships** to be held at SACA HQ and 7 metropolitan clubs from **7th to 18th September 2022**.

Croquet SA thanks the clubs which have agreed to host matches during the championships but needs the help of other clubs and individual members to make these exciting events a resounding success.

The organising committee has been working very hard to lay the foundations for a successful and vibrant event; however, the time has now arrived where the organisers need some help from clubs and individual players to tie it all together.

It is anticipated that clubs which are not directly involved in the event will be requested to provide help-ers for catering and other duties for at least 1 day during either the singles (10th to 13th September) or The Interstate Shield event (14th to 18th September) if sufficient volunteers are not forthcoming.

Volunteers are needed to assist with making the event run smoothly at SACA. Please consider the positions and duties and then contact Eileen Ferguson, chair of the organising team (email: wooley17@outlook.com phone: 0447 171 109) and advise day/ time/ frequency etc of availability when you can help or if you would like further information. Listed below are some of the volunteering opportunities available.

Volunteer position	Job description
VENUE MANAGER at SACA for the INTERSTATE SHIELD	Assume responsibility for the running of the event at SACA (14 th – 18 th September)
HOOP SETTER(S) at SACA	Set hoops each day to required specifications by 7-30 am. Be available at SACA to adjust hoops throughout the day.
Catering assistants	Help with food preparation & sale. General kitchen duties.
Bar assistants	Assist with selling alcoholic drinks & bar operation at several functions during the championships. Must be RSA certified.
General assistant/troubleshooter	Help out wherever needed as directed by Venue Manager/Organising committee person
Food supplier	Provide homemade baking for use by catering team at SACA
Flag raising & lowering personnel	Raise flags each am & lower each pm Knowledge of flag etiquette useful

I look forward to hearing from many, many volunteers by 31st July 2022, so that schedules can be drawn up in plenty of time prior to the event.

Eileen Ferguson

For the Organising Team

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

Di Helier

AC Events Coordinator

Moonta Memorial Croquet Club



The Moonta Memorial Croquet Club, to give it its full name, has approximately 20 members and like most clubs is located right next to the Bowling Club. They use the same building but do have their 'own space' where they display the Honour and Life Members' Boards.

President Robyn Sparrow and Secretary Sharon Pedler are 2 very keen and forward thinking young members who, as well as having good ideas, are also quite prepared to get their hands dirty working on their lawn maintenance. They do have a groundsman who cuts the grass.

[Sharon Pedler, Robyn Sparrow, Barb Hartley, Deb McPharlin, Lynne Thompson.](#)

Association, Golf and a bit of Aussie are played and they are also trying Ricochet and a fun game called Pirates! With this large choice, I think everyone would be catered for whether looking for a serious or social game. The Moonta CC is very fortunate to have, included in their membership, 2 state players and 1 former state player as well as 2 very experienced players who all travel up from the Southern YP to compete. They are passing on their knowledge and expertise to the new up and coming AC members and Moonta managed to field 2 teams in this year's NYPCA Pennant Competition. These generous players have been very fair with their novice partners by not hogging the play and giving them great encouragement. What a fantastic opportunity for these beginners and for the growth and development of the club.

The MCC shared hosting the 2021 SA Masters Games with Kadina and it worked well with the large number of entries and the need for extra lawns. I've only mentioned a couple of the working members but this club is not short of volunteers as they are attracting younger players and should be congratulated for that.

The Moonta Croquet Club has a proud history and is fortunate enough to still have some of the older Life Members living in the town and attending events at the club. Barb Bagshaw at the tender age of 90 is currently still a member of the Pennants team. Not only does this club have younger people at the helm, it can also learn and seek advice from stalwarts of the past which is a great combination for any organization.

Moonta is an historic and award winning town and as well as a couple of games of croquet, visitors would have no trouble at all with sight seeing and also fitting in some retail therapy along with a delicious meal at the end of a busy day! Moonta Bay and Port Hughes are absolutely on the doorstep and are very popular spots for fishing off the jetty as well as having nice restaurants overlooking the gulf.

Moonta has a special atmosphere all of its own and the Croquet Club is part of that history. It's a great spot for a wee break away.

Linda Kinch

UP COMING EVENTS.....

Association Croquet

JULY	8 - 10	Hyde Park/ Alfred James Tournament
JULY	11-14	Division 2 Singles
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
OCTOBER	1-3	Open Men`s and Women`s Singles Championship
OCTOBER	22-23	CB Sharp
NOV	1-3	Division 3 8+ Singles
NOV	5-6	ACA Bronze Medal (Invitation only)
NOV	8-11	Alternate Stroke Handicap Doubles

Golf Croquet

JULY	9	Pennants
JULY	6 - 7	Doubles Individual 5+
JULY	19– 21	Singles 3+
JULY	23	Pennants
JULY	27 - 28	Handicap Doubles
AUGUST	2 – 3	Handicap Singles
AUGUST	4–7	Brighton Armstrong Challenge Contact anewoodhouse4@gmail.com
AUGUST	23	Combined Doubles 20+
AUGUST	29	Victor Harbor Gala Day Contact Kate Logan kate.logan@adam.com.au
SEPT	7–9	ACA Gold/ Silver Medals
SEPT	10–13	ACA Men`s and Women`s Singles
SEPT	14–18	ACA interstate Shield
SEPT	19	Spring Aggregate 24+
SEPT	20,27	Spring Single 5+
SEPT	22, 29	Spring Singles 9+
SEPT	26	Spring Aggregate 24+

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

New Clubrooms at Millswood

The new clubrooms are well underway at Millswood. An enthusiastic group of club members welcomed local member Jayne Stinson to present the state government`s generous contribution to the building project. The 99 year old building no longer meets the needs of the 21st century.

The club will celebrate their 100th birthday in November with a garden party.



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