



HOOP POINTS

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Golf Croquet Championships 2022

After months of planning the Golf Croquet National Championships arrived and so did the rain and more rain.

The first event (7th -9th September) was the ACA Gold and Silver Medals, contested by all the ACA Bronze Medallists from around the country . The competitors were Barry Haydon (SA), Greg Bury (Qld), Brett McHardy (WA), Jamie Gumbrell (NSW), Stephen Forster (Vic) and Phil Roach (Tas). This event was a round robin of best of 3 matches, played over 3 days. At the end of the round robin two players were tied on 4 matches each. Brett McHardy and Barry Haydon then had to fight it out to decide the Gold and Silver Medallist. In the end Brett McHardy won the Gold, leaving our own Barry Haydon to receive the Silver. Congratulations to both players. The medals were presented by Jim Clements, secretary of ACA just prior to the BBQ which was held on Friday 9th September.



The Super Sopper in action, dealing with some of the water on the lawns.



From 10th to 13th September the Open Men's and Women's Singles were played at SACA and seven other near city venues. As these events had not been held since 2019, due to Covid-19, entries were at an all time high, with 48 men and 51 women participating.

The men's blocks were played at Hyde Park, Brighton, Millswood and North Adelaide, while the women's blocks were contested at SACA/South Tce, Norwood and Glenunga. After two days the sixteen players going into both knockout events were decided. The remaining competitors were offered the chance to play in the Plate competition along with several "plate only" entrants.

Winners of the Gold and Silver Medal, Brett McHardy (WA) and Barry Haydon (SA)

GC Championships 2022 continued

The final results were:

Men: 1st Gary Phipps(WA), 2nd Ross Rillie (Qld), 3rd Marty Clarke (WA), 4th Barry Jennings (SA)

Women: 1st Jamie Gumbrell (NSW), 2nd Elaine Coverdale (Vic), 3rd Kate McLoughlin (NSW) 4th Liz Montague (NSW). All results are available on croquetscores.com

The “Sauce Bottle”, Ladies Cup and other awards were presented at the Welcome/Teams Presentation Function held at Unley Park Sports Club on 13th September.

Wednesday 14th September saw the start of the WCF Interstate Shield Competition, played at SACA/South Tce, North Adelaide and Norwood. Teams from all states battled it out for supremacy over the next 5 days. At the start of the final day of competition three teams were in contention to win the coveted shield. NSW were eventual winners on a count back from WA, with SA finishing in third place. Presentations took place at the event dinner held at Rydges Skyline Restaurant.

We were plagued by incessant rain and cold miserable weather and struggled to keep the lawns playable but were blessed to see many close games and some excellent croquet played. Even the mascots got into the act with some “Hanky Panky.” The competitors were impressed with our facilities and liked the closeness of the venues to the city.

Thanks to all participating venues and their teams of volunteers. Without these people there would be no competition. Special thanks to the members of the Organising Team for their hard work and dedication for many months to bring these events to fruition. Please give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done!

Eileen Ferguson
Tournament Manager
GC Championships Adelaide 2022



Winners of the Open Men's and Women's Singles, Gary Phipps (WA) and Jamie Gumbrell (NSW) with Mayor of Unley, Michael Hewitson.





Sincere **thank you** to Eileen Ferguson , pictured above, for her organisation and coordination of the recent Interstate events held in Adelaide.

Top right—Paul Ensor and Ansi Baumanis,
Below—Barry Haydon ; Kate Logan
Bottom—SA's State team





Photos taken by David Magee (Thank you) Clockwise starting top left.... Jamie Gumbrell (NSW); Anne Woodhouse (SA); Barry Jennings (SA) and Marty Clark ; Julianne Jago (JJ) (SA); Gold and Silver Medal players (Jamie Gumbrell (NSW), Barry Haydon (SA), Greg Bury (Qld), Stephen Forster (Vic) and Phil Roach (Tas) Brett McHardy (WA)) ; Mark Senior (SA)

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MacRobertson Shield

CAIRNLEA MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA 2022



Sir MACPHERSON ROBERTSON 1859-1945

AUSTRALIA entrepreneur and philanthropist

Born in Ballarat. Set up confectionery business at home which eventually grew to 'MacRobertson's'

1913 donated his property for croquet use

1925 established MacRobertson Shield

1929 financed an Antarctica Expedition

1933 contributed to Melbourne Centenary celebrations and the establishment of MacRobertson Girls High

1934 co-founded an airline and sponsored London to Melbourne air race



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2022 MACROBERTSON SHIELD

...CAN THE TEAM KEEP THE SHIELD?

Robert
Fletcher
WR 1

Malcolm
Fletcher

Ian
Dumergue
WR 30



Visit the World Croquet Federation website for Chris Clarke's evaluation of the teams:

<https://bit.ly/3NAsa1a>

Edward
Wilson
WR 8

Dwayne
McCormick
WR 21

Stephen
Forster
WR 45

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ENGLAND, NEW ZEALAND

UNITED STATES

SAVE THE DATE

12 – 29 November 2022

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<https://bit.ly/3NA5a1a>



EDWARD WILSON

AUSTRALIA

Winner NZ Open Championships (2018)

(Tournament's youngest winner)

DGrade: 2520 Triple Peels: 96

Home Club: Millswood SA

Australian Association Handicap: -2.5

Top Tip: *If it's not right, don't do it:
if it's not a sextuple, don't play it*

'Edward is a remarkable talent; swashbuckling, smooth swinging, uncompromising and driven to win...His play is experimental and aggressive, but underpinned by the superior depth of his tactical awareness. Like all ambitious young players, Edward looks for any opportunity to peel. He reached the semis of the last world championships and is hotly tipped as a future world #1.' (Gareth Denyer)



DWAYNE MCCORMICK

AUSTRALIA

Winner of the Australia Eire Cup 2021

2022 World Ranking: 22

DGrade: 2396

Triple Peels: 350

Home Club: Norwood SA

Australian Association Handicap: -2

'Dwayne is an exciting talent surging through the rankings. He is passionate about peeling and has 350 triple peels and at least 4 sextuple peels to his name. Every game you can expect that Dwayne will try and engineer a peeling turn.' (Gareth Denyer)

He was reserve in the Australian MacRobertson team last time but has found a place in the 2022 team.



Member Survey Update

A big thank you to the 425 Croquet SA Members who completed the recent Member Survey.

We were pleased to receive such a large response to the survey, and that the survey responses were close to evenly split between regional and city clubs.

The next stage is to incorporate this member input into the Strategic Plan.

Thank you also to the 70 members from across the state who have put their hand up to have continued involvement in the development and review of the Strategic Plan.



Wallace Long

Director | C2M Consulting

Lyn Parnell
SACA President

Port Pirie Croquet Club

Well, once again the croquet weather Gods shone at the Pt Pirie AC Gala Day on 5th Sept. The artificial lawns at this club are very good to play on and although they're not maintenance free, they don't require cutting or weeding which must be a bonus.

Both AC and GC are played and they have been holding an annual AC Gala Day here for many years plus they have hosted the SA Masters' Games. There was a good mix of new and experienced players for the pairings and the 'first timers' learnt a lot. Players came from Crystal Brook, Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo and Murray Bridge.

The Pt Pirie Club actively invites the locals to come and try including the Girl Guides. I've been informed that some church groups have visited as well. It only takes one or two of these people to show an interest and straight away, there are different ideas being floated about and they start to involve their network of friends and so the club grows and develops. One of the members has even tried to rope in her new doctor, who has

never heard of croquet, can you imagine that? Publicity Officer, Judy Nayda invited Channel 7 to come and cover the Gala Day, not only did the young reporter interview Judy Nayda in the morning but she also came back to record the prize giving, the winner was Malcolm Kinch (Kadina) and Runner Up after a 'nearest the peg' play off was Sandy Rodsted also from Kadina.

The Club will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary next year across the Long Weekend on 30th Sept and 1st Oct. So write the date in your 2023 diary now as you all know how quickly time flies. Congratulations to all the Pt Pirie members for a lovely day and well done for spreading the word about your club. Good luck with all your activities and especially with next year's special anniversary.

Linda Kinch



Mt Barker Croquet Club

I'd always wanted to come off the freeway at Mt Barker as it looked a really nice place, albeit a bit hilly. The opportunity came in February and the end of my trip visiting the South East Croquet Clubs. This was the last club on the way back to Kadina and it didn't disappoint. Malcolm and I were made most welcome and the large clubhouse is very light and bright which gives a warm feeling.

Unlike many clubs, Mt Barker has quite a number of male members which always helps when trying to recruit young men.

The majority of members play GC. Lee had very kindly organized a delicious morning tea and afterwards we sat around the table and had a good chat about lots of croquet subjects. They said that they do find the new website helpful but had been a bit confused about how they should handle the Covid situation and would have welcomed clearer direction from SACA. They explained that they had experienced a downturn in revenue as they couldn't hold their usual Gala Days. I was interested to hear this as I treated all the croquet club visits as an opportunity for them to tell me their thoughts as well as me inquiring about them.

I'm glad to say that they are holding a GC Gala Day on 17th Oct and have invited Malcolm and myself to attend and I look forward to catching up with them then. The great Bryan Dawson is a member here and, on the wall, they have a framed photo and the citation of him receiving his Life Membership of SACA which is a tremendous achievement. There was also a very impressive garland of Pennant Flags which Lee had stitched together making the most of the wall space. The clubhouse itself is a lovely old fashioned building on a raised position overlooking the lawns and with all the big trees, makes a beautiful setting in which to play croquet.

Mt Barker is not far away from Murray Bridge and the two clubs meet up from time to time for matches which is great. They also have local groups such as U3A come and try and I definitely got the impression that Mt Barker is a pro active and strong club and they have got a very informative and inviting sign on the fence.

I'm looking forward to turning off the freeway once again and visiting this lovely town with it's pretty main street and European style coffee shops and of course catching up with the friendly Croquet Club members.

Linda Kinch



COLIN PICKERING NORTH ADELAIDE GAMES 2022

Association Croquet Swiss Tournament PRE-DRAWN SWISS SINGLES (All handicaps welcome) Wed. 16, Thurs. 17 and Fri. 18 November 2022

Likely commencement times: 8.45am, 11.20am, 1.55pm and 4.30pm
(For those who cannot play during the daytime, alternative arrangements will be negotiated.)



2½ hour matches – time after the bell.

Cost \$35

Preferred payment:

North Adelaide Croquet Club Inc.

BSB: 105068 Account: 041359040

Reference: your surname and ID number

Tea/coffee/light refreshments will be provided (but no meals).
Please notify any playing restrictions, and we will try to accommodate them.

Prizes given (value depending on number of entries) for Winner and Runner-up.

**Please return the Application Form (accompanying this announcement)
by Wednesday 26 October 2022**

To Roger Harris: roger.harris@unisa.edu.au



Transformer mallet for sale. If interested please contact Rosalie from the Aldinga Croquet Club on 0419287765.

COLIN PICKERING NORTH ADELAIDE GAMES 2022

Invitation Singles Association Croquet— 26 and 27 November 2022

The North Adelaide Croquet Club is pleased to announce our Colin Pickering North Adelaide Games AC Invitation Singles.

Personal invitations are being, or will be sent out, by the Club.

The Entry Fee, to be paid before the first game, is \$45 for men and \$40 for women.

Preferred payment:

North Adelaide Croquet Club Inc.

BSB: 105068 Account: 041359040

Reference: your surname and ID number

Light refreshments will be available during the tournament (but no meals).

Men and women to compete separately in a round robin of 2½ hour games (turn after the bell).

Men: 4 games played on Saturday and 4 games on Sunday.

Women: 3 games played on Saturday and 2-3 games on Sunday.

Likely playing times:

Men: 9am, 11.30am, 2.00pm and 4.30pm.

Women: 9am, 11.30am and 2.00pm.

Prizes will be presented on completion of the last game on Sunday 27 November to the Winner and Runner-Up.

When you receive your invitation, please reply **by Wednesday 26 October 2021** so that we can finalise all arrangements. In the absence of any reply by that deadline, we will invite the next player on our invitation list.

When accepting, please provide your current details to roger.harris@unisa.edu.au:

Name, Club, ID number, Handicap, Index, email and phone.

Roger Harris

AC Captain, North Adelaide Croquet Club

AC EVENTS COORDINATOR

Joan Kelly (Norwood Croquet Club) will officially take over as
AC Events Coordinator after the AGM, Tuesday, 24th October, 2022

(Thank you Joan)

Di Helier

AC Events Coordinator

Officeholder Position Vacant—Grants Officer

SACA are seeking the registration of interest for the position of Grants Officer.
Ken McHugh has recently resigned from this position but will continue as the
Registration Officer.

Thank you Ken for your advise and assistance in this role.

Please direct any enquiries to the Treasurer,
Geoff Crook 0444 549 976 finance@sacroquet.com.au

UP COMING EVENTS.....

Golf Croquet

OCT	1-2	Brighton Dawson Challenge
OCT	4	Spring Singles5+
OCT	8	Weekend Pennants
OCT	10/17/21	Aggregate 24+
OCT	15&16	Open Doubles
OCT	17	Mt Barker Gala Day
OCT	19	Tea Tree Gully Gala Day
OCT	19	Spring Singles12+
OCT	26&27	Spring Women's Open
OCT	31	Coromandel Valley Gala Day
OCT	31	Murray Bridge Gala Day
NOV	7	Holdfast Bay Gala Day
NOV	12 &13	Spring Men's Open
NOV	14/21/28	Aggregate 24+
NOV	26	Pennants
NOV	27	Pennants



Association Croquet

OCT—DEC	Night Singles	Enquiries to Lorraine Smith	ENTRIES CLOSED
OCT	1-3	Open Men's and Women's Singles Championship	
OCT	7 –10	President's 8s	
OCT	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	
NOV	13	Norwood AC Tournament	Contact Joan Kelly 0418851665
NOV	16—18	North Adelaide Swiss Handicap Singles	Contact Roger Harris
NOV	19	Victor Harbor Gala Day	Contact Shirley Howlett
NOV	26 & 27	North Adelaide Games Invitation Singles	Contact Roger Harris



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