



# HOOP POINTS

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## **A Great Life Well Lived. Vale Ken Zadow**

The South Australia croquet fraternity was very saddened to hear of Ken Zadow's passing. Ken was a truly valued and respected Life Member of the Murray Bridge Croquet Club. I quite clearly remember, while sitting with his wife Lesley at a tournament, Ken announcing 'I'm not going to start croquet till I'm 80!!' We had such a laugh. Well, that's exactly what he did and he turned out to be pretty good at it.

Malcolm and I were pleased that we could attend his funeral on 24th March and what a tribute it was to Ken. The funeral and celebration of his life was held in the Christ Church Lutheran Church which holds a special place in the Zadow family history. It is where Ken's parents were married, Ken was baptised, Ken and Lesley tied the knot 64 years ago and now this beautiful church once again was central to the Zadow family and friends.



As a tremendous testament to Ken's life and lifelong involvement with many organisations, the church was totally packed with over 300 attending and the hall had to be used to accommodate this huge number of friends and family who genuinely wanted to be there to farewell a very special person. The number of organisations that Ken was a central part of are too numerous to mention here and after the funeral service, they all gathered together with the Rotary Club to form a Guard of Honour. As the cortege slowly drove out of the church grounds, there was a spontaneous round of applause from everyone in honour of Ken, Lesley was very touched by this simple acknowledgement.

The Zadow carpentry business which Ken built up and ran for 40 years was an 'iconic' enterprise which not only featured highly in the Murray Bridge area but its tentacles spread throughout the state. Ken was renowned for the high quality of his workmanship. Members of the Murray Bridge Croquet Club were in attendance all looking very fresh and sporty in their uniforms and several other croquet players were also pleased to be able to be there and pay their respects.

The overpowering message conveyed was that the long life that Ken lived, overcoming many obstacles along the way, was built on a strong foundation and filled with selfless service and devotion to everyone and everything that he was part of. A gentle giant who will be greatly missed by many, many people.

A great life well lived.

Rest in peace Ken .

Linda Kinch

## GC Silver Medal

A successful Silver Medal Tournament was held over the long weekend, March 11,12,13. at Hutt Road. 10 entrants played an enthralling round robin over the first 2 days with the final 4 placings being decided on the last hoop of the last match, and then on a count back.



Those 4 played semi finals and final on a best-of-three format with the winner emerging after a gripping final. Geoff Crook from Woodville club was victorious 2 games to 1 over runner-up Laura Eden of North Adelaide club.

Thanks to all the participants for playing the tournament in such good spirit. and special thanks to those referees who gave their time to make the event the enjoyable time that it was.

David Rowe  
Hyde Park Croquet Club (Event Manager)

[Silver Medal Winner Geoff Crook](#)  
[and Runner-up Laura Eden.](#)

## Very Close Finish for the GC 9+ Singles

9 Plus Singles Tournament was played on 14 and the 16 March 2023 at Hutt Road. A Round Robin on each day.

The six players were two each from Norwood, Millswood and North Adelaide.

The weather was very kind to the players with some good games contested.

There was no clear winner on the first day with Julian Haffner and Jeff During vying for the top spot. The girls Robin Golding and Claire Blunt gaining on them on the second day.

The eventual winner was not decided until after the final game was played. Both Claire and Robin finished with eight wins and 18 net hoops. The tie breaker was won by Claire Blunt (Millswood) from Robin Golding (North Adelaide).

Congratulations to all players.

Colleen Beaumanis  
Event Manager



[L-R Jeff During, Claire Blunt, Julian Haffner, Sue Priest, Marianne Maycock and Robin Golding](#)



## Victor Harbor AC Tournament Held During Their Centenary Year

The Victor Harbor AC Tournament was held at the end of February. This year's tournament was particularly special as it became part of our centenary celebrations. A full quota of 32 players in four blocks took part. Competition was tight in each group, with Terry Catling (Tumby Bay) in group 2 the only player to win all singles matches.



Greg Rowberry (Norwood) was victorious in group 1 edging out club mate Murray Baum. Greg has won our tournament many times and his demeanour on and off court is faultless. Keep coming back, Greg! We always enjoy welcoming new players like Hanna Damgaard from Norwood, returning competitors like Lorraine Smith (Millswood) and Lynette Reilly (Murray Bridge) as well as the many regulars who come to compete but also to renew friendships and enjoy a week in Victor Harbor.

Our club is grateful to our major sponsor See Optometry. Martin Diep from See presented the awards to players.

Lots of our members contributed to the success of the tournament and helped it be a financial success. They have set courts, refereed, cooked, cleaned, made sandwiches, served, donated etc etc. And they have done this cheerfully for our centenary celebration earlier in the year and are continuing to do it with the annual GC Tournament which is on as I write this report.

Well done VHCC members!!

Shirley Howlett



## SACA AC Handicap Doubles (12+ Combined)

21-23 March 2023 - Roger Harris

What an absorbing tournament! Recently at Hutt Road, nine pairs fought out in fine spirit matches against each other – eight games over three days, each game a minimum of 2½ hours – in perfect weather. Most pairs involved one experienced AC player on low handicap teamed with one less experienced AC player on a much higher handicap, and bisques could be taken only by the higher handicapped player. All this made for very interesting competition.

There are three intriguing aspects to note. First, many of the higher handicapped players were in fact GC players in various stages of learning the AC version of croquet and being assisted in their stroke plays and strategies by their more experienced partners. The GC players played very well indeed, and congratulations to all of them.

Second, the final scores in most games were very, very close, resulting in many exciting and tight finishes! Third, no pairs 'pegged out' (maximum 26): only four pairs scored more than 20, again making for relatively low scoring games and tight finishes.

The eventual winners were Barry Jennings and Karen Magee (7 wins, +41 net hoops) and runners-up, decided only in the final round, were Joan Kelly and David Pinnock (5 wins, +17 net hoops). Two other pairs also had 5 wins: Steve Templeton and Bridie O'Reilly (+5 net hoops) and Kevin Le Poidevin and Roger Harris (+2 net hoops). Four pairs won 3 games and one pair 2 games.

The tournament was expertly set up by Events Coordinator Joan Kelly – grateful appreciation to her – and the actual event managed by North Adelaide Croquet Club. Photos were taken by Janet Willshire of the winners and runners-up. Thanks to all for a wonderful tournament, during which much was learned about this intriguingly strategic version of the game of croquet.



## Port Pirie win the AC Pennant - Vicki Walters

The North Western Croquet Pennant between Crystal Brook and Port Pirie was recently decided. Port Pirie defeated Crystal Brook this year. The games were alternated between the Crystal Brook lawn courts and Port Pirie's synthetic courts. Each week put up different playing scenarios and challenges and they were handled well



Left—Back Row. (Left to right) Llew James, Barry Hutchinson and Mervin Nayda. Front Row (Left to Right) Sandra Arbon and Pat Norton.

Right—Port Pirie President Sandra Arbon presented the 2023 flag and trophy to Port Pirie Captain Pat Norton.





## Meet The SACA Board Members—Lorraine Smith

My parents both played croquet at Millswood club and pressured me to join them for several years. I finally caved in roughly 20 years ago when my father quit the sport and passed on his shirt, trousers, marker holder, hat and mallet to me, making the start more affordable. I was privileged to have early coaching from Jane Lewis and still have her voice in my head when I play, particularly in relation to the etiquette of the game.

Initially I played AC, and it is still my first love, but I've also played a bit of GC and have recently been introduced to gateball. I'm happy when I have a mallet in my hands and love the camaraderie with other players from all around the state.

My father was a Methodist minister which meant we moved house every year or two when I was young. I started playing netball in Nairne when I was about 8 years old and it was my primary sport and great love until a back condition forced me to quit at 35 years of age. I also played tennis, basketball, hockey, softball, court cricket, squash and ten pin bowling, and was a competitive swimmer and lifesaver for a number of years. If anyone asked me to play I tried any sport.

My work career only began after my children started school, when my love of mathematics led me to a university degree in maths and stats. While studying I picked up some casual work at student enrolments which led to short term employment contracts, then a permanent position as HECS and Fees Officer at Flinders University. After 6 years there I moved on to manage the information team at SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre) supporting applicants for university and TAFE. I stayed in that role for 14 years before transitioning to Business Manager at SATAC.

As Business Manager I was primarily responsible for managing all aspects of our finances, with the CEO, building on the skills that are needed for the role of Treasurer in any organisation. While I was still working full time I was approached to consider becoming the Treasurer for SACA and served in that role for about 2 years. Despite believing that it's never a good idea to return to a previous position I was moved to nominate as Treasurer for another two years to help keep our sport alive.

I have been a volunteer in varying capacities since my early teens when my father encouraged me to sell badges for charity on a regular basis. There followed committee, coaching and refereeing roles for netball; management of a community toy library including recruiting other volunteers, managing expenditure, stocktake and producing an annual budget; various roles at my children's schools in the classroom, in the library, on committees and managing the soccer program; 22 years as volunteer statistician at Sturt Football Club; and many other activities along the way. I am currently still the statistician for the football club and Treasurer for Millswood Croquet Club, Voices of Boothby and SACA.

I'm fortunate to have two wonderful sons, two lovely daughters-in-law and 7 grandchildren, and get to spend time with the grandchildren every week. Family, the Sturt Football Club and croquet are my passions, but now having a partner who is addicted to mallet sports has increased my participation and added gateball to my interests.



## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR CAN MAKE (continued from March's newsletter)

Wow, what a lot of development there is going on around Aldinga Bay. It's hard to think of it as 'Country' and I know the croquet members are a bit fed up with the disruption to the roads! I'm pleased to report that the club membership is growing and it can only be assumed that with an increase in population, the pool of potential croquet players will also be bigger.

The good news is that the croquet club has not been forgotten and the council is installing lights and have got rid of most (but not all) of the troublesome trees which attracted the birds and dropped leaves on the lawns, so the never ending job of clearing the grass before being able to play has been reduced.

We spent quite a lot of time here before travelling to Victor Harbor and I would say that the Aldinga Bay club is very fortunate that despite the relatively low numbers that play croquet, the local council has included them in their overall plans. They share the area with a very pretty Bowls Club and have amazingly inherited a spectacular view thanks to an old ugly sports building being demolished. The whole set up is a veritable oasis of peace and tranquillity in an increasingly urban environment.

Linda Kinch



## AC Selection Committee 2023-2024, AC State Coach 2023-2024 and AC State team manager 2023-2024

The AC committee is calling for applications from members to be part of the **AC Selection committee** for 2023-2024. Information and the Duty Statement for this committee can be found on the SA Croquet website here:

[Microsoft Word - Association Croquet Selection Sub-Committee Appointment and Duty Statement \(sacroquet.com.au\)](https://sacroquet.com.au)

The AC Committee is also calling for applications from suitably qualified players for the position of **AC State Coach** 2023-2024. Details of qualifications and experience as a coach should be addressed as part of the application.

Applications for the role of **AC State Team Manager** for 2023-2024 are also being sought by the AC Committee. Applications are encouraged from players with good organisational and management skills. [State-Team-Manager-Duty-Statement.pdf \(sacroquet.com.au\)](https://sacroquet.com.au)

Applications for all of the above positions should include details of any experience and skills relevant to the position and should be emailed to: [acdirector@sacroquet.com.au](mailto:acdirector@sacroquet.com.au) by **COB 10/4/2023**.

Eileen Ferguson  
AC Director

## UP COMING EVENTS.....

### Golf Croquet

APRIL	4	Doubles combined 15+ <a href="#">Entries Closed</a>
APRIL	5	12+ Pennants <a href="#">Due to finish May 3rd</a>
APRIL	6	Doubles combined 15+ <a href="#">Entries Closed</a>
APRIL	15, 30	Weekend Pennants <a href="#">Due to finish October 22nd</a>
APRIL	17	Aggregate 24+ <a href="#">Due to finish May 29th</a>
APRIL	22-25	SA Gold Medal <a href="#">Enter via SACA Web site, entries close Friday 7th April</a>
MAY	2	Advantage Doubles <a href="#">Enter via SACA Website</a>
MAY	4	Advantage Singles <a href="#">Enter via SACA Website</a>
MAY	6	Weekend Pennants
MAY	15	Aggregate 24+
MAY	16	5+ Singles <a href="#">Enter via SACA Website</a>
MAY	20	Weekend Pennants
MAY	22	Aggregate 24+
MAY	23	5+ Singles
MAY	25 &26	SA Women's Championship <a href="#">Enter via SACA Website</a>
MAY	27 &28	SA Men's Championship <a href="#">Enter via SACA Website</a>

### Association Croquet

APRIL	1	Weekend Pennants— <a href="#">Feb to Nov, 2023</a>
APRIL	11-13	Marryatville Silver Medal (8+) - <a href="#">Entries close April 4, 2023. Enter via SACA WEB site</a>
APRIL	18-20	Hatwell Gold Medal (3+) <a href="#">Entries close April 11, 2023. Enter via SACA WEB site</a>
APRIL	29	Weekend Pennants <a href="#">Feb to Nov, 2023.</a>
MAY	1—4	Naracoorte Tournament <a href="#">Entries close April 22. Contact Eugene Dunstan - <a href="mailto:enjdunstan@bigpond.com">enjdunstan@bigpond.com</a></a>
MAY	13	Weekend Pennants <a href="#">Feb to Nov, 2023.</a>
APR	19—23	Masters Games for AC and GC players to be played in Kadina <a href="#">Contact Eileen Ferguson</a>

### Ricochet

APRIL	15-16	Open Doubles <a href="#">Played in Tempe, NSW</a>
APRIL	17-19	Open Singles

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