



HOOP POINTS

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GC Bronze Medal

The A.C.A. Bronze Medal is one of the premier events in South Australia. The winner is awarded the opportunity to represent SA in the A.C.A. Gold and Silver Medal competition.

The A.C.A. Bronze is slightly different to all other tournaments. The format is best of three game matches. All games are untimed and the hoops are as tight as fishes. We had 5 competitors in this year's ACA Bronze, four from Hyde Park and one from South Terrace.

Competition was fierce with tough battles between all competitors. The end of Day One saw two competitors, Barry Jennings and Paul Ensor, undefeated.

Day Two saw Paul lose his first match to Mark Senior. A brilliant match showcasing the depth of GC talent in South Australia. Just to script, the end result was to be dependent on the result of the final match between Barry Jennings and Paul Ensor. This time Paul Ensor from South Terrace was successful, winning the right to represent South Australia by 2 hoops.

Running this event was aided by referees Geoff Creek, Anne Woodhouse, David Stumm and Kim Millhouse all wearing the high vis.

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Kim Millhouse

Millswood Croquet Club



Bronze Medal participants L => R:
Paul Ensor, Mick Reidy, Steve Connors, Mark Senior and Barry Jennings



GC 8+ Combined Doubles

The SACA 8+ Combined Doubles was contested by 10 pairs over (almost) 3 days. This competition is an excellent chance for lower and higher handicap ranked players to play together and provided very competitive play as the results of the round robin showed. The winners were Sue Davel and David Magee with 7 wins from the round robin with Russell Agardi and Stephen Davel as runners-up.

Unfortunately, the semi-finals had to be abandoned on the Thursday as all 3 courts were unplayable. As an event manager, I always hope an event is un-eventful. But trying to sweep water off of the court in the middle of pouring rain was eventful enough for me!

Kate Logan for Victor Harbor CC

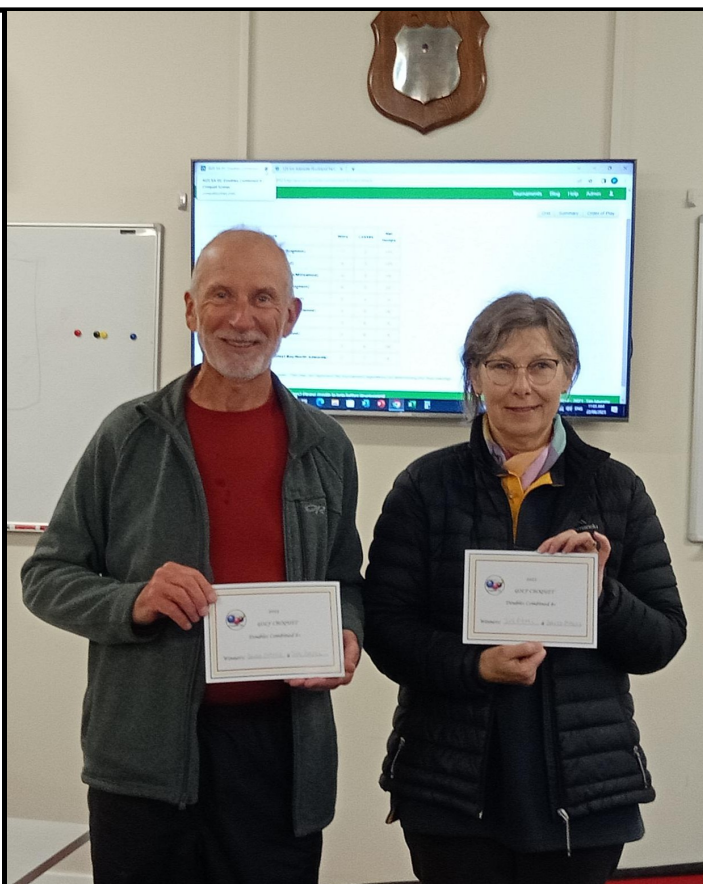
Players' comments....

"What I loved about the competition was being able to play against some of our best players whom I've never had the opportunity of playing before. That really was a highlight for me."

"I found this the best learning opportunity ever playing with a superior player who has so much strategic knowledge and technique but also had trust and confidence in my play. Socially it was fun to mix with new people."

"I liked that there were so many in the competition and not the usual mix of people. Players from different clubs getting together to form the teams and the teams were so close in abilities, any team could have won it, as there were many times, games were won by one hoop."

The referees were fantastic, giving up their time and particularly on Thursday morning



Congratulations Kevin Le Poidevin

On the evening of 17/5/23 Kevin received a **Community Service Award**, as part of National Volunteers Week, from the Prospect Council. Kevin works tirelessly behind the scenes at the North Adelaide Croquet Club and really deserves this award.



Kevin with Deputy Mayor, Mark Groote local MP Lucy Hood and CEO Chris White. If Kevin looks like he is asleep it is because he had only arrived back in Australia from Europe that morning and had lost 2 night's sleep!

The Northwood Friendlies 2023

On Friday 2/6/23 our club participated in the annual competition with the Norwood Croquet Club. This year Norwood hosted us and they certainly provided much better weather than we managed in 2022! It was a lovely day and we started the first of 3 games at 10am. Each club provided a team of 16 players with the same 4 rotating over 3 different lawns. Two games were held before lunch and one was played after lunch. The eventual winners were **North Adelaide** with 14 games to 9 with 1 game drawn. It was a

really pleasant day of socialising, a good standard of croquet and great hospitality.

Thank You Norwood!



Mallet For Sale

This rarely used Advanced Transforma Mallet is being sold as the owner is unable to continue playing croquet.

To purchase this mallet new would be \$685.

This one is \$550.

A link to the website showing more details about the mallet is below.

<https://transformamallets.com.au/advance-croquet-mallet/>

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UP COMING EVENTS.....

Association Croquet

JULY	4-6	Div 2 Singles 2.5+ Entries closed
JULY	8	Weekend Pennants
JULY	15	Weekend Pennants
JULY	29-30	Selector's Invitation By invitation
AUG	5	Weekend Pennants
AUG	8—10	JF Harvey Bronze Medal (14+) Enter via SACA website
AUG	19—20	President's Trophy By invitation
AUG	26	Weekend Pennants

Golf Croquet

JULY	1	Weekend Pennants
JULY	18-20	3+ Singles Enter via SACA website . Entries close 3rd July
JULY	22	Weekend pennants
AUG	3—6	Brighton Armstrong Challenge
AUG	12	Weekend Pennants
AUG	15 & 17	Combined Doubles 20+
AUG	22—24	Open Doubles
AUG	27	Weekend Pennants

The Golf Croquet Selection Sub-committee is pleased to announce the 2023 Golf Croquet State Team to compete in the up-coming Inter State Shield.

John Arney, Virginia Arney, Steve Condous, Paul Ensor,
Barry Haydon, Barry Jennings, Kate Logan, Karen Magee,
Bernie Pfitzner, and Anne Woodhouse.

Please wish us all good luck and good play as we prepare for the competition.

Kate Logan, on behalf of the Selection Sub-committee

Congratulations!



Ahhhh, remember the days when we played in the sun???

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