

HOOP POINTS

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New GC Coaches

On Wednesday 16th August Barry Haydon and Eileen Ferguson worked together to train a number of new GC coaches. Successfully completing the Level 1 program in the morning were (L=>R in the photo) Bev Pinchbeck (from Tea Tree Gully), Laura Eden & Norma Greig (both from North Adelaide).

In the afternoon (L=>R below) Jim Carter (North Adelaide), Roger Zeuner (Holdfast Bay), Noel Spooner (North Adelaide) & Graeme Thomas (Hyde Park) all became Level 2 qualified coaches.

This brings the total number of coaches in SA to over 30 but it would be good if there were more, especially in Regional SA.



Anyone who would like to provide a service to their fellow croquet players by becoming a coach should contact Barry Haydon. Also any club which believes a ½ day coaching clinic would be beneficial should contact Barry to see what can be arranged. He can be contacted at <u>bandjHaydon@gmail.com</u>.

Barry Haydon



AC President's Trophy

The AC President's Trophy, which included six men and six women was held at SACA on 19th & 20th August. The men were: Ed Wilson, Dwayne McCormick, Tim O'Leary, David Short, Mark Senior and Greg Rowberry.

The invited women were: Robyn Short, Shirlene McBride, Shirley Howlett, Tracey Sincock, Liz Mackenzie and Di Helier. Unfortunately, Shirlene had to withdraw at the last minute due to injury.

Ed Wilson was the winner of the men's section with Tim O'Leary runner-up. David Short recorded his first triple peel in an official competition. Congratulations, David – the start of many more.

Robyn Short was the women's winner with the runner-up decided on the last game between Tracey Sincock and Liz Mackenzie. Liz won that battle which made her runner-up.

I would like to thank the SACA President, Graeme Thomas, for presenting the certificates. Also a thank you to James Temlett and Roger Buddle for moving the hoops on Friday and refereeing during the weekend.

Di Helier AC Selection



Tim O'Leary (RU), Ed Wilson (Winner)

Liz Mackenzie (RU) Robyn Short (Winner)

AC Achievement Awards for Break-Making Milestones

For a number of years Croquet SA has awarded Achievement Pins to AC players attaining certain breakmaking milestones which are linked to a players handicap. A number of players have earned pins over the last few months. The pins are generally sent to the player's club for presentation.

Congratulations to the following players who have been awarded pins recently:

TP (Triple Peel): David Short (Norwood)

B12: Shane Kelly (Salisbury)

B7: Kate Logan (Victor Harbor), Peter Woodward (Brighton)

B5 Deb McPharlin (Moonta), Jenny Weidenbach (Salisbury), Colin Yeatman (Millswood), Jeff Zweck (Coromandel Valley).

Good tactics win games and making a break is a good tactic, so keep up the good work everyone.

Eileen Ferguson AC Director. 2023 State GC team at a recent practice in Murray Bridge.



Front Row (L => R) Back Row (L=>R) Absent

Stepen Condous, Kate Logan, Bernie Pfitzner, Karen Magee, Barry Jennings Kim Millhouse (Manager), Anne Woodhouse, Barry Haydon, Paul Ensor John Arney, Virginia Arney

GC State team

The GC State team travels to Perth shortly to compete in the annual Inter-State Shield (ISS). Many GC players would recall that last year's competition was held in Adelaide with SA finishing 3rd. The team hopes to go one or two steps better this year and has been training hard under the guidance of Barry Haydon (coach) and Kim Millhouse (Manager) to ensure that we perform at our best. (Jim Grindrod has also helped with coaching when available.)

Prior to the ISS, Barry Jennings will be representing SA in the ACA Gold Medal, being held over 3 days (13-15 September). After the Gold Medal is the Men's & Women's Singles – separate events that are both held over 4 days (16 – 19 September). The ISS is a 5-day event from 20 to 24 September.

Each days play during the test match against the other States covers 40 games (or 20 * Bo2 matches). Initially there are 4 mixed doubles matches and then a series of singles matches. For the doubles the nominated order of players can vary but, in the singles, they must be played according to international rankings.

Our state team in current ranking order (with club name and number of times in the state team) is:

Name	Barry Haydon	Barry Jennings	Stephen Condous	Paul Ensor	John Arney
Club	Hyde Park	Hyde Park	Hyde Park	South Terrace	Norwood
Years in team	9	6	2	1	8
Name	Virginia Arney	Kate Logan	Karen Magee	Anne Woodhouse	Bernie Pfitzner
Club	Norwood	Victor Harbor	Brighton	Brighton	Victor Harbor
Years in team	11	8	9	5	8

with reserves this year being Ansi Baumanis, Norma Greig & Laura Eden. We wish them luck!

Volunteer Awards for SA Players.

Croquet Australia has acknowledged and recognised its volunteers in 2023 with a Volunteers Badge. Croquet SA received a request from Croquet Australia to make the presentation to the two South Australian recipients, Simon Hockey (Crystal Brook) and Barry Haydon (Hyde Park).

Simon was presented with his badge between rounds of the AC Selector's Invitation by the AC Director, while Barry received his award from SACA President Graeme Thomas at a recent GC Weekend Pennant Day.

Croquet Australia thanks both Barry and Simon for volunteering and appreciates their contributions to the running of the organisation. Barry and Simon are pictured with their awards.

Eileen Ferguson





20+ Doubles Combined Competition

This competition was played over two days with a one day break in between (we didn't want to tire them out too early) with the weather being very kind with sunny and mild conditions. The forecast was for late rain and possible thunderstorms on the second day. We did get a few sprinkles, but this did not dampen the players spirits.

The eventual winners were Karen Tierney with Phil Burford from North Adelaide CC winning seven games from eight.

Runners-up were Jill Colley and Warren Campbell from Brighton CC with five wins.

We had five teams entered with two from North Adelaide, two from South Terrace and a team from Brighton. It was evident that the early games each day saw nerves being displayed but eventually everybody settled down and started to enjoy the games.

A big thank you to Colleen Baumanis and to referees Jullianne Jago, David Stumm, Bob Neil, Anne Woodhouse and Barry Haydon for giving up their time to assist.

Ansi Baumanis GC Director



Purchase of a Croquet Mallet A Manufacturer's Perspective

I started making croquet mallets by accident really, as when I started to play I decided to make myself a wood mallet.

Then I kept getting requests from other players to make one for them.

As my game improved I decided to make a Hi Tech mallet out of carbon fibre, aluminium & ertalon. I love the game of croquet and want players to get the best out of their mallet and game.

These are the 6 basic questions I ask of the prospective buyer.

- 1. Do you play AC or GC? This helps determine the weight needed. You need a heavier mallet for AC .
- 2. Length of the handle. I tend to give the buyer a long handle to see where they hold the mallet. The average is to the elbow, but this may differ depending on the grip used.
- 3. What type of grip on the handle do you prefer, round, square or oval?
- 4. Size of the mallet head. 10 inch or 11 inch? 11 inch is probably the most popular and gives you a bit more reach through the hoop.
- 5. How much do you want to spend on a mallet? This is a personal decision. Wood mallets are cheaper however there is a difference between the wood and the Hi Tech mallet with the reaction on the ball. Therefore ask yourself, do you love the game and intend to stick with it? If yes, then buy the best mallet you can afford.
- 6. Colour of the Mallet The Hi Tech mallets come in different colours and some times this is the hardest decision to be made.

Enjoy the game and meeting new people.

Robert Brown

GC State team to Perth

The team is preparing for competition in Perth during September and very much appreciates the support of the SA croquet community and, in particular, those who bought tickets in the recent raffle.

The raffle winners were drawn at Hutt Road on 14th August under the watchful eye of most of the State Squad.

Paul Ensor (from South Terrace) drew the first of the tickets as he had sold the most tickets. The winners were:

	Prize	Winner
1 st	Robert Brown (made to measure) mallet	Ansi Baumanis
2 nd	Dawson wooden mallet (with extra handle)	Graeme Thomas
3 rd	Bottle of Elephant Gin	Paul Ensor
4 th	Bottle of Elizabeth Arden Eau de Toilette Spray	Helen Cook
5 th	Art work (print)	Stephen Condous
6 th	Art work (original)	Colin Yeatman

Thank you to all who supported the fundraiser and congratulations to the winners.







AC Selectors' Invitation – July 29-30, 2023

We were very lucky to have several patches of sunshine and only one small drizzle of rain during the weekend, considering it was held in the middle of winter. Six men and six women were invited to play in the event. Out of the twelve players, nine were from the country: Garry Speed & Terry Catling (Tumby Bay), Deb McPharlin, Robyn Sparrow & Sharon Pedler (Moonta), Malcolm & Linda Kinch (Kadina), Fiona Hockey (Crystal Brook) and Steve Templeton (Victor Harbor). The three metropolitan players were Liz Mackenzie, Phil Wise and David Pinnock.



L-R Liz Mackenzie, Deb McPharlin, Sharon Pedler, Robyn Sparrow, Garry Speed, Phil Wise, Fiona Hockey, Steve Templeton, David Pinnock, Terry Catling, Malcolm Kinch, Linda Kinch

It was the first time the three Moonta ladies had played in a singles competition and to quote Robyn "..... it started off a little daunting for us, but we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and got the hang of singles a little by the end of the weekend. We went home tired but very happy we gave it a go". Well done to the three of them and to Deb who made 2 breaks of five hoops. The last games in the men's and women's draw were exciting as they determined the winner and runner-up. Dwayne McCormick, Chair of Selection presented the certificates to: Men: Winner – Garry Speed, Runner-up - David Pinnock and Women: Winner – Liz Mackenzie, Runner-up - Linda Kinch.

Di Helier

AC Selector



Brighton Armstrong Challenge 2023

This annual tournament was held from 3 August to 6 August at Brighton Croquet Club.

It was a magnificent event with great weather, full catering, good looking courts, spectators and of course a great field of players all playing with intense competitive but friendly spirit all mixed with Brighton's well known hospitality.

The women's event was played over the first two days. The semi finals were played between Karen Magee (Brighton), Ann Millhouse (Millswood), Julianne Jago (South Terrace) and Anne Woodhouse (Brighton) resulting in the final between Karen Magee and Julianne Jago.





It was a match worthy of a final with Julianne winning the first game, Karen coming back to win the second and then Julianne playing an excellent third game to win the Championship.

The men's event was then played over the next two days with a high quality field of players. There were some unexpected match results leading up to the finals. For instance the lowest ranked player beating the top ranked player. Everyone had to be on their toes.

The final was played between Dwayne McCormick (Norwood) and Barry Haydon (Hyde Park). Barry was playing very well and did not give Dwayne a chance, quickly winning the final in two games.

An unexpected positive outcome of a very quick final was that all other finals still being played suddenly had spectators, something that does not normally occur.

Anne Woodhouse Event Manager





Harvey Bronze Medal 2023

The 2023 Harvey Bronze Medal, an Association Croquet level play round-robin singles event for players with handicap of 14 or greater, was held from Monday 7th to Thursday 10th of August at SACA headquarters on Hutt Rd, Adelaide. Eight entrants contested the event, which was won by Ibrahim Farran with six wins and one loss, while Karen Magee edged out Kate Logan for runner-up with equal wins but a greater hoop count.

All the matches were played in a very competitive yet friendly spirit, and all the contestants enjoyed the experience and each other's company.

As manager of the event, I take this opportunity to thank Joan Kelly, our AC Events Co-ordinator, for all her hard work in organising it, her dedication to it, evidenced by her presence at the lawns for a considerable time on each day and her participation in the administrative tasks involved. I also thank her for the help and advice she provided to me as I enjoyed my first experience of managing such an occasion. I also thank the players who entered the contest and made the successful running of it possible, and I encourage all AC players of that calibre to consider entering next time; it's undoubtedly an interesting and enjoyable experience, and players can learn a lot about the game while taking part.

Tony Knight





Life Memberships at the Kadina Croquet Club

The Kadina Croquet Club held its AGM on 3rd Aug and the clubhouse was packed. Unlike most clubs, the KCC has no trouble getting committee members so it was quite a speedy process. However just as the meeting was on the point of being closed, proceedings took an unexpected turn and retiring Treasurer, Dianne Flowers was called up to receive Life Membership from President Dean Rodda.



Di was very emotional as Dean outlined

her achievements during her 11 years in Office. Di has been involved in finance all her life and her professional experience has ensured that, with her sensible budgeting and precise book keeping, the KCC finances have been in safe hands and remained in the black. The Masters Games in 2021 and 2023 were huge events for the club and Di's handling of the monies was flawless. During the last 10 years, the club membership has greatly increased and Di praised the committee from that time for its forward thinking in extending the clubhouse. The KCC has been very fortunate to have had Di at the financial helm and this award is richly deserved.

We were all getting ready to go outside when Linda Kinch was called up and was informed that she was also being given a Life Membership. Linda was President from 2016 -2022 and during that time had many issues to deal with, not the least of which was the Covid pandemic. To keep everyone in touch, she started up a weekly Newsletter and it has proved very popular. Linda is a good organizer and as president worked tirelessly on many projects but it's her pastoral care that has made the KCC a "Happy Place" for so many people, especially those who are on their own.

Linda became Vice President of the South Australian Croquet Association in 2021 specifically to represent the regional clubs. Her heart is definitely in the country and as she said "The Kadina Croquet Club has given me far more that I have given It".

However, there was more to come, as both Dean and Helen Rodda were honoured with Life Memberships. Dean is the current President and is doing a great job. To say Dean is the club handyman would do him a disservice. Dean is an extremely talented carpenter, electrician, mechanic, plumber and an excellent croquet player. The work he has done to improve the clubhouse is nothing short of amazing, basically if something needs to be done, we just mention it to Dean and hey presto it's all happening.

Of course, behind every good man there is usually a good woman and Helen most certainly is that and more. She has served on the committee for many years and her experience in fundraising, promotion and keeping all the club workers fed has ensured the continued success of the club. Helen is also a good Golf Croquet player and not only do Dean and Helen compliment each other when setting about on their various projects, they make a pretty competitive Doubles partnership and won Gold Medals in the Masters Games. Helen does the Thursday morning notices and has us all laughing with her weekly jokes. The Kadina Croquet Club is very fortunate to have this dynamic, generous and hard working couple in their midst.

Congratulations to all four new Life Members.



UNDER 21 S.A GOLF CROQUET SINGLES TOURNAMENT INCORPORATING THE U21 ACA BRONZE MEDAL.

Sunday 8th of October at Hutt Road ADELAIDE

This will be a qualifying event for the National Under 21 Championships.

Interstate competitors are welcome. However, to represent SA in the Nationals you must reside in SA.

If you are under 18 years of age, please ensure that your parent or guardian signs the attached permission form.

Entry fee is \$15 per person.

Registration closes on the 23rd of September. *Late registrations will not be accepted.*

Join in the fun at the Australian Masters Games OCTO-BER $7^{th} - 14^{th}$ 2023.

You have no accommodation costs because it's **in Adelaide** It's a great opportunity to get to know interstate and local players.

- Handicap cards will **not** be used.
- There are benefits to early registration.
- Enjoy Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Midweek Concert, Brekkie in the Burbs, Karaoke Night, Night Market and Band, Beach Club Festival

Convenor: Robin Golding <u>robinadsl@internode.on.net</u> or 0412 884 499 The winner of this event will represent SA in the National Titles.

Funding will be provided to the winner to assist with costs when attending the Nationals.

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Format of play for this event will be advised once registrations are closed.

If you are inexperienced and require coaching, please contact the organisers.

Golf Croquet Doubles 12-5 on October 7 9-5 on October 8 9–3on October 9

Golf Croquet Singles 9-3 on October 9 12-5 on October 10 9-5 on October 11

Association Croquet Singles 12-5 on October 10 9-5 on October 11 9-5 on October 12

Association Croquet Doubles 9-5 on October 13 12-4 on October 14

XIX AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES

Gala Days and Coaching Days Golf Croquet

SEPT	1	Norwood	
SEPT	4	Victor Harbor	
SEPT	25	Murray Bridge	
SEPT	30	Port Pirie Centenary	
ОСТ	16	Coromandel Valley	
ОСТ	20	Glenunga	
ОСТ	24	Mount Barker	
NOV	1	Tea Tree Gully	
NOV	3	Holdfast Bay	
NOV	20	Hyde Park Centenary	



Association Croquet

SEPT	3	Div 3 and 4 coaching at Norwood
ОСТ	1	Div 3 and 4 coaching at Norwood
NOV	12	Div 3 and 4 coaching at Norwood
NOV	19	Victor Harbor Gala Day

Registration fees for new members

Registration fees for the full year (1st Oct to 30th Sept) are listed in the first column.

They are reduced every quarter in January, April and July for players joining later in the year.

Starting after	1 st Oct	1 st Jan	1 st April	1 st July
Full City member	\$128.00	\$96.00	\$64.00	\$32.00
Full Country Member	\$ 84.00	\$63.00	\$42.00	\$21.00
Country Casual Member	\$ 63.00	\$47.25	\$31.50	\$15.75
Student 18to 25	\$ 38.00	\$28.50	\$19.00	\$9.50
Juniors <18	Free			

NB This schedule of fees has been sent to the clubs.

If you are unsure of the fees required for any new players, please contact the Registrations Officer.

Ken McHugh

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Revin LePoidevin celebrating his 70th birthday at North Adelaide club with his family and friends.



UP COMING EVENTS.....

ASSOC	hation Croqu	et
SEPT	5—7	Division 3 (8+) Entries Closed
SEPT	9	Pennants
SEPT	16—17	Division 4 (14+) Enter via SACA Website
SEPT	16/17	AC State Squad Practice at Kadina
SEPT	24	Pennants
SEPT	30—OCT 2	Open Women's Singles/ Open Men's Singles Hutt Road Enter via SACA Website
ОСТ	18—23	Tumby Bay Tournament contact Karyn and Garry Speed speedgk@bigpond.com .
ОСТ	21	Pennants
ОСТ	28	CB Sharp Gold Medal Enter via SACA Website
ОСТ	31—NOV 2	Alternate Stroke Handicap Doubles Enter via SACA Website
NOV	4 - 5	ACA SA Bronze Medal by invitation
NOV	10—12	North Adelaide Invitation Singles by invitation
NOV	15 –17	North Adelaide Swiss Singles contact Roger Harris <u>Roger.Harris@unisa.edu.au</u> .
NOV	18	Pennants
NOV	26	Pennants

Golf Croquet

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SEPT	2/10/23	Weekend Pennants
SEPT	18	Aggregate 24+ Pennants
SEPT	12/19	Spring Singles 5+ Entries Closed
SEPT	14/21	Spring Single 9+ Entries Closed
ОСТ	1—2	Brighton Dawson 3+ contact Anne Woodhouse : annewoodhouse4@gmail.com
ОСТ	7	Weekend Pennants
ОСТ	8	Under 21 Championship Entry details on page 9 of this newsletter
ОСТ	9/16/23/30	Aggregate 24+ Pennants
ОСТ	25	Spring Singles 12+ Enter via SACA Website
NOV	6	Aggregate 24+ Pennants
NOV	9—10	Women's Open Spring Singles Enter via SACA Website
NOV	11—12	Men's Open Spring Singles Enter via SACA Website
NOV	19	Weekend Pennants

Gateball

SEPT	7—10	Australian Championships
DEC	1—3	President's Trophy



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