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## 2024 GC Bronze Medal Tournament

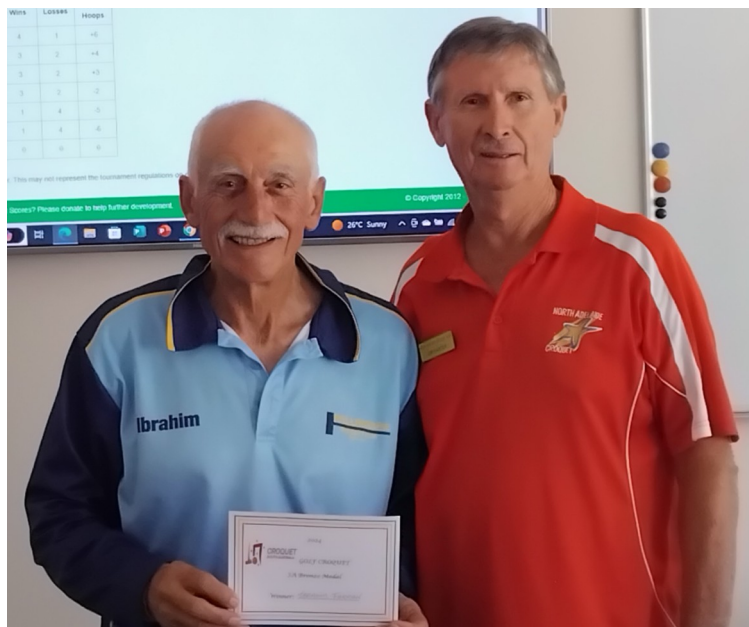
The Bronze Medal Tournament for 9+ players was scheduled to be played over three days from Saturday 10 February to Monday 12 February 2024. The event was managed by the North Adelaide Croquet Club and consisted of players from the Millswood, North Adelaide, Brighton, Aldinga Bay, Tea Tree Gully and Coromandel Valley Clubs.

The warm weather conditions became challenging with very hot weather forecast for the three days. The SACA Weather Policy came into force in order to maintain the health and safety of all persons present during the event. This action meant that Monday's play was cancelled and the event reduced to one and half days on Saturday and Sunday with only a single round robin of play.

Following a very challenging days play on Saturday, the players completed the final 2 rounds on Sunday morning before the 11:00 am cut off time with Ibrahim Farran (Millswood) as the overall winner and Gayle Searle (North Adelaide) as the runner-up. Well done to all players in such extreme conditions.



Players (L to R at back) - Denis Ragenovich, Hilary Thomas, Lesley Burford. (L to R at front) - William Chapman, Ibrahim Farran, Sandra Rawlings, Gayle Searle.



A big thank you to all the referees (Graeme Thomas, Bob Neil, Ann Woodhouse, Julianne Jago, Kevin Le Poidevin and Karen Magee) who volunteered their time to ensure the success of the event. A thank you also to Kim and Ann Millhouse for their pre-tournament work and guidance and to the North Adelaide Croquet Club members who volunteered their time and skills to ensure that the tournament ran smoothly.

Jim Carter, North Adelaide Croquet Club  
Bronze Medal winner Ibrahim Farran with Jim Carter

## Joan and Carolyn are Awarded Life Membership at Glenunga CC

At the Glenunga Croquet Club AGM on 16th February two very special women were acknowledged. Carolyn Shanahan and Joan Glastonbury were presented with life memberships of the club.

This is in recognition of their many years of service, not only to the club, but to the sport in general. Joan and Carolyn are well known throughout the Croquet fraternity as great players and excellent sports. Between them they have held every position in our club, sometimes multiple roles at one time. They are the backbone of the club in terms of membership as they conduct coaching every year which brings in new members, and this also increases revenue, keeping the club vibrant and viable.

Joan and Carolyn are enthusiastic supporters of the game and are always willing to go the extra mile. The recognition they have received is very well deserved.

Denise Pellen



Pictured are Carolyn and Joan receiving their awards from outgoing President Rose Ainslie.



## Introducing Ibrahim Farran

A player from Millswood Croquet Club Ibrahim believes he is the only Palestinian born person who plays Croquet in Australia.

Ibrahim started playing Association Croquet and for the last 3 years has added Golf Croquet. He recently won the SA Bronze medal for GC and believes he is the only person to win both AC and GC bronze medals in the same year.

Ibrahim takes pleasure in both codes of croquet because he enjoys the physical activity as well as making social connections.

Ibrahim grew up in a Palestinian refugee camp in Beirut (Lebanon) and then went to Germany on a scholarship provided by the United Nations. He qualified in Germany as a Trade Teacher in Carpentry completing his training in a German college. By chance he approached the Australian embassy and was offered the opportunity to come to Australia in 1970. Because Ibrahim is multilingual, he was asked by the pilot during that flight to Australia, to support the flight staff to interview passengers so that they could complete their customs paperwork.

Ibrahim stayed for 3 years in Sydney, where he also met his Irish wife Ann. They moved to Adelaide for job opportunities and affordable housing in 1973. Ibrahim worked in Australia as a building contractor for 26 years. During that time, he studied part time to gain a degree from Flinders University and to work in finance.

Ibrahim played Football (Soccer) in Lebanon and Germany and was also an official referee for 5 years in SA. A promotional flyer from Millswood Croquet Club was placed in his letterbox to come and try Croquet. With no knowledge of croquet, Ibrahim decided to give it a try out of curiosity.

Ibrahim used to be a political junkie and very active politically. Now he spends his time with his current interests: sport and reading.



## 2024 NORWOOD ASSOCIATION CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY**

**Entry forms available at [norwoodcroquet.asn.au](http://norwoodcroquet.asn.au)**

This year, the tournament date has been moved back to April to avoid extreme weather. Priority will be given to non-Norwood entrants.

Doubles to be played on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, with 3 rounds commencing at 8:00 am. **Block 1 may have night games to accommodate workers.**

Singles play will be held during the day and evenings, with each player having up to 7 singles games over the 4 days, Thursday to Sunday.

There will be 4 seeded blocks in both doubles and singles. Cut off handicaps for blocks will be determined after final entries received.

Block winners will be determined by games won, then if level, net hoops.

Games will be 2 1/2 hours with turn after the bell for all blocks

Handicap cards to be used.

Entry fee is \$20 each player for doubles and \$40 for singles. Cash Prizes will be awarded - \$40 each winner and \$20 each runner-up in doubles and \$80 each block winner and \$40 each block runner-up in singles

### Session times

1	8:00 am – 10:30 am
2	10:30 am – 1:00 pm
3	1:15 pm – 3:45 pm
4	4:00 pm – 6:30 pm
5	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

**Pre-ordered lunches** available daily

**Optional hotel meal** on Thursday night (own cost)

**BBQ meal** at the club (\$25) at 6:00 pm on Saturday evening

**Afternoon tea and presentations** at approximately 4.30 pm on Sunday



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## SACA's Latest Junior Members

Thanks to Dave Maunder from Brighton Croquet Club, SACA now has 3 new junior members. Alex, Charlie and Oscar who play regularly on Tuesday nights at Brighton with a few of the other members. Since attaining their ACA Registration and handicaps they competed in the inaugural Brighton Bash as a double round robin, doubles competition. This was held over 2 nights with each junior partnering an experienced player. Competition was tight as the much sought after medals and entry fee returned as prizes for the winners were up for grabs.

Oscar and Lorraine were the eventual winners, not dropping one game.

Brighton Bash 2 is now in the planning stages to be held on Saturday the 30th March (Easter Saturday) with Peter from Woodville and George (an associate member from Hyde Park) being invited to participate. This event will include teams without juniors as well.

Again medals and money for prizes.

It is also planned to make Brighton Bash 3 a singles tournament for these juniors later in the year.

Karen Magee



Brighton Bash winners, Oscar and Lorraine.



David Maunder pictured with SACA's new junior members.



## UP COMING EVENTS.....

### Golf Croquet

MAR	2, 3, 16	Weekend Pennants
MAR	4, 25	Aggregate 24+
MAR	9—11	Silver Medal
MAR	12 &14	Autumn Singles 9+
APR	6—10	Victor Harbor Tournament <b>Entries have closed</b>
APR	13, 20	Weekend Pennants
APR	15	Mt Barker Gala Day
APR	16 &18	Doubles Combined 15+
APR	22	Aggregate 24+
APR	27—30	Gold Medal

### Association Croquet

MAR	19—21	Handicap Doubles 12+ Combined <b>Entries close March 5th</b>
MAR	23	Pennants
APR	2—4	Hatwell Gold Medal (3+) <b>enter via SACA website. Closing date Tuesday March 19</b>
APR	6	Pennants
APR	15	Millswood Gala Day
APR	17—21	Norwood Tournament
APR	23—25	Marryatville Silver Medal <b>enter via SACA website. Closing date Tuesday April 9</b>

## Happy 90th Birthday Maureen

On February 23 the Aldinga Bay Croquet Club celebrated the 90th birthday of our matriarch, Maureen Cameron. Maureen has been a stalwart of our club for many years, passing on her wide knowledge in her quiet, gentle manner. She still plays with enthusiasm, encouraging us all to do our best as she does ..

Every game.

We salute her with love and best wishes for years to come.

Carolyn Cooper



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