

HOOP POINTS



L-R Paul Ensor, David Maunder, Barry Haydon (winner), Karen Magee, Mark Senior (runner up), David Wise at ACA Bronze

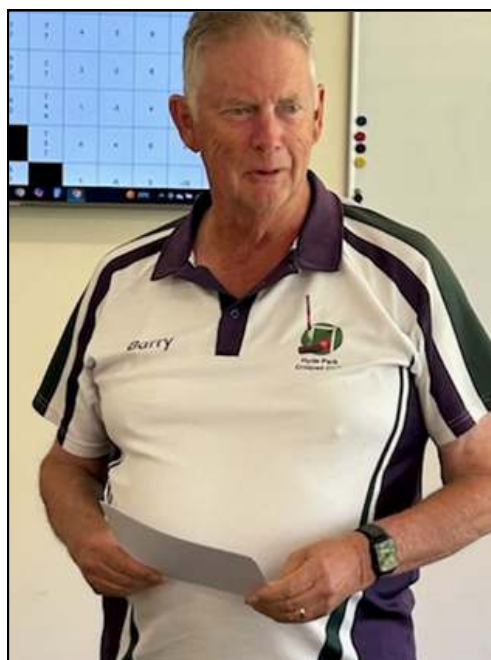
ACA Bronze Medal 29th -30th March

This event was managed and reported for the Newsletter by David Rowe.

The ACA Bronze Medal was contested with a field of 6 players on 29th - 30th March. Two days of superb weather was more than matched by 2 days of outstanding croquet.

A very even competition was decided by the final match to reveal Barry Haydon as winner with Mark Senior as runner-up. Barry will represent SA at the ACA Gold Medal in September.

Congratulations to all players for a top weekend of croquet. Thanks to all referees who gave up their time to help over the weekend.





AC Handicap Doubles March 18-19

AC Handicap Doubles were played at Hutt Road on 18 & 19 March managed by Millswood CC with 6 pairs competing in good spirits and ideal weather. Two matches were played on Tuesday finishing with 3 Wednesday. There were some tight results and well used bisques by the higher handicapped players often resulting in a win.

It was close for runner up going down to the last match which Russell Kopp and Roger Harris won to finish with 3 wins ahead of Bridie O'Reilly and Steve Templeton who lost on golden hoop for 2 wins. Greg Rowberry and Norma Grieg were the undefeated winners of the tournament with 5 wins.

Congratulations to all players.

Julie Barry



Handicap Doubles winners Norma Grieg and Greg Rowberry with tournament organiser Julie Barry

AC Victor Harbor Tournament

The annual Association Croquet Tournament was held in the last week of February. The weather was great unlike the really hot weather which made the Eire Cup matches difficult.

Despite some withdrawals due to health issues there was a full field divided into 4 groups according to handicaps.

A day of doubles got everyone used to the lawns (of course greenkeeper Simon and his helpers had prepared an excellent surface) and allowed first timers to get to know the old hands. We were delighted to welcome Heather Lovell from the Kingston Club in Hobart, Roger Harris from North Adelaide, Val Dyer from Tumby Bay. We were also excited that Penola player Milton McArthur came to play his first tournament. Here's hoping they become regulars!

Doubles winners were Mark Kobelt and Russell Koop (group 1), John Arney and Heather Lovell (group 2), Phil Bateman and Kate Logan (group 3), and Karyn Speed and Hanna Damgaard (group 4.)

The singles were hotly contested with final matches deciding winners and runners up.

Group 1 saw Mark Kobelt defending his title from last year with Greg Rowberry runner up.

Group 2 Mary Marsland winner, and Malcolm Kinch runner up.

Group 3 Locals Steve Templeton (winner) and Kate Logan (runner up).

Group 4 Linda Kinch (winner) and Roger Harris (runner up.)

Commiserations to James Temlett who got off to a great start in group 2 but lost to a staircase and had to withdraw. Best wishes for a quick recovery, James!

Thank you to all players and the many club members who helped make the tournament a success.

Shirley Howlett (Tournament Manager)

Group 1 winner Mark Kobelt (Tumby Bay) and runner up Greg Rowberry (Norwood) with See Optometry representative Emily.



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GC Victor Harbor Tournament 2nd - 6th April

The annual Victor Harbor Golf Croquet tournament was held earlier this month and drew players from 7 Victorian clubs, 2 Tassie clubs, 2 SA country clubs and 3 Adelaide city clubs. This diverse range of players gives the competitors an opportunity to play against unfamiliar players, though for some it seemed to be the annual catch-up.

As Tournament manager, I feel fortunate to be able to offer competition on superb lawns and with generous hospitality. This only happens when many club members assist and Victor Harbor members do it well.

Kate Logan



SA GC GOLD MEDAL

Superb weather. Exceptional croquet! That sums up the SA Gold Medal 2025.

The field eventually reduced to 12 entrants representing Norwood, Hyde Park, Brighton, North Adelaide, South Terrace and Tea Tree Gully. The event was therefore reduced to 3 days. Unfortunately, Barry Haydon had to withdraw during the round-robin after doing a “hammy”.

The round-robin was strongly contested over 2 and a bit days with the final 4 not decided until the final round. The final four were Steve Condous (Hyde Park), Dwayne McCormick (Norwood), Ansi Beaumaris (Norwood) and Karen Magee (Brighton).

The semifinals led to Steve and Dwayne playing the final on Sunday afternoon, with Dwayne prevailing over Steve in a tightly fought match, taking out the Gold Medal 7-6, 7-5

The Plate Knockout final was won by Laura Eden (Tea Tree Gully) defeating Mark Senior (Hyde Park) 7-6.

Thanks to the organisers, managers and especially to the refs, Anne Woodhouse, David Stumm, Geoff Creek, Kevin LePoidevin and Kim Millhouse for a job well done.

Overall, it was an excellent event for players, and also for spectators. For those of you who missed the event, you'll have a further chance to watch some top level croquet at the SA Women's Championship on the 22 and 23rd May and the SA Men's Championships on 24th and 25th May. Put it in your diary!



David Rowe HPCC





GC Doubles Combined 15+

This event was held at Hutt Road on the 15th and 17th of April. The weather was good for a change. Nine teams entered and it was good to see pairings from different clubs getting together to compete. I am sure all players took some positives away from the experience.

There was a feeling of a croquet community, not just a collection of different clubs.

After day 1 Robin Golding (North Adelaide) and Nic McNicol (South Terrace) had no losses. By the last round on day 2 there were 3 teams which could win. Unfortunately for Helen Shaw (Brighton) and Ansi Baumanis (Norwood) they were pipped into 2nd place by just one hoop. Robin and Nic in third by just one hoop and Liz Mackenzie and Julian Hafner of Norwood won.

Karen Magee



Runners Up Ansi Baumanis and Helen Shaw with winners Liz Mackenzie and Julian Hafner.



Brighton Bash 1

The first Brighton Bash for this year was a singles event held on Easter Saturday for players with an 8 or higher handicap. Nine players were divided into two blocks for a single round robin, with the top players from each block playing off in the final.

Alex Wilson, Brighton's junior member, did well and just missed out on being in the final. Atholie Dennis of North Adelaide held her nerve and made it through.

In the other block it was much the same story, Colleen Baumanis (Norwood) edged out Frank Marcus (Victor Harbor) by the slightest of margins.

The final between the two ladies was excellent, with great approach shots and confident hoop running. Colleen was the eventual winner.

The next Brighton Bash later in the year will once again be a one-day competition as a Doubles Combined 8+.

Many thanks to the Brighton members who supported this event and supplied a range of easter treats to keep the energy levels up.

Karen Magee

Brighton Bash winner, Colleen Baumanis and Wendy Williamson (Brighton President)





Player Improvement / GC State Squad Fundraiser

While Player Improvement day was run as a fundraiser for the state squad, to help with travel and accommodation costs for this year's Interstate Shield, the major beneficiaries of the day were those players who came along and took advantage of the coaching plus the game with member of the state squad.

Some of the players were able to build on what they had learned in last year's player development session.

Coaches Barry Haydon, Laura Eden, Stephen Condous, Kim Millhouse and Paul Ensor spent 30 minutes in a one-on-one training session with 20+ players.

Starting with the stance stalk grip and swing, the object of the training was to develop a successful routine to produce more consistent results.

The offer was made to film players with their own cameras, so they can examine their technique from the comfort of home.

Once the player had spent a 30 minutes intense coaching session, the player would have a game with a member of the state squad putting the theory into practice and building on what they had learned.

Squad members Anne Woodhouse, Barry Haydon, Susan Davel and Karen Magee played a 45-minute game with the players to solidify the messages provided by the coaches.

This was a very successful day considering both funds raised and player development.

There is a strong feeling that more player development days should be considered in the future



Meet The SACA Board members - Sally Harper - Sports Development Officer

Hi all,

I've been playing croquet since around 2003, initially as a croquet widow! Working full-time made it challenging to fit in coaching sessions, especially since I didn't really enjoy the game. However, I successfully persevered, and my competitive spirit was ignited along with my nerves. It was a challenging situation that I gradually worked through.

I worked as a nurse for most of my career, eventually moving into management, aged care and palliative care, which I loved. I had a 15- year gap where Phil and I ran an antique and second-hand business. It was great fun, but it was sabotaged by GST among other changes.

Fundamentally, I see sports development as increasing the number of players in SA and helping clubs become more confident and grow within their communities. The board needs to develop good two-way communication to be responsive and supportive to clubs' needs.

To start, I need a marketing plan as a foundation for this growth. Any help with marketing, social media, advertising, graphics, etc., please get in touch.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Sally Harper



Golf Croquet Referee and Umpire Accreditation

There is a referee course to start the accreditation process for new referees and umpires on Tuesday 27th May from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Future sessions will be planned during this session. This is due to the need to increase our reserves of referees as people retire, and accommodate interest being shown in becoming referees or umpires.

The umpire position is a new initiative in the planning stages of ACA. The course is a SA qualification only at this stage as the inclusion at this time will help in clubs and regions as well as support the referees in tournaments.

The outline of the two courses are such that they can be delivered at the same time. The structures of the two courses have the same elements but at different levels:

- must be 16 years of age or older
- must have been playing GC for at least 12 months
- must have an ACA register play with a valid ACA
- must hold a valid GC handicap

to successfully complete the ASC The community Officiating General Principles on-line course(sportaus.gov.au/coaches_and_officials/officials)

Step 1: Australian Sports Commission The community Officiating General Principles

Step 2: Golf Croquet referees Open-Home Exam

Step 3: Assessment of the Practical Techniques of GC refereeing/umpiring

Step 4: Assessment of knowledge and understanding of the rules

The ACA is developing two new levels of officials to come into line with England and New Zealand. This is currently a proposal yet to be approved by the ACA Board. It is proposed that there will be three levels of officials

Umpires: Introduced to overcome a lack of referees at club and regional level. They will be trained to rule only on matters of fact, such as offside balls, interference with a ball by a player or outside agency, playing a wrong ball, faults and overlapping play (Rules 8-12 with only parts 1 and 2 of 9) Umpires are not qualified to interpret the rules/relevant rules of Golf Croquet.

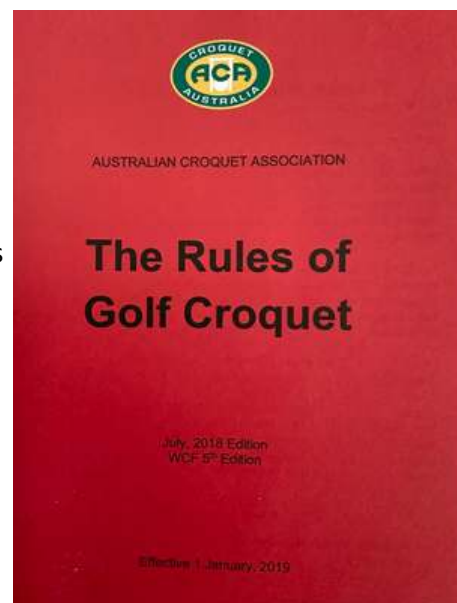
Referees are the current level of officials. They will become conversant with all rules and rulings, and be trained on the practical techniques. Instruction will be given in communication skills and the management of difficult situations on court.

Senior Referees: These are to undergo further and more difficult examination than for referees and is only by invitation of the National Referees Committee and will be restricted in number.

Players are encourage to get involved such that they can improve their knowledge of the rules and educate club members, leading to better play and awareness of what can and cannot be done in the game. Golf Croquet players wishing to participate in either the referee or umpire courses can register by either email or phone call to John Arney

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UPCOMING EVENTS.....

ASSOCIATION CROQUET

MAY 6 - 8 Harvey Bronze Medal **Entries have closed**
MAY 10 Pennants
JUNE 14 Pennants
JUNE 17 - 20 Maslen Brooch and Lewis Badge 6+ **Enter via SACA website, close June 17**
JULY 1 - 3 Division 2 Singles
JULY 4 - 6 Hyde Park Invitational **By Invitation**
JULY 13 Pennants
JULY 19 Pennants
JULY 26 - 27 Selector's Invitational **By Invitation**

GOLF CROQUET

MAY 3,4,11&31 Weekend Pennant **Hutt Road**
MAY 13 & 20 Autumn Singles 9+ **Entries have closed**
MAY 17 - 18 Silver Medal 6+ **Enter via SACA website Entries close May 2**
MAY 22 - 23 Women's SA Championship **Enter via SACA website Entries close May 7**
MAY 24 - 25 Men's SA Championship **Enter via SACA website Entries close May 9**
JUNE 7 - 9 Doubles Combined 8+
JUNE 21 Weekend Pennants
JUNE 25 - 26 Doubles Combined 12+
JULY 5, 12 & 20 Weekend Pennants
JULY 22 - 24 Singles 3+

Gala Days

MAY 19 Mt Barker
MAY 26 Murray Bridge
MAY 27 Brighton



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