

HOOP POINTS



Tournament participants L=>R David Stumm, Charles Seja, Frank Markus, Laura Eden, Greg Rowberry, Robert Brown and event manager, Kate Logan.

GC 3+ Singles 22nd - 24th July

The recent 3+ GC competition was contested by 6 players in a very competitive double round robin. Interestingly, many games won on the first day had the results reversed on the second day. The scores in most games were quite close.

The winner was David Stumm with Robert Brown runner up on hoop differential.

Kate Logan,
Event manager for Victor Harbor CC

Winner David Stumm and runner up
Robert Brown



SACA Board News

Croquet SA AGM is on 27 August at 10:30am, and members are encouraged to attend and consider contributing to the management and promotion of Croquet in SA.

We are keen to maintain our Department of Sport Recreation and Racing Grant (for our Admin. Officer), but conditions apply, including having at least 40 percent female members. Please consider your capacity to nominate for a position as a Board Member.

With the introduction of RevSport, SACA is transitioning to a calendar year fee cycle. For the last quarter of 2025, fees will remain unchanged. Looking ahead to 2026, there will be a small increase, but we are awaiting a decision from ACA regarding their fees. Clubs will be informed as soon as possible. We encourage all clubs to consider calendar year membership as funding, fees and events are all based on a calendar year.

For many years, previous Boards have considered the benefits of a 4th lawn at Hutt Rd, and work has been done since the President was Philip Hadley in 2002. We will develop a feasibility study through a Sports Consultant over the coming months. SACA holds funds in savings accounts which have been earmarked for this lawn, and the consultant would assist with funding and grant applications, should it be approved. This is a long term project, and should approval be given by Adelaide City Council and the Parks Authority, then we would be dependent upon grant applications.

Our Sports Development Officer, Sally Harper has been pursuing sponsorship for the Hutt Rd. site and has been successful with some equipment makers. If you have connections with companies which may be worth approaching, please discuss this with her. Sally is organizing a meeting of clubs interested in a Statewide promotion of a 'Night-Owls' or 'Come and Try' promotion. Clubs have been written to and are urged to nominate a representative to meet with Sally. It is envisaged that the events would be promoted through Seniors Card mail-outs, with individual club contacts. Lots of clubs have held these events and if we pool ideas and experiences, it should be possible to develop something really good. She sees it as a money spinner for clubs and to promote the delights of mallet sports. It would be quite different to Hammer Time. This is your chance to make a real impact on the management and promotion of croquet in South Australia. Your network could be the key to our next big partnership. Imagine the buzz and excitement as we promote these. If your club is interested, please nominate your reps and be part of this fantastic opportunity.

We have been working towards the completion of roof drainage away from the courts. We also have a grant and need to complete drainage from the north west court corner off the courts. We have extremely high tap water and recycled water usage this quarter and investigations by WaterSA and Utilities Adelaide City Council have failed to find an extraordinary reason.

Paul Ensor has volunteered to be our Members Information and Protection Officer.

Kevin Le Poidevin



AC Division 2 Singles 2025

This event was held at Hutt Rd lawns on July 1st to 3rd. There were initially nine entrants, but illness and misadventure led to three withdrawals, and the event went ahead with six players.

Country players were well represented, with Terry Catling (Tumby Bay), Bill Kidd (Mt Barker) and Steve Templeton (Victor Harbor), joining John Arney (Norwood), Jim Curtis (Aldinga Bay), and Russell Kopp (North Adelaide).

The event was managed by members of the Glenunga club, and we had very welcome help for a considerable part of each day from James Temlett, our CSA Referee Coordinator.

Fortunately for everybody the weather turned out to be very agreeable, each day starting out quite cold but warming a little as the sun came to our aid. The lawns played rather variably at first because of the early frost and dew, but settled down as that dissipated.

The competition was played in a very friendly yet still competitive spirit, and we had the pleasure of watching a good deal of top-level croquet from fine players.

At the end of the third day we had a clear winner in Jim Curtis, who won all five of his matches, with Russell Kopp as runner-up.

My thanks to the Glenunga members who came to help me, to all the entrants who were so pleasant and friendly, and to James for his able assistance.

Tony Knight,
AC Captain, Glenunga Croquet Club



Division 2 Singles winner Jim Curtis



CROQUET
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Kadina Club Players Perform Well at The Norfolk Island Convicts Cup

Recently in June, Kadina Croquet Club members, Ann Ridgway, Geoff Clavey, Dean Rodda, Helen Rodda, Malcolm Crosby and Helen Crosby enjoyed representing the Kadina Croquet Club, when they traveled to Norfolk Island to compete in the 11th Convict's Cup Social Golf Croquet event. Over 85 like minded Golf Croquet players from all over Australia attended. Being a doubles event we were matched with a partner with either a higher or lower handicap and we played with that partner all week.

The transformed croquet playing field at Kingston is the oldest sporting pitch in the Southern Hemisphere and houses a cricket pitch that spans in age from 1825 - 1856 when sports were played by the military and free settlers at that time.

It was quite challenging for each croquet player to come to terms with the run of the courts/field and with the occasional downpour of rain making it quite a soggy field, we all had a lot of not so 'normal' shots. The players had the use of four wonderful referees, who were kept very busy for the week, adjudicated the games very competently.

Fifteen matches were played for the week and we are very proud to say that the winning trophy went to Kadina player Dean Rodda and his partner Marjorie Maley from WA. The runners up being June McLaren and Annette Garland. The final game was played in drenching warm rain, with Dean and Marjorie winning 7 hoops to 3.



Congratulations Dean for playing well all week and for bringing home the trophy, and for once again putting the Kadina Croquet Club on the map. Last time it was won by a Kadina Croquet Club member was in 2016 when Linda Kinch and her partner won.

Go See Touring professionally and very ably organized this event for us. From the organization of accommodation, hire cars, evening meals and entertainment, historic tours and our own time for sight seeing, the week was full of fun and for a time to discover the enchanting beauty of Norfolk Island, its history and its culture. I can't elaborate any more about how much fun was had by all, because we all know what happens on holidays, stays on holidays.

But I can say that some very strong friendships were forged for more than one reason or another from the happy week together.

Helen Rodda
Kadina CC





Coaching Session at Glenunga was a Great Success

The members at Glenunga Croquet Club were disappointed when the times for expert coaching at Hutt Rd recently were all taken up, particularly after they heard how valuable was the time spent.

Thanks to David Wiffen (Glenunga) and Barry Haydon a virtually all-day coaching session was therefore held on Wednesday 2 July at Glenunga.

More than 20 Glenunga members were individually coached during the day followed by a singles game against a State player and all agreed that the enjoyable experience should lead to improved skills.

Thanks to the State Team (Barry, Paul, Ansi, Laura, Steve, Norma, Karen, Ann and Virginia) for the stimulating day.

Appropriate donations were made to assist the State team expenses in travelling interstate to represent us.

Barry Chatterton
Treasurer Glenunga Croquet Club



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Grant Lawrence, Still Playing Competitively at 94

I was born on 7th August 1931 my parents were Frank & Margaret Lawrence, (nee McRae) and lived in Goodwood along side of the Glenelg tram line in Hampton Street.

I came into this world not far South of Millswood Croquet Club at the Kings Park Private Hospital on Goodwood Road. At that stage I was No. 2 in the family following brother John (1929) eventually there would be five of us Donald (1934), Frank (1940), Patricia (1947). In that era it was not uncommon for mothers to be in Hospital for up to 3 weeks as was my mother's case. It was during this period that I was introduced to the love of my life (more later).

I went to Goodwood Primary School until WW2 broke out when we moved to Port Noarlunga after Dad and Mum's two brothers joined the Army and went overseas. At the same time Mum's mother and sister came to live with us as our properties were taken over by the Government and were leased out to people who had come in from the country to work in the Munitions Factory, which was where the now bulldozed LeCornu site was situated.

My two brothers and myself thought we were in Heaven as we were allowed to roam far and wide on the weekends with our dog and ferret chasing rabbits which we sold for three pence each. It was during this time that I joined the local Life Saving Club as a Junior which I enjoyed until after the usual Sunday swim around the steps of the jetty and were getting ready to go back in when a shark appeared from under the jetty, that was the end of me. From then on I was a river swimmer!

Finishing primary school my next step was to go to Goodwood Boys Technical School where I went into the side of metalwork which eventually landed me an apprenticeship with Chrysler Australia (Mitsubishi) as a fitter and turner. I never ever got to applying what I had been taught over the last 5 years as I was transferred into the drawing office to start a whole new career as a Tool Design Draftsman. This led me later to join a group of other draftsmen in going out as sub contactors to the various car manufacturers in designing press tools for them at a better wage than we got as employees. Down the track I had the chance to go back to Mitsubishi and design their first assembly jigs for the Gate Line system which they imported from the USA. Following that stint I had an offer to try my hand at designing at the Adelaide Oil Refinery for six months which turn out to be the last job I had as I retired from there after a twenty one year contract.

Whilst at school I decided to play hockey, helping to form a team with friends in Pt. Noarlunga and Christies Beach later when we moved to our new home at Oaklands Park. I joined the Brighton Club, that got me through winter. Summer was full on with sailing at the Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club.



It was around this time that an unexpected visitor arrived with her parents to see whether my older brother would partner her to the C.B.A. ball. As he was going steady at the time he assured her that I was the better dancer and would be only too happy to partner her (which I certainly was). It took me another six years for me to get her to say "I DO". (Yes that was Elaine the lass I first met at the age of 14 days and she was 31 days.) We were married on the 22nd October 1955 at St. Cuthbert's Cof E Prospect Rd.

Best decision I ever made. We were soul mates for over 63 years. Raised two boys who gave us four grand children (3 boys and a girl). Now have 8 Great Grand Children (5 girls and 3 boys).

Unfortunately Elaine passed away in 2019.

After our boys started school, we decided it was time to get back into a sport, (both having played tennis before the boys arrived). One of our friends told us that she and her husband were going to join the Grange Golf Club as members of the new course that had been built there, so why not join with them? We spent close on 40 years of enjoyment there. Elaine taking out the State Bronze Salva held at the Barossa Golf Club and notching up 2 hole-in-ones during her time of playing, whilst I could only manage to get my H/cap down to single figures for a short time (too much effort and practice). But did manage to win B grade championship at the Southern Ports Golf Tournament in 1999.

Around 2008 Elaine and Bet Wuttke decided that Golf was getting too much for them and that they were going to play croquet with a friend who had joined Holdfast Bay, which allowed me to continue to play golf for a couple more years. Eventually cost of membership started to climb too high and I resigned and said I might try my hand at this game of croquet which my golfing mate of 30 years had taken up at Nth. Adelaide. He managed to get me into a couple of Gala Days to see how it was played. Needless to say I enjoyed it. It was at this time that the croquet players at Holdfast were not getting along with the current president and a group left and joined the Millswood Club who offered 6 months 'come and try' which was back in 2011. My first game I was allocated to play with three ladies who informed that the time that once they stepped across that blue line they stopped being ladies and we were at war! They were a delight to play with. I eventually found out that one was the widow of a man that I had trained during my time at Chrysler.

I played my first pennant game on 30/10/11 against Judy Adkin and was beaten 7-0! It took me five more matches before getting a win on the board, but three months before getting revenge on Judy who was 4-0 up that stage.

Luckily the years have treated me well and have managed to get H/cap down to five which I have held for the last eight years so do not think I am going to put my mallet into retirement just yet I am still enjoying the competitive spirit of the game and the wonderful people that play the game.

Grant Lawrence
Millswood CC



If you have a croquet player at your club that you would like to celebrate, please feel encouraged to email an article and photos through to me at newsletter@sacroquet.com.au or jillmillhouse105@gmail.com.au

Sally Suggests Sharing

Is your club interested in growing?

Would you like a very cheap and reliable advertising platform.

Facebook is the answer.

My research indicates that 16 clubs have Facebook pages, some weren't aware they had one. Posting regularly and sharing one another's posts is an amazingly easy way to reach people.

If the 16 clubs posted every 1-2 weeks and those receiving the posts shared them, we could reach several thousand each time. For current

Facebook users it's great to 'like' a post but 'sharing' it is more

important. This will reach many more users, raise our general profile and has a snowball effect. I could say it improves our algorithm, but I'm not sure what that is.

So, if your club wants to know more, become more proficient using this platform I'm organising an education session, I'll use Zoom for those in the country – let me know

sportdevelopment@sacroquet.com.au

I need a minimum of 6 participants and have 3 already.

Cheers

Sally Harper



PS - for country clubs take a leaf out of Port Lincoln Croquet's initiative.

Advertise in the local paper "Coffee, Cake and Croquet", they grew from 8-40 players in a couple of years.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

GOLF CROQUET

- AUG 9, 17, 30 Weekend pennants
- AUG 12 Doubles Combined 20+ [Enter via the SACA website](#)
- AUG 14 - 17 Brighton Armstrong Challenge [Enter by 31st July annewoodhouse4@gmail.com](#)
- AUG 19 - 21 Open Doubles [Enter via the SACA website](#)
- SEPT 9 & 16 5+ Spring Singles [Enter via the SACA website](#)
- SEPT 11 & 18 9+ Spring Singles [Enter via the SACA website](#)
- SEPT 20, 21 Weekend Pennants
- SEPT 22, 29 Aggregate 24+

ASSOCIATION CROQUET

- AUG 2 Pennants
- AUG 16 Pennants
- AUG 23 - 24 President's trophy [By Invitation](#)
- SEPT 6 Pennants
- SEPT 7 Development Squad
- SEPT 13 -14 Div 3 [Singles Enter via the SACA website](#)
- SEPT 23-25 Div 4 [Singles Enter via the SACA website](#)
- SEPT 27 Pennants

GC GALA DAYS

- SEPT 1 Murray Bridge
- SEPT 8 Victor Harbor
- SEPT 15 Mt Barker

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