

HOOP POINTS



Maslen Brooch Winner -
Liz Mackenzie



Lewis Badge and Maslen Brooch

June 17th to 19th 2025.

With only 6 men competing in the Lewis Badge and 4 women in the Maslen Brooch it was decided to run the AC events concurrently.

This worked extremely well with 1 lawn dedicated to the Maslen and the Lewis played on lawns 2 and 3. Players came from five different clubs and handicaps ranged from 6 to 14. Skills varied across the matches but the bigger handicapped players managed to hold their own against the low handicappers in most instances and some very close matches ensued.

There were 3 men's games and 1 women's game pegged out and notable breaks that I'm aware of were a break of 12 from Liz Mackenzie (Norwood), one of 8 hoops from Lorraine Smith (Hyde Park) and Jeff Zweck (Coro Valley) earned a break of 7 pin for his first break of that length.

Both winners were decided in the last match on the final day, with congratulations going to Liz Mackenzie for the Maslen Brooch and David Pinnock for the Lewis Badge.

Barry Jennings (compiled while awaiting the anaesthetist for a back op.)

Manager – Hyde Park



Lewis Badge Runner Up -
Stephen Templeton



Lewis Badge Winner -
David Pinnock



Maslen Brooch Runner Up -
Joan Kelly

SACA Board News

We are about to do our 2026 calendar year budget and fees. We would like to include more balls and a top-dressing over Christmas. The decision of the Board regarding fees and budget will be presented at the AGM. Because of the loss of \$20.5K grant money and increases from ACC, will probably make a loss for this year. Because some things have increased in cost, there will be some increase in fees. Adelaide City Council now charge rent on every square metre of internal floor space including the shed. They charge a lease for each lawn and a share of insurance for the building. This is reviewed every year under the current agreement on February 28. We are currently in a 3 year agreement. Of course the review is likely to increase costs each year. We currently pay \$3.75k.

We now have strong leadership in Association Croquet so over a period of time we hope to see some improvements which would be wonderful because AC is a great game.

Shirley Howett as AC Director is starting new initiatives. A development program has been organised and coaching will begin shortly. The AC State squad has been named and the first practice was held last weekend. The AC committee is still looking for someone to take on the AC Handicapping role. Please contact Shirley Howlett if interested 0431332194

Greg Rowberry has agreed to be the Coaching Coordinator. Being a coordinator means he will delegate our panel of coaches to run sessions.

Joan Kelly as Events Manager continues to magnificently organize pennant programs and various tournament events.

James Temlett as Referees Coordinator is running sessions to introduce more referees. More referees will mean a greater understanding of the rules by the players. He will ensure that current referees have their "Working with Children" qualification and any other requirements. Things are definitely looking up.

The drainage from the roof is now complete so we should see an improvement on the courts.

We are still pursuing the possibility of adding a 4th lawn to Hutt Rd. We intend to have a feasibility study completed by One Eighty Sport and Leisure. This will cost us, but it is the only way the Adelaide City Council will look at our proposal. This is the normal course for significant sporting developments.

It will provide us with costed plans and the company will assist us to apply for grants. The company is used to doing this for significant sporting developments. Ansi and Kevin met Mark Bend to begin the process.

The Board has endorsed this process as necessary for us to proceed. This by no means ensures our success but it is a necessary part of the process.

Kevin Le Poidevin



SA GC Doubles Combined 8+

Brighton CC managed this event on the Kings Birthday Long Weekend at Hutt Road.

The weather forecast was not encouraging and did lead to a smaller field than usual in this event. Four teams competed in it.

With a few breaks for heavy showers and once for small hail, the games went on.

Kate and Frank from Victor Harbor took the early lead on day one, winning all their matches and continued in the same manner on day two, hence winning the competition.

The fight for second was much closer with Geoff (Woodville) and Norma (North Adelaide) edging out Annie (Millswood) and John (Norwood) by one game.

Thank you to Bernie, Anne and Kim for refereeing.

Karen Magee



Winners of the GC Doubles combined 8+ Frank Markus and Kate Logan with tournament coordinator Ken Nunan.



Runners up Geoff Crook and Norma Greig



CROQUET
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Meet The SACA Committee - Karen Tierney

I started playing Golf Croquet in 2021 after attending a 'Come & Try' course at North Adelaide club. I was immediately attracted by the individual challenge and the strategic elements as well as a very warm and welcoming club environment. Since then I have enjoyed playing in team and individual tournament and pennant games.

My professional training was as a Social Worker and I spent many years in child protection, mental health and policy positions before moving to Centrelink as a chief Social Worker and manager. Nevertheless I was happy to retire and move on to personal activities including more physical activities, mosaics, cooking, reading groups and extensive travels with my husband Jon. One thing I didn't expect in retirement was getting my RSA and becoming bar manager at NACC!

I accepted a position on the SACA Board to allow another person to resign for family reasons. Whilst still getting my head around the relevant issues, I hope to bring a sound business and administrative mind to decision making, whilst endeavouring to bring more communication between SACA and the club network.



Happy Birthday Ansi

Ansi Baumanis celebrated his 80th birthday during the yearly Friendly Social Match between North Adelaide CC and Norwood CC.

Congratulations and best wishes. May there be many more.



Mount Gambier Croquet Club News

After a great summer and autumn of social play at the Croquet Club the new winter competition will begin in the next week . The Club has had an influx of new members in the last few months who are all very keen with ongoing coaching and competing.

Two of our members Pat Geraghty and Lesley Trenery went on a road trip recently and visited and competed in croquet games in Canberra, Bendigo and Kyneton. They said they had been very welcomed and enjoyed their time at all the clubs.

Janice Vitagliano



GC Doubles Combined Handicaps 12+ Tournament

The GC Doubles Combined Handicaps 12+ Tournament was played at Hutt Road on Wednesday 25 June and Thursday 26 June 2025. The tournament was managed by the North Adelaide Croquet Club and consisted of 12 plays (6 pairs) from the Millswood, North Adelaide, Brighton, Norwood, Hyde Park and Victor Harbor Clubs.

The tournament was a showcase of both veteran and emerging doubles players who represented their clubs with distinction and played the game in an extremely good sporting demeanour.

At the end of the double round robin, three pairs finished the tournament with 6 wins each with only net hoops deciding the overall winner. The combined team of Susan Dunsby (Brighton) and Warwick O'Brien (Hyde Park) won the tournament with Gayle Searle and Hilary Thomas (North Adelaide) as runners-up. Congratulation to both doubles pairs and well done to all players.

A big thank you to all the referees (Barry Haydon, Ansi Baumanis, Karen Magee and David Stumm) who volunteered their time to ensure the success of the event. A thank you also to the North Adelaide Croquet Club members (Jon Kirwan and Marianne Maycock) who volunteered their time and skills to ensure that the tournament ran smoothly.

Jim Carter – Event Manager, North Adelaide Croquet Club



Photos: Above:- 12+ Doubles participants Above right:- Winners, Warwick O'Brien and Susan Dunsby with tournament organiser Jim Carter.
Right:- Runners up, Hilary Thomas and Gayle Searle

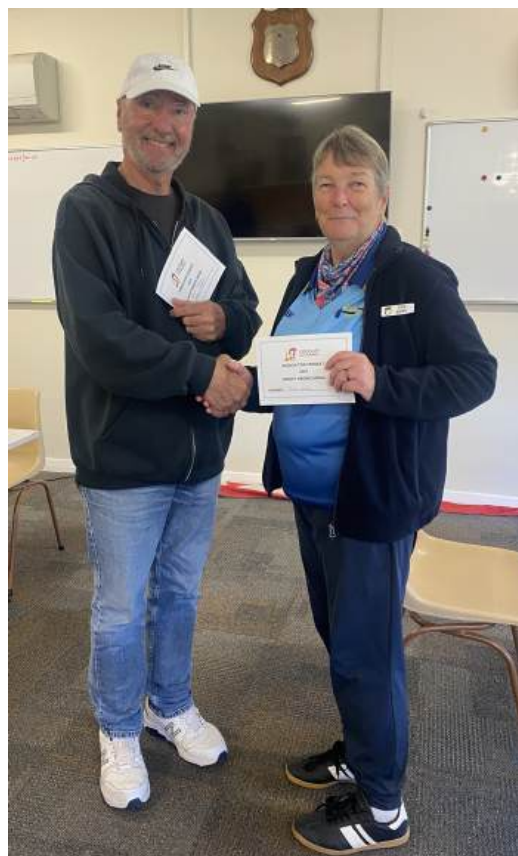
Harvey Bronze Medal AC Tournament

Congratulations to Julie Barry (pictured right) from Millswood Croquet Club for a convincing tournament victory over some tough opponents in the Harvey Bronze Medal.

Finishing one game behind her were Bridie O'Reilly from Victor Harbor CC, Graeme Drewett from Norwood CC and Debbie McParlin from Moont CC.

In an exciting last minute win Bridie O'Reilly (pictured below) edged into Runner-up position for the tournament by 3 hoop points.

Murray Baum



Interested in becoming an Association Croquet Referee or Umpire?

The process to become an Association Croquet Umpire or Referee, is a Nation-wide one. It is overseen by Croquet Australia and Croquet SA.

There are two levels for Association Croquet. An Umpire who assesses the results of strokes on the lawn, whilst the Referee does that aspect plus interprets and rules on the laws of the game.

Saturday the 9th August, Laws 7 review (each 2 years), is also mandatory for ALL qualified AC Referees, who wish to continue being CA Registered.

Some SA Referees may also want to be Tournament Referee Education Program (TREP) registered.

Date: Saturday 9th August 2025

Time: 15h00 - 1700 AC Laws V7, review with Lawn examples.

Sunday 10th August

Time: 09h00 to 12h00 Lawn-craft assessment.

Venue: Norwood CC, Portrush Road, Norwood, Adelaide.

Please contact James Temlett
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This years selected GC State team to play in the Hunter Valley (NSW) during September is as follows:

Men

Stephen Condous
Barry Haydon
Paul Ensor
Mark Senior
Ansi Baumanis
RESERVE: David Wise.

Women

Virginia Arney
Karen Magee
Susan Davel
Laura Eden
Norma Greig
RESERVE: Ann Woodhouse

CONGRATULATIONS!

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

ASSOCIATION CROQUET

JULY 1 - 3 Division 2 Singles (2.5+) **Entries have closed**
JULY 4 - 6 Hyde Park Invitational **By Invitation**
JULY 13 Pennants
JULY 19 Pennants
JULY 26 - 27 Selector's Invitational **By Invitation**
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

GOLF CROQUET

JULY 5, 12 & 20 Weekend Pennants
JULY 22 - 24 Singles 3+ **Enter Via SACA website Entries close 7 July**
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+

GC GALA DAYS

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



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