



HOOP POINTS

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SA CROQUET ASSOCIATION 2020 PRESENTATION DAY

The annual presentation of medals and trophies for Association and Golf Croquet, recognition & thanks to our volunteers & induction of Bryan Dawson into SACA Life Membership will take place on

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER AT NORTH ADELAIDE CROQUET CLUB at 11am - 1pm inc. sausage sizzle for purchase (\$2 for first one and \$1 thereafter)

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

Thank you to North Adelaide for hosting this event due to capacity restrictions at Hutt Road. The Bar will be open for refreshments and a sausage sizzle available for purchase at conclusion of the presentations. Members do not need to bring shared food this year as it contravenes current Covid restrictions.

THE PRESIDENT ELECT HAS ANNOUNCED THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED.

NEW AND RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Congratulations and welcome to new Board members (pending Declaration) Lyn Parnell (President), Mick Reidy (Director Sport Development). Heath Jackson (appointed) (Director GC), Roger Buddle (Director AC). Thank you to outgoing Board members Eileen Ferguson and Graeme Thomas for your commitment and achievements over the years.

NEW AND RETIRING OFFICERS

Congratulations to new Officers Ansi Baumanis (MPIO), Ron McBride (Registrations) and thank you to Norma Amey, Barbara Gordon and Robert Speer for many years of valuable input to these roles.

ACA GC BRONZE MEDAL 2020

For three days 25-27 September, the Australian Croquet Association's South Australian Bronze Medal Tournament was held at Croquet SA lawns. This tournament was a Single Round Robin consisting of best of three, 13-point untimed game, matches. Play started at 8.30am each morning and players settled in for a long hard tournament. The winner of this tournament would usually play off with the winners from the other states in the ACA Gold and Silver Medal Competition. Covid-19 will prevent this from happening in 2020 as players from each state can't travel to Tasmania for it.

In my opinion, the tournament started a little sluggishly. It seemed to me that the players were still coming out of "Covid hibernation". Not enough top flight competition under their belts.

Having made that observation, the standard of play was excitingly high.

Long, hard roquets, some great jump shots mixed with amazing ball positioning. The number of first balls sitting plumb on the spot was impressive. For the most, the tactics were sound and the overall picture for the three days augers well for South Australia.

The competitors, as usual with this group, were good sports and great to manage.

The wonderful referees were Kim Milhouse, Stewart Kingsborough, Barry Haydon, Anne Woodhouse, with Barry Jennings and Ansi Baumanis helping out when they were not playing, as we had a bye situation when unfortunately, Michael Reidy had to retire hurt.

The Bronze Medal winner was Heath Jackson from Hyde Park CC (6 matches, net 7 games) and the runner-up was Barry Jennings also from Hyde Park CC (6 matches, net 6 games) and Ron McBride from Yankalilla CC came a very close third with 6 matches, net 6 games, but lost by 4 hoops to the runner-up. It was a great tournament!

Grateful thanks to the Millswood CC members for all of their help and support.

Jane Lewis, Event Manager



Barry Jennings—Heath Jackson

Tournament participants

CROQUET CB Sharp Gold Medal Event

This event attracts the State's top Association players - 11 players entered this year. It was played over the Labor Holiday weekend at Hutt Road. Players who participated were Edward Wilson, Dwayne McCormick, Mark Kobelt, Mark Senior, Murray Baum, Ron McBride, David Short, Greg Rowberry, Barry Jennings, Roger Buddle and David Wise. Mark Kobelt travelled over from Cleve and for the first time in many years David Wise was able to enter as he is normally playing croquet overseas when this event is on.

The skill level displayed in all matches was very high. David Short had a number of impressive wins and managed to reduce his handicap in this event from 2.5 to 1.5. David only came back to the sport just over two years ago starting with a handicap of 10 (he learnt the game as a young person but had not played for over 25 years) – he is improving and reducing his handicap in every event he plays in. Certainly a player to watch in the future.

One exceptional match that kept spectators absorbed was between Edward Wilson and Murray Baum. Murray started very well making the first 9 hoops with a perfect leave. Edward hit the leave shot and then proceeded to make his 12 hoops whilst also peeling Murray's ball through his remaining 3 hoops. Not sure if for fun or to keep the spectators amused, Edward then pegged out both his ball and Murray's. This left both players with just one ball starting from hoop one. Murray had the first opportunity to start the "two ball" game but made an error which let Edward in. Edward then made his remaining 12 hoops and pegged out with just the two balls. A 13 ball break with two balls is not something we have the opportunity to witness in our local tournaments. The placement of Edward's balls and his shots were absolutely perfect - for those of us who were fortunate to be there, it will be a match we will long remember.

Dwayne on the other hand had a few matches that were very close - he had to fight his way back and bring out some big plays to get out of some very tricky situations. Like Edward, he also won all his 9 matches so it was their last match against each other that played out as the final. Dwayne lifted his game to another level in this encounter – he played a faultless game - his best match for the entire weekend. Dwayne won the toss and allowed Edward only two shots, winning 26-0. This is the third CB Sharp Medal Dwayne has won and we all congratulate him on a wonderful performance.

ASSOCIATION CROQUET The South Australian AC Open Men's and Women's Singles

The SA Men's and Women's Open Singles Championship was held from 16 – 18 October. Ten Men competed and four Women. It was disappointing that, due to various reasons, entries in the Women's event were down.

Although it was light-on in numbers there were some very competitive and close games. Liz McKenzie, who had her arm twisted to make up the numbers, ended up winning the women's block with Di Helier runner-up.

Once again, the men succeeded in entertaining us with some skilful croquet. Dwayne McCormick, the eventual winner, managed 7 triple peels in 9 games and Mark Kobelt, the runner-up had 3 triple peels. David Short continued his winning streak with a handicap reduction to 1. Well done, David!

AC Events Coordinators managed this event and we would like to thank all the players who came early and set up the courts. Although there was one hiccup when Dwayne was caught up in traffic – well that was his excuse, but he did take his turn on another day!



Murray Baum 3rd, Dwayne McCormick winner (right)

AC Events Coordinators



Runner-up Di Helier (left), winner Liz Mackenzie (centre), Sally Harper

ASSOCIATION CROQUET M E Hatwell Gold Medal

The Hatwell Gold was held over three days, September 22 – 23, 2020 and attracted 12 entries. There were three country players in the competition; Terry Catling travelled from Tumby Bay, Malcolm Kinch travelled from Kadina and Shirley Howlett from Victor Harbor. Geoffrey Wheaton is a member of Norwood club but lives at Murray Bridge.

The Hatwell Gold Medal is a singles event for players with handicaps of 3 or more. The format was two blocks of six players with playoffs in a final round to determine placings. Winner of Block 1 was Di Helier, undefeated, runner-up was Shirley Howlett. Winner of Block 2 was Geoffrey Wheaton, also undefeated, runner-up was Malcolm Kinch. The play-off for first and second place between Di Helier and Geoffrey Wheaton was won by Geoffrey who managed to change his handicap by two points during the tournament.

The weather turned bad during the last half of the last day and players were lashed by strong winds and rain. Many thanks to Hyde Park croquet club for providing personnel to be present at the event.



Di Helier and Geoffrey Wheaton

GLENUNGA CROQUET CLUB NEWS

In 2019, the Glenunga Croquet Club was one of many clubs that applied for (thanks to Simon Lee), and were successful in obtaining an Active Club Program grant from the department of Recreation, Sport and Racing "To assist with program and equipment funding". We used the \$5000 grant principally for protecting the health of our members, especially given the current COVID-19 pandemic: many of our members are in the "vulnerable group". We purchased many items related to the pandemic, such as sanitisers, gloves, paper towels, high vis vests for the now-compulsory COVID marshals, water jugs and a stainless steel trolley for their storage and hygienic transport. Perhaps our most important purchase was a defibrillator, together with additional defibrillator pads and a St John's AED prep pack. We also bought new clips for competitive play and will provide subsidies to members for uniforms required for competition matches.

As a result of the grant, Glenunga Croquet Club received a request from the office of the Honourable Corey Wingard, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing to visit the Club, along with representatives of the local television channels. It was very pleasing that our local member of parliament, the Honourable David Pisoni, Minister for Industry and Skills also attended the event. The visit, which took place on August 22nd, was attended by cameramen and journalists from Channels 2, 7, 9 and 10. At the end of formalities, both Ministers enjoyed a casual attempt at running hoops, under the eagle eyes of cameramen and journalists. Corey Wingard is shown below about to run the hoop, much to the amusement of David Pisoni behind him, after brief, but expert tutelage by Michael Shanahan.



Neither minister, however, was subjected to the intense scrutiny that Greg Rodgers, who was our COVID Marshal at the event, had to endure - certainly no pressure here!!



SACA GC 20+ Doubles competition.

The winners were Janis Jenkins and Christine Horner from Victor Harbor CC and the runners-up were Heather Martin from VHCC and Sara Kendrick from Aldinga CC.

The competition was played over 2 Tuesdays and was played in good competitive spirit by all participants.

Kate Logan, tournament manager



Just a reminder for everyone using Hutt Road to please pay for your soft drink and snack food that has been made available. Unfortunately at present we are not receiving anywhere near the corresponding money in the fridge for what is being consumed. Also, remember if you need to use a disposable cup there is a 50c cost. Currently we are running at a loss and if it continues we simply won't be able to keep subsidizing this, and will need to stop purchasing the drinks/chips/muesli bars, although of course we would prefer to continue to do so. While we are on the reminders, please try to remember to keep 1.5m apart especially at tables in and outside. Restrictions are still in place and we need to respect this. Please leave the clubhouse and outdoor area tidy, in a manner that you would wish to find it, for the benefit of the many players who use this facility. This would be most appreciated by all.

Office Hours: I currently work from home Mon-Thurs, but am in the office on Monday mornings. You are welcome to come in and see me about anything you wish to discuss then or email me to make another time that suits. Of course if it is just a query you can also just email me at this email address.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2020**NOVEMBER**

- 3-5 **AC** Open Doubles Entry fee \$20 Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net
 5-6: 12-13 **AC** North Adelaide Swiss tournament Cost \$35 Contact Kevin LePoidevin 0403 836 954
 kevinlepoidevin@gmail.com
 7-8 **AC** North Adelaide Games Invitation tournament Mens 7 games cost \$40; Womens 5 games cost \$35
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 8 **AC** Victor Harbor gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact bethyoung@bigpond.com 8552 2348
 9 **GC** Hyde Park Festive gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Richard Schneider 0439 858 908
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 11 **GC** 12+ Singles Entry fee \$23 Entries to esportsdesk.com
 16 **GC** Victor Harbor gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Kate Logan kate.logan@adam.com.au
 17-19 **AC** Hatwell Gold Medal 3+ Entry fee \$40 Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net
 23 **GC** Murray Bridge gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Eric Zadow 0450 782 205
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 24 **GC** Brighton gala Cost \$20 inc. lunch Contact Barry Teague 0408 888 071
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DECEMBER

- 12 **SACA Presentation Day at North Adelaide Croquet Club** 11.00am. Bar open and
 sausage sizzle available for purchase after presentations.

GATEBALL

- November 22-23 **The President's Trophy, South Australian Gateball Doubles
 Championship** at Hutt Road

**2021**

AC Saturday Pennants: Open to Div 4 Entry fee \$40 per team Entries to roger.buddle@internode.on.net

- March 28** Guinness Book of Records—help create croquet World Records and have fun at North Adelaide Croquet
 Club. Includes all mallet sport codes.
 Contact Karen Magee 0404 174 177, Carolyn Cooper 0427 831 642, Sally Harper 0400 294 455

2021 MASTERS GAMES 15-18 April

hosted by Yorke Peninsula Copper Coast. Website Copper Coast Information Centre 8821 2333 or
 visit@coppercoast.sa.gov.au

WCF delays 2020-2023 events by one year.

Schedule update <https://worldcroquet.org/index.php/latest-news/413-10-year-championship-schedule-update>

When exiting the lawns—especially in wet weather—please avoid stepping on the sleeper
 surrounds which can become slippery when wet. surrounds which can become slippery when wet.

COVID-19 ball cleaning

Please clean the balls after play with warm soapy water—sanitiser results in discolouration. Alcohol wipes are
 provided for timers, laptop keyboard and mouse at Hutt Road.

COMPETITION ENTRY FEES—REMINDER

Clubs are now sent an invoice for entries and lawn fees. Clubs are requested to submit entries via the appropriate on-line entry
 form. For individual and doubles events players are also requested to complete an on-line entry and are encouraged to submit
 entry fees direct to Croquet SA via bank transfer.

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBER PLAYERS, CLUB EVENTS MANAGERS, AND SACA COORDINATORS

A reminder that coaching, information or refereeing sessions conducted on behalf of Croquet SA, club events such
 as Gala Days and tournaments, as well as Croquet SA events are for **current** registered members only.

**A player quoting their ID number does not mean they are currently registered. The number could
 have been issued in prior years.**

All Players: Please ensure you have your current Croquet SA registration card with you when attending events.

Club & SACA Event Managers and Coordinators: After entries close you can check whether players are regis-
 tered with the Registrations Officer Ron McBride membership@croquetsa.com.au prior to the event.

If no checks are made prior to the event, then current ID cards for all participants should be sighted on the day.
 Croquet SA relies on clubs to administer this for club events. Please ensure this process is undertaken for all
 internal events held. Thank you for your assistance.

REGISTRATION FEES for all Croquet SA players for 12 months 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021:
City \$114 inc GST, Country \$75 inc GST, Student (18-25 with ID card) city \$55 inc GST, country \$33 inc GST,
Juniors (under 18 as at 1/7/20) city and country free. Club affiliation waived for 2020-2021 year.
For new players who join as the year goes on Secretaries please note that Registration fees are reduced every
quarter in January, April and July and are published on the back page of the Hoop Points newsletter. Please use the
correct fee when sending in your registration form. If in doubt please contact Registrations Officer
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Thank you.

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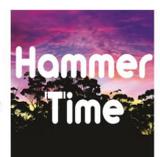
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