

HOOP POINTS

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SA Croquet Presentation Day 2021 –

The 2021 Presentation Day was a well attended and well run event, held at the North Adelaide clubrooms. President Lyn Parnell welcomed all attendees and thanked the SACA Board and volunteers for their service. Golf Croquet and Association Croquet awards were handed out and finally the GC state team was presented.

Two individual awards on the day were -

Special award to Jim Grindrod, Aldinga Bay Croquet Club

Joan Glastonbury, Golf Croquet Director presented Jim Grindrod with a special trophy for his Exceptional Service Croquet SA. Jim started making his mark in tournaments in 2016, when he won the SA Men's Championship, his very first tournament! His success continued in both singles and doubles events, and in 2017 was named in the SA State Team that travelled to Brisbane, he was also in the team in 2018 and 2019.

2018 and 2019 saw him represent SA in the ACA Bronze medal.

Jim was named the Team Captain in 2019, an honour bestowed on a player by a vote from all the players in the Team.

Jim unfortunately has had a battle with health and has not been able to continue competing, rather than let this hold him back he took on coaching and many of us have truly benefitted from his words of wisdom. Jim currently is the GC State Team co-coach and coaches at Aldinga Bay, Brighton, and South Terrace. He has also recently qualified as a referee so his advice in coaching is supported by his knowledge of the rules and faults many of us could commit without his guidance.

On top of all of this Jim, is the State GC Handicapper and Scorer for all GC Team Events, including: Weekend Pennants, Agg 24+ Pennants, Seasonal Pennants and Fleurieu Pennants

Jim is a valued member of our GC community and we do appreciate his contribution to our sport, a worthy recipient of this special award.

Karen Magee, GC Events Manager

Legends award: Virginia Arney, Norwood Croquet Club

The Legend Award was introduced in 2017 to recognise those players who had played in either AC or GC State teams for 10 or more years. Upon receiving her award Virginia commented she was very proud to be the first female to

receive the Legend Award. It is also the first time the award has been given for a Golf Croquet player.



Virginia has played Golf Croquet in many South Australian competitions and the list of her achievements is long and admirable. It is also important to mention that Virginia has an outstanding record as an Association Croquet player. However it is for her successes in GC that she has been given the 2021 Legend Award. Congratulations Virginia.

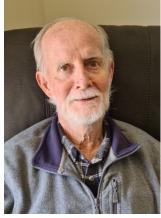


Newly Accredited Referees

On 26 November, the Referee Subcommittee, with Accredited Referees, had much pleasure in presenting 6 newly Accredited Referees with their ACA Referee badges.

The new referees are Ansi Baumanis, Carolyn Cooper, Jim Grindrod, Julianne Jago, Kevin Le Poidevin and Kim Millhouse.

The process to become an Accredited Referee takes some commitment and much assessment. We congratulate these members who stayed the course and we look forward to further players taking on the challenge for the betterment of their own play, that of their club's and the wider SACA community.



Jim Grindrod

Referee Subcommittee



(from L to R) Kim Millhouse, Ansi Baumanis, Julianne Jago, John Arney (Coordinator) Carolyn Cooper and Kevin Le Poidevin

Two New Sprinkler Systems Installed at the Kadina Croquet Club

The Kadina Croquet Club is most grateful to Shane Carman from 'Living Turf' for facilitating and installing 2 sets of new water sprinklers for the lawns at the club. Both Shane and Daryl Sellar also from 'Living Turf' have been most helpful and obliging during the last 2 years with great advice and tips for improving the croquet lawns and surrounding areas. We would highly recommend them to anyone wanting to improve their lawns be it at home or at a sporting venue.





North Adelaide Games 2021

"Parts of South Australia shivered through their coldest day in 30 years ...freezing rain and blustery winds battered the city ..." (*The Advertiser*, 12/11/21)! However, while the skies may have been overcast and threatening, this did not deter an eager band of AC players starting the annual North Adelaide Games. The **Swiss Singles** was the first event over three days, sporting 18 players (five from country clubs) across a wide range of handicaps. In the *Championship Singles*, five players scored three wins. The winner was Murray Baum (Norwood), with the runner-up Barry Jennings (Hyde Park), and the others were Wayne Peart, Garry Speed and Malcolm Algie. The *Handicap Singles* winner was Karen Magee (Brighton), who started playing AC only three months ago, and Joan Kelly (Norwood) was the runner-up. Hearty congratulations to Murray, Barry, Karen and Joan!

The second event was the **Invitation Singles**, in which nine men and six women participated over a weekend – five players were from country clubs. The men's winner was Dwayne McCormick (Norwood), with seven wins, runner-up was Harley Watts (Moonta) with six wins, followed by Murray Baum and David Wise, each with five wins. In the women's event, the winner was Robyn Short (Coobowie) with four wins, runner-up was Shirley Howlett (Victor Harbor), also with four wins, followed by Mary Bishop and Virginia Arney with three wins each. Both winners continued their merry consecutive runs of Championship wins: Dwayne for the 8th year and Robyn for the 6th year! They deserve mighty congratulations.

The Games were a wonderful time of inspiring croquet and fellowship, played in great spirit, and we look-forward to staging them again next year. Grateful thanks go to all those North Adelaide club members who helped to make the Games such a success.

Roger Harris AC Captain, North Adelaide Croquet Club







Robyn Short & Dwayne McCormick-Winners, Invitation Singles

Shirley Howlett Runner-up, Invitation Singles Harley Watts
Runner-up, Invitation Singles



Celebrations at South Terrace

At the end of November, the South Terrace Croquet Club held a celebratory function to mark the 110th anniversary of the club's founding in 1911.

The birthday bash was an afternoon of champagne and fun activities coupled with an acknowledgement and welcome to a few of the club's 14 sponsors, as well as some distinguished guests including Lyn Parnell, Joan Collins, John Gray, James Temlett, Norman Ord, Chris Birdsey and Jim and Julie Grindrod. Lyn Parnell presented flowers to Chotty Klinkmann who is the club's oldest member and has her 98th birthday in early January. Activities such as a roquet competition and closest the hoop were intermingled with some formalities including presentations and thanks to Jim Grindrod for his coaching of club members and acknowledgement to all others who have contributed to make the club what it is today. The afternoon concluded with the President (Glenn Martin) thanking all members and guests for their attendance and in particular, the members who helped with preparations and catering for the splendid afternoon tea provided for everyone.

Paul Ensor



Julie Grindrod who won the Roquet Competition, being presented her prize by Paul Ensor.



Bob Vincent and Chotty Klinkmann who turns 98 on 3rd January 2022.





UP COMING GC EVENTS.....

JAN22,23,26	President's Trophy	SACA Hutt Road
JANUARY 24,25	President's Trophy 5+	SACA Hutt Road
MARCH 13—14	SA Bronze Medal 9+	SACA Hutt Road

MARCH 15—17 Murray Bridge Tournament

MARCH 26—27 Men's SA Championship Hyde Park Entries via the SACA website

UP COMING AC EVENTS.....

JANUARY15/16 State Team

JANUARY 17 Night Doubles commence 7pm at SACA

FEBRUARY 12/13 State Team FEBRUARY 26 Pennants

FEB 27—MARCH 4 Victor Harbour Tournament All handicaps. Doubles and singles

Contact: S. Howlett 0431332194 showlett261@gmail.com

MARCH 5 Pennants

MARCH 9 - 20 AC Gold Medal, National Men's & Women's Singles and Eire Cup (Sydney)

MARCH22-24 AC Handicap Doubles 12+

NEW WEBSITE GOING ONLINE

From January 1st, 2022 the new Croquet SA website will be live. The new site has a new domain name and is hosted by an Australian company, Digital Pacific. The servers are located in Sydney, NSW and the site is very secure with many layers of security. They offer 24x7 Australian support and backup and monitoring service.

The URL of the new site is: -

www.sacroquet.com.au

The old website will still be accessible for a few weeks in case of any teething problems but after that any access to the old website will be re-directed to the new site.

The new site is cleaner and easier to access. The history pages have been updated and a new section on medal history added. Peter Martyniuk has upgraded the event calendar which is much easier to access and also has a print facility. In addition, by clicking on a local event on the calendar a flyer giving all the details of that event will be displayed (this only applies to the first few events so far – the rest will be added progressively).

Give it a try. I welcome any constructive feedback, positive or negative.

Roger Buddle

Website Coordinator



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