



HOOP POINTS

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GOLF CROQUET INTERSTATE SHIELD - LAUNCESTON 23 -27 SEPTEMBER 2015



The SA side performed exceptionally well to take second place in the Interstate Shield teams event in Launceston. This was an improvement on 3rd place in 2014 and was a reward for the significant training effort put in by team members and the squad in preparing for the event. The challenge for 2016 will be to beat the perennial winners - Victoria.

Congratulations to all involved.

Each TEST was a 2 game contest. There were 4 doubles TESTS and 16 singles TESTS. Each TEST could be won, lost or shared with 1 game win each.

Day 1—SA v Queensland: In what was a close contest for SA, the side managed a 6 tests to 5 win. The team of John and Virginia Arney won their doubles contest while the other doubles were shared. In singles the winners were Barry Haydon, David Wise, Karen Magee, John & Virginia Arney. We shared the 9 other tests.

Day 2—SA v Tasmania: This was the first of SA's matches on the soccer ground, a more testing surface. Another big win ensued with 12 tests to 1. Graham Whiteway & Bernie Pfitzner together with John & Virginia Arney both won their doubles. In singles the winner were David Wise x2, Ron McBride, Graham Whiteway x2, Kate Logan and Bernie Pfitzner.

Day 3—SA v NSW: Another close contest, SA won 5 tests to 4. It was a good turnaround after sharing 3 doubles but losing the fourth. In singles the winners were Barry Haydon, David Wise, Bernie Pfitzner, Helen Cook and Graham Whiteway. On leaving the lawn after his win in the last test Graham asked how the team was going. When told his win was the contest decider he said "I'm glad you didn't tell me during the match". A close contest and thrilling win.

Day 4—SA v Victoria: Back to the soccer ground for the challenge against the all-conquering Victorian side. In a creditable performance SA was able to share all 4 doubles. However in singles SA was unable to win a test, sharing 7 of the tests but losing overall 9-0.

Day 5—SA v WA: A win on day 5 would secure second place. A loss would leave SA in third or possibly fourth place. A strong start in the doubles with Barry Haydon & Helen Cook and David Wise & Kate Logan both winning, while the other pairs shared their tests. With a 2-0 lead, the singles were tough contests but the team secured 5 test wins to 3. Singles winners were John Arney x2, Barry Haydon x2 including a win over Chris McWhirter (2015 Men's singles winner) and Virginia Arney. A 7 test to 3 win was an excellent result and a great relief to the small group of anxious supporters.

Special mention should go to the team members who managed to share contests along the way, often against more fancied opponents. Their names do not appear above but their performance was no less crucial to the final result.

Thankyou to Stewart Kingsborough who ably managed the team and allowed them to focus on playing croquet.

A special pat on the back to the women team members who painted their nails in State colours for this event. A great show of commitment to the cause.

Team members: Men: John Arney, Barry Haydon, Ron McBride, David Wise, Graham Whiteway (coach);

Women: Virginia Arney, Helen Cook, Kate Logan, Karen Magee, Bernie Pfitzner (captain).

Team Manager: Stewart Kingsborough

Graeme Thomas

2015 STARCLUB CLUB DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Sunday, 11 October 2015 - 9.00 - 3.30pm @ Adelaide Oval

Cost: \$30 for 1, \$50 for 2 (from the same club), \$60 for 3 people (from the same club)

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Hammer Time

Will be hitting off again in November, so if your club isn't involved and would like to reap the benefits of increased participation and membership please contact Cathy Leske at your earliest opportunity. We already have 8-9 venues across Adelaide participating next summer.

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2015

OCTOBER

- GC Spring Pennants—clubs are reminded to get their entries in. 9+ Thursday nights, 6+ Wednesday nights
- 2—5 AC Murray Bridge CC Handicap AC Singles tournament. Cost \$45.
Contact Lesley Zadow 8532 2048 lemaza@bigpond.com Lunch available for purchase.
- 3—10 **XVth AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES** Adelaide
- 9-12 AC ACA Presidents Eights at Cairnlea Vic
- 9—15 Nov AC/GC North Adelaide Games. Handicap doubles and Swiss Singles. Entry forms from Kay Seeary or Eric Zadow at wodaz@iinet.net.au or kay.seeary@bigpond.com
- 13-15 GC Spring singles 9+ Enter on-line
- 15-18 AC Tea Tree Gully CC Swiss doubles tournament. Contact Kaye Rostron pee.kays@bigpond.com
- 16-20 AC Port Lincoln CC Championship and Handicap Singles tournament. Entry fee \$40. Contact Barbara Bartsch 8682 4473 nanna_b_@hotmail.com, Margaret Barry 8682 2352
- 17 AC Mount Barker CC 100 year celebration. Contact John Selby 0405 878 321 johnofmountbarker@gmail.com
- 16-18 GC Men's Championship Singles (Open) Enter on-line
- 17 Penola Social Day—AC and Aussie croquet. 9am for 9.45. Cost \$10, byo lunch.
Entries to Annie Kilsby 0409 191 383 geek2me@hotmail.com. Entries close 14 October
- 17-25 AC ACA National 'B level' event
- 20 GC Holdfast Bay CC gala. Cost \$10. byo lunch Contact Ivorine Waye 8350 0379 ivorine2@bigpond.com
- 21 AC Salisbury CC gala 10am start. Cost \$15 inc lunch. Contact Val Rogers 8260 1510 vlrogers@chariot.net.au
- 23-25 GC Women's Championship Singles (Open) Enter on-line
- 26 AC Kadina CC Gala. 9.30am start. Cost \$15 includes lunch. Contact Jenny Lydeamore on (08) 8821 4438
- 26 GC Coromandel Valley gala. Cost \$15 inc. lunch. Contact Kelvin Wright 8370 7515 kwright@adam.com.au
- 28 GC Tea Tree Gully CC gala 9.30 for 10am Cost \$15 includes lunch. 5x40 min games. Contact Aysha 0438 700 956 foxyaysha@bigpond.com

NOVEMBER

- 6,13,27 Hammer Time—Hutt Road, Norwood, Woodville**
- 2—9** GC ACA National Handicap tournament, Deniliquin NSW
- 8-11 Aussie Croquet Mt Gambier CC doubles championship. Entry fee \$25. Entries close 28 October.
Entries to Robert O'Neil 08 82755629 arjayo@optusnet.com.au
- 8 AC Victor Harbor gala 9.30am start Cost \$15 inc lunch Contact Beth Young 8552 2348 bethyoung@bigpond.com
- 9 GC Glenunga CC 9.30 for 10am Cost \$20 includes lunch Contact Tony Arthur 8388 6513 tony@afa.net.au
- 10-12 GC Spring singles 6+
- 14—22 AC ACA Open Doubles & Singles Championships
- 16 GC West Lakes gala. Contact Mary Evans drandmeevans1@bigpond.com
- 22 GC Sunday singles 8+
- 23 GC Hyde Park Christmas Gala 9.30 for 10am start. Dress—Christmas theme. Cost \$20 inc. lunch.
Contact Judy Barry 8379 2457 barry236@ozenmail.com.au
- 23 AC West Lakes gala. Handicap 14—20 9.30am start Cost \$15 inc lunch. Contact Connie 8248 6091 or Derryl 8243 0889
- 27-29 GC ACA Australian Secondary School Children Championship, Maitland NSW Contact Barry Haydon president@hydeparkcroquetclub.com.au
- 30—5 Dec GC ACA Trans Tasman, Nelson NZ

DECEMBER

- 4 Hammer Time Woodville**
- 12 Presentation Day at SACA Hutt Road. 11 am**
CB Sharp Medal

2016 - JANUARY

- 3—31 AC Millswood night tournament. Handicap Doubles Enter with a partner. 4 x 2.5 hr games (1 per week) Cost \$30
Contact Claire Wilson cmwilson@bigpond.com 8293 8168
- 8—31 GC Millswood night tournament. Doubles with combined h/cap of 12 or more. Contact Bill Lawson Ph 8271 2846
lawson@chariot.net.au

Reminder to players participating in club events & gala days.

Please ensure you have your SACA registration card with you when attending these events so that the event coordinators can verify your membership, thank you.

be active.



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PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT

At a recent meeting I was ticked off because it was thought I didn't understand the enormous difference between golf and association croquet. Never the twain should meet! I was surprised; of course they are different games, but also complimentary. The similarities are obvious, balls, mallet, hoops, running hoops, roqueting balls, ricocheting off balls etc., only the rules, process and goals of the games are different.

This has led me to consider why aren't we showing new players all the other croquet games Pirates, Hurry Scurry, Aussie, Garden croquet, Ricochet, Association, 10/10 etc? Why are we so focused on GC, AC and to an extent Aussie? Why aren't we teaching mallet sports?

Having a broader experience can only enhance the fun and enjoyment, and if people want to become more competitive provide lots of fun ways to improve skills. Then of course we could try American croquet, Gateball etc.

We're really limiting our croquet experience with the current attitude and approach.

Sally Harper

KADINA CROQUET CLUB INTRODUCES YOUNGSTERS FROM THE KADINA MEMORIAL SCHOOL TO A NEW SPORT



Year 11 students

During Term 3 the Kadina Croquet Club welcomed year 10 and 11 students from the Kadina Memorial School to come and try croquet. They enjoyed playing Aussie Croquet & Golf Croquet as part of a programme to introduce them to a sport that they would not normally play. Both groups attended 3 sessions and it didn't take them long to realise that croquet is great fun and very competitive. The youngsters really relished the aggressive aspect of the game, especially when they could 'attack' their teachers' and friends' playing positions and knock their croquet balls out of the hoop!

Croquet has had the reputation of being an older person's sport but nowadays this is not the case. There are 3 forms of the game played at the KCC—Aussie Croquet, Golf Croquet and Association Croquet and each version requires different skills and tactics. There is great friendship and fun to be had playing croquet. The following club members gave their time to help with coaching the youngsters: Jan Arthur, David Faithfull, Deb Harvey, Lorraine Hibbard, Linda and Malcolm Kinch, Jenny and John Lydeamore, Marg Maynard, Thelma Roach, Dean Rodda and Estelle Woodfield.



Year 10 students

Linda Kinch

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE BOARD

We welcome Kay Seary (Nth Adelaide) as our new Vice President and Graeme Thomas (Hyde Park) as Director Golf Croquet. We look forward to your valued contribution to croquet in SA.

NEW SWISS COMPETITION FOR 18-20 HANDICAP AT CROQUET SA

Ten players participated and for some it was their first experience in a singles event involving two games a day over the weekend. Four players each had three wins. Dean Bennett (Millswood) won (+34); runner up Ray Walter, Tea Tree Gully (+30). Linda Stone (Tea Tree Gully) (+25) and Shane Kelly (Salisbury)(+4) had their handicaps reduced from 20 to 18 by management.

Break Pins were earned by Janet Jordan (Coromandel Valley) for a break of 5, Ray Walter break of 7 and Dean Bennett for breaks of 5 and 7 in his last game. Ray had the only peg out. Dean was deprived of his by the clock.

Thanks to Alec Smith (Coro Valley) and Sally Harper (Norwood) for their assistance. *Claire Wilson*



Back L-R Dean Bennett Patrick Jordan Ray Walter Shane Kelly Joan Kelly
Front L-R Linda Stone, Val Rogers, Leanne Holden, Janet Jordan, Sandra Taylor

ASSOCIATION CROQUET RESULTS

SACA Presidents Invitation: Winner Dwayne McCormick (Norwood) R/up Edward Wilson (Millswood)

South Terrace Invitation: Winner Trevor Bassett (NSW) R/up Simon Hockey (Jamestown)

OFFICE OF RECREATION & SPORT COURSE - Essentials for Coaching Children

Monday 12 October 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Mentor Training

Saturday 7 November 9am—5pm www.ors.sa.gov.au/upcoming_courses_and_events

CLUB ONE SMALL SPONSORSHIPS

These are considered every one to two months and announced regularly throughout the year. Small sponsorships are to a maximum of \$500 although in special circumstances can be as high as \$600. Access Club One website for further information. www.clubone.net.au



CLUB HISTORY

Bob Auld recently produced a history of Brighton Croquet Club to coincide with that Club's centenary celebrations. Bob is now offering to assist anyone else who is thinking of putting together a history of their club by assisting with researching and ideas. He can be reached via email rwj@adam.com.au or phone (08) 7123 0322

SOUTH AUSTRALIANS AT THE NATIONAL GATEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015, BRISBANE QLD.



Southern Stars!

South Australian couple, Robert and Leah O'Neill jumped in at the deep end after a brief exposure to Gateball earlier this year. They played with the Southern Stars, a composite team of Victorian and South Australian players, at the Australian Gateball Championships in Wynnum from 4-6 September. Robert had responded to the advertising for an opportunity to play with some Japanese players at the event and, even when a hoped for grant was not available, he bravely decided to give the game a go at its biennial national championships.

Seventeen teams of 5 or more players contested the event which was won by visiting Chinese team Chongqing. The three Chinese teams were dominant in the event and together with New Zealand competed against teams from the Eastern States.

Despite being better known for her accomplishments with the larger ball versions of mallet sports.



Chongqing player scoring a gate in a close final

Queenslander Liz Fleming and husband Bruce played for the Queensland Taipans. Liz maintains that playing Gateball with its smaller balls enhances her skills as a croquet player. She then goes on to advocate that Gateball players practice with golf balls!

The Mount Gambier pair rated the event as thoroughly enjoyable, have purchased some equipment and intend to return home to see if they can find other players to join them in playing some gateball.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the game is invited to contact National Director, John Park on 0448 227 467 on info@gateball.com.au. A national website for gateball is at www.gateball.com.au. John is also very keen to visit South Australia to assist any club who may be interested in playing the game.

GOLF CROQUET DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The Golf Croquet committee is running development training from October 2015 to provide:

- A wider squad of players for State Selection
- Pennant players with a further opportunity to improve game skills

The Training will be done using High Performance Management (HPM) techniques on both a group and individual basis. Squad will be selected by Development Squad Coaching Panel (DSCP) comprising of Graham Whiteway, Ron McBride and Barry Haydon, individual nomination, club nomination or direct invitation.

Enquiries and registration:

Nominations should be sent to: **Ron McBride** ronmcbride04@yahoo.com.au or 0427259751

Induction Day: TBA

Training will be conducted on either weekends, nights or combination of both. This will be decided on induction day.

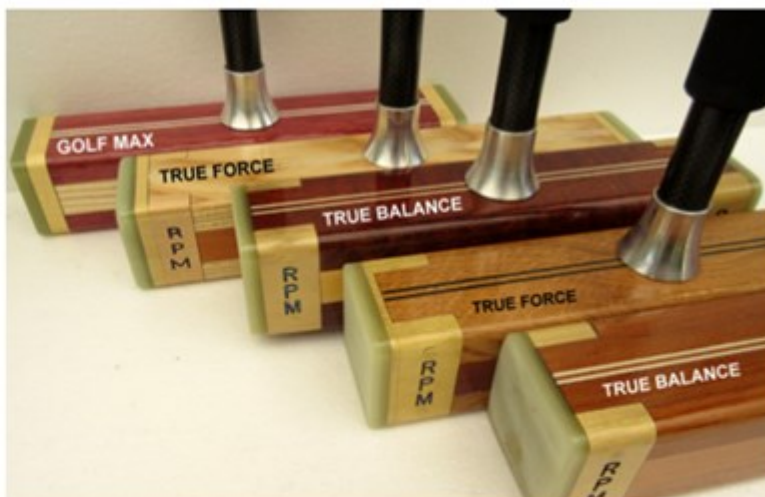
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 City \$93 County \$64 Students \$47 (18-25 with student card), Juniors under 18 as at 1/7/15 free
 Club affiliation fee—\$15 for clubs with less than 40 registered players: \$30 for clubs with more than 40 players.
 All registrations due by 31/10/15.

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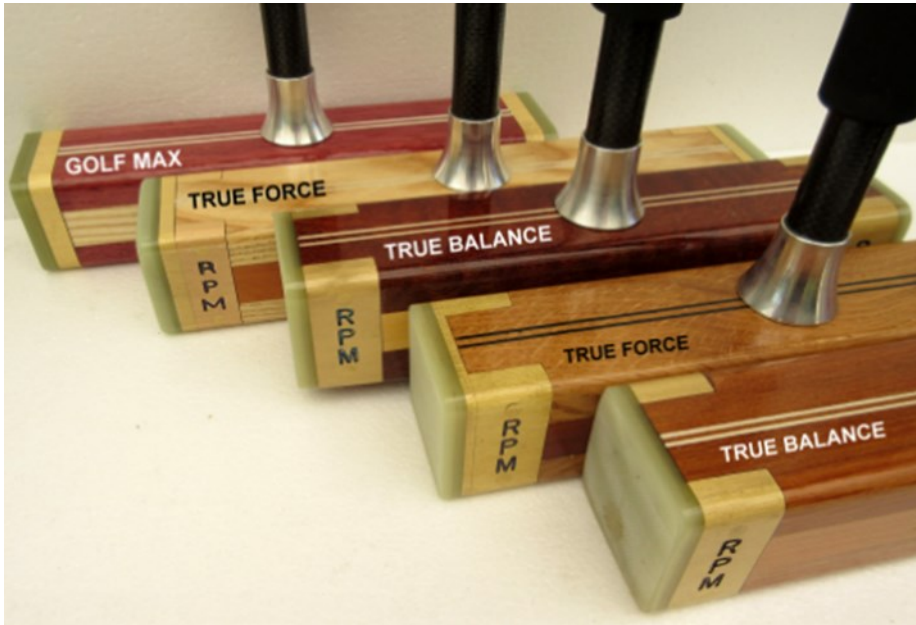
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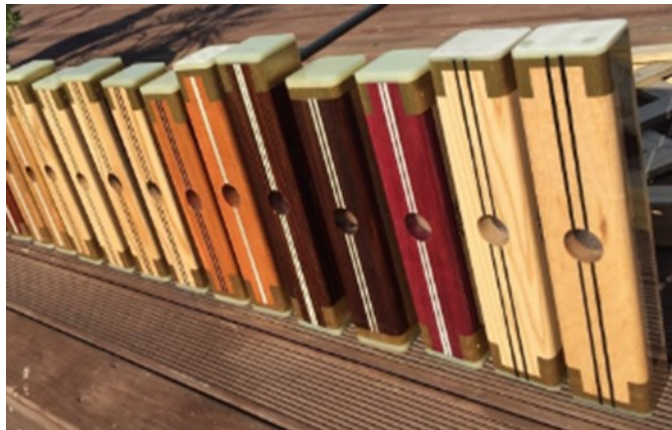


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