



HOOP POINTS

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SA GC Gold Medal 2024

One of the most significant tournaments on the Golf Croquet calendar was held between Saturday 27 to Tuesday 30 April 2024. The Gold Medal is a state team qualifying event for identifying potential state team members and brought together 12 highly experienced players representing 8 clubs. Each player's skills and determination were tested over four days resulting in very competitive and enjoyable play.

Management of the event was undertaken by the North Adelaide Croquet Club with club volunteers maintaining an efficient and well organised tournament. The weather conditions were perfect and provided the best possible playing conditions for players and the spectators who were treated to some magnificent play.

The final day proved to be a spectacular display of croquet that would be expected at this level with the top 8 players all in contention. The final was a very tight match between the two 2 players who demonstrated consistent match play during the tournament – namely Stephen Condous and Paul Ensor. The scores in this match were very balanced but in the end Stephen Condous prevailed to win the tournament 2-1. Well done to all participants and congratulations to Stephen Condous and to Paul Ensor. The Bowl Knockout final was won by Anne Woodhouse who defeated Julianne Jago 2-1. Well done to both players.

A big thank you to all the referees (Graeme Thomas, Bernie Pfitzner, Bob Neil, Carlyne Frazer, Robert Hampshere, Kevin Le Poidevin, David Stumm, Barry Haydon, Geoff Creek and Kim Millhouse) who volunteered their time to ensure the success of the event. A thank you also to Kim and Ann Millhouse for their pre-tournament work and guidance and to the North Adelaide Croquet Club members who volunteered their time and skills to ensure that the tournament ran smoothly.

Jim Carter, North Adelaide Croquet Club

Marryatville Silver Medal (8+) 23rd-24th April

Six entrants (Joan Kelly, Ibrahim Farran, Lyn Parnell, Jeff Zweck, Steve Templeton and Geoffrey Wheaton) contested the Silver Medal this year, a few less than last year, which meant that the event was played over just two days. Each player completed three matches on Tuesday and two on Wednesday.

Cool but still reasonably pleasant weather favoured the competition, and play proceeded smoothly in a competitive yet friendly spirit.

At the conclusion the event was won by Geoffrey Wheaton of Norwood Croquet Club, who won all five of his matches. It must have been a long and tiring pair of days for Geoffrey, who travels from Murray Bridge to play.



Geoffrey Wheaton Tony Knight Steve Templeton

The runner-up position was claimed by Steve Templeton of Victor Harbor Croquet Club, even further distant than Geoffrey. Steve and Lyn Parnell each won three of their matches, and Steve edged out Lyn on net hoops. My thanks to all the players for their commitment to the sport, and for providing me as both manager and spectator with some very interesting games. I am also indebted to Joan Kelly, our events co-ordinator, for her willing help and support, and to my fellow Glenunga AC players Dawn, Virginia, Beverly and Beth who came to support and help me in the management of the event. They made my job a good deal easier than it might have been.

Tony Knight,
Glenunga Croquet Club

Golf Croquet Referees Course

Three members of our association have over the past three months been meeting regularly at Hutt Road participating in the Golf Croquet Referee Course. The first part of the Course, in house lectures with an open book examination has now been completed.

The Course has been conducted by John Arney and Geoff Creek who are very experienced referees with a lot of knowledge on the game and the rules. There are still several more requirements before the members gain Referee Accreditation and the participants are very enthusiastic to continue until completion.

Congratulations to Annie Millhouse, Edward Farley and Roger Zeuner for participating in the Course and reaching this stage of the process.

Roger Zeuner
Holdfast Bay Croquet Club



COPPER COAST MASTERS GAMES 11TH – 14TH APRIL

What a fantastic 4 days of croquet we had at the Kadina Croquet Club. The weather was 'wall to wall' sunshine throughout the event and more importantly, 'wall to wall' good humour and sportsmanship were on display both on and off the lawns.

Thanks to the generosity of the Kadina Bowling Club, both AC and GC were held simultaneously with AC on the Bowling side of the fence and GC on the Croquet side. As is usually the way, the AC players were pretty busy all day long, especially those who were involved in both the Singles and Doubles. The GC players had more time to sample the delicious lunches which were lovingly prepared by a team of ladies from the KCC. However, everyone had the opportunity to attend both the Friday night Pizza and the Saturday evening BBQ.

Afternoon tea was provided by the club at the Prizegiving on the Sunday afternoon. As play finished earlier than expected, it was a bit of a scramble as the proceedings were brought forward by an hour as the participants wanted to start their journeys home asap to avoid driving in the dark.

As well as a couple who came from Mildura, there was a great representation from the Eyre Peninsula, with a stalwart of GC players from Pt Lincoln winning lots of medals and a faithful group from Tumby Bay who made their mark in the AC competition.

For a complete list of scores please go to croquetscores.com.au.

The KCC organisers went down to Adelaide and were most grateful to Joan Kelly, and Robin Golding for their guidance on the computer scoring system and also for Robin's help with the GC draw. Despite her recent medical issues, Eileen Ferguson did the AC draw and, driven by husband Keith, made the trip up to Kadina on both the opening and closing days just to make sure that all was well and in true Eileen fashion, wanted to be 'on hand' should any crisis arise! Fortunately, everything ran smoothly and once again the wonderful game of croquet brought everyone together both in friendship and competition.

Linda Kinch



L to R =>As well as representing Croquet at the CC Masters Games, Joyce Wearn, Debbie Terrett and Abby Key were all in 3 different ages categories. Very few sports can embrace such a wide age range as well as men and women playing on an equal footing!

SACA GC 5+ Championships.

This competition was held on consecutive Tuesdays, the 14th and 21st of May. The 5+ event was a great success in that the seven entrants represented seven different clubs: Woodville, Victor Harbor, Aldinga, Brighton, Hyde Park, Coromandel Valley, and Millswood.

There were some close tussles on day one. In the first round of the round-robin format, Jill Millhouse proved the one to beat in the second round.



Just before the competition entered its second day, a virus struck our Club Captain, and we had to find a new manager for the day. Little did we know, this was just the beginning of the unexpected. During the course of the day, Warwick O'Brien, in racing parlance, pulled up lame and was a late scratching. This unforeseen development threw the competition and its outcome into uncertainty. However, the spirit of the competition prevailed, with Susan Dunsby of Brighton falling just one win short of catching the eventual winner, Jill Millhouse from Millswood.

Well done, Jill, on your win and dropping your handicap to a five during the competition.

Thanks, as always, to the referees who volunteered their time over the two days of competition and the Hyde Park members who helped manage the event.

Peter Martyniuk
Hyde Park

Winner - Jill Millhouse (Right) and runner-up Susan Dunsby (Left)

Mount Gambier Trip to Gala Day

Mount Gambier Croquet Club members returned from a trip to the Mount Barker Gala Day in the Adelaide Hills where they competed in games against clubs from Murray Bridge, Tea Tree Gully, South Terrace and the host club. Our members were paired with players from other clubs to play four games of "croquet golf." Points were gained for most hoops resulting in an accumulated total for the day.

Our members were successful in some games but didn't have an overall win for the day. Most hoops won on the day were by Mt Gambier member Chris Hankin. Closer to the centre post was won by Mt Gambier member Joy Kirby.

We all agreed that it was great competition and an enjoyable time with experience gained, and we enjoyed the hospitality of the Mount Barker club. Other Gala days are coming up in Murray Bridge and then again in Mount Barker. Hopefully we will again be sending members off to compete.



Mount Gambier club members
Back row: Chris Hankin, Graeme Maher, Virginia Hill
Front: Kerryn Morrison, Pat Geraghty, Joy Hill

Mount Gambier Member Lynley Bowyer recently competed at the SA Masters Games at the Copper Coast. 21 Sports were represented at the event. Croquet Clubs from all over SA were there to compete. Lynley was competitive in all her games and won one in her division. She said it was great time and she would go again.

The Mount Gambier Club is looking forward to hosting our next Gala Day towards the end of the year following on from our very successful one at the end of 2023.

In February our club commenced competing for the "Laslett Club" which is held every year: Our winner for the month of February was Judy Brodie. Unfortunately due to bird damage the courts were unplayable for the month of March so no winner. Our April winner is Virginia Hill well done to everyone.

Janice Vitagliano
Mt Gambier CC

SACA Women's GC Championship 2024

It is a good croquet tournament is when the last game determines the final outcome. The Women's championships was such a tournament. It was played on the Thursday and Friday, May 23—24 with six players playing two game matches in a Round Robin. The weather was perfect and the lawns in great shape.

The final match between the eventual first and second placed players, Kate Logan and Ann Woodhouse was won by Kate, giving her the championship.

The standard of play was excellent, with all players displaying excellent skills and tactics.

Many thanks to referees, Bernie Pfitzner Kevin Le Poidevin, Barry Jennings, Barry Haydon and Ansi Baumanis.

Kim Millhouse
Millswood



Happy participants of the SA GC Women's Championship
Sue Davel, Julianne Jago, Ann Woodhouse, Kate Logan, Jill Millhouse
and Ann Millhouse

SACA Men's GC Championship 2024.

I am unsure what Hyde Park did to have so many things go wrong so quickly. Our club captain, David Rowe, was offline due to one of the many viruses frequenting Adelaide, so we had to go to Plan B to manage this competition. Once we had that worked out, a competitor withdrew at the last moment; luckily, no draw change was required.

The competition began on time on the 25th of May after a chilly morning setting hoops on an almost frosty lawn. Luckily, when play began, the sunshine was warming up Hutt Rd. On the first day of play, the field was very open, with no clear leader in the very competitive group.

Day two started with a slightly warmer morning, but not by much. As the day progressed, the players began to bunch up on the Croquet Scores summary. I must say that I love a competition when the winner is decided on the outcome of the final games, and this was one of the closest that I have seen recently. The spectators who came to see some top-level croquet were not disappointed.

The result was as close as you can get; runner-up Mark Senior (Hyde Park) had eight wins, two losses, and 23 Net Hoops, and the eventual winner of the event, Dwayne McCormick, won by one extra hoop, with a final score of 8 wins, two losses, and 24 Net Hoops.

As always, thanks to all the GC referees who volunteered their time over the two days of competition and the Hyde Park members who helped manage the event.

Peter Martyniuk



Winner of the Men's Championship
Dwayne McCormick (Left), with Peter
Martyniuk from Hyde Park (Right)

In Appreciation of all your Efforts in the Club - Taken from a Presentation to Colin Broom

I wish to make a presentation to a Stalwart of our club. This member is an habitual volunteer, assisting other members and the club and is often seen behind the bar here at the club as well as in other volunteer roles.

An exceptional croquet player who plays at the highest level and has won many competitions and awards.

He has planned and managed many social events for the club and is an all round good bloke.



He has been a member for too many years to remember and for the past nine years has been a volunteer on the croquet club committee and for the past two years has done a fantastic job as the manager of the croquet facility of Club Holdfast. He has been a member of the board of management for Club Holdfast where his contribution has been held with high regard. He is also well respected for his honesty and integrity within the Croquet Association of South Australia.

Of course I am speaking of Colin Broom and I ask him to join me to receive this small token of recognition. Colin intends to cut back from his volunteering role, (I wish him luck in that!!!!) but he will continue to play croquet and take an active interest in the club.

CONGRATULATIONS COLIN
Roger Zeuner



UP COMING EVENTS.....

Association Croquet

JUNE	1	Pennants
JUNE	11—13	Maslen Brooch Women's 6+ entries have closed
JUNE	11—13	Lewis Badge Men's 6+ entries have closed
JUNE	22	Pennants
JULY	2—4	Div 2 Singles 2.5+
JULY	5—7	Hyde Park Challenge
JULY	20	Pennants
JULY	27—28	Selector's Invitation
AUG	3,24	Weekend Pennants
AUG	6—8	JF Harvey Bronze Medal (14+)
Aug	17—18	President's Trophy

Golf Croquet

JUNE	8—10	Doubles Combined 8+
JUNE	15—16	ACA SA Bronze Medal enter via SACA website. Closing date 31st May
JUNE	23	Weekend Pennants
JULY	6,13,21	Weekend Pennants
JULY	7—9	Silver Medal enter via SACA website. Closing date 22nd June
JULY	23—25	3+ Singles enter via SACA website. Closing date 8th July
AUG	1—4	Brighton Armstrong Challenge enter via Brighton Croquet Club
AUG	10,25,31	Weekend Pennants
AUG	13 & 15	Combined Doubles 20+ enter via SACA website. Closing date 29th July
AUG	20—22	Open Doubles enter via SACA website. Closing date 5th Aug



SA GC STATE SQUAD



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Unley Park Sports Club
(Hyde Park Croquet Club).
8 Northgate Street
Unley Park

Bar Open
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coins for fun
and games.

It's Quiz Time

It is time to raise money for the GC State Squad, to help fund their 2024 Campaign at the Nationals and Interstate shield in Queensland.

State Squad Raffle
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Register your individual interest or
table with Karen Magee
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