



# HOOP POINTS

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## ACA Bronze—A GC Event to Determine who will Represent SA

The ACA Bronze Medal is one of the key events of the year. The winner of the ACA Bronze earns the right to represent their state in the Australian GC Gold & Silver Medals. This is the event that everybody wants to win. In essence, the winner has been named, the champion of the state. To enable those who work, to play in the event, it was held over a weekend. The ACA rules state that there must be six to ten players and that the event will be held as a Round Robin of three game matches.

The event attracted six of the state's top players. While it was held in a friendly manner it was intensely competitive. Games are untimed and hoops are tight. Largest ball plus one 32<sup>nd</sup>, no more. Out of interest, we measured the time taken for each game. Most were less than 45 minutes very few lasted an hour. Conclusion, good players play quickly. In fact, when Ed and David played, they were running between shots. I checked my rule book thoroughly. It appears, there is no rule that forbids running on the croquet lawn!!

Edward Wilson won the event winning five out of five matches. He won every match in straight sets except for the one against Ansi Baumanis. Ansi made a habit of winning at least one game in his best of three game matches. In fact, there was only one Ansi match decided by two games. One suspects that Ansi likes to get the most out of his competitions.



State Team Captain, Barry Haydon presenting Edward Wilson the Bronze Medal certificate.

Runner up was David Maunder one the newest members of the SA State Team. This is quite a remarkable achievement for someone who has only been playing for a couple of years. Mark Senior came third with two straight sets wins. Of course, his game against Ansi was another three-game match.

Thank you, Heath Jackson, the reserve, who stepped in when we had a withdrawal due to injury.

The ACA Gold Medal will be held on the Sunshine Coast from the 28th to the 30th of August. Ed has won the right to represent South Australia in this event. He will be playing against Gary Phipps, Jamie Gumbrell, Ross Rillie and others. Some of Australia's best croquet players. Gary won the event last year. If you can make it to Queensland, it will be well worth watching this event, otherwise keep your eyes on Croquet Scores.

Thanks to those from Millswood who helped manage this event. Thank you, Karen, Anne, David and Kevin, for refereeing.

Kim Millhouse, Millswood Croquet Club

**Lewis Badge Men's AC Event  
SACA 11th & 12th June**

Geoffrey Wheaton needed to beat Steve Templeton by 22 hoops in the last match game to win the Lewis Badge! After a strong fighting start, he fell 11 short and Steve went on to win the Badge with 3 wins overall. Steve played very well reducing his handicap to 10 also pegging out one of his wins. Geoffrey went on to finish as the Runner Up. All the games were played in a fine spirit despite having to overcome some sharp showers on the first day, which made it very easy to manage.  
Philip Hadley – Managers, Hyde Park



Kevin LePoidevin



Geoffrey Wheaton



Steve Templeton



Phil Bateman



Mark Goldsmith

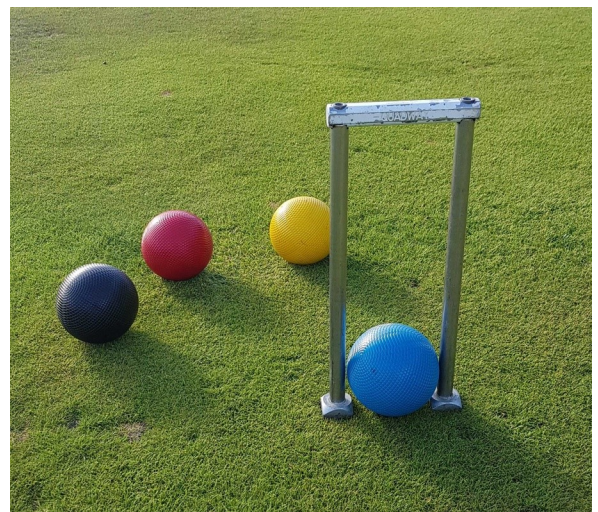
## GC Coaches' Training

On 19<sup>th</sup> June some coaches were trained at Hutt Road. Barry Haydon conducted the training with assistance from Laura Eden. The process for becoming a coach changed a day or two beforehand and while this caused some consternation any fears were quickly overcome. In essence, anyone who wishes to become a coach (or those who already are coaches) need to become accredited / maintain accreditation by firstly undertaking the Australian Sports Commission's on-line Community Coaching – Essential Skills course. Anyone who wants to know more about the process should contact Laura Eden.



There were 2 training sessions on the 19<sup>th</sup> – in the morning five existing Level 1 coaches qualified for Level 2. Congratulations to Ansi Baumanis – Norwood, Laura Eden - Tea Tree Gully, Joan Glastonbury – Glenunga, Stephen Davel – Millswood, Susan Davel – Brighton!

In the afternoon six newbies earned their coaching stripes. Congratulations to Ros Rohde - Murray Bridge, David Magee – Brighton, Ann Millhouse – Millswood, Bob Neil – Norwood, Marianne Maycock - South Terrace, Ted Farley - South Terrace. All of these coaches are keen to apply their new skills so feel free to ask them about the course and how they can help. If you want to know more about becoming accredited yourself or if your club is in need of a coaching clinic of some kind then please contact either Barry or Laura.



Barry Haydon





### GC Doubles Combined Handicap 8+

The 8 plus combined doubles included eight pairs of players playing a round robin of 2 game matches. The 8 plus combined doubles was quite different to most events. We had two players under the age of 20. Five of the eight couples had players who came from a different club to their partner. Only three pairs came from the same club.

The event was played in a convivial manner. It was a lot of fun to be involved. The atmosphere was very friendly. The competition was tough. Players were focussed. As a referee for the event I did not have to deal with a single wrong ball play. Highly unusual in a 16 player event.

We had a withdrawal at the 11th hour. Thank you, Trish Fazackerley, for jumping in your car to come and partner Ansi Baumanis.

After two days of intense competition father and son team of Geoff and Peter Crook won the Grand Final. Paul Ensor and Manoli Flouras were runners up, losing to the Crooks by 1 hoop. Exciting croquet all round.

Typifying this competition was the group of four players who after playing six games a day for two days decided to have a friendly game of croquet, just for fun!



The plate was won by David Maunder (one of the new state team members) and 14-year-old Alex Wilson. The future looks bright for South Australian croquet.

Thanks to the referees and members of the Millswood Croquet Club for their assistance.

Kim Millhouse  
Millswood CC



Players from the Northern Yorke Peninsula and the North Western Croquet Associations

## Live and Let's Not Die

As with most clubs, Association Croquet player numbers are dwindling. For the last 10 years, the Northern Yorke Peninsula Croquet Association member clubs have been reduced to Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo. All these clubs used to field 2 teams but for the 2023/24 season, only Moonta achieved this. We were aware that the North Western Croquet Association comprised of only 2 teams, namely Crystal Brook and Pt Pirie and understandably were getting a bit bored playing against the same people all the time. So, we put our heads together and decided to join forces for a trial season.

Despite the fears about the travel being too arduous and the heat being too fierce in the Mid North, the season was a great success. Kadina won and Moonta Red were Runners up but the main thing was that everyone really enjoyed the Pennant season which was played in great spirit as well as being competitive and it has been decided to continue with this format.

Nowadays, Golf Croquet is extremely popular and once again, we joined forces for a GC FUN DAY which was held at Kadina on 4th June. There was a true mix of player abilities, ranging from -1 to absolute beginners. We had a 'ball' with the experienced players helping the learners. Because it was not a competition, there was no stress and I don't think I heard the word 'Sorry' a single time. Everyone, without exception, really enjoyed the day and can't wait for another date to be arranged!

All clubs look for new members and the more options that are available, the better. No matter which code you play, the one common factor is learning the optimum grip, stance, shot making and hoop running techniques to suit your individual physique and brain and that is when good coaching is essential.

Well done to everyone who has come together for the betterment of the wonderful game of croquet.

Linda Kinch

## GC Coaching

Recently nineteen of our members braved a cold and foggy morning at our club to attend a coaching session with Barry Haydon.

We began by breaking into pairs and went through some basic croquet skills before stopping for some morning tea. The second half of the morning was spent going around a "course" of drills that Barry set out on the lawn.

All attendees found the coaching session very informative and all felt they had learned something, even some of our members who have been playing a long time.



As a club we don't put aside time to practice but now have made a commitment to set aside a weekly session or time before each day's play.

Barry was an excellent teacher, very clear with what he wanted us to do. Special thanks to him and his wife Jenny who also came along and helped Barry set up and gave support to members during the morning.

We look forward to having both of them back - hopefully later in the year when the sun is shining and the ducks have gone from the lawns.

Jane Horton  
President  
Mt Barker Croquet Club



### Editor's Note:

We are lucky in SA to have approximately 40 qualified coaches to assist members at the Club. If your Club wants a clinic run because you don't have a coach or indeed would like some new / different ideas then please contact Barry Haydon at [bandjhaydon@gmail.com](mailto:bandjhaydon@gmail.com) and he will arrange something for you .



## UP COMING EVENTS.....

### **Golf Croquet**

JULY	6,13,21	Weekend Pennants
JULY	7—9	Silver Medal <b>Entries have closed</b>
JULY	23—25	3+ Singles <b>enter via SACA website. Closing date 8th July</b>
AUG	1—4	Brighton Armstrong Challenge <b>entries via Anne Woodhouse <a href="mailto:annewoodhouse4@gmail.com">annewoodhouse4@gmail.com</a></b>
AUG	10,25,31	Weekend Pennants
AUG	13 &15	Combined Doubles 20+ <b>enter via SACA website. Closing date 29th July</b>
AUG	20—22	Open Doubles <b>enter via SACA website. Closing date 5th Aug</b>
SEPT	8,21,28	Weekend Pennants
SEPT	9	Victor Harbor Gala Day
SEPT	9	Aggregate 24+ Pennants
SEPT	10 &17	5+ Spring Singles
SEPT	12 & 19	9+ Spring Singles
SEPT	16	Aggregate 24+ Pennants
SEPT	23	Aggregate 24+ Pennants
OCT	14	Aggregate 24+ Pennants
OCT	16,23	Spring Singles 12+
OCT	19,20	Weekend Pennants
OCT	21	Mt Barker Gala Day
OCT	21	Aggregate 24+ Pennants
OCT	25	Glenunga Gala Day
OCT	28	Aggregate 24+ Pennants



### **Association Croquet**

JULY	2—4	Div 2 Singles 2.5+ <b>Entries have closed</b>
JULY	5—7	Hyde Park Challenge <b>By Invitation</b>
JULY	20	Weekend Pennants
JULY	27—28	Selector's Invitation <b>By Invitation</b>
JULY	30—AUG 1	JF Harvey Bronze Medal (14+) <b>enter via SACA website.</b>
AUG	3,24	Weekend Pennants
AUG	17—18	President's Trophy <b>By Invitation</b>
SEPT	7, 22	Weekend Pennants
SEPT	14- 15	Div 4 Singles(14+) <b>enter via SACA website</b>
SEPT	24—26	Div 3 Singles (8+) <b>enter via SACA website</b>
OCT	5	Weekend Pennants
OCT	6—7	Women's Open Singles <b>enter via SACA website</b>
OCT	12—13	Men's Open Singles <b>enter via SACA website</b>
OCT	26-27	CB Sharp Gold Medal <b>enter via SACA website</b>
OCT	29—31	Alternate Stroke Handicap Doubles <b>enter via SACA website</b>
NOV	3—4	ACA Sa Bronze Medal <b>By Invitation</b>

## **SA Golf Croquet State Team**

It is with great pleasure that I can now advise that the following have been selected to represent South Australia in the ACA Interstate Shield to be played in late August 2024 in the Sunshine Coast of Queensland.

### **Women's Team**

Virginia Arney  
Kate Logan  
Anne Woodhouse **Vice Captain**  
Julianne Jago  
Laura Eden  
Sue Davel (NTR)

Ansi Baumanis  
GC Director

### **Men's Team**

Steve Condous  
Barry Haydon **Captain**  
Barry Jennings  
Mark Senior  
David Maunder  
Paul Ensor (NTR)



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