



HOOP POINTS

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CroquetSA Council AGM—Tuesday 12 October—10am



*Back Row Neil Bonnar, Howard Wood, Graham Whiteway, David Wise.
Front row - Marga Podnieks, Creina Dawson, Claire Wilson, Bernie Pfitzner
Absent Michael Shanahan and Heather White.*

THE 2010 GOLF CROQUET STATE TEAM has been practising for the **Interstate Cup** to be held on Queensland's Sunshine Coast in early September. There is a new format this year where teams will play two matches of two singles each and one match of two games of mixed doubles. This is to ensure six untimed games per player per day.

Graham Whiteway (team captain) will represent SA in the ACA Gold and Silver Medal event.

GOOD LUCK

Follow the team progress through results on the CroquetSA website

Croquet SA website: www.croquetsa.com.au/

COUNTRY CLUB TOURNAMENTS, GALA DAYS AND NEWS

MURRAY BRIDGE TOURNAMENT **2—4 October**

All divisions Entry fee \$35
All enquiries to Maureen O'Toole
8532 5464

PORT LINCOLN TOURNAMENT **22—26 October**

Championship and handicap singles
All divisions Entries close 15 October
Entry fee \$35
Contact Margaret Barry 8682 2352
Or Malcolm Algie 8683 1615

MOUNT GAMBIER TOURNAMENT **6—10 November**

Round robin doubles and singles
Entry fee \$35 Entries close 30 October
Entries to Robert O'Neill 8725 5629
Jan O'Connor 8275 7560

Positions Vacant at SACA

Director Publicity Promotion
Treasurer
Director Headquarters
(Grounds)

Apply to Cathy Leske
phone 8271 6586
Email: croquetsa@bigpond.com

VICTOR HARBOR ASSOCIATION **GALAS** **September 13;** **November 15**

Contact Beth Young 8552 2348
Email: bethyoung@bigpond.com

CRYSTAL BROOK GALA **Monday 8 November**

9.30am start Entry fee \$12
Entries and handicap by 1 November to
Erica Young 8636 2039
grejy@tpg.com.au

CLARE ASSOCIATION GALA **29 November**

Association croquet doubles on modified
lawns. Contact Rae Gierke 8842 1043
gierker@austarnet.com.au

PLAYER REGISTRATION AT **CLUB EVENTS**

All players participating in Gala days and club tournaments should have their SACA ID number recorded by the event organizer. It is not acceptable to play in interclub events if not registered with SACA.

DELEGATES WANTED FOR **COUNTRY CLUBS**

Volunteer delegates from metropolitan clubs are required for the following country clubs:

Meningie and Port Wakefield.

The duties involve liaising with the club you represent, attending SACA Council meetings (3 times a year) and voting on their behalf as and when required.

ASSOCIATION CROQUET AT HUTT ROAD

All Croquet SA events and results are now published on the website

Please email all Association croquet entries for CroquetSA events to

sacaentries@hotmail.com

(if it is necessary to use 'snail mail' the address is
Kay Chynoweth
PO Box 2095 Victor Harbor 5211

do not send entries to CroquetSA box no.)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS ENTER NOW:

CB Sharp (Gold medal)
13 & 14 October

Night singles commencing October

Entries to
sacaentries@hotmail.com

Results

BROADVIEW CHALLENGE

1. Leah O'Neil (Mt Gambier)
2. David Wise (Norwood)

Handicap cards

may be downloaded from the **Croquet Australia** website. New cards are also available from CroquetSA

Croquet Schedulers Update

http://www.users.on.net/~roger.buddle/croquet_schedulers.htm

SACA SUNDAY SINGLES Association Croquet tournament Wanted...

minimum 8, maximum 12 players
Handicap 2.5+

Three 2.5 hour games—turn after the bell
Advance play

Results for handicapping
Trophies at the end of series
(min 10 games to be played)

1. Highest Win Rate
2. Highest Pegout Rate

Entry fee \$15—pay on the day

Enter by email to Col Chynoweth -
colchyn@hotmail.com or 8552 6877

Separate entries for each day close 10 days prior to each event, first in first to play!

Entry details must include:

Name, email address, phone number, current handicap and index.

When—Sundays 10/10/10; 7/11/10

ASSOCIATION HANDICAPS

World rankings

I recently had an enquiry from one State regarding the exclusion from the Association Croquet World Ranking (WR) system of stop-on-the-bell games. I have spoken with the maintainer of the WR and we agreed to remove that restriction.

The guidelines, available from the ACA web site at <http://www.croquet-australia.com.au/Handicapping/AC/World-Ranking-Guidelines.pdf>, have been updated accordingly.

Guidelines exist for inclusion of both AC and GC results to their respective WR systems. Please ensure that all eligible results are submitted. Only by having as much data as possible within the WR systems will they be reasonably accurate.

Stephen Meatheringham
ACA National Handicapper

World Ranking statistics

Roger Buddle has agreed to take over compiling the world ranking statistics for CroquetSA.

Thank you to Alf Schantl who has been keeping these records and will hand over to Roger.

Club captains and club handicappers are asked to ensure that **players' handicaps reflect their level of play**. Please update your club players' handicaps (both automatic and non-automatic) on a regular basis and advise Chris Birdsey of any changes.

ALDINGA BAY STORMS AHEAD

The Aldinga Bay Croquet Club were recently presented with a cheque for \$500.00 by the Rotary Club of McLaren Vale from the Australian Central Credit Union Community Lottery.

It has also been awarded a Minor Capital Works grant of \$4,414.00 from the City of Onkaparinga for shelters for their new croquet courts to be planted out this spring. And as well a Community Grant for \$206.00 for a steel cabinet and filing cabinet.

With its 10th birthday coming up in October this year and a marked increase in full membership, primarily from Golf Croquet, the club is looking to a bright and strong future.

Bob McMillan- Publicity Officer

IT'S JUST NOT CROQUET

A lady of one of our Southern clubs displaying an "ASK ME ABOUT CROQUET" sticker on the back of her car felt rather pleased when approached by a lady answering the call to ask.

The stranger went on to ask: "I've always wanted to learn properly as I always have problems finishing off the corners of my rugs".

Needless to say the club did not gain a new recruit.

CROQUET FOR JUNIORS AND THE DISABLED

AUSSIE CROQUET

On Tuesday 13 July a team of eight from South Terrace led by Gavin Bow visited Woodville to play Aussie Croquet against a team of eight led by June Snellgrove and Beryl Ann.

Being school holiday time, Woodville was able to field a team of 6 juniors and 2 adults, while South Terrace's team consisted of 6 adults and 2 juniors.

During the latter half of the session 8 juniors formed 2 games. They invented a game played by 8 people—first colours against second colours. Although a slow way to play it was evident the players were having fun and they attracted the attention and applause from the onlookers. Gavin has invited the group to play at South Terrace during the next school holidays and his invitation has been accepted with pleasure.

*June Snellgrove
Woodville Croquet Club*

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT WOODVILLE

The second week of the April school holidays saw over 160 local children participate in the *City of Charles Sturt School Holiday Sport Program*.

This programme involved 14 different sporting clubs offering FREE come and try sessions to children who registered. The range of sports included; surf life saving, netball, croquet, bicycle speedway, tennis, hockey, soccer and roller skating. Kids were given the opportunity to participate in as many sports as they could fit in during the week!

The program was a huge success, with kids having the opportunity to learn a new sport and to have fun at no cost to residents!

GOLF CROQUET HANDICAP RULES—Suggested changes

Golf Croquet Rule 16.

Change for GC Handicap Event in WA—9-13 October 2010

It has been apparent for some time that lower handicapped players have a better than even chance of winning under the conditions of Rule 16(d): "No point may be scored for the striker's side in an extra turn". Canada has deleted this condition from the Rule for two years with better results, and New Zealand intends that their entire 2010/2011 season will be conducted by deleting Rule 16(d). As a trial, the above tournament will be conducted with Rule 16(d) deleted in order to provide more data and to determine the effect under Australian conditions. It is expected that higher handicap players will then have a more equal chance of success.

Results from this trial will be evaluated, in cooperation with New Zealand, to determine whether there should be a permanent change to the Rule.

Australian Handicap cards are to be used for all singles games. Results will be used for handicap purposes.

GOLF CROQUET NEWS

Application for State Coach for Golf Croquet 2010 – 2011

In accordance with the By-Laws of The South Australian Croquet Association Incorporated, applications are being sought for the position of State Coach for Golf Croquet for the year culminating in the 2011 Interstate Cup.

Please send your application to the Director of Golf Croquet (Claire Wilson) in accordance with By-Law 26.8 (See Constitution and Handbook on website)

Email: cmwilson13@bigpond.com

Or: PO Box 7084, Hutt Street, SA 5000
Applications close: **30th October 2010**

*Phil Wise Coaching Coordinator
Golf Croquet*

**VICTOR HARBOR
GOLF CROQUET GALA
Monday September 20**

10am start Cost \$12 inc lunch, and refreshments

Contact Beth Young 8552 2348

**MURRAY BRIDGE
GOLF CROQUET GALA
8 November**

Entry fee \$12 inc. lunch and refreshments. All enquiries to Maureen O'Toole 8532 5464

Apology & clarification

**Entries for Golf Croquet
events are to be posted to
CroquetSA**

**PO Box 7084, Hutt Street, SA 5000
or lodged personally at Hutt
Road**

Please use the appropriate entry form, and for team events, please enclose the appropriate entry fee.

Bill Lawson

Golf Croquet teams

Lone players

Some clubs do not have enough players to form a team to play in Golf Croquet team events.

Golf croquet players of these clubs who wish to play with a team can contact Bill Lawson or Claire Wilson and it may be possible arrange for them to play with a club looking for additional players for the Spring Competition 2010 and also for the Saturday Pennants at Hutt Road in 2011.

Mid week pennants—2011

Is there support for a daytime team event to be played once a month mid-week at HQ; February—May and October—November?

Bill Lawson would like to hear from clubs about this and any other ideas players may have for competition.

POLICE CHECKS

All croquet club members working with students or Disabled Persons must have a **current Police Check, issued with the Croquet SA VOAN NO.**

These checks are current for 3 years.

1. The necessary forms are available via the internet
SAPOL.records@police.sa.gov.au
Please fill in the form print it and take it to the police station with ID. Refer to no3.
2. If you do not have email then go to your local police station with the necessary ID and they will assist to fill in the form. Tell them that it is for Croquet and has to have a VOAN No. there fore no cost.
3. You then send the form to me, I will endorse it and send the f o r m into the Department. The certificate will be sent back to you.
4. After you receive the certificate, then take it to the club secretary for them to record the certificate no and date. They then keep a record and also send one onto me.
5. If you are currently holding a certificate with another group then this is no longer valid to our needs. This is a new ruling from Office of Recreation and Sport SA.

Janet Eckert

Director Junior Sport & Development
Hm ph: 8260 1333

Email: jmeck@optusnet.com.au

July 2010

CROQUETSA ASSOCIATION EVENTS & PLANNING

Website activities

Full tournament results are now being posted to the website. Players are encouraged to take a look after each event.

Clubs are encouraged to have the full results of their tournaments published. Just e-mail the blocks to Alf – ajschantl@westnet.com.au

Players/club members are often interested in results and this give them the opportunity to do just that....as you do when you follow the footy, tennis or golf.

Night Singles Teams

This season, the Holdfast Bay Club will manage the Night Singles and Doubles under the leadership of Ivorine Way and Nancy Whittingham.

Night Singles for all levels will be played prior to Christmas, all divisions,

Mondays - Div 1 & 3,

Tuesdays - Div 2 & 4.

Entry fees this season will be \$20 per team and should be sent to CroquetSA

Events and Programming (attn. Ivorine Way)

PO Box 7084 Hutt St 5000

Team Names/Entries can be sent to:-
sacaentries@hotmail.com

The Committee would like to acknowledge and thank the club for their assistance.

Kay Chynoweth

kaychynoweth@hotmail.com 8552 6877

COACHES CORNER

Forthcoming events:

ASSOCIATION CROQUET:

Tuesday 28th September:

Beginner Coach Training Course & re-accreditation day. Start 9-30. BYO lunch and mallets. Cost \$35-00 for new coaches or \$5-00 for those re-accrediting.

Friday 8th October:

Player Coaching at SACA from 1-30 to 3-30. coast \$10-00.

Tuesday 9th November:

Thanks Coach Workshop & Lunch. More details soon.

ATTENTION BEGINNER COACHES:

Beginner coaches are now due for reaccreditation. If you did not attend the reaccreditation day on June 10th and still wish to remain recognized as a Beginner coach please contact the SCD as soon as possible,

COACHING SCHOLARSHIPS 2011:

Up to 2 scholarships are available for L1 coaches wishing to upgrade to L2.

Application forms, which need to be completed and returned by 31st October, are now available from the State Coaching Director. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Presentation day in December.

NB: Applicants need to be a current Level 1 Coach with at minimum of 12 months experience at this level.

COUNTRY VISITS:

A visit to Kadina club was made on Thursday 5th August. In consultation with Kadina it was arranged that the coaching visit would encompass both Association and Golf. Phil Wise soon had the Golf players trying some new ideas, while I concentrated on the Association players. Players from Moonta, Wallaroo and Port Wakefield also attended on the day. All too soon after a delicious lunch and more coaching it was time to head for home. On the following Thursday, 12th August I ventured to Port Pirie for another day of coaching. Players from Jamestown also attended the day and I was treated to another lovely lunch. Many thanks to the members of both Kadina & Port Pirie for their hospitality.

For more information or to book in please contact

State Coaching Director,

Eileen Ferguson. Ph 8258 9069

Email: fergys2@bigppond.net.au

GOLF CROQUET HANDBOOK

A Handbook written by Bill Lawson for people who wish to learn the game or improve their skills and knowledge of rules and tactics is available

It costs \$7 if sent through the SACA box system, or an extra \$3 if posted. To obtain a copy contact Bill at lawson@chariot.net.au

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NEW Executive Director of Croquet Australia

Gail Farr is the new Executive Director Phone 0400 385 687

Email: secretary@croquet-australia.com.au

Address: PO Box 254, Dickson, ACT 2602

1—4 October

Presidents Eights VCC Melbourne

9—13 October

Perth

National GC Handicap Singles/doubles

We encourage Golf Croquet players to support these events and to enjoy a holiday in beautiful Perth whilst competing in these very popular events.

26—31 October

Hobart

National AC Handicap Singles/Doubles

20—28 November VCC Melbourne

AC Australian Championships

Open singles/doubles

6-22 August

MacRobertson Shield England UK

Results:

Round 1

Australia v New Zealand 8—13

Great Britain v USA 12—9

Round 2

Australia v USA 7—14

Great Britain v New Zealand 11—10

Round 3

Australia v Great Britain 4—8

New Zealand v USA

A comprehensive report on play for the tournament is available on the Croquet Australia website.

The **62nd Annual General Meeting of the Australian Croquet Association Inc.** will be held on Monday 28 March 2011 in Tasmania. The ACA executive meeting will be held on Friday 25 March and the President's meeting on Saturday 26 March with venues to be advised.

Nominations for ACA Executive positions will close on 27 November 2010, all nominations must be in writing and signed by the nominee and received by the Executive Director of ACA on or before 27 November 2010

The Nomination form is available from SACA.

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PENOLA CROQUET CLUB

Lyn Reilly and Ray Howell reported on the mini tornado that threatened the township of Penola on Saturday 31 July at about 6pm causing a lot of damage but thankfully no one was hurt.

The croquet club was in its path— it ripped through the back section of the grounds damaging the old synthetic lawns and a shed. The adjacent bowling clubrooms were badly damaged and volunteers from Mt Gambier assisted in the cleanup. The tornado continued through some houses, up the main street and some shops. and away from the town.



Photo from Ray Howell showing the tornado damage - croquet club on the left

be active.

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