



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the Brighton Croquet Club President, November 2024

A Family Day was held on Sunday 22 September, organised and managed by Jon Trenwith. It was a very successful event and members and their families enjoyed a sumptuous Greek themed barbecue as well as playing croquet and other games. Big thanks to Jon for this wonderful day and for the catering.

Steve Warrick from Entwine Wines provided a good list of wines to be purchased by members, family and friends at very competitive prices. The club received a percentage of wines sold and it was an easy to arrange fundraiser. Thanks to Ray and Sue Pincombe for their help sorting and packing the orders.

On Tuesday 5 November we enjoyed a Melbourne Cup Day lunch at the club. We were a small group, but we had some delicious food, a Sweep and Lucky Door Prizes. Thanks to Carmel and Deb for organising the sweep and to all the helpers on the day. We remembered to put the television on the correct channel for the Melbourne Cup, so we actually watched the race. Carmel livened up the atmosphere with her horse and jockey blow up costume.

On Thursday 7 November members attended the funeral service for Jim Grindrod who succumbed to an illness which he fought valiantly for the last few years. Jim will be remembered as an amazing croquet coach and friend to many people in our club. Sincere condolences to Julie and their family.

On Friday 8 November we held a last-minute social night with croquet played from 4.00pm and a barbecue (sausage sizzle) at 6.00pm. It was nice spring weather, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank our sponsors whose support is invaluable to our club.

Romeos' Brighton Foodland and Cellarbrations, Blackwell Funerals, Century 21 Brighton, Cove Print, Mazda Edwardstown and Juniper and Pine.

Also, many thanks to the Ed. who donate generous raffle prizes to our club. Thank you as well to the Metro Hotel who have provided wonderful vouchers for us to raffle.

I'm happy to report that our Plus 9 team recently won the pennant for 2024. Congratulations to these players, well done.

We have a few events to manage leading up to Christmas. These events bring in funds for our club and are very popular with the attendees.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the Management Committee for their attendance at meetings and for helping with various events and happenings. You all contribute significantly to the success of our club.

Enjoy your croquet and stay safe and well.

Wendy Williamson

President

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH



IMPROMPTU FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL



Hans & Bill managing the BBQ

BRIGHTON DAWSON CHALLENGE 2024

The Dawson was held on the weekend of the 12th to 13th October.

Unfortunately, due to different situations, we had a small field of six. This, however, did not detract from the tournament at all and spectators were provided with an exhibition of some excellent croquet.

Hans Hiller and Anne Woodhouse (both from Brighton) were leading the tournament up to the very end, but Laura Eden (Tea Tree Gully) was determined to catch the leaders. In the end she won the tournament by just two net hoops, a great achievement, with Anne Woodhouse runner up and Hans Hiller 3rd. All three won 7 out of 10 games.

Thank you to all who helped to make a great tournament, from lawns, hoops, catering, scoring, managing, spectators and Graeme Thomas (Hyde Park) for refereeing. We look forward to the next one.

Anne Woodhouse

Event Manager

N.S.W.2024 N.S.W. State Gateball Championship

This event was held between October 18th to October 20th at the Lake Macquarie Croquet Centre, new home of the Toronto Croquet Club in the Central Coast Region of N.S.W.

Teams from Queensland and N.S.W. and players from Victoria and South Australia attended for a great three-day event.

The Toronto Croquet Club was formed in 1992 in Toronto, N.S.W and used shared facilities. After a twelve-year campaign, they relocated to a new purpose built facility some twelve kilometres north in Glendale in April 2024. They have six full size croquet courts and cater for Golf & Association Croquet, Ricochet and Gateball.

The Toronto Croquet Club took on the role of hosting the 2024 N.S.W. State Gateball Championship when Nowra pulled out of the role earlier this year. This has been a great dress rehearsal for next year's really big event - the 2025 Australian Gateball Championships.

This area is easily accessed without a car – plane to Sydney Airport, train to Sydney Central Station, 2 ½ hour train trip to Cardiff then the local bus to shops, accommodation and the Croquet Centre.

The Doubles Event

Fourteen doubles combinations were split into two blocks for round-robin games.

Peter (Brighton CC) & Glen (South Tce CC) struggled valiantly winning two of six games - after initially losing to Glen & Kristina in a shoot-out.

Ralph & Kevin (Canberra) and Glen & Kristina (Canberra) were both undefeated and dominated their groups. They both won their semifinals.

The Grand Final was an epic struggle initially, but Glen & Kristina took control and went on to a great win 25 – 8 with time left on the clock.

The Teams Event.

Eight teams competed in an entertaining round-robin competition.

Canberra White and Moreton Bay/Warnambool were the two strongest teams with Canberra Green close behind.

Moreton Bay/Warnambool were too strong and won the Teams Grand Final 16-9

Peter Woodward

Brighton C.C.

N.S.W.2024 N.S.W. State Gateball Championship



Views from Toronto Croquet Club



Teams Event Winner: Moreton Bay & Warrnambool



Doubles Winners: Glen & Kristina

Brighton Croquet Club History Matters: Episode 9

Who'd have thought?

Marvel at the astonishingly long list of South Australian croquet Clubs listed below which have been known to have existed. It almost seems to be true to assert that a croquet club has existed in every Adelaide suburb and every South Australian country town at some time!

There are 33 Clubs presently affiliated with Croquet South Australia, and they are indicated here with an asterix, 18 of these are situated outside the metropolitan area and 15 within. There may be two other Clubs such as Reade Park which continue to function but not to re-affiliate with Croquet SA.

City Clubs

Alberton, Aldinga Bay*, Araluen (located at Brighton), Blackwood, Brighton*, Broadview, Clarendon, Coromandel Valley*, Croydon, Dunn Park (at Mount Barker), Fitzroy, Glen Devon (a property north of Mount Pleasant), Glen Osmond, Glenelg* a.k.a. Holdfast Bay, Glenunga*, Grange, Henley, Hawthorn, Hindmarsh, Hyde Park*, Kensington Oval/Gardens, Kings Ridge (off Greenhill Road?), Kingswood, Lockleys, Malvern, Marion, Marryatville, Medindie (a.k.a. Northcote), Millswood*, Mount Barker*, North Adelaide*, Norwood*, Oaklands (a.k.a. Warradale), Prospect, Reade Park, Ridge Park (near Myrtle Bank), Riverside (near Welland?), Salisbury*, Seacliff, Sefton Park, Semaphore, South Park, South Terrace*a.k.a. Southside?, Southwiddie (at Glenelg), Saint Columba (near Andrews Farm), St Peters, Sturt, Tea Tree Gully* (Hope Valley), Tranmere, Trinity Gardens, Tusmore, Unley a.k.a. Unley Park, Victoria Park, Virginia, West Lakes*, West Park, Woodville*. **57**

Country Clubs

Aberdeen, Alma, Angaston, Ardrossan, Auburn, Balaklava, Berri, Blyth, Booleroo Centre, Bordertown*, Broken Hill, Burra, Bute, Caltowie, Clare, Cleve, Coobowie*, Coronation (at Wallaroo), Cowell, Crystal Brook*, Cummins, Currency Creek, Edithburgh, Eudunda, Freeling, Gawler, Gawler South, Gawler West, Georgetown, Gladstone, Glencoe, Goolwa, Gulnare, Gumeracha, Hallett, Hamilton (S.A.), Hamley Bridge, Holder Memorial (near Waikerie), Jamestown a.k.a. Victoria Park, Kadina*, Kangarilla, Kapunda, Keith*, Kimba, Koolunga, Koorunga, Lameroo, Laura, Leighton, Maitland, Mallala, Meadows, Melville (on Yorke Peninsula), Meningie*, Millicent*, Minlaton, Mintaro, Moonta*, Moonta Progressive, Morgan, Mount Gambier* (at Mt. Gambier there has also been Christ Church, Methodist, Presbyterian and Ferrers Street clubs), Mount Pleasant, Murray Bridge*, Murray Town (in Mid North), Nairne, Naracoorte*, Nuriootpa, Oakbank, Obelisk (at Port Elliot), Orroroo, Owen, Penola*, Peterborough (a.k.a. Petersburg), Peterborough Catholic, Pinnaroo, Port Augusta*, Port Broughton, Port Elliot, Port Lincoln*, Port Pirie*, Port Wakefield, Quorn, Red Hill (in Mid North), Renmark, Riverton, Robe, Saddleworth, Snowtown, Solomontown, Spalding, Stansbury, Stockport, Strathalbyn, Taillem Bend, Tantanoola, Tanunda, Tarlee, Terowie, Toorak (Park) near Macclesfield, Tumby Bay*, Victor Harbor*, Waikerie, Wallaroo*, Wallaroo Mines, Wasleys, Willunga, Wilmington, Wirrabara, Woodside, Yacka, Yongala, Yorketown.

Research Resources: Trove newspaper files. Brighton Croquet Club records

Bob Auld

2024 S.A Men's Spring Golf Croquet Singles

This event was held on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th of November at the Hutt Rd croquet courts.

Nine players from Hyde Park, South Tce, Millswood, North Adelaide and Norwood Croquet Clubs participated in this challenging event. The games were timed at one hour with the players playing a full nine round round-robin program.

At the end of the Saturday's games six players had won three games each. This led to an interesting range of possibilities for the leadership board on the second day of play.

At the end of Round 9, Steve Condous (Hyde Park) led the pack with seven wins from eight games. He needed to win his last game to hold top spot. He was closely followed by Paul Ensor (South Tce) on six wins and a hoop difference of +17, and Ansi Baumanis (Norwood) six wins and hoop difference of +13.

This was a brisk, well played tournament with many fine tactical moves and brilliant, long roquets. The weather was very good – temperature in the low mid 20s, slight cool breezes and no rain.

It was a very entertaining competition and thoroughly enjoyed by the small crowd of spectators.

I would like to thank S.A.C.A for organising the event, the players for playing in the event, the referees – Kim Millhouse, Geoff Creek, Kevin LePoidevin, Graeme Thomas and Anne Woodhouse.

Special thanks to the Brighton C.C. managing team – Anne Woodhouse and Jill Gay.

Peter Woodward

Brighton Croquet Club



Competitors SA Men's Spring Singles



Winner: Steve Condous with Peter Woodward



Runner-up: Paul Ensor with Peter Woodward



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