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# Newsletter

Brighton Croquet Club Inc. Stopford Rd Hove 5048 [www.brightoncroquetsa.com](http://www.brightoncroquetsa.com)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### From the Brighton Croquet Club President, January 2023

Happy New Year to our Members and Sponsors.

2022 was a successful year for Brighton Croquet with members being able to play most of the time without any Covid restrictions. We still need to remember to wash or sanitise our hands, socially distance if we are able and stay at home if we are unwell.

We gained a new sponsor, Century 21 Brighton and received a generous donation of \$500 from a club member's business.

Ros Wilson gave us all a scare last year with her health but thankfully she is recovering.

On Friday 30 December I attended a Special Meeting of SACA at Hutt Road to elect directors and a President. Graeme Thomas was elected President the new directors are Eileen Freguson, Jane Horton, Lorraine Smith and Mark Senior. Ansi Beaumaris and Linda Kinch are the other directors already on the Board.

A Friday night social is being organised for 27 January.

We are planning to invite our generous sponsors and their families, together with club members, to a twilight barbecue early this year and try their hand at croquet. We are very fortunate to have our generous sponsors and their support is very much appreciated.

Later in the year we are hoping to have David and his cricketer friends and their families join us for another Friday evening social. It was so successful last time, with both members and visitors enjoying a fun night.

On Friday 13 January we had Marty Clarke come to our club to provide some coaching from 8.30 – 11.30am. On Saturday 14 and Sunday 15, the tests played between Kate Logan's Kangaroos and Karen Magee's Koalas were very exciting to watch. Thanks to Karen Magee for organising and also Marlene Salmon for the catering, and Thea Peacock, Carmel Godwin, Jill Gay and Lorraine McIntyre for their help over the weekend.

Thanks to Peter Woodward, we recently watched videos about using CPR and a defibrillator to remind us of what to do in a health emergency where someone collapses. We will repeat showing these short but informative videos on a regular basis, probably at the beginning of Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer. Our Covid policy remains the same for the time being. This will be reviewed at each monthly Committee meeting and any changes will be advised to members asap.

Wendy Williamson, President



## SA GC Spring Open Men's Singles Nov. 12th & 13th

Eight contestants converged on the Hutt Rd courts to test their skills in this two-day event held on the second weekend in November. The Managing Club was Brighton C.C.

Various Croquet Clubs were represented - Hyde Park, South Terrace, Millswood, Norwood and Victor Harbor.

This event marked the return to competition of Ron McBride from Victor Harbor.

Usually at this time of the year the weather is mild, with possibly warm winds, blue skies and lots of sunscreen needed. However, this event was subjected to cold winds, rain, thunder and lightning on Saturday. Play was interrupted several times with lightning in close proximity and rain, throughout the day. Then just after 4 PM, the courts were hit with a torrential downpour which overloaded the already saturated soil causing huge pools of water to cover large areas of all three courts. Play was abandoned for the day. At this stage the first day's program was incomplete with one and a half rounds to play. The weather improved on Sunday with cold winds and mostly sunny skies. Everyone returned on Sunday morning for play to resume at 7.30 AM.

When the round-robin session of the competition was completed, the final series playoffs commenced, with Ron McBride playing Barry Jennings and Ansi Baumanis playing Paul Ensor.

Throughout the event the contests were brisk and tight with most games finishing before the one hour limit with many hoops scored.

The grand final playoff was between Barry Jennings and Paul Ensor and was played over three games.

Honours went to Barry Jennings with Runner-up, Paul Ensor.

Ron won the playoff for third place, also played over three games.

I would like to thank the referees - Anne Woodhouse, Robert Hamshere, Kim Millhouse, David Stumm, Bernie Pfitzner and Bob Neil

I would also like to thank the management team of Ann Millhouse for the preparation of all the paperwork.

Jill Gay and Anne Woodhouse were indispensable assisting over both days.

A big cheer should go to the players who managed to play to a high standard for the small spectator crowd, in trying conditions over the two days.

Peter Woodward GC, Captain,  
Brighton Croquet Club

## SA GC Spring Open Men's Singles



**Winner: Barry Jennings (L)**

**Runner-up: Paul Ensor (R)**



## S.A. Gateball Championships 2022

This event was held over three days - Friday December 2nd to Sunday 3rd. at Hyde Park Croquet Club.

This venue was a reasonable distance from the 2022 Adelaide 500 Supercar races, allowing much of the associated noise to be avoided.

The program was divided into Doubles event - the presidents Trophy - held on the Friday and Sunday, and the Teams event held on the Saturday.

### Gateball Teams Event

Six teams competed in the teams event - teams from Canberra, a N.S.W. composite team and Kew (Vic) travelled here and three local clubs competed - Hyde Park, Woodville and Brighton.

A full round-robin competition was played throughout the day with each club playing five games.

The Brighton team consisted of Barry Teague, David Magee, Graham Whiteway, Ken Nunan and Peter Woodward (Captain).

Brighton played brilliantly early in the day winning their first two games - against the N.S.W. team and then Hyde Park, with all players playing well.

Our team then struggled against Woodville, Canberra and Kew.

Brighton won two of their five games.

Ultimately Kew, winning all five games took the honours.

Karen Magee from Brighton, played with the Kew team due to their player shortage. Her form was very good and helped her adopted team greatly.

This Tournament was organised and run very well with a cheerful, enthusiastic group of competitors making it a very good three-day event.

Peter Woodward

Gateball Captain.

L to R: Barry Teague, Ken Nunan, Graham Whiteway, David Magee & Peter Woodward



**Gateball Doubles**

There were twelve entries divided into two blocks of six for the initial part robin section of this event.

The Brighton team of Karen & David Magee played brilliantly winning four of their five games.

However, Hyde Park (Barry Jennings & Peter Martyniuk) and Philip Brown + Peter also won four of their five games with a better gate (same as hoop) difference and pushed the Brighton team into third spot missing the playoffs.

The South Brighton combination - Warwick O'Brien (South Terrace C.C.) & Peter Woodward (Brighton C.C.) were in this group and were competitive.

In the other block three teams also finished on four wins with gate differences used to determine the top two combinations - A.C.T. and Penny & John Park.

The semi-finals were then played, producing a grand final match between Philip Brown & Peter W and the A.C.T

Philip & Peter won this game in front of a good crowd of players and spectators.

While the event was played, various competitors underwent referee training, with Barry Jennings of Hyde Park achieving Level 1 referee status.

Peter Woodward

Gateball Captain.

*Christmas Lunch December 2022*

Our Christmas celebration lunch was enjoyed by a good number of members. Thanks very much to those who decorated the club rooms and organised the serving of the delicious lunch which was "bring a plate". Also, thanks to Howard Wood for his playing of the accordion and for his role as Santa bringing chocolate bon bons for everyone. Kay Souter was a very helpful elf who assisted Santa with his task. Debbie Excell and Carmel Godwin were also very helpful elves. Thanks to Sonya Ash who again did a wonderful job of coordinating our Christmas Raffle which was drawn in the afternoon and raised a good amount for our club. We had some excellent background music to enjoy, and it was a great day.

Wendy Williamson

*Christmas lunch photos*



## Golf Croquet Coaching Opportunity and 2 Day Test

January 12 -15 saw Marty Clarke, Australian High-Performance coach come to South Australia to work with players from all levels, to pass on some tips and strategies.

Friday morning Marty visited Brighton, where he entertained the participants with several tips and tricks for GC. He also had set up 3 courts for the players with different scenarios, what should/could happen in the situation before them. These scenarios lead to lively discussions. Further demonstrations of faults, what to do in wrong ball play and off-side balls. Players also had a demonstration of how to jump balls through hoops and many people that have not achieved that before, did so, making for very happy players.

Friday afternoon Martin worked with some members of the State Squad, analysing data from previous Interstate Shields, and where to go from here. The players did several drills and recorded results, Barry Haydon performed the best and won the prestigious Number 1.

Saturday and Sunday involved several players in Test Matches. The teams were Kate's Kangaroo's and Karen's Koala's. The aim here was for Marty to look for some up and coming players for potential inclusions in State and National squads. Saturday's play was severely affected by the hot weather, but Sunday went according to plan. The results are posted on croquet scores but overall, the Koala's scraped in with the win.

Those involved in the activities gained valuable knowledge and we thank Marty for making the effort to come to South Australia.

Karen Magee



**Most successful player Saturday**

**David Magee**



**Most successful players Sunday**

**Sue Davel (Kangaroos) Peter Webster (Koalas)**



**David Maunder (L)**

**Peter Woodward (R)**

## Golf Croquet Coaching 13 January 2023 with Marty Clarke



Some excellent coaching for members and visitors – with many thanks to Marty Clarke

### SA GC Directors Trophy

This event was held at the Hutt Road Croquet Courts from Saturday Jan. 21st through to Monday Jan. 23rd.

The weather was a little warm - high 20s -with slight winds but otherwise reasonably good. The crowd of spectators was small.

Twelve players were involved in both a doubles round robin competition and a singles round robin competition over these three days.

These players represented the following clubs - Millswood, Brighton, North Adelaide, Hyde Park and Norwood Croquet Clubs

The doubles were played at the start of each day - two matches on the Saturday and Sunday and a final match on the Monday.

Dougie Francis (Hyde Park) and Coleen Baumanis (Norwood) led the field from the first day and were able to hold on to their lead easily to take the doubles event with four wins.

The singles were one hour matches played following the doubles each day - four matches played on Saturday and Sunday and the last three matches played on Monday.

The leader board was tight and crowded at the top. Four players played strong tactical games through the event - Russell Agardi (Millswood), David Maunder (Brighton), Laura Eden (North Adelaide) and last year's winner Dougie Francis (Hyde Park) and all finished on eight wins from eleven games.

These players were followed by Annie Millhouse and Geoff Houghton (both from Millswood) with seven wins.

The eventual winner was determined during the last round of matches.

Russell Agardi took the trophy with a 'Net Hoop' score of seventeen, followed by David Maunder on sixteen. Laura Eden took third place a further one hoop behind with fifteen and Dougie Francis with eleven was fourth.

Special thanks must go to the players for making this a great tournament, the referees - Barry Haydon, Kim Millhouse, Ansi Baumanis, Anne Woodhouse, Barry Jennings and Karen Magee for their commitment and the Brighton management team - Ken Nunan, Jill Gay and Peter Woodward.

Peter Woodward

Golf Croquet Club Captain, Brighton

**Winner: Russell Agardi (R)**

**Runner-up: David Maunder (L)**



## MILLSWOOD CLASSIC GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Golf Croquet Doubles Tournament of 13 point games played over three or four evenings in January for combined handicaps of 12+.

Millswood Classic Tournament won by David Maunder and Barbara Bertram



David, as he eyes off the supper at Millswood Croquet Club



The new clubhouse for Millswood Croquet Club opened November 2022

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