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Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the Brighton Croquet Club President, August 2022

In a few weeks we will be hosting the ISS GC competition with Barry as Brighton's Venue Manager. Marlene is the Catering Manager, and they are both assembling teams to assist with the various tasks required over the 4 days.

Our recent Sausage Sizzle held after Thursday's croquet play was well received and appreciated. Many thanks to Jon for cooking the BBQ, Carmel for the easy listening background music and to the members who assisted by serving the lunch and cleaning up. We will definitely do this again and look forward to another Sausage Sizzle when the weather is a bit warmer (or should I say, less icy cold) and we can sit on the veranda in the sun.

The Lucky Number Squares have been popular and in a small way raise funds for our club without too much work or bother.

The Committee are planning a few social events and fundraisers over the next 12 months, a schedule of which will be included in the next Newsletter. Ideas so far include a Spring Gala, a Twilight Sponsors Social and BBQ, an outing for a Chinese meal, croquet followed by a meal at the club, an outing to Juniper and Pine, a Pizza Night, a Soup Night, an outing to Brighton Metro and possibly a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser. I'm hoping to organise a Trivia Night at the Club as well.

Thanks to Peter Woodward for organising the videos about CPR and using the Defibrillator recently. This was very informative and very much appreciated.

Just a quick update re Covid 19. We recently received a request for someone to join the club who is unvaccinated. After referring to SACA, the Department of Health SA and the Department of Recreation and Sport, and careful consideration, our Committee decided not to change our current Covid Policy. Anyone attending at Brighton Croquet Club must be vaccinated. Although there is no mandate, we will continue to encourage members to social distance, use hand sanitizer, wash hands and not visit the club if they are unwell. In this way we are doing as much as we can to keep our members healthy and hopefully Covid free.

Kind regards

Wendy Williamson



BRIGHTON ARMSTRONG CHALLENGE 2022

What great croquet we had at Brighton Croquet Club over 4 days in early August!

We had a top field including top players in the state and members of the State Team for both the Women's and Men's events of the Brighton Armstrong Challenge held on 4 to 7 August. The "Armstrong" is open to everyone, and we had two 7 handicappers also enter (with trepidation) but they did so well they were both 6 handicappers by the end of the tournament!

The women's event was fairly even, with results of games very hard to predict. However, having said that, the top two ranked players, Kate Logan from Victor Harbor and Karen Magee from Brighton ended up contesting the Final. Kate began well by surging ahead and beating Karen 7-1 in the first game of three. But Karen is never down for long and came back to eventually win the next two games and win the Women's Tournament for the third time.

The men's event was blessed with better weather, and they took advantage of it. Once again, the top two ranked players, Dwayne McCormick from Norwood and Stephen Condous from Hyde Park, contested the Final with Dwayne promising a "show". Well, he certainly delivered to win the second game and the match. He was 2 hoops down with very little time to go. He ran hoop nine then tried to run hoop ten from one end to the other with both of his balls. He was successful with his second attempt. Now at 5 all, time was no longer a factor. He then finished the game off by doing a spectacular in-off from the boundary, hitting his own ball, bouncing in the air and then through the hoop!

The spectators certainly got their money's worth over all four days of play.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all those who worked hard to help run a very successful tournament. These events do not run themselves. We need the courts in their best condition, hoops set at a very early hour, catering planned, cooked and rostered, scores entered, games managed, presentations made, photos taken, reports written and most importantly, presenting the Brighton Croquet Club as a welcoming and friendly club. From reports back from the players, we succeeded. So, a very big thank you to everybody.

Anne Woodhouse
Event Manager



WINNERS:

Karen Magee

Dwayne McCormick



Karen Magee

Gateball

Summary

Gateball is a mallet team sport inspired by [croquet](#). It is a fast-paced, non-contact, highly strategic team game, which can be played by anyone regardless of age or gender.

Gateball is played on a rectangular court 20 metres (66 ft) long and 15 metres (49 ft) wide. Each court has three gates and a goal pole. The game is played by two teams (red and white) each made up of between one to five players. With five players each side, each player has a numbered ball corresponding to their playing order. With smaller numbers on each side, the players rotate turns playing. The odd-numbered balls are red and the even-numbered balls are white. Teams score one point for each ball hit through a gate and two points for hitting the goal pole, in accordance with the rules. A game of gateball lasts for thirty minutes and the winner is the team with the most points at the end of the game.

History

Gateball was invented in [Japan](#) by [Suzuki Kazunobu](#) in 1947. At the time there was a severe shortage of rubber needed to make the balls used in many sports. Suzuki, then working in the lumber industry on the northern island of Hokkaido, realised there was a ready supply of the wood used to make croquet balls and mallets. He revised the rules of croquet and created gateball as a game for young people.

Gateball first became popular in the late 1950s when a physical education instructor introduced gateball to the women's societies and senior citizens' clubs of Kumamoto City. In 1962, the [Kumamoto Gateball Association](#) was formed and established a local set of rules. This version of the game became known nationally when it was demonstrated at a national fitness meet in Kumamoto in 1976. Shortly afterwards gateball's popularity exploded as local government officials and representatives of senior citizens' organisations introduced the sport around the country.

In 1984, the [Japanese Gateball Union](#) (JGU) was founded. Under the leadership of its inaugural chairman, [Ryoichi Sasakawa](#), the JGU developed a unified set of rules and organised the first national meet. The following year, the JGU joined with five countries and regions, China, Korea, Brazil, United States of America and Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), to form the World Gateball Union (WGU). The WGU has since been joined by Bolivia (1987), Paraguay (1987), Peru (1987), Argentina (1989), Canada (1989), Singapore (1994), Hong Kong (1998), Australia (2003), Macao (2005), Philippines (2012) and Indonesia (2013).

Gameplay

Gateball is played between two teams of up to five people on a rectangular field 15 meters long and 20 wide. The two teams use five balls each, either red or white depending on the team, and play in an alternating fashion between red and white the balls numbered from 1 to 10. At the beginning of the game the players, in order, place their ball in the designated "start area" and attempt to hit the ball through the first gate. If they successfully pass through the gate they may play again. If the player misses the first gate, they pick up their ball and have to try again in the second round.

When stroking, if the ball hits another ball, this is called a "touch". If both the stroker's ball and the touched ball remain within the court, the stroker shall step on the stroker's ball and place the other touched ball so that it is touching the stroker's ball, and hit the stroker's ball with the stick (this play is called a "spark"), sending the other touched ball off as the result of the impact.

By passing through a gate or sparking the ball, a player receives another turn.

One point is given for every gate the ball passes in order (total of three gates) and two points for hitting the goal-pole. The winner is the team with the most points at the end of thirty minutes. As the red team always gets to play first, the white team always has the final turn, even if time has elapsed before the final white ball is called.

When scores are equal at the end of the 30 minute game, both sides play a 'shoot-out' as in soccer with the players line up and play in order towards gate one. A result is rapidly determined.

Gateball is now played at Brighton Croquet Club, currently every Monday at 10.30 AM.

All club members are invited to enquire about, observe and /or join in at their leisure.

Peter Woodward



NEIL WHITE

I have been overwhelmed with the number of cards, flowers, messages of condolence, love and prayers which have been sent both to me and members of the family over the past few weeks in remembrance of Neil.

Neil was a strong supporter of croquet over the past twenty-five years, progressing from club member to organising/running tournaments at Club and State level to becoming the President of S.A.C.A. and the A.C.A. over the ensuing years.

Neil really enjoyed the camaraderie of Club days at Brighton together with assisting the newer players to understand the game more fully as required.

Neil was a member of the first State Golf Croquet Team in 2007. You may be aware that Neil had asked that he be dressed in his Red State Golf Croquet Team jacket for his final farewell. Many thanks for the State Team members who also wore their State jackets in commemoration of Neil. Thank you also to those who were also able to attend the ceremony it was very much appreciated.

I have been unable to thank each person for their support individually. Please accept this thank you as my heartfelt appreciation of your kindness and love. It means so much at a time of such sadness.

I am trying to find a way forward.

With much love,

Heather

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