
NORTH ADELAIDE CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Menzies Crescent, Prospect 5082

Important Notice

Court availability - Please note that members will not be able to use our courts from Friday, 16 March to Sunday, 25 March 2018. The courts will be configured for Quadway hoops, so our normal metal hoops cannot be used during this period. A practice session for the Eire Cup participants has been scheduled for Friday, 16 March.

Obituary

Mavis Hardwicke - It is with regret, that we learned of the passing of Mavis Hardwicke this week. She was a stalwart member of the Fitzroy Croquet Club for many years, a State Association Player and came to the North Adelaide Club when our two club amalgamated. Mavis initiated the *Fitzroy Shield* which was held for many years in the Parklands Club. This has now been renamed the *North Adelaide Games*, which Mavis ran this for some years. Her Funeral Service will be conducted next Tuesday afternoon (20 March), at the Enfield Cemetery. *Rest in Peace.*

Notes from the President

We are only into the third month of the year and already many exciting things have already been accomplished.

Association Croquet has completed their night doubles with Division 4 winning the pennant and Division 3 coming third. Saturday Pennants, which is a doubles competition, has began for both Association and Golf Croquet in January and will continue throughout the year. Golf Croquet has entered four teams in the Autumn pennants, the most teams we have ever had. Congratulations to Lynne Hughes and Roger Harris who won the SACA Golf Croquet Doubles 9+.

We have accomplished a lot of maintenance around the Club. The inverter for the solar panels has been replaced, the lawn lights on courts 1, 2 & 3 repaired but the most exciting thing is the lights on court 4 have been replaced by LED lights. Please come out at night and use court 4 as the lighting is magnificent and it is far more cost effective to light this lawn than the other three lawns. We have also bought a set of Quadway hoops for court 4 to support the Golf Croquet players in their challenge to win a pennant this year.

We are about to begin the *69th Association Croquet Interstate Carnival* in Adelaide, 14th - 25th March. Our club will be hosting the Men's and Women's Championships from the 17th - 20th March and the Eire Cup from the 21st - 25th March. Please come, watch and support the highly skilled croquet players from our state and interstate. You may have noticed William and his group of many men, with the support of David Watchman and Ron McBride preparing our lawns and facilities so that we can present our club as the best in the country.

This year is the South Australian Croquet Association Centenary. A special event will be run at Hutt Road on Sunday, 6 May from 10 am - 4 pm.

Committee Information

Key Audit reminder - this audit is ongoing and you will find Dan, William or Tamara tapping you on the shoulder if you have a key in the near future.

Court Lighting - as the President mentioned previously, the committee recently approved the maintenance of lights on all courts. This work includes the repair of the lights on courts 1-3; and the upgrade of LED lights on court 4. The lights removed from court 4 have been stored as replacement lights for the other courts if required, as these lights cannot be sourced anymore. The upgrade of lights to LED on court 4 was only possible due to a grant we received from the City of Prospect. Thanks to Sue LePoidevin and the President for their hard work in acquiring this grant.

Quadway Hoops - the Club has also purchased a set of *Quadway* hoops, which will be used on court 4. The Committee received a number of requests from members to purchase a set of Quadway hoops, so members could practice using them at the Club. A number of clubs now use these hoops for competitions and members felt they had an unfair advantage when they couldn't train for competitions using the same equipment. The Club will borrow and additional three sets of Quadway hoops for the Eire Cup in March, as this is an requirement from Croquet SA.

Notes from the Secretary

Contact Information - If you change any of your personal information, eg next of kin, address, bank account (if you have provided these details to the Treasurer), email, phone - please advise the Secretary, so she can update your records. This is especially important for your emergency contact details or if we need to contact you.

Annual General Meeting - This year's AGM will be held on Saturday, 21 July 2018 commencing at 12 noon. Save this date in your diary and look out for additional information in future newsletters.

Voting at the 2018 State Election - The next State election will be held on Saturday, 17 March 2018 and polling booths will be open from 8 am to 6 pm. To find out where your closest polling booth is, go to <https://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/voting>. For this members working at the Club on the day, pre-polling voting centres will be open from Monday, 5 March until Friday, 16 March from 9 am to 5 pm (excluding weekends and public holidays). You have the option of 60 Light Square, Adelaide; or the Zion Lutheran Church, 15 Glynburn Road, Glynde.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser - The Club will be selling a minimum number of *Entertainment Books* this year, with the new edition commencing in April. The book will cost you \$70 and \$14 will be donated to the Club. However we must sell a minimum of 10 books to receive this benefit. You can purchase a hardcopy of the book or a digital edition, if you have a smart phone. The books will be available at the bar from approximately the 9 April. I will put up some marketing information around the club, so speak to your friendly Bar Member or the Secretary for more information. You can pre-order your book at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/93p9691> (note a 1.25% fee applies) or visit their website at <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/750443/> to view a draft of the next edition and the benefits it offers.



Community Service Awards - The City of Prospect's Community Awards Program rewards and recognises individuals, organisations, community groups and businesses that have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year. If you would like to nominate someone who makes a real difference from the Club, speak to your floor member, who will bring your suggestion to the Committee for consideration. Nomination must be forwarded to the Council by the COB on Friday, 30 March and awards are presented in May at the Council's Annual Volunteer Recognition event. For more information go to the City of Prospect website at <https://www.prospect.sa.gov.au/communityserviceawards>.

Notes from the Treasurer

Subscription Fees - There are a number of members who are behind in the second instalment of their subscription fees. If you are paying your subscription quarterly, your next instalment is due on the 31 April 2018. Alf will be sending out reminders and the next round of invoices soon.

Notes from the AC Captain

It is with a great deal of joy that I can report Division 4 Night Doubles, combined team Northbury finished top of their competition for this summer. The team consisted of Ron Mitchell, Roger Harris, Glenda Kelly and Kerri Williams. Division 3 finished third in their section - so congratulations to all players who took part in these competitions. Our Thursday play days have been really interesting with many of our Associate members joining us, which makes our games much more challenging. We are now looking forward to the National Games Championship and the Eire Cup competitions later this month. It is good to know our club is taking part in helping to run these events. Our facilities are a treat for all who play here. Thank you to all our volunteers.

We still need new players for Association Croquet, and I would like to encourage any of our single ball game players to come and join their other form of croquet. You will be given good coaching and lots of encouragement. If you are interested, speak to Kay and she will arrange some times.

Notes from the GC Captain

SACA GC Doubles Individual 9+ Competition - This competition was played over two days on the 14 and 21 February at Hutt Road. Six doubles teams, with players from North Adelaide and Millswood competed. The winners with 9 wins from 10 games, were Lynne Hughes and Roger Harris from North Adelaide - well done. For more information click on the link to the latest Hoop Points below.



GC Autumn Pennants is up and running and well done to all the members participating in this competition. So far the Open and 6+ teams have had one win each; and the 9+ have had four wins, with no losses.

Coaching - I would like to thank Kay Seery for holding coaching sessions for golf croquet members, we appreciated her experience and guidance.

Notes from the Bar Member



The Club has purchased some *Cool Towels* for members, which can be purchased from your friendly bar member. If you can believe what it reads on the web: "Stay cool and dry on the court with a cooling towel. These towels are made from a hyper-evaporative material, are light and can be placed around your neck or over your head. Simply soak the towel in cold water and wring out. It provides an instant relief in hot weather, wicks sweat away from your body and helps prevent heat stress and fatigue". There are only two colours - blue and green, but please put your name on your towel to indicate it is yours. A number of members have tested these and found them very good. The cost is only \$7 (less than the cost of two coffees when you dine out).

It's all about the Game

69th Association Croquet Interstate Carnival - Croquet SA will be hosting the 69th Association Croquet Interstate Carnival from the 14-25 March. It will consist of three events - The Gold Medal, Men's and Women's singles and the Eire Cup. Games will be held across a variety of venues, including our Club, who will host the Eire Cup from the 17-20 March. For further details go to the Croquet SA website at <https://www.croquetsa.com.au/2018-eire-cup-carnival/>.

History of the EIRE Cup. The Interstate Cup, which bears the inscription "Irish International Eire Cup", was won in Dublin, Ireland, in 1937 by an Australian team consisting of C.J. Miller (C), J.C. Windsor, Miss A.B. Morrison and E.M. Hunt. The trophy was brought to Australia and kept at Victoria's headquarters. After World War II, when interstate play was resumed, the cup was awarded in interstate competition in Sydney in 1942. When the Australian Croquet Council (ACC) was formed in 1949, the cup became its property. The Eire Cup as it has become known, is in the form of a silver rosebowl. In 1951 its value was estimated at 100 pounds. South Australia has won the Eire Cup 32 times (of the 68 times played) : in 1952, 1954-56, 1962, 1966, 1969-78, 1980-82, 1985-88, 1991, 1995-2001 and 2003. The Interstate Championships are conducted by a rotation of States, and are held at the same time as the Australian Men's and Women's Singles Championships. For a list of winners since its inception in 1950 go to <http://www.croquetrecords.com/records/australia/index.htm>. On this list you will find our own Colin Pickering, who features many times as a winner.



GC Handicap Singles Tournament - This tournament will be held at our Club, commencing Friday, 20 April and will continue on the last Friday of each month until September. Anyone can enter this tournament and there will be two events played, running back to back. The morning session starts at 10 am (be there at 9.30 am); and the afternoon session starts at 1 pm (be there at 12.30 pm). There will be separate prizes for each event. Competitors must bring their handicap cards and the cost is \$5 per session (two games per session). You have the option to play in the morning; afternoon; or both sessions. To be considered for a prize, an entrant needs to play in five or six sessions of an event. For further information or to enter, please speak to Sue Huddy, Events Manager.

Come & Try - These events will be conducted each week in April and September this year. Lynne has designed a brochure & Alf has printed these off. Please assist by handing these out or popping them in letter boxes in your area. We have also printed off some flyers to place on community notice boards in your areas. Rather than people having to wait until April & September we are encouraging people to walk in and have a game for free. If you have any queries about these activities, please speak to Lynne or the Secretary.

GC Club Singles Championship - How are you going in the Club's GC Ladder Challenge? A reminder that if you want to play a challenge on Tuesday or Saturday morning, please check with Lynn or Sandra for court availability.

Notice Board - there are lots of flyers on the notice board. If you are interested in playing in competitions or social games, keep any eye out for new flyers or speak to your Club Captain.

Social Events in the Club



The Twilight Sessions have now finished for another year and many members took advantage of the great music and long warm evenings to have a fun game of croquet and enjoy each others company. The next **Wine Down** will be held on Friday, 16 March, so if you would like to attend put your name on the list so Lynne can cater for this event. Please note, you will not be able to play croquet on the day as the court will be set up for the Eire Cup and participants will be using the courts to practice for the competition. You will still be able to enjoy a drink with members and Lynne will organise a tasty meal as usual.

Social Program for 2018 - Lynne and her team have put together a social program for the up and coming year, which will include:

- 18 May - Square Dancing evening
- 24 Jun - Musical & afternoon tea
- 26 Aug - Quiz afternoon
- 08 Dec - Christmas Lunch

Save these dates in your calendar and keep an eye out in the Newsletter for additional information. However, don't forget our regular Wine Downs; Monthly Lunches; and BBQs.

Happy Birthday Trevor - Trevor will be celebrating his 70th Birthday at the Club on Saturday, 17 March. Trevor extended an invitation to members of the Club to join him and requested no presents. Thank you to those members who put their name down to join him on this special day. The members of the Club wish you all the very best for your birthday and your retirement.



Up and Coming Events

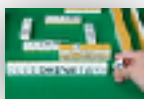
Social Lunch - these social get-togethers are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The next lunch will be held on Tuesday, 3 April at 12 noon at a nearby hotel (determined the week prior to the lunch). Lynn is the point of contact, so put your name down on the list and enjoy the company of club members.

Sausage Sizzle - the next sausage sizzle will be held on Saturday, 31 March, so put your name on the list if you would like to attend.

SA Croquet Association Centenary - Croquet SA will be holding a free community *Come N Try* event on Sunday, 6 May from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be a period dress theme, with prizes for the best costume. You will also have an opportunity to purchase a bottle of commemorative wine or the Centenary book. Croquet SA is also looking for helpers to assist with this event. If you can assist or would like additional information, click on the latest edition of *Hoop Points* below.

Anzac Day - the Prospect RSL has extended an invitation to members to join them on the 25 April - see the details at the end of the Newsletter.

Other Events



Mah Jong - The *North Winds Mah Jong Group* plays Mah Jong on Friday evenings from 7-10 pm on a fortnightly basis. For further information, go to their website at <https://northwindmahjong.wordpress.com/about/>.



Scrabble - interested in playing scrabble? The scrabble group plays on Saturday afternoons, commencing at 1 pm.

Websites of Interest

NACC Website - Alf has been updating our web page - go to <http://www.nacc-inc.club/index.html>. If you have any details to add, send these to Janet Willshire.

Croquet SA, Hoop Points Newsletter, the latest version is March 2018 - <https://www.croquetsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Hoop-Points-March-2018.pdf>.

Dates of Importance - Save the Date

1st Tuesday	Social : Tuesday Lunch
1st & 3rd Friday	Social : Wine Down
Last Saturday	Social : BBQ
16/03/2018	No play at the Club - Eire Cup competitors only
17-20/03/2018	Eire Cup
25/04/2018	Anzac Day : Invite to RSL
18/05/2018	Social : Square Dancing evening
24/06/2018	Social : Music and Afternoon tea
26/08/2018	Social : Quiz afternoon
08/12/2018	Social : Christmas Lunch

Newsletters

A reminder that this Newsletter is a collaborate effort from members of the club. If you have something to add, please email it to Tamara or place any articles for inclusion in her pigeon hole. If you have not received your newsletter electronically and you have an email address, please update your details or send your details to tamara.rebbeck@bigpond.com. A small number of copies will be printed off in hardcopy for those members who do not use computers or electronic devices. Note, a copy will also be uploaded to our web page.



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WE REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
TO HELP US COMMEMORATE ANZAC DAY

THEN PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST
AFTERWOODS

WHEN: Wednesday 25th April 2018
 TIME: 6am for Service
 7am for Breakfast
 ADDRESS: Prospect RSL Sub-Branch
 1 - 3 Menzies Court
 Prospect.

RSVP: Thursday 1st March 2018
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 M. 0466 887 975



LEST WE FORGET

* PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU REQUIRE A WREATH FOR THE SERVICE *

*They shall grow not old
 as we that are left grow old
 Age shall not weary them
 nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun
 and in the morning
 We will remember them.*