
NORTH ADELAIDE CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Menzies Crescent, Prospect 5082

IMPORTANT NOTICE: NO PLAY ON SATURDAY, 30th November SUNDAY, 1st DECEMBER

Committee Information

Club Vacancies - We are still looking for members to fill the filling positions: Club Coach, Historian, Assistant Ground, Safety Officer, Bar Committee, and members for the Social Committee. If you are interested in helping out, please speak to the Secretary.

Working Bees - William has organised working bees to assist with various maintenance tasks around the Club- thank you to all those members who participated and volunteered their time. It is so much easier to maintain the high standard of our Club facilities when members help out rather than leaving the work to a few individuals.

New Hoops were purchased for the Club and installed in Court 3 – Thanks to William and helpers. These have been a great asset to the Club as they upgrade our courts to be the same as competition courts at other venues and allows all players to develop skills of laying with quad hoops.

Currently stages of work are continuing to repair and strengthen the structure and covers for shade areas on northern side of the courts.

Notes from the Secretary

Lucky Numbers Cards - Our enthusiastic Social Committee Member, Lynn, has continued *Deluxe Lucky Numbers*, which cost \$1 per number (maximum of 50 numbers). The winner receives \$25 and the club raises \$25. Great effort Lynn!

Alfred James, Prospect City Council and **Rachael Sanderson Member for Adelaide** – Many thanks to our sponsors for North Adelaide Games. Monetary support together with pens pads and some 2020 diaries, and wine for raffles, are always gratefully accepted.

People's Choice Community Lottery - Jocelyn again worked tirelessly selling the People's Choice Community Lottery tickets this year. She reported that "The 2019 Credit Union Raffle was drawn on the 9th October. and results were published on 13th October. I carefully checked the numbers but, alas, could not find any winners from our club's ticket sales. Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets for this fundraiser which raised \$500 for the club." Many thanks to you Jocelyn for organising this lottery.

Winedowns have been continuing throughout the year with great success. Good opportunity for a social game and gathering together for drinks chat and a meal. Lyn and social committee have been providing great meal options while Dan keeps everyone well satisfied with drinks and coffee. Come along and join in the fun every 3rd Friday of each month.

AC and GC Pennants

Spring Pennants have been continuing with mixed success. We have however been very competitive against other clubs and although we may not have numerous wins our teams are often only losing by narrow margins. Semi- final and Final rounds are in progress over next few weeks. It is great to see so many players competing against other clubs and to have positive support of other players who volunteer to fill in when someone is unavailable.

Social games continue to be very popular with our many regular members but don't forget to consider the option of asking a friend along to Come & Try Croquet. We still need to encourage others to join us and enjoy the fun of playing Croquet.

Notes from the Badger and Mallet - your club, your bar.

With Summer looming it is time to talk refreshments!

Why not try a palate cleansing refreshing Vodka and Soda with a squeeze of fresh lime.

Over wine, consider a white wine spritzer, wine and soda water to taste.

Should dark beer be removed due to the summer months? No I say, the Coopers dark ale and Jack of Spades porter provide superior quality refreshment in any climate.

Our new license will be posted out to the club around the 18 November, so be aware that there will be some changes to the way the bar will run.

If anyone would like to join the bar team come and have a talk to Dan.

The Badger and Mallet is open for:

A. U3A Xmas break up 29 Nov 1100-1500

B. North Adelaide Games 30 Nov 1200 -1400, 1600-1700

C. North Adelaide Games 01 Dec 1200 - 1400, 1600-1700

E. Probus 02 Dec 1100-1300

F. DST Function 06 Dec 1400-1800

G. NACC Xmas party 07 Dec 1200

H. Function 13 Dec 1000-1800

I. Sunday Session 15 Dec 1500-1700

J. Spectra Quest 20 Dec 1100-1600

Please note there is no wine down in December

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Sunday Sessions will now be the First and Third Sunday's of the month.

In the new year we will kick off on the 19 Jan. Have game, have a drink and enjoy your club.

There will not be a wine down in Jan as the club will be open every Friday in February for concerts in the park.

Regards Dan

It's all about the Game

2019 North Adelaide Games (Association Croquet only) – The North Adelaide Games have been played each Friday throughout November under the diligent management of Janet Wilshire , our AC Captain. Invitation Singles will be held on Saturday, 30 November and Sunday 1st December. A meal will be available following the presentations, for players and guests on Sunday 1st December. This is included in the entry fee and \$10 for guests.

Introduction to Croquet "Come & Try" -

This event runs continuously throughout the year, with a sign out the front of the Club inviting people to come in and have a go. If you know of anyone who might be interested, mention it to Sue and invite them to come along. The Club has purchased an A-frame, display board which will be positioned outside the Club during play, to encourage members of the public to drop in and have a game. Many thanks to Brian for putting this out and bringing in this advertising sign at our street entrance.

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

How Golf Balls Can Help Your Croquet Game (captured on the Web / by Cheryl Bromley)

As a player and instructor, I am always looking for fun drills to use in practice. Below are two drills using a regular golf ball and the second using a plastic practice golf ball.

Drill 1 - Using one regular golf ball rather than a croquet ball, practice keeping your head down and making good contact with the ball. Notice that a relaxed swing is all you need to propel the ball. Work on hitting various distances such as from hoop 1 to 2 or 9 to 10, and from hoop 5 to 6.

Variation: Begin at the starting corner and play each hoop in order. Count how many strokes it takes to complete 6 hoops. Challenge yourself to improve your score each round.

Benefit: Hitting a regular golf ball too hard or fast with a croquet mallet will send the ball flying. This drill forces you to slow down your swing and develop a smooth rhythm.

Drill 2 - This drill was suggested to me by legendary player, Leo McBride at a clinic he held in Toronto and is great for roquet practice.

Equipment: One plastic golf ball with holes in it. Tie a length of string, (6-8 inches works well) to the golf ball. On the other end of the string attach a nail. Place the golf ball anywhere on the court or near the hoop, push the nail into the ground and when you hit your target it will spin around and stay in place so that you can repeat again and again.

Benefit: Because the golf ball is a much smaller target than a croquet ball, your accuracy improves. When you switch back to hitting a regular size croquet ball, your target should seem much larger and easier to hit.

Social Events in the Club

Wine Down – Fun times have been had by all who attended our Winedown events this year on 3rd Fridays of each month. There will be no winedown in December but look forward to gathering together at the Badger & Mallet in January 2020!!

Sunday Sessions - If you have a few hours free on the 1st and 4th Sunday of the month (excluding 2 December due to the NAG), come along and enjoy a game or two (both codes) - the *Badger & Mallet* will be open with light bar snacks.

Social Program for 2019- don't forget our **Christmas lunch**, which will be held on Saturday, 7th December. All prepayments to Lynn or Alf.

Trading Table - We are always looking for quality pre-loved clothing, books, jigsaw puzzles and household goods for the Trading Table. Items can be left in the named box near the table for Sue to price and display. All money raised goes towards keeping our great club operating well.

Social Lunch - these social get-togethers are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The next lunch will be held on Tuesday, 6 November at 12 noon at a nearby hotel (determined the week prior to the lunch). Lynn is the point of contact, so put your name on the list and enjoy the company of club members.

Patrick's 100th Birthday

On Saturday 26/10/19, one day after Patrick officially turned 100, he had a wonderful party at our Croquet Club. His family went to great lengths to make sure that the occasion was celebrated in fitting style. The Federal Member for Adelaide, Mr Steve Georganas, attended along with State MP, Ms Rachel Sanderson and the Mayor of Prospect Council, Mr David O'Loughlin. HRH Queen Elizabeth also made an appearance!!! Congratulations to Patrick on reaching this milestone age. You are an inspiration to all club members.

North Adelaide Croquet Club's Aged Care Program

Our Croquet Club was successful in winning a Federal Government Grant to provide support to residents of Aged Care facilities who may be at risk of social isolation. We focussed on the ability of club volunteers to provide a stimulating, fun, social activity for residents from the Walkerville Aged Care facility and RSL Care S.A. at Angle Park and Myrtle Bank. Although the hot weather meant that we had to cancel 2 sessions of croquet we were still able to provide afternoon tea on one of the hot days. 5 sessions were held in total with more to be run in 2020. I am very grateful to all of our wonderful members who gave up their time to brighten the lives of our visitors. Many thanks to Elizabeth, Kath, Libby, Janice, Janet, Judy, Heather, Monika, Peter, Roger, Kaye, Norma, Maire, Lynn, Kevin, Gayle, Robin, Sylvia and Jane.



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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 the President.

Croquet SA, Hoop Points Newsletter, the latest version is October 2018 - <https://www.croquetsa.com.au/newsletters/>.

The Senior Newspaper - you can view this paper online at <https://www.thesenior.com.au> or subscribe to the latest news by clicking on links in the upper right of the page and enter your email address.

Newsletters

Frequency of Newsletters has been limited since June however Gayle is trying to make amends. I will try to have another final Newsletter out to finish our year in December. A reminder that this Newsletter is a collaborate effort from members of the club. If you have something to add, please email it to Gayle 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 gsearle@senet.com.au. 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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