



# North Adelaide Croquet Club

Newsletter – November -December 2021

## President Notes

What a busy year! Thank you to everyone in the club who contributed in so many ways. Just being part of the group and positively helping others is a most worthwhile thing to do.

There are far too many people to thank. I don't want to miss anyone out. You will know what you have contributed to the club and its members. I know that we will continue to be kind and supportive to one another next year because that's the type of people we are and that's the type of club we want.

**Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best Wishes for a Healthy, Socially Active, Physically Active and Fulfilling 2022.**

Kevin Le Poidevin

## Notes from the Editors— Barry Elsey & Gayle Searle

It was a barny October night as we started another keenly contested 6+ match with experienced rivals from Norwood. No quarter was given, and the rules were followed in an excellent spirit, without once being pedantic in their application. As we proceeded through the hoops a Norwood player remarked that golf croquet was probably unique in having a large social content, that is, when we could share observations about life matters yet still concentrate on playing to win. Friendly rivalry is the precise phrase to best express what was going on. Everyone seemed to embrace the same spirit and we later departed for home happy to have enjoyed such a simple and shared human experience. It really didn't matter who had won or lost, but it was good to be engaged in a rewarding competitive game. In my experience of being a member, the combination of recreational play, sociability and friendliness, together with a competitive urge to improve the game we all love is built into the DNA of the Club. Long may it thrive.

As usual, the Club has been active on all fronts, with regular wine-downs and twice monthly Sunday gatherings around the Badger and Mallet. It is good to see members bring along family and friends to play croquet too. Competition play has returned to normal thanks to all the fantastic work that Sue & Roger, our Croquet Captains, put in to organising teams.

Sometime in the first half of 2022 we shall embark on developing a strategic plan for the Club. I suspect that we shall only have to consider fine-tuning matters. Even so, it is necessary to think about possible-maybe future scenarios, which will engage us all in thinking about such matters as membership recruitment, financial sustainability, competition events and team training, the balance between recreational and mixed ability play and our wide range of social activities.

**In the meantime, best wishes to all for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. Enjoy time with your families in whatever way that may be in our current times and we shall look forward to catching up again together to play the game we all love in 2022**



## Association Croquet Doings!

### North Adelaide Games 2021

“Parts of South Australia shivered through their coldest day in 30 years ...freezing rain and blustery winds battered the city ...” (*The Advertiser*, 12/11/21)! However, while the skies may have been overcast and threatening, this did not deter an eager band of AC players starting the annual North Adelaide Games.

The **Swiss Singles** was the first event over three days, sporting 18 players (five from country clubs) across a wide range of handicaps. In the **Championship Singles**, five players scored three wins. The winner was Murray Baum (Norwood), with the runner-up Barry Jennings (Hyde Park), and the others were Wayne Peart, Garry Speed and Malcolm Algie. The **Handicap Singles** winner was Karen Magee (Brighton), who started playing AC only three months ago, and Joan Kelly (Norwood) was the runner-up. They were very closely followed by Garry Speed, Russell Kopp, Norma Greig, Ibrahim Farran, Karyn Speed, Malcolm Algie and Mary Bishop.



Hearty congratulations to



Karen, Joan, Murray and Barry!

The second event was the **Invitation Singles**, in which nine men and six women participated over a weekend – five players were from country clubs. The men’s winner was Dwayne McCormick (Norwood), with seven wins, runner-up was Harley Watts (Moonta) with six wins, followed by Murray Baum and David Wise, each with five wins. In the women’s event, the winner was Robyn Short (Coobowie) with four wins, runner-up was Shirley Howlett (Victor Harbor), also with four wins, followed by Mary Bishop and Virginia Arney with three wins each. Both winners continued their merry consecutive runs of Championship wins: Dwayne for the 8<sup>th</sup> year and Robyn for the 6<sup>th</sup> year!



**Robyn Short & Dwayne McCormick**  
Winners, Invitation Singles



**Shirley Howlett**  
Runner-up, Invitation Singles



**Harley Watts**  
Runner-up, Invitation Singles

They deserve mighty congratulations.

The Games were a wonderful time of inspiring croquet and fellowship, played in great spirit, and we look forward to staging them again next year. Grateful thanks go to all those North Adelaide club members

who helped to make the Games such a success, especially Barbara Stanley and her helpers for the continuous supply of delicious food, Russell Kopp and Kevin Le Poidevin for helping with managing and refereeing, Janet Willshire for IT support and handling the raffle, and Dan O'Connell for bar duties at the presentations.



**Roger Harris**  
AC Captain, North Adelaide Croquet Club

## Reports from The Playing Fields

Association Croquet – Roger Harris

### Final Results 2021 (NACC positions)



#### Weekend Pennants

Div. 2: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Div. 3: 4<sup>th</sup>  
Div. 4 (as North Lakes): 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday Fundays

Div. 2: 1<sup>st</sup>  
Div. 3: 4<sup>th</sup>  
Div. 4 (as Northbury): 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Night Singles

They still have two games to play, but as at 28 November:  
Div. 2: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Div. 4: 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Night Singles, DIVISION 2**

Winners: Norwood JAG    **Runners up: North Adelaide**  
Night Singles, Division 4: North Adelaide 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## **Golf Croquet – Sue LePoidevin**

As we wind down to Christmas it is very pleasing to look back on the year that has been for Golf Croquet. We have had several new members join, some playing socially and some taking the plunge into competition. Thankfully we haven't had club sessions spoiled by COVID-19 and we have continued to enjoy our Tuesday and Saturday sessions.

The **Winter Internal Competition** was a great success so I am organising a **January Friday night** competition. **This will be 4 weeks of Doubles on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of January starting at 6pm.** (Be there by 5:30pm to get organised). A roster will be sent out to players after Christmas.

**Congratulations** to all teams that have represented our club this year. **Thank You to team Captains (Kevin, Lynn, Sue, Noel, Chris/Sandra, Claire and Gayle)** for leading your teams. We have all looked particularly great in our bright uniforms!

We won **2 SACA Pennants** which will be presented on Saturday 18/12/21 at 11am at our clubrooms. A free BBQ will be available after the event. Come along and cheer your teams on. Please let Sue know if you are attending as SACA need numbers for catering. (0411134161)

**The 6+ White Spring Pennant Team (Lynn, Barry, Robin, Robert, Pam and Peter) won the Wednesday night Pennant. There will be photos in the next Newsletter.** The 6+ Red Team (Sue, Gayle, Jim, William and Chris) came 2<sup>nd</sup>, so we really held a monopoly on that competition.

**In Autumn the 24+ Red Team won the Pennant (David, Jim, Kevin and Sue) and the White Team came 3<sup>rd</sup>. In Spring the White team (Noel, Marie-Anne, Jim, Peter, Robin and Gayle) came 2<sup>nd</sup> only losing by 1 hoop to South Terrace. The Red team (Kevin, David, Chris, Sandra and Sue) came equal 3<sup>rd</sup> with Hyde Park.**



White Team



Red Team

It was great to have spectators at the Finals, especially **Elizabeth**, who brought along a placard and streamers.

**Thank You Elizabeth. You are a great club supporter.**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all**

**Club members. See you in the New Year.**



## Reports About Club Management and Maintenance

### Notes from The Badger and Mallet,

Dear all, the Silly Season is well and truly upon us and your Bar is standing up to the challenge! I sound like a broken record but we cannot provide the level of service expected without the help of members such as Tamara, Peter and William. These members are always ready to support both you and your club - as they say in the Navy a BZ to you all (best ask Patrick- he was in the Navy after all) Thinking Christmas ( Bah Humbug ) why not try a Stones Green Ginger wine - either neat, on the rocks or with Soda - just the right amount of Christmas cheer.

Every Morning, I wake up and look myself in the mirror and say “ Henry, you need to give up drinking!” Thank goodness my names not Henry

The Badger and Mallet- your bar, your club

**Doc**

### Club Grounds:



At the end of yet another busy year I would like to thank all Members that have assisted with grounds and maintenance tasks or participated in our periodic Busy Bees.

A special thank you to Dan, Chris and Jim for the regular assistance given with line marking duties; many thanks also to Kevin, David, Brian and Barry for other vital tasks relating to maintenance and Sandra for her care of the rose garden.

Our Busy Bees have always given great results – I will not mention all the regular participants for fear of missing someone out - just say that I am always amazed on what can be achieved with a few hours of focussed work.

Brian has produced a set of special spikes for the centre pipe barrier that will hopefully increase the life of the black pipe, however, this does require some special care in not leaving stray spikes in the side grass verges (to be hit by a mower blade!).

Another split air conditioner unit has just been installed near the kitchen end with grant money from the Prospect Council thanks to Sue’s good work with grant processing.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and great 2022

**William**

## People's Choice Lottery

### HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS YET?

**You could win a Toyota Kluger GX AWD Hybrid, or a Toyota Corolla Ascent Hybrid Hatch or one of the forty splendid prizes on offer!**

This lottery is run each year by People's Choice Credit Union to give local sporting clubs, charities, volunteer groups and not-for-profit community organisations an opportunity to raise funds.

### **Tickets are only \$2**

and can be bought individually or in bundles.

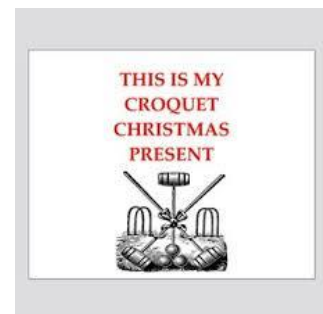
100% of every ticket sold through our club will be returned to us for our fund raising.

To buy tickets search online for People's Choice Community Lottery and follow the prompts to **Buy Tickets**. NACC is listed under **Sporting Groups**.

A list of prizes is included on the People's Choice Community Lottery site.

Please buy some tickets to support our club and.....remember to gamble responsibly!

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### **Important Reminders!! Dates for your diary.**

**SACA Presentations at NACC December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**NACC resumes GC Jan 4<sup>th</sup> AC Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2022**

