



# North Adelaide Croquet Club

Newsletter April- May 2022



## From the Editors - Barry Elsey & Gayle Searle

It was high summer, although at 8am on a bright February morning there was a early autumn nip in the air as we prepared the courts at SACA. Within minutes three NACC teams arrived for the first session of **inter-club competitive play**. The spirit was excellent, with a quiet hum of pre-match excitement. Of special note was seeing Sue turn up to encourage and support Karen in her new learning gig as 9+ captain. Jim also did his bit to barrack for Wendy and Kelly arrived later to lend support.

With the teams in their familiar red and white kit, the display was an impressive turn out and underlined the wonderful team spirit that pervades the club at these events. To add a touch of humour to the proceedings, one of the referees marshalled the players like so many primary school children and had us hitting off precisely on time. The only missing item was a whistle.

Elsewhere on home grounds and club days, those that are not into competition play get to enjoy the game without the pressure of pennant rounds. The club works hard to ensure that all talents and motivations are given reasonably equal treatment in playing preferences. It is an important aspect of club culture. **Social croquet** is mainly for pleasure and recreation and keeps the club in balance with itself.

Another feature, which started with consulting members about Covid vaccination policy and the presence of dogs on club days, is to strive to encourage the members to have a say about how the club is managed and the direction it takes. A significant opportunity will exist soon, probably in later May, to engage in a Sunday afternoon **strategic planning** exercise. As a club we need to think about the future and address issues that will continue to demand attention, such as member recruitment, maintaining financial sustainability, the role of voluntary effort in regular maintenance, governance, and other matters. We should also consider what makes the club 'tick' and how that can best be expressed as a vision, values, and purpose statement. We will communicate with all members about the workshop after Easter.

In the rest of the newsletter, we report on competition events in AC and GC, together with other items. In the next edition we shall highlight the **gala day** event scheduled for late April. Undoubtedly, it will be a fine example of club members pulling together to organise and manage an event which does so much to promote the admiration of croquet players elsewhere.

## Association Croquet News – Roger Harris

## **NACC AC Teams 2022**

AC teams have been registered for:

**Weekend Pennants:** Div. 2, Div. 3 and Div. 4.

To be able to field a Div. 4 team, David Sincock (Coromandel Valley) and Karen Magee (Brighton) have signed Clearance Forms to enable them to play Div. 4 for North Adelaide through this year.

## **Dates for North Adelaide Games 2022**

Dates for the North Adelaide Games 2022 have been cleared with Di Helier (SACA Events Coordinator) and Roger Buddle (SACA AC Director), entered into the SACA Events Calendar by Peter Martyniuk (SACA Calendar Coordinator) and written into our NACC Diary.

North Adelaide Games AC Swiss Handicap Singles: 16-18 November 2022

North Adelaide Games AC Invitational Singles: 26-27 November 202

## **Notes from The Badger & Mallet**

Dear members and friends - what a busy couple of months it has been for your bar and as always, I'd like to thank the members who work both behind the bar and the scenes to make the BaM happen.

We saw a great turnout for Patrick's wake - well over a hundred people remembering a Grand man in style.

Winter is coming - so be prepared - the BaM has Stones Green Ginger wine to fight the cold.



My wife gave me a get better soon card.

I wasn't sick.

I think it's a threat.

*Cheers BaM, your bar, your club.*

## **Golf Croquet News - Sue Le Poidevin**

**Gala Day** is our next biggest event on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Lots of intense preparations going into the successful running of this event.

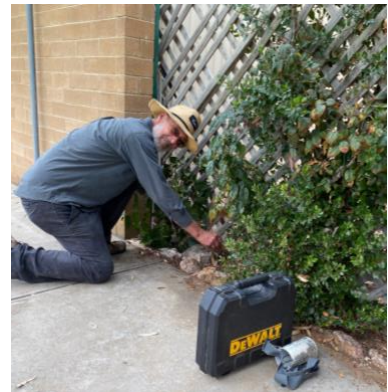
**Autumn Pennants** are progressing but unfortunately, we are not getting a lot of wins.

Although we have a good turnout to Noel's coaching sessions we don't seem to be transferring this into consistent success however, we will continue to do our best.

Chris Dallzel, David Stum, Noel Spooner and William Pennino will be attending training sessions at SACA to be able to support referees at the upcoming National titles to be held in Adelaide in September. Well done to these members for volunteering to do this.

## **MAINTENANCE WORKING BEE**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April saw a small band of volunteer helpers give up a few hours to assist William in sprucing up the NACC in readiness for our Gala Day to be held on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>. Lots of painting, cleaning, weeding, trimming, mowing and installing new shades was successfully achieved within this time. Many thanks to all who attended.





Grounds are all tidied ready for Gala Day

### **PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMMUNITY LOTTERY**

The winning tickets were drawn on March 3rd.

Alas, it seems that none of the winners were from our club.

Maybe next time...

Thank you to everyone who took part. Ticket sales raised over \$700 for NACC.

**Jocelyn Swalling**

## **The Mystery Bus Trip**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10 brave adventurers met at the bus station ready for a fun-filled day of exploring. We had no idea where we were heading. After picking a group of people up in the city we set off for Yorke Peninsula.



We stopped at Dublin for a welcome cuppa and biscuits and to do the necessary toilet stop and stretch our legs.



We drove around Kadina and saw their Croquet Club. Then we went through Wallaroo and finally stopped in Moonta for lunch.

8 of us headed for the Moonta Pub and 2 went walking and bought Cornish Pasties. It was a lovely day out.

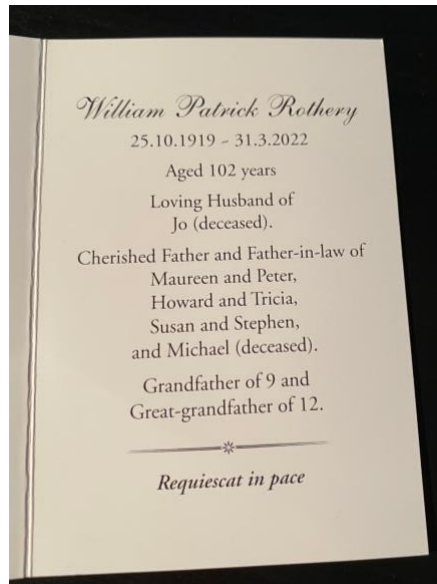


Our driver was very knowledgeable and entertaining and the bus was very comfortable. Thank You to **Lynn Hughes** for organising the trip for us.

Sue LePoidevin

## **Vale Patrick Rothery**

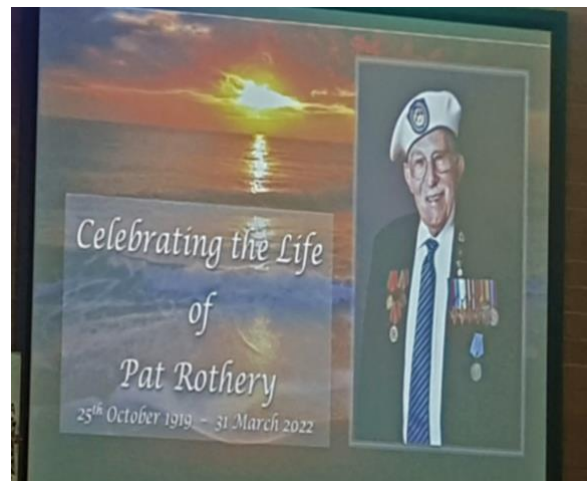
We will miss Patrick's smiling face at our club. His Funeral was very well attended and we hosted over 100 people at his Wake on Friday 8/4/22. Thank You to **Lynn Hughes, and her very capable team**, who catered for the afternoon tea. – Sue LePoidevin



Many club members attended a special gathering to farewell **Patrick Rothery**. In fact, 106 people of all ages attended, fitting tribute to Patrick's popularity with family, friends, and club members. Both Doc and Tamara gave rousing and heart-felt memories of our oldest club member, to date. We all know his remarkable stories of seafaring endurance and survival. His

stories formed the background to Patrick, with his keen croquet playing, which he combined with an old-world, polite mannered charm, complete with straw hat and rounded off with a bottle of brown ale. Patrick could be relied upon to bring several friends to wine downs and actively supporting the club in other ways.

Patrick belonged to a disappearing generation of men and women who passed through years of economic depression, wartime dangers, post-war austerity, and eventual reconstruction of very damaged societies. The courage, resilience, and sense of duty of millions like Patrick built the foundations of fairer, socially just and more equal as well as affluent societies, such as Australia and the UK.



We salute you, Patrick, as a much admired and beloved member. – Barry Elsey

## **Sponsor Alfred James celebrating 100 Yrs Anniversary**



For 100 years we have been there, supporting families when a loved one dies.

We've seen a lot of changes in that time. We've been there through wars, depressions, booms, busts and natural disasters – the good times and the bad. Always there to provide support and care to families who have lost a loved one.

The very nature of life and death has changed radically in the past century. Today, we can expect to live into our 80's which is 25 years longer than in 1922 when we first started. We are healthier and we live longer.

We also honour the individual life in a way that wasn't done in the 1920's. It's fair to say that no two funerals are the same anymore, they are a true reflection of the person we honour and their families and friends.

But what hasn't changed is that we are there when people need us. At a time that is difficult and emotional we are trusted. To care, to honour, to be there. Yesterday, today and tomorrow.

If you would like information about funeral options, including pre-paid funerals, please do not hesitate to call us on 8272 8555.

## **The Windmill Hotel Prospect**

**94 Main North Rd Prospect**

**This hotel has been very generous in its support for our Club so let's support them as well by occasionally visiting for a meal, drinks & chats. The food menu is very good and quite reasonably priced. Indoor and outdoor eating areas available.**

