NORTH ADELAIDE CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Menzies Crescent, Prospect 5082



Prospect Citizen of the Year 2017

Congratulations to Kay Seeary, who was presented with a *Citizen of the Year* award for 2017 by the Mayor of Prospect during Prospect Street Party on the 17 January 2017. Citizen awards are presented to individuals for outstanding contribution to their community. Kay and Keith represented our club during this event and Trevor, the Club photographer captured the moment with his trusty camera. Well done Kay for your contributions to croquet and the Prospect community. For more photos go to our Facebook page - see link below.

A note from Kay Seeary - Thank you to all members of our Club for their good wishes on my recent Citizen Award. I really did appreciate them.

Notes from the President

Welcome to the Croquet year of 2017. Saturday pennants for Association and Golf Croquet has already begun as has Monday and Tuesday nights for Association and Wednesday and Thursday nights for Golf Croquet. All the best to these teams and hopefully we will achieve pennants again.

There a many activities planned for the coming year not only in croquet but also social activities and work to improve our facilities. I know the social committee has been busy organising a variety of events.

During the year we hope to have the club rooms painted through the *Work for the Dole Scheme*, but our major focus is upgrading the lighting over the lawns. We are busy negotiating with AGL who hopefully will be financing much of this project, but we also need to provide funds to fully complete it. As the cost will exceed the capital expenditure limit set at the Annual General Meeting, a Special General Meeting will be called in the near future to approve the funding of this project.

Notes from the Association Croquet Captain

Our competitions for this year are now under way. Saturday premierships, which is a 12 month event, have started with three teams entered from North Adelaide. Night Doubles, which is only a short season has also three teams entered, two of which are combined with Salisbury, called Northbury. We have had some good wins by individual players and some hot competition. We have had some Salisbury Club members play at our Club whilst their lawns were upgraded, and now Millswood are having their lawns levelled, we have invited them to our club as well. Unfortunately it has been so hot, no croquet has been played for a while.

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Notes from the Golf Croquet Captain

We have started our Saturday pennants and also Autumn pennants with two teams in this year 6 Plus and 9 Plus. The Saturday pennants consist of mainly new members getting into competition for the first time. So good luck to them all. The club ladder is going well and creating a lot of interest and fun. Hopefully the hot weather is over for a while.

Notes from the Groundsman

We acknowledge and thank all the people who were involved and supported our garage sales. Income from the last two garage sales: 22 October 2016 = \$500.00; and 17 December 2016 = \$240.00. We intend to run more garage sales on the following dates: 4 March; 3 June; and October & December (dates to be advised). If you have any items, please donate them to the trading table, anything not sold will be sold at the next garage sale.

Notes from the Bar Member

The bar is being well supported, aided by the bar staff. We will kick off our raffles at the next *Wine Down*, with monies raised going towards the rose garden for a new trellis.

It's all about the Game

Congratulations Norma Greig for making the Golf Croquet State Squad. Be sure to come along and support her at the Quiz Night in March.

Hutt Road Rules presentation - all members are encouraged to attend this session and should take their green cards. The date is to be advise but a list will be placed on the notice board. If you are interested, put your name down and improve your game. More information to follow.

Coaching - Kay Seeary is providing coaching for members on Tuesdays after 11 am. However, Kay is also happy to provide coaching on Saturday mornings after morning tea, if anyone is interested.

Golf Croquet Club Ladder competition - Sue has organised an intra-club completion. See Sue for additional information. The ladder can be found inside the main doors (near the office).

GC Handicap Singles - Begins Friday, 31 March and then every last Friday (28/4/17, 26/5/17, 30/6/17, 28/7/16 & 25/8/17). NACC, 10 am - 1 pm, BYO lunch. \$6 per session. Contact Sue Huddy on 0409675655 or su7eh@hotmail.com. This event will also include other clubs, so put your name down if you are interested in participating.

GC Gala Day - Monday, 3 April 2017. If you have any gifts which can be used for prizes, please pass them onto Lyn.

GC Filling out your Handicap Card - There is an excellent description of how to do this on the Croquet SA website under Members information/Handicapping/ Regulations and Forms/Filling in the Golf Croquet Handicap card. Or go to http://www.croquetsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Golf-C-Filling-out-the-new-2014-handicap-card-2014.pdf

AC Singles (Div 3 & 4) - Begins Friday, 3 March and then every first Friday (7/4/17, 5/5/17, 2/7/17, 7/7/17 and 4/8/17).

AC Singles Fridays - First for this year, Friday, 3 March hit off 10 am. Please book in the Thursday prior.

AC Saturday Pennants 2017 - Commenced on the 4 February and goes through to the 25 November 2017.

Social Events in the Club

The social committee met in January and came up with a program for the year, There will be functions organised during the year, apart from our normal Wine Down evenings, monthly lunches, etc. These suggestions will be presented to the Committee for approval.

Up and Coming Events

Square dancing evening - it's on again, save a date for Friday, 21 April and come along for this event. This event will be in lieu of our April Wine Down, but should be a great evening. The plan is to have a game of Croquet first, a meal, followed by and an evening of square dancing. Lyn is organising this event, so keep an eye out for the list on the notice board and put your name down. Bring friends along, the more the merrier.

Fundraiser for the SA Golf Croquet State Squad - A quiz night will be held on Friday, 24 March in our clubroom. Lyn has organised three tables of eight, so put your name down to participate and support the state team. This event will kick off at 6.30 pm and to go to 10.30 pm at a cost is \$10 per person - BYO supper.

Fun and Friendly Fridays in February - the Twilight Concerts are on again during February in the Memorial Gardens, with music starting at 6.30 pm. Come along and have a game, enjoy each other's company and enjoy a meal and a thirst quenching beverage. The next concert will be held on Friday, 17 February, which falls on our Wine Down event in February, so a meal will be provided at a small fee. Put your name on the list, so we can organise catering. The theme for this eventing is Culture Night with African and Indian dance music - ideal for bopping around the court. The final concert will be held on Friday, 24 February and will feature a Latin Dance Party. This evening will not be catered for, so BYO dinner and show us your moves on the court. Beware our enthusiastic photographer might be out and about during these events. For more information about the *Twilight Concerts* go to the Prospect Council website at http://www.croquetsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Hoop-Points-Feb-2017.pdf.

Mah Jong - The North Winds Mah Jong Group has organised to play Mah Jong in our clubrooms on Friday evenings from 7-10 pm on a fortnightly basis. Their first evening will commence this Friday, 17 February 2017. If you would like to join this group and learn a new game or hone your existing skills, come along. For further information, go to the website at https://northwindmahjong.wordpress.com/about/.



Notes from 2016

On the 23 November the Club hosted the Rotary Club of Prospect and the Rotary Club of Walkerville for a fun game of Croquet, followed by dinner. Lynne Layng, the Secretary of the Prospect club email our President thanking her and our members who participated for a most enjoyable night, and expressed an interest of making this an annual event. On this occasion Walkerville beat Prospect.

On the 10 December the club held it's Christmas Lunch, which was well supported. Annies Kitchen catered for this function once again and did a wonderful job. I'm sure no one went home hungry. Alf has uploaded the pictures from this event onto our webpage - see details below to view these. The bar did a fantastic job.



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*, February 2017 - http://www.croquetsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Hoop-Points-Feb-2017.pdf

Dates of Importance - Save the Date

17/2/2017 24/2/2017 03/3/2017 04/3/2017 17/3/2017 24/3/2017 31/3/2017 02/4/2017 03/4/2017	Wine Down - Concert in the Park evening Croquet & Concert in the Park get together Association Croquet Singles (Division 3 & 4) commences Garage sale Wine Down Quiz night - Fundraiser for the SA Golf Croquet State Squad Golf Croquet Handicap Singles Daylight Saving Time ends Golf Croquet Gala Day Square Dancing Evening
03/6/2017	Garage sale

Recipe of the Month - Betty's Rhubarb Cake

60g butter
380g brown sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
Zest of lemon
300g plain flour
1 tsp cinnamon and bicarbonate soda
500g Rhubarb (finely cut on the side)
300 ml sour cream

Combine butter and brown sugar and mix. Add eggs one at a time. Add vanilla and lemon. Combine flour, cinnamon, bicarb and add to mixture. Remove from beaters and add rhubarb. Mix in sour cream. Pour into cake tin and cook in a moderate oven for approx. 45 minutes - 1 hour.

Reference: Tamara picked this recipe up on one of her cruises. It has been tested on club members and was very successful.

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. Sue has been updating the Club's contact list and is collecting member's email addresses. If you have not received your newsletter electronically and you have an email address, please update your details or send you details to tamara.rebbeck@bigpond.com. A small number of copies will be printed off in hardcopy for those members who do not have an email address. Note, a copy will also be uploaded to our web page.