NORTH ADELAIDE CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Menzies Crescent, Prospect 5082

Notes from the President

What a busy year it has been with many games of croquet played; club play, pennants, various individual competitions and the North Adelaide Games.

This year; Sue Huddy won the Golf Croquet 6+ singles, we have gained many new members, had a very successful North Adelaide Games as well as enjoying much fellowship over our Saturday sausage sizzles and chicken suppers on Wine Down nights.

2018 promises to be as busy especially with South Australia hosting *The Eire Cup* in March. Our club, with our wonderful lawns and facilities will be used to support this event.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year

Committee Information

Key Audit reminder - the Committee is conducting a key amnesty. If you don't use or want your key to the Club, please hand them in to Dan or William, who will reimburse you for the cost of the key. You have to the end of February, so speak to either Dan; William or Tamara the next time you see them.

Notes from the Secretary

Defibrillator - representatives from the *Northern Communities Health Foundation* and Prospect Rotary were invited to the Club on Friday, 17 November for the presentation of the defibrillator. Dan has now qualified as the Club's First Aid Officer and has given groups a brief overview of this device. A medical emergency plan has been established and child pads have now been sourced for the defibrillator.

Croquet SA 2017 Presentation Day will be held at Hutt Road on Saturday, 16 December, commencing at 11 am. All members are welcome, please bring a plate of food to share.

Centenary Publication of Croquet SA - D Hayter is writing a publication to celebrate the centenary of SACA. He is researching libraries, SACA records, history groups and individuals looking for information, photographs and other material which he can use in the publication. Any information that you believe may be of use can be forwarded to his email address at dhayter@internode.on.net; or you can organise a meeting to pass on this information (phone 0410143578).

SACA ID cards - a reminder to all players that your new card has been placed in your pigeon hole. All players must produce their SACA ID card when arriving at SACA and club games. You must be a registered play to compete in these events or to attend coaching or refereeing sessions.

Parking at Hutt Road - the Adelaide City Council has agreed that Croquet SA members when using the Hutt Road car park should display their Croquet SA ID cards on their dashboard, if you are expecting to be parked there for any length of time that will exceed the current parking restrictions (more than 5 hours, Monday to Friday from 8 am - 6 pm).

Important Health Information for Members - National Shingles Vaccination Program. At the previous Wine Down, Dr Michael Kain represented the Northern Communities Health Foundation for the presentation of the defibrillator, he mentioned that members aged 70-79 could now receive free immunisation for Shingles. The shingles vaccine is provided free for people aged 70 years under the National Immunisation Program. There is also a five year catch-up program for people aged 71-79 years until 31 October 2021. To receive the immunisation, visit your local doctor or vaccination provider (please check with them first that there is no cost involved). Routine vaccination of persons aged 70-79 years is expected to obtain the greatest benefits against shingles and its complications. For more information go to http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/immunise-herpes-zoster.

Notes from the AC Captain

Another North Adelaide Games Carnival of Games has been successfully completed. Both Codes had many interesting games, and I would encourage all members to come and be part of the crowd and experience great, and friendly competition. Please keep this in mind for next year. Congratulations to all the winners and runner up competitors, in both the Championship and Handicap sections of the Swiss Singles. The Invitation Singles for Association Croquet was again a great success. The Association presentations and evening meal was a friendly and happy event. Thank you Lyn for the catering; our President, Janet who worked tirelessly for both Golf and Association; to Sue Huddy, as Events Manager, who did so much behind the scene paper work; and to all who helped in anyway. Seasons Greetings to all and may you all come back to Croquet in 2018, reinvigorated and full of New Year resolutions to improve your game. Happy Christmas to you and your families.

Notes from the GC Captain

Golf Croquet coaching was organised for a number of GC men on a Saturday morning, and thanks to Robert Weaver for his time and knowledge. This was very successful and I will be organising further coaching in the future.

GC Spring Pennants

GC Spring Pennants 9+ team - Sue LePoidevin, Sandra Rawlings, William Pennino & Silvia Magin played in the Spring Pennants. We had a mix success in the competition. The following people also played in the 9+ competition - Kay McTavish-Cooke, Shuna Pickering, Jean Solly, Gayle Searle and Roger Harris. Well done to everyone who participated.



GC Spring Pennants 6+ team - Sue Huddy, Peter Swalling, Lynn Hughes, Norma Greig, Janet Willshire & David Stumm played in the Spring Pennants. This team did extremely well achieving maximum points for two matches (10-0). This team came third overall - well done!



GC Spring Pennants Open team - Kay Seeary, Colin Pickering, Norma Greig, Joe Driver, Janet Willshire, David Stumm & Barry Wuttke (Glenunga) played in the Open - great participation and everyone really enjoyed their games. Although we didn't have any wins, the scores didn't reflect the closeness of some of the games. Great courage team, well done!



Notes from the Bar Member

A rollicking Christmas function was had by one and all. Thank you to those who stepped up to the plate and helped behind the bar, a special thanks to Sid, Snappy & Bert [the Mooses]. The bar will be open every Friday in February for the Concerts in the Park. If you are looking for something different to drink, try *Stones Green Ginger Wine* mixed with soda, it makes a very refreshing drink.

It's all about the Game

North Adelaide Games - The North Adelaide Games have ended and were very successful. Thanks once again to all those members who organised this event; helped on the grounds and in the clubrooms; or participated. The Deputy Mayor, Cr Mark Groote represented the Prospect Council at the two closing events to present winners with their prizes; and Eileen Ferguson, President of Croquet SA attended the Association presentation and gave a closing address. These afternoon events were well supported and thanks to Lynne and her team of helpers for providing a tasty meal and Dan for his help behind the bar. We would also like to thank our supporters - Alfred James & Sons; the City of Prospect Council; Con Floridis Pharmacy; Sefton Plaza Foodland; Kmart Churchill; Ms Rachael Sanderson MP; Priceline Pharmacy Northpark; Woolworths Northpark; the Windmill Hotel; and two club members - Norma and Janice for their gifts, which were used as prizes or raffles in the Club. Finally, thanks to Sue & Norma (Golf Croquet) and Janet & Kay (Association) for organising this event. A special thank you for Sue for organising all the preliminary paperwork, rosters and draws. All the results can be found on our website at http://www.nacc-inc.club

AC Invitation Singles - Men: Winner: Dwayne McCormick Runner-up: David Wise

AC Handicap Winners: Winner: Kevin LePoidevin Runner-up: Barbara Stanley

GC Invitation Singles: Winner: Mick Reidy Runner-up: Greg Rowberry AC Invitation Singles - Women: Winner: Robyn Short Runner-up: Virginia Arney

AC Section Winners: Sction 1: Roger Buddle Section 2: Dean Bennett

GC Swiss Singles: Winner: Ron McBride Runner-up: Penny Harper AC Swiss Singles Championship: Winner: Dwayne McCormick Runner-up: Jenny Mitchell

GC Handicap Winners: Winner: Penny Harper Runner-up: Sue LePoidevin

GC CLUB Singles Championship (Sue Huddy, Event Manager) - How are you going in the Club's GC Ladder Challenge? Have you checked out where you rank on the ladder and challenge someone above you to a game? 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 last *Wine Down* was held on Friday, 17 November and once again it was very successful, with members and friends participating. We organised a presentation of the defibrillator and had representatives from the Northern Communities Health Foundation (Dr Michael Kain) and the Rotary Club of Prospect (Mr Robert Roocke). Thanks to Lynn and Kath for organising a scrumptious dinner. The next Wine Down will be held on Friday, 15 December - the last one for the year. The Club will be open every Friday in February to take advantage of the Concerts in the Park events; then twice a month through to May, with the first and third Fridays.

Melbourne Cup - thanks to all the members who participated in this event and for Lynne for organising the day. Members started off the day with a rowdy game or two in the morning and shared a lunch, with a drop of the grape to celebrate this occasion. There was a prize for the best hat on the day - well done Jocelyn, who decorated her hat with fresh flowers from her garden.

Probus Club Function - the Annual *Prospect Men's Probus Club - Croquet Challenge* was played on Monday, 4 December. Probus challenged the Club to a fun game of Golf Croquet and brought along 11 members to win back challenge. Thanks to those club members who supported this event and well done for winning the challenge for another year.

Christmas Lunch - the Social Committee has come through once again and pulled off another well organised and very enjoyable Christmas lunch - well done! On Saturday, 9 December, members and friends gathered in the clubrooms for an excellent day. Of course we started the day off with a fun game or two of croquet (who was it that who said "a day without croquet, is a day without sunshine", I think it was Dan); followed with pre-lunch nibbles and a complimentary refreshment; lunch, provided by Annies Kitchen; and after-lunch delicious delicacies, washed down with a raffle or eight to finish off the day. Thank you to everyone who organised this event, helped with the setup, and those members and friends who attended. The focus of this day, is to give something back to our members who have supported the Club throughout the year and of course to get together and enjoy each others company. You can see from the pictures below that we achieved this.

Happy Birthday Dorothy - Dorothy Arnold celebrated her 90th Birthday at the Club on Wednesday, 13 December. The members of the Club wish you all the very best for this special day.

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, 6 February next year 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, 27 February next year, so put your name on the list if you would like to attend.

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 December 2017 - https://www.croquetsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Hoop-Points-Decemberr-2017-1.pdf.

Dates of Importance - Save the Date

23/12/2017 Last official day of play.

The Joys of Facebook (supplied by Glenda)

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around the town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does everyday. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

'Do not resuscitate' tattoo creates medical dilemma: what would Australian doctors do?

There was some discussion about a "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) register when we purchased the defibrillator for the Club. There was an article on ABC online recently about a man in the US who had DNR tattooed on his chest. If you are interested in reading this article go to http://www.abc.net.au/news/health/2017-12-06/do-not-resuscitate-tattoo-creates-medical-dilemma/9189022?section=health.

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 Huddy 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 your 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.

Christmas Photos



