

# NORTH ADELAIDE CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Menzies Crescent, Prospect 5082

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: NO PLAY ON SATURDAY, 1 DECEMBER & SUNDAY, 2 DECEMBER**

## Lighting Grant



In previous editions of the Club's Newsletter we have kept you informed of the Marshall Government's election promise to upgrade the lighting on courts 1-3. On Saturday, 7 July the Hon Rachael Sanderson MP, Minister for Child Protection; and the Hon Corey Wingard MP, Minister of Sport, Recreation & Racing presented a cheque to the Club for \$20,00. Thank you Janet, who accepted this grant on behalf of the members and to all those members who supported this event. William is the Project Manager for this work and has been working hard with ECO Lighting at Prospect, who carried out the work. The lights were installed in September, in time for the Spring Pennants - well done William for all your hard work.

## Notes from the President

SACA held the *Australian Handicap Singles Championships* in Adelaide this year. This was a new Golf Croquet event to South Australia. Initially we offered up our lawns for this competition but they were not required.

Thank you to Joe for his excellent plumbing work in the Old Clubrooms. It was a big job and saved the club a lot of money.

## 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.

**New Play Day** - The Committee agreed to add another day of play to our schedule. As a trial, Golf Croquet (singles) will now be played on Friday afternoons from 3-5 pm. Members don't often have to opportunity to play singles on Tuesdays and Saturdays, so this is a good opportunity to improve your game, especially if you are playing in competitions. Dan has dubbed this the "Swinging Singles", and the first day of play was very successful. The bar was open, with members relaxed afterwards with a wee drop and a good chat.

Note: during the North Adelaide Games only court 4 will be available to members who wish to play, except for Friday, 23 November as court 4 has been booked for a social event.

**Working Bee** - William organised a working bee in September - thank you to all those members who participated, it was a very successful day. The old clubhouse; handrails and hoops were painted; the main clubhouse was pressure sprayed and the inside cleaned; the gardens were spruced up; and various repairs around the club were achieved. It is so much easier to achieve these goals when members help out rather than leaving the work to a few individuals.

### Notes from the Secretary

**Lucky Numbers Cards** - Our enthusiastic Social Member Lynn introduced *Deluxe Lucky Numbers*, which cost \$1 per number (maximum of 50 numbers). The winner receives \$25 and the club raises \$25. Lynn has raised \$50 for the Club - well done! The first card was won by Maire and the winner of the second card was Monika.

**Alfred James donations** - Alfred James recently donated some A4 diaries and pens. If you would like one of these, they can be found in the office.

**People's Choice Community Lottery** - Jocelyn reported "the 2018 Credit Union Raffle was drawn on the 9th October. After very carefully scrutinising the list of winning numbers I'm sorry to say that none of them were from our club's ticket sales! Maybe next year. Many thanks to everyone who participated. \$600 was raised for the club". Thank you Jocelyn for organising this lottery.

**New Club Cart** - We have purchased a new cart for the Club, so members can transport goods to and from their vehicles. As we are all getting older, we need to look after ourselves, so please use this cart to prevent injuries. The cart will be stored inside the first door leading into the Club from the carpark, and behind the BBQ. It is easy to use, so ask for a demo if you are interested. Lynn has already tested this out and is thrilled with the new acquisition.



### Notes from the AC Captain

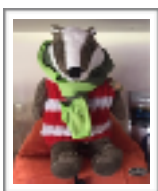
Night Singles began in October, all the best to the Division 2 and 3 teams who play on Mondays and the Northbury Division 2 and 4 team who play on Tuesday evenings. Once again Salisbury will be using our lawns for their home games. Congratulations to Kevin Le Podevin who played in the SACA SA Hatwell Gold and all the best to Annette Clark and Roger Harris who are played in the Harvey Bronze on 16-18 October. Our club was responsible for running this event. Kay Seeary and I participated in the Tea Tree Gully Swiss Doubles from the 18-21 October. It is always good to see our members participating and being visible in croquet events outside of our club.

The North Adelaide Swiss Singles games begin on Friday, 2 November and will continue for the following three Fridays. The invitations for the Invitational Events have been email to eight men and six women. This event will be held on Saturday 1st and Sunday, 2nd December with the presentation of prizes and dinner for the events commencing at approximately 4 pm - everyone is welcome to attend. Please note, there will be no play on these days.

### Notes from the GC Captain

Spring Pennant games have started with mixed success. It is pleasing to see so many players competing against other clubs. There is a serious issue with newer players not knowing how to manage their Handicap cards, so a training session will be held for interested players. In October the 2 x 24+ teams recommence matches on Mondays at Hutt Road. We had four players who entered the 9+ Singles Handicap event at Hutt Road and Carolyn Fraser came second in the competition, which was terrific. We have a Singles and Doubles Handicap Team playing on Wednesdays representing the club. I am really pleased with the attitude of other players who volunteer to fill in when someone is unavailable. The club Doubles Challenge is proving to be enjoyable but is taking longer to complete due to player absence each week.

## Notes from the Bar Member



Your club, your bar - the *Badger and Mallet* is now open for:  
*Mallet Swinging Singles* every Friday 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
*Wine Down* 3rd Fridays of the month 5:30 - 8:30 pm, meal service available  
*Sunday Sessions* 1st and 4th Sundays of the month 3:30 - 5:30 pm, bar snacks available

Have game, have a drink and enjoy your club.

Note: opening times are dependent on Club game play and availability of bar staff or Committee members.

## It's all about the Game

**J F Harvey Bronze Medal** - The Harvey Bronze Medal for players with handicap 14+ was held on October 16 – 18, 2018. There were six entrants: Ken McHugh, Jeff Baker, John Venning, Roger Harris, Annette Clark and Paul Beasley. It was very pleasing to be able to run this event as it has been cancelled for the last couple of years due to lack of entries. Paul and John were competing in their first major competition. The weather was very damp and misty over the three days. The medal was won by Ken McHugh with 4 out of 5 wins, all peg-outs.

Runner up on a count back was John Venning, also with 4 wins. Thanks to North Adelaide club for managing the event, especially Kay Seery and Janet Willshire. (Ref: <https://www.croquetsa.com.au>.)



**Australian Golf Croquet InterState Shield** - Norma recently participated in this event, which was held in the Hunter Valley from the 12-16 September. Although the team only came fourth, Norma won the majority of the games she played. Well done Norma!

**Golf Croquet Spring Singles 5+** - This was managed by South Terrace this year and played on consecutive Thursdays. The winner with a clean sweep of games fresh from returning from the Interstate Shield was Norma Greig of North Adelaide. (Ref: <https://www.croquetsa.com.au>.)



**Golf Croquet Spring Singles 9+** - This event was held over two Tuesdays in September and managed by Victor Harbor Croquet Club. Stephen Condous from Hyde Park won the event and Carolyn Fraser of North Adelaide was the Runner-up. (Ref: <https://www.croquetsa.com.au>.)



**AC Division 4 Singles** - The Div 4 singles were held from August 12th – 14th. The seven competitors were Ken McHugh, Roger Harris, Peter Beatty, Helen Killmier, Tim Huston, Jeff Baker and Linda Stone. Unfortunately, Linda had to withdraw on the last day. To read more about this event go to the Croquet SA website at <https://www.croquetsa.com.au>.



**2018 North Adelaide Games (Association Croquet only)** - The AC Swiss Singles is being held on Friday 2, 9, 16 and 23 November; Invitation Singles will be held on Saturday, 24 and Sunday 25 November. A meal will be available following the presentations, for players this is included in the entry fee and \$10 for guests. Note: the *North Adelaide Games* (Golf Croquet) has been rescheduled to next year, as the *Australian Handicap Singles Championships* are being played at our Club in October.

**Introduction to Croquet "Come & Try"** - This event will be run 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. Note: the Club has now purchased an A-frame, which will be positioned outside the Club during play, to encourage members of the public to drop in and have a game. Thank you Brian for offering to put this out and bring it in.

**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.

**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** - The next Wine Down will be held on Friday, 16 November.

**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 2018** - The last social function for the year will be our Christmas lunch, which will be held on Saturday, 8 December. A list has been placed on the notice board and payment ...

**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.

**Member Enrichment Program** - The tour to the SAHMRI (SA Health Medical Research Institute) building has now been booked for Friday, 7 December at 11.15 am. Tamara will be collecting \$10 from those members who put their name down to attend. Members are responsible for their own transport, however some members have indicated that they will be driving to Hindmarsh, where we can jump on a tram. If you need a ride please let Tamara know. Some members have also indicated they would like to go out for lunch after this event.

**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.

**Sausage Sizzle** - the next sausage sizzle will be held on Saturday, 24 November, so put your name on the list if you would like to attend.

**Christmas Lunch** - this year's get-together will be held on Saturday, 8 December at the Club and will be catered once again by *Annie's Kitchen*. A list is now on the notice board and we encourage you to bring a guest. The cost this year is the same as last year, only \$30 per person. Payments can be made online to the "*North Adelaide Croquet Club Inc.*", Bank SA, BSB 105-068, Account Number 041359040 and put your surname and Xmas (eg: Bloggs\_Xmas) in the Reference field, so Alf knows who it comes from. If you don't have internet banking, you can pay with cash or cheque but please fill in a remittance form and place your payment in the Treasurer's secure box. Payments close on Saturday, 24 November.



## Happy Birthday Pat

Pat celebrated his birthday in style on Thursday, 25 October 2018 and continued the celebration through to Saturday, where members of the Club wished him a very happy 99th birthday. As you can see from the photos below, we saved setting off the fire alarm by only putting a minimum number of candles on the cake. You look wonderful for your age Patrick - we are all looking forward to celebrating your 100th birthday next year. Save the date notice: if you already have your diary for next year, make a note for Saturday, 26 October - Patrick has invited all members to this very special day.



## 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.

## Dates of Importance - Save the Date

2, 9, 16, 23/11/2018	North Adelaide Games : AC Swiss Singles
24 & 25/11/2018	North Adelaide Games : Invitation Singles
07/12/2018	Members enrichment program
08/12/2018	Social : Christmas Lunch.

## 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. 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](mailto:tamara.rebbeck@bigpond.com). 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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