



N.A.C.C.

Croquet Chronicles

WINTER EDITION

Welcome to all our readers and in particular, our new Members and Friends of NACC.

Club members are now adapting to the abrupt shift into Winter and the wet weather gear has finally come out of hibernation. A happy state of affairs for our gardens and rural sector and a little challenging for our chosen sport but the hardy croquet community always steps up. The Club Bar will no doubt experience a call for more warming drinks such as port, red wine, spirits and stout, and our fabulous catering team is already planning some Winter meals. Thankyou to all those members who generously give their time to make the Club such a social and welcoming venue. Please show them your appreciation and help out where you can.

I'm sure most of you have read our President's excellent summary of the progress with Council and the proposed PLP project. I am including it in this newsletter for any who missed Gayle's email. The future of the Club in its' current location looks far rosier than it did 6 months ago and there are many members who have contributed to the campaign to get the best possible outcome but Gayle has truly gone "above and beyond" on the Club's behalf.

In this issue of our Newsletter, I am reminding members of our upcoming **AGM on Saturday the 26th of July.** You may consider nominating for a role. At the end of the newsletter, I've included a list and description of all the **Positions, both formal and informal**, required for the Committee to ensure a successfully managed Club and provide us with a venue for our much loved sport,

Cheers, Ann

PLP Update from our President (as per her email on 1st June)

Dear Members,

Update for members of May 2025 events & PLP proposals, presented by
John Pearce, Director PLP & City Growth & Development

May has been another busy month of meetings and discussions with the Prospect Council. **Tuesday 13th May** was a PLP Design workshop presentation of compiled community feedback information and a subsequent new plan proposal. Holmes Dyer (consultants) have amalgamated all results from 4 proposals and designed PLP Plan X which was presented in graphic detail.

Initially within this presentation, Stacey Mills (Coordinator of the PLP project) delivered information summaries from the public consultation, Facilities User Group (FUG) & Community Residents Group (CRG) to the meeting. Unfortunately, again the information for the Croquet Club was not quite up to date having been taken from our annual report that was presented by the end of March. She mentioned that NACC had increased membership to 140-160 but doubted the level of 160 and questioned the number of participating members. At the end of the workshop, I spoke with Stacey and again expressed my 'disappointment' with how she has been presenting a bias regarding our Club. She had asked me then for updated information on membership, hours of operation for organised play, facility usage and scheduled events for the year. I have responded with this updated information and requested that all Councillors be fully informed.

Holmes Dyer manager presented their revised single proposal for the PLP development to be considered by the Councillors. In terms of the NACC, they have allocated 3 courts and new clubrooms on the site of current old clubroom on lawn 4. The three courts proposal would be our current lawn 4 and then current lawn 3 flipped around to face different direction which allows for another court to be installed adjacent, where the rose gardens and clubroom kitchen currently sits. Although 3 courts are a better option than 2 or 1 court and would be a possible compromise, it is still not our preferred request.

Three courts will challenge the availability for full members' participation on lawns during play sessions but could be managed if need be.

Committee will discuss whether we accept this compromise option of 3 courts or push Council further for more, at our meeting this Friday.

There are still facilities required that are not provided in Plan X and these will need further negotiations for inclusion. It is still important for our continued inclusion within the precinct, that we are seen to be willing to show some

compromise, however.

The remaining NACC lawn space (lawn 1 and half of lawn 2) would have Cricket practice nets and beside that a two-story multi use facility housing Cricket & RSL Club rooms and indoor sports facility (Basketball &?) together with this, where our sheds and the lane extend to Kintore Ave would become parking spaces. The residents' group are not happy with this proposal and will be putting in a Formal Complaint to Council. It will be interesting to see if they can get a response from this.

27/05/25 Council Meeting was a formal information presentation process for Councillors. Documents had been presented through the agenda, (you may view these if you wish on Prospect Council website under Agenda & Minutes for May 27th meeting. Go to pages 173 – 219 for the reports on PLP), which Councillors were required to read prior to the Council meeting and opportunities were offered for any final questions regarding the process and the proposal PLP Plan X.

Concerns were raised regarding the limited community response to consultation, less than 1% of Prospect population! Also, the confusion of definition for Green Space & Open space! Still needs clarification. Assessment of data presented needs to be critically considering reality/opinion.

The next part of the process will be a final decision to be made by Council members on the final proposal for PLP Master plan. This will occur at the **Tuesday 7.00 pm June 24th** Ordinary Council meeting. This decision will affect the next phase of the Master plan – Financial plans.

Regards

Gayle Searle (President)



**SACA
Silver Medal
competitors**

A great day out



AUTUMN GC Singles 9+ Tournament

Our own Club Captain, Jim, was Manager for the event and the competitors look happy with the day. (Missing from this photo is NACC entrant, Kath)



GC WOMENS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2025 SA GC Womens' Championship was played in May at Hutt Rd and NACC was very well represented, filling 4 of the 12 entries.

Gayle, Hilary, Karen and Norma (& our Associate member, Laura) competed against a tough field that included SA State Squad players, and at the end of two very long days of spirited competition, **Karen Tierney** finished **2nd** to Karen Magee by just 2 hoops. Congratulations Karen & well done to Laura for taking **4th** place.



Sunday Fundays for all, particularly friends-members and letter-box drop recipients, to Come & Try Croquet were held on the first Sunday afternoon in March, April, May and June. In the 4 sessions, 32 attended (9 came several times) and 4 expressed interest but couldn't attend. Pleasing, positive feedback each time was encouraging for the 12 volunteer members who assisted on the lawns and organised the bar and afternoon tea. We will continue with Sunday Funday on the **first Sunday of each month 3-5pm.**



Bravo: Jim is taking part in the Croquet Umpire Course and Marianne is undertaking the Referee Course

GALA DAYS for GC PLAYERS

Gala Days, hosted by Croquet clubs across the state, are lots of fun and a great opportunity for friendly competition without using or affecting your Handicap Cards. Many of you have played in or volunteered at NACC Gala Days and will know players from other clubs but it's a nice chance to meet some new ones and support the SA Croquet community.

Two of our members have had success (and a great time) recently, with Atholie braving a day of extremely wild weather at the Murray Bridge Gala Day and coming away as the overall WINNER with a cash prize, then just 3 days later finishing 2nd at Brighton.



Robin also starred and won some Wine & glasses at Brighton, and “Nearest the Pin” at Mt Barker.



You will see in the photo on the left (kindly supplied by Nigel, a Visitor from Orange) the 2 equipment trolleys, which witnesses saw blowing sideways across the lawns at Murray Bridge in the fierce winds on Monday the 25th May!

MAHJONG: Another opportunity to socialise and exercise your brain

A small but enthusiastic group of NACC members meet to play Mahjong on the **3rd Monday of every month from 1 – 3pm** and if you would like to join them, please call Lynn on 0413 356 923



NORTHWOOD FRIENDLIES

The Northwood Cup was held on Friday 30 May and this year it was hosted by Norwood. Tensions were high as North Adelaide had held the cup for the past 3 years. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, the Norwood team prevailed and won on the day with 13 to 11 games (106 to 103 hoops). A 3 hoop margin is certainly a close call and we congratulate Norwood on their victory.

2025 is the 10th year of the hotly contested annual competition between the two clubs, and Norwood leads so far with 6 wins, to North Adelaide's 4 wins. We hope the tide will turn next year when we host the event. We'll done to all players.

GC Captain: Jim



News from the “Badger & Mallet”

We are halfway through 2025 and have enjoyed several functions since the AC Nationals in March. A welcome to new supporters evening, a club BBQ and a return to monthly Sausage Sizzles. There have also been 4 Sunday 'Come & Try' afternoons to welcome the community, with mixed attendance. Your Bar has supported all these events.

Due to rising costs and a reduction in corporate functions over the summer period, the bar will not produce a profit to match the record 23/24 financial year. We have still made a decent income from the bar, which will be seen at the coming AGM. I discussed the option of raising prices to meet cost increases with the COM, because I am spending more on stock but was loath to put the onus on drinkers to subsidise the club fees.

It was decided that whilst the Bar manager is satisfied that a small profit is being made on each drink, there will not be major changes at this stage.

The Bar team will miss Chris & Evelyn but thanks mainly to Peter and William we have managed.

Cheers,
Karen Tierney
Bar Manager

SOCIAL NEWS and CELEBRATIONS



Birthday
Congratulations
Lyn and Christa

(And thankyou to Mary & Barbara for the delicious celebratory cakes 😊)

REMINDER : If you read this Newsletter before Sat. 14th June that is the cut-off date to put your name on the list for the **Club Dinner** on Fri. 20th

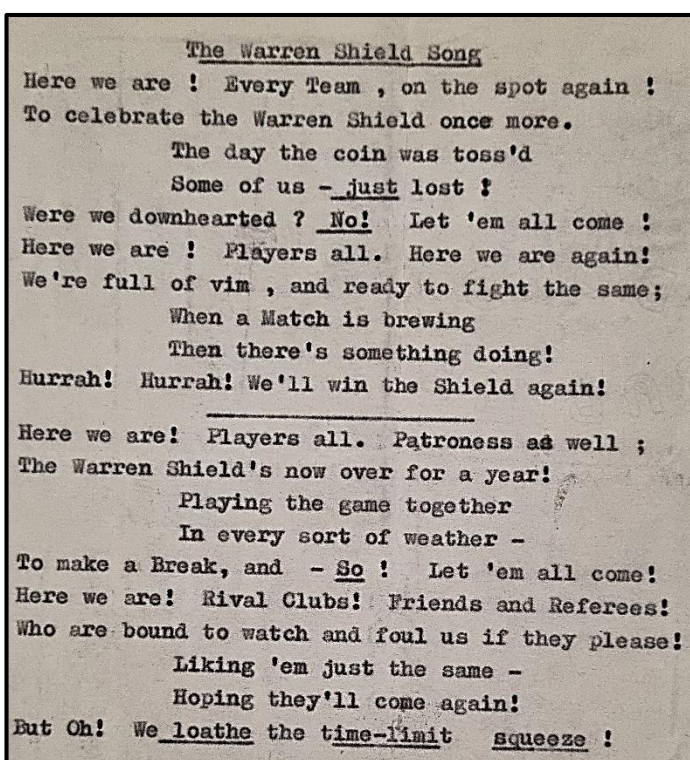
Harris History Hub

The Warren Shield (1944 – 2002)

The premier event in the years up to the formation of the North Adelaide Croquet Club was the Warren Shield. This was an annual contest between the northern croquet clubs – including Fitzroy and Prospect – that was held from 1944 through to 2002.

A meeting was held on 15 November 1943 with Prospect, Fitzroy and Sefton Park clubs for a shield to be presented by the Patroness of the Prospect club, Mrs. A.G. Warren. There were to be A, B and C grades, teams of four with each pair playing two games over a 3-hour time limit, totalling 18 games. It is remarkable that this was initiated *during* WW2.

For the first decade, these three clubs participated. Then, in 1955 Broadview was invited to join. In 1957 Sefton merged with Broadview and played as Sefton-Broadview – and for the first time, after 13 years of domination by Prospect and Fitzroy, won the Shield. Three years later Sefton withdrew and dissolved, once again leaving three clubs.



Another decade passed. Salisbury was invited to join in 1970. It won the Shield in 1971, this time after another 13 years of winning by the other two clubs. But in 1983 and 1984 Salisbury withdrew because of player shortage. It was supplemented with Gawler players in 1985, and this joining of forces must have been a boon for the combined Salisbury-Gawler team as they won the Shield in that year! Their efforts were short-lived, however, as they again had to withdraw in 1986 through lack of players.

Prospect found themselves in a similar predicament, as the following year (1987) Prospect and Salisbury were permitted to combine, and as previously happened, the combined team promptly won the Shield.

This occurred yet again with new entrants, Tea Tree Gully, who entered in 1993 and proceeded to win the Shield over the next 10

years!

In 1997, Broadview withdrew from the competition. By 2002, it was Fitzroy's turn not to be able to field a team, though its players were permitted to play for Prospect – plans for the impending amalgamation being well known by this time. As it turned out, this was the final year after almost six decades of spirited competition between the northern croquet clubs. The competition was disbanded at the meeting of 25/9/2002, following the Prospect Council's approval for the amalgamation of the Fitzroy and Prospect clubs to occur from 1 July.

Roger Harris

Club Historian

AC Report for Winter 2025

Golf Croquet in the North Adelaide Games in 2025?

I have inquired at Management Committee meetings on 5 March and 5 April whether Golf Croquet (GC) would like to (re)join these Games in November this year. Jim (GC Captain) has agreed that this should happen. We are planning accordingly.

The NAG Golf Croquet winners' board hanging in the Clubhouse includes names for both the Open and 8+ until 2015, and therefore appears to indicate that GC dropped out after the 2015 Games. However, GC was included in 2016 and 2017. In 2017, both AC and GC ran Swiss Singles and Invitation Singles. At the AGM on 5/8/2017, Kay Seear (Club Captain) reported that:

Our North Adelaide Games, which we have continued to run since the amalgamation of our clubs ... was originally called the Fitzroy Shield and was a very successful event! This competition now includes GC as well as the original AC, and is doing well... we are looking forward to a successful October for GC and November for AC.

But something happened over the next year, for that year was the last time GC was included. I am not sure why – perhaps someone can explain? In reading Minutes, I am speculating that there may have been three possible reasons: (a) timing – that there may have been too many clashes with other events at that time of the year; (b) cost – that the entry fee may have been too high, as the Committee reduced it to \$30; and (c) player composition – that only 8 players from other clubs participated in 2017.

Club play Thursday mornings and Saturday afternoons

Our small AC band continues happily playing at these times. There are usually 8 of us: Russell Kopp, Janet Willshire, Ray Walter, Lyn Booth, Barbara Stanley, Norma Greig, Robert Kelly and myself. Our number is augmented on Thursdays by two regular Associate Members – David Wise (Norwood) and Shane Kelly (Salisbury), and sometimes by another Associate Member, Mary Marsland (Norwood). Their presence is very helpful for standard of play and coaching tips. Russell also continues to be very helpful in his coaching.

Saturday Pennants

Saturday Pennants are continuing from 1 March to 22 November. Russell plays for other Clubs in two Divisions, while the rest of us rotate in Division 3.

Roger Harris

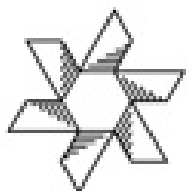
AC Captain

Dear readers, this is my second Newsletter as Editor and I'd like to say thank-you to all the contributors of photos and information that add to the finished product.

In the past 6 months the club has been focused on the future, with the PLP project consuming a great deal of energy, but it has been well spent and we've managed fit in some croquet as well!

Let's not lose sight of the fun and comraderie of Croquet and the very real benefit of the social engagement within our Club,

3 CHEERS and see you at the Badger & Mallet,
Ann



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*** Don't forget to browse the 4 pages following this one ...
Marianne has done a great job producing a list describing what each role in the club entails and nomination forms will be on display at the Club for 21 days prior to the AGM

Duties and Responsibilities of Officers

Nominations for office shall be in writing and lodged with Secretary at least fourteen days before the A.G.M. and displayed forthwith on the Club noticeboard. If only one nomination is received for a particular office, that person shall be declared elected. If there is more than one nomination for a position, then a secret ballot is to be undertaken. In the absence of written nominations for a particular office by the due date, nominations may be taken at the A.G.M.

As named in Constitution (9)

- **President**
 - Chairs all General and Management Committee Meetings and has a deliberative and a casting vote.
 - Is an ex-officio Member of all Sub-committees.
 - Oversees the implementation of Club policies and decisions made by General and Committee Meetings.
- **Vice-President**
 - Assists the President and undertakes the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- **Secretary**
 - Convenes and, in collaboration with the President, prepares agendas for Club Meetings.
 - Records the minutes of all Club Meetings.
 - Attends to and records all incoming and outgoing correspondence.
 - Maintains a register of Club Members.
 - Maintains an up-to-date copy of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.
 - Maintains the Club's records.
 - Undertakes other duties as directed by the President or Management Committee.
 - Reports to the Management Committee on the activities of the Assistant Secretary, Publicity and Membership Officer, Public Officer and Historian
- **Treasurer**
 - Receives and banks all monies paid to the Club and issues receipts for the same.
 - Pays all accounts received by the Club and approved for payment by the Management Committee.
 - Keeps proper books of accounts and provides reports to each Meeting of the Management Committee.
 - Prepares and submits financial records for annual audit.
 - At the A.G.M. presents an audited statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet for the past financial year, and a forecast of income and expenditure for the coming year.
 - Recommends subscriptions and other fees, if any, and capital expenditure limits for the Management Committee.
 - Supervises and reports to the Management Committee on the activities of the Assistant Treasurer, House Manager and Bar Manager and advises them of any Management Committee decision which affects their duties and responsibilities
- **Club Captains – AC & GC**
 - Are responsible for the format of play on Club playing days, competitions and gala days.
 - In consultation, make recommendations to the Committee regarding Club events.
 - Maintain a record of Club handicaps and make recommendations to the Committee for any changes to the handicap of any Member.
 - Collaborate on a Playing Sub-committee responsible for play other than those above.
 - Liaise with SACA about numbers and levels of teams for each Association competition.
 - Work together for the betterment of Croquet at Club, Inter-club and State level.
 - Report to the Management Committee on the activities of the Vice-Captains, Club Coach(es) and Events Organiser.
- **Grounds Manager**
 - Is responsible for the provision and implementation of a lawn maintenance programme.
 - Responsible for maintenance of Club equipment.
 - Responsible for the direction of the Greenkeeper.

- Responsible for organising Club working bees.
- Responsible for the position of courts and hoops.
- **Floor Members AC & GC**
 - Act as the conduit for presenting matters raised by Club Members to the Committee.
 - Assist with the planning and conduct of special events.
 - Participate in the planning and discussions at Management Committee meetings.
 - Report to the Management Committee on the activities of the Social Convenor.

Members with Special Duties as named in the By-Laws (14)

- **Assistant Secretary**
 - Provides assistance to the Secretary as required.
 - Manages membership records on Rev Sport.
 - Updates membership records as required on Rev Sport.
 - Provides up-to-date records to the President, Secretary and Treasurer as required.
 - Is proactive and assists in the Sponsorship and Come and Try activities.
 - Undertakes specific duties as directed by the Management Committee.
 - Reports to the Management Committee through the Secretary.
- **Assistant Treasurer (optional)**
 - Provides assistance to the Treasurer as required.
 - Undertakes specific duties as directed by the Management Committee.
 - Reports to the Management Committee through the Treasurer.
- **Assistant Complaints Officer (to be elected by general membership)**
 - Provides assistance to the Complaints Officer as required.
- **Bar Manager**
 - Organises, maintains, promotes and manages the Bar Facility including purchasing of stock on behalf of the Club.
 - In consultation with the Management Committee and social members, supports both club and external activities.
 - Reports to the Management Committee through the Treasurer.
- **Booking Officer**
 - Name, email, mobile phone number of the Booking Officer must be on NACC website and booking requests go directly to Booking Officer (as well as Club Secretary).
 - On receipt of a booking request, the following are usually necessary steps:
 - a) be aware of regular clubhouse bookings.
 - b) check the club diary for suitable times.
 - liaise with other members, e.g., catering organiser, Bar Manager, Secretary, Grounds Manager, Treasurer, and Captains about events and competitions.
- **Club Coach(es)**
 - In consultation with the Club Captains and Vice-Captains, organises instruction classes for beginners.
 - Organises coaching sessions for players of all levels, if necessary using the skills of top players.
 - Organises sessions on the laws/rules using qualified Referees. All of the above activities should be undertaken in accordance with procedures approved by the S.A.C.A. Coaching and Referees Committees.
 - Reports to the Management Committee through the President or Club Captain(s).
- **Complaints Officer (to be elected by general membership)**
 - Serves as the first recommended contact for any member raising a Dispute, Complaint or Grievance.
 - Handles, where possible, Disputes, Complaints and Grievances separate of the Management Committee.
 - Seeks Management Committee involvement in handling Disputes, Complaints and Grievances when they feel this is appropriate.
 - Reports to the Management Committee through the Vice-President on a general basis the number of issues, their status and final outcomes, while maintaining confidentiality of those involved.
 - Maintains appropriate records of all Disputes, Complaints and Grievances handled.

- **Events Organiser**
 - In consultation with the Club Captains and Vice Captains, organises club croquet events.
 - Arranges, prepares and devises paperwork for running of events.
 - Organises and records information of participants, their achievements and awards.
 - Reports to the Committee through appropriate Club Captain.
- **House Manager**
 - Supervises the condition and furnishing of the Club House.
 - Attends to minor household matters requiring attention including purchasing.
 - Ensures proper cleaning of the premises, refrigerators, cupboards etc.
 - Ensures adequate supplies of catering and cleaning requisites.
 - Ensures that there is compliance with all Government Occupational, Health and Safety Regulations.
 - Reports to the Management Committee through the Treasurer.
- **Historian**
 - Develops and maintains a record of all Club activities including social activities special croquet activities, tournaments and individual Club Member achievements.
 - Arranges for the recording and display of all photographs and media releases.
 - Reports to the Management Committee through the Secretary.
- **Publicity and Newsletter**
 - Arranges media releases and general publicity of the Club, its Members and their activities and achievements.
 - Edits Newsletter.
 - Arranges promotional material for publication and circulation with a view to attracting members.
 - Organises Membership Drives.
 - Seeks sponsorship and marketing avenues.
 - Reports to the Management Committee through the Secretary.
- **Public Officer**
 - Is appointed for an indefinite period and confirmed in office at each A.G.M.
 - Is the holder of the Club Seal.
 - Ensures all agreements and actions taken by the Club will comply with the conditions set out in the Associations Incorporation Act.
 - Reports to the Management Committee through the Secretary.
- **Social Convenor**
 - Recommends social events and activities.
 - Organises Club social events.
 - Reports to the Management Committee through the Floor Members.
- **Vice-Captains**
 - The Committee shall appoint such Vice-Captains as are required by the Club Captains to assist them in undertaking their responsibilities.
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Club Positions Functional as appointed by the Management Committee (11)

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| 1. Almoner/ Members' Special Records (birthdays etc.) | |
| 2. Assistant Grounds | |
| 3. Delegate to SACA | President |
| 4. Fire Warden | |
| 5. First Aid Officer | |
| 6. Grants Writer | |
| 7. Handicapper AC | Russell Kopp |
| 8. Handicapper GC | Noel Spooner |
| 9. OHS&W and child safety | |
| 10. Recycling Organiser | |
| 11. Trading-table Organiser | |

JUST ONE MORE PAGE TO GO ...

STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES (appointed by Committee)

1. Bar Manager incl. purchasing
2. Social Committee – 1-4

If you have any questions regarding the duties involved with any of the positions, please don't hesitate to speak to a current Committee member ... if they can't answer your query they will refer you to someone who can.