
NORTH ADELAIDE CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Menzies Crescent, Prospect 5082



NorthWood Cup Display Case

Thanks to Robin Gibbs and the Prospect Men's Shed for the fabulous display case they made to hold our NorthWood Cup - it's wonderful.

Annual General Meeting, 5 August 2017

Thank you to all those members who attended our AGM, it was a good turn-out and all the executive positions were filled. Well done to those members who were presented with an award; and thank you to *Alfred James* who provided lunch. I looked for a positive quote relating to Committees - well lets say, there are lots on the Web that are not very complimentary - what can I say!

"A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours" ~ Milton Berle
"People who enjoy meetings should not be in charge of anything" ~ Thomas Sowell

Notes from the President

Best wishes to Di Wall, who has returned home to recuperate from her recent surgery. We hope to see you back on the lawns soon and I want to pass on our best wishes for your speedy recovery.

Welcome to Jane Moore, our latest member to Golf Croquet.

Committee Information

Welcome to the new Committee members (and the re-elected President), who were elected at the Club's *Annual General Meeting*, on Saturday, 5 August 2017.

President - Janet Willshire
Vice-President - Dan O'Connell
Secretary - Tamara Rebbeck
Treasurer - Alf Schantl
Grounds Manager - William Pennino
Captain AC - Kay Seeary
Captain GC - Lynn Hughes
Floor Members - Sandra Rawlings & Sue LePoidevin

Members have been appointed to these positions for a two year period; excluding the President, this is a one year appointment; and the Club Captains' still have one year remaining.

Other Club appointments: it takes the effort of many of our members to make the Club successful. Thank you to all those members who put their names forward to assist with the running of the Club.

Assistant Treasurer - Jocelyn Swalling
Assistant Secretary - *
Social Convenor - Lynn Hughes (Dan O'Connell)
Publicity and Membership Officer - *

Club Coach - Kay Seeary
Public Officer - Kay Seeary
House Manager - Janice Lis
Historian - *
Vice-Captain (AC) - Janet Willshire
Vice-Captain (GC) - Sandra Rawlings

Almoner - Glenda
Assistant Grounds - Joe Driver, Trevor Lapha, Russell Stringer, Peter Swalling (William Pennino will confirm group)
Booking Officer - *
Catering Officer - *
Child Safety Officer - Sue LePoidevin
Delegate to SACA - Janet Willshire
Editor - Newspaper - Tamara Rebbeck
First Aid Officer - *
Grants Writer - Sue LePoidevin (convenor) - Janet Willshire, Joe Driver, William Pennino
Purchasing Officer - Kath Dipasquale
Recycling Organiser - Robert (cans), Sue LePoidevin (bottles)
Safety Officer - William Pennino
Trading-table Organiser - Shuna Pickering, Sue LePoidevin
Handicapper AC - Kay Seeary
Handicapper GC - Sue Huddy
Events Organiser - Sue Huddy

Standing Sub-Committees

Bar - Dan O'Connell, Peter Swalling
Social - Lynn Hughes, Committee - Dan O'Connell

Patron - David O'Loughlin, Mayor of Prospect
Auditor - *
Lawn Maintenance - David Watchman

* There are still a few positions available for enthusiastic members. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, speak to the Secretary and she will put your name forward.

Thanks to our Sponsor, Alfred James who provided a light lunch for members at our AGM.

Results of the Members Survey - During June you would have found a *Members Survey* in your pigeonholes. The objective of the survey was to improve the Club for all members. This is a list of the overall comments, both positive and negative that came out of the Survey:

1. Provide more rules and strategy training, rule books issued as required.
2. Use timers for all games.
3. GC - unfair game draws, playing with the same group of people, no competition.
4. Mix new and existing members for games (eg new players playing together on lawn four, with no help or guidance). Each member, new or existing should have an equal opportunity.
5. Provide a different or extra day to play GC (eg Tuesday and Friday). On Saturdays, play in-house competitions and ladder challenge, so as to improve club game standards.
6. Do not put tables together for morning tea. Members can then circulate and get to know each other.
7. More coordination when planning games.
8. It is important to improve our image, maintaining existing members and attract new members.
9. Form strong sub-committees for sponsorship/advertising/grants.

It was positive that members indicated they were proud to be a member of the Club; there is a good overall spirit of Club members; and members found the Club welcoming and a friendly group.

You may have noticed that the Club is working through these items, for example item three is in the early stages of changing the GC draw. The Golf Croquet Captain has addressed this in her report.

Thank you to the members who participated in the survey form. A lot of valuable information has been outlined, all of which will be discussed and given consideration. Some members stated that they were willing to help, by joining a committee and sharing their skills.

Notes from the Secretary

Club Security - Just a quick note on the security of the Club. Can the last person to leave the club ensure that all the lights (including the toilets) have been turned off; checked that the urn and heaters have been switched off; check that all doors have been locked; and close the gate (regardless if you have used the car park).

Correspondence Register - I have created a correspondence register (ho-hum) to record what correspondence goes out and what comes into the Club. If you send out any letters; emails; etc, please send me a copy so I can record it. I appreciate your help in this matter.

Notes from the Treasurer

Subscription fees for 2017/18

Adults -

\$460.00 per year, or

Half yearly payments:

1st half \$290 (due by 31/8/2017)

2nd half \$170 (due 31/1/2018)

Quarterly payments:

1st quarter \$200 (due by 31/8/2017)

2nd quarter \$90 (due by 31/10/2017)

3rd quarter \$85 (due by 31/1/2018) and

4th quarter \$85 (due by 30/4/2018)

Associates \$115.00*

Juniors (under 18 years old on 1st July 2017) \$100.00*

Students (18-25 on 1st July 2017). \$150.00*

Friends of the North Adelaide Croquet Club \$50.00*

Visitors fees have reduced to \$5 per visit.

Payments to our new Treasurer, Alf Schantl - these can be paid by cheque; cash (place in Treasurer's letterbox); or bank transfer (North Adelaide Croquet Club Inc. BSB - 105-068 Account No. 041359040).

* Note the preferred method of payment is by Bank Transfer. Payments due by 31/8/2017.

Association Croquet News: notes from Kay Seary, Association Croquet Captain

For this Year, I am sure we need to concentrate on trying to build up the Association Croquet side of our Club. The numbers are quite low now and it would be a pity to see this code of play fade away. We will organise some mixed code games during the year, and I hope you will all take an active interest in these fun games. Now the warmer weather is just around the corner, there are many Gala Days listed and competitions are getting under way, so I hope we have some participants in these fields. Please see me for more information. Please all enter the *North Adelaide Games* in your particular section. Good Croquet to all.

Golf Croquet News: notes from Lynne Hughes, Golf Croquet Captain

We now have a different format for Golf Croquet. When members arrive at the Club, they are to place their name tag onto the draw board and once a group of four has been formed, move out and commence their game. This first phase will continue until 10.10 am and during this time the Club Captain will change the draw. When the bell sounds, members are to stop play (who ever has won the most hoops, wins this game). The new draw will be displayed outside, so members can identify who they will be playing next and on which lawn. This game will be played until the bell is rung for morning tea. Members can then go out and continue playing after the break.

Notes from the Groundsman

William is organising a busy bee at the Club on Monday, 4 September commencing at 9 am. This will include general maintenance around the club rooms (eg painting, cleaning windows, etc). William will organise a list of tasks, so members can add their name to the activity they wish to help with.

Our lawns have now been cored and thanks to Colin for pruning our roses.

Notes from the Bar Member

An assortment of spirits have been purchased to ward of the winter chills. These include whiskey; gin; and rum - enjoy a glass with a packet of salty snacks.

It's all about the Game

NACC GC Handicap Singles (Sue Huddy Event Manager) - August 25th saw the finals of the *Singles* competition. This is the third year that we have staged this competition - being played one day a month, over a period of 6 months, each year. The competition has matured a little over time, and has drawn players from many clubs - this year 25 players participated. There's also been a change in the prizes: in the first year, each month's winner had their daily entry fee returned, as a token prize; last year I donated a medal, "the *Huddy Heart*", for the overall winner of the full event; and this year we've progressed to cash prizes and certificates for the three top place achievers.

The winner was our own Norma Greig, who won 66.7% of all games she played - yay Norma! Kevin LePoidevin (Norwood) was second with 62.5%; and Les Cox (Tea Tree Gully) was third, with 57%. Kevin, of course, is a little bit ours. This competition culminated with the presentation of certificates and prizes by our President.

Watch out for information about next year's event, which will start in February.

GC CLUB Singles Championship (Sue Huddy Event Manager) - This event is in the form of a *Ladder Challenge* and will run until a week prior to next year's AGM. The winner will have their name inscribed on the appropriate board. We had a bit of a taste of it over the last six months and it seemed quite popular, now we're ready to get real. The ladder draw was conducted on the 22 August, so players can now make their challenges when they choose. If you want to play a challenge on a Tuesday or Saturday morning, please check with Lynn or Sandra for court availability. This is a handicap event and handicap cards are to be filled in at the end of each game. If your name is not on the ladder yet and you want to be included, speak to Sue, who will find your correct position on the ladder.

How it works:

1. A player may challenge any other player who is in a position 1, 2 or 3 places above their own.
2. The top four members of the ladder, may challenge members 1, 2 or 3 places below their own.

3. A player is not required to accept more than one challenge per week. Otherwise, however, members must accept valid challenges from other members or accept a loss by default.
4. Players are not required to accept a challenge from another player they have defeated within the past two weeks.
5. Players may issue or accept more than one challenge at a time.
6. A game should be played within 14 days of the challenge, unless extenuating circumstances prevent it.
7. A withdrawn or cancelled challenge is a default loss for the player who withdraws.

If you need any help or have any queries, speak to Sue Huddy, Lynn Hughes or Sandra Rawlings. Good luck to all entrants and have a great time with this.

Advance notice of the North Adelaide Games - Note, these games will mean there'll be no club play on two full weekends. The 4-5 November, when the **Invitation Singles, GC** will be held, and 25-26 November, when the **Invitation Singles, AC** will be held. Each weekend will culminate in a presentation and meal. **Swiss Singles** – Norma Greig is taking entries for the **GC event** and Janet Willshire is taking them for the **AC event**. We hope to fill all spots for the tournament. **GC** will be played on the Fridays of October and **AC** will be played on the Fridays of November.

Fliers have been distributed and entry forms for both AC and GC are available online at <http://www.nacc-inc.club/events.html>. Additional information (e.g. *Conditions of Play* for both codes) are also available online. Entry forms are also available on the designated stand in the club

Come along and watch the games and help with the refreshments when you are able. Lynn would love to hear from you – look out for the roster on the notice board when it's time, and put your name down if you can help. If you require any additional information speak to Sue Huddy or Kay Seear.

AC & GC Spring Pennants - these games will be commencing shortly. Hope you enjoy these competitions. Keep any eye on the notice board for dates and the playing roster.

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 Social Committee consists of Lynn Hughes and Dan O'Connell. If you would like to join this Committee, speak to Lynn as she is looking for at least one more member to join this group.

The last **Wine Down** held on Friday, 18 August was very successful, with 24 members and friends participating. Thanks to Lynn and Kath for organising dinner, which was scrumptious as usual; and Tamara for organising the raffle - well done to those people who purchased a raffle ticket and those who won a prize. The next Wine Down will be held on Friday, 15 September with pizza & salad for dinner; and of course something sweet to end the meal.

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 at the Windmill Hotel on Tuesday, 5 September at 12 pm. 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, 26 August, so put your name on the list if you would like to attend.

Musical Entertainment Afternoon - members and guests are invited to an enjoyable afternoon of music and afternoon tea on Sunday, 17 September, commencing at 1 pm. This event includes two hours of music by the Cottage Singers and Golden Blackwell (music from the 1940's - 1960's). The cost is \$10 and tickets are available from Lynn or Tamara. See the flier at the end of this Newsletter for further information.

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.

Prospect Oval (home games) - Rosters vs Port Adelaide on 26 August. A reminder to place a parking slip on your dashboard if you are playing on these days. This will be the last home game for the season.

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, August 2017 - <http://www.croquetsa.com.au/newsletters>

Dates of Importance - Save the Date

04/09/2017	Club Busy-Bee (am)
15/09/2017	Wine Down
17/09/2017	Musical Entertainment Afternoon
06/10/2017 -	North Adelaide Games
27/10/2017	GC Swiss (Friday 6, 13, 20, 27/10/2017)
	AC Swiss (Friday 3, 10, 17, 24/11/ 2017)
	GC Invitation Singles (Saturday, 4/11 & Sunday, 5/11/2017)
	AC Invitation Singles (Saturday, 25/11 & Sunday, 26/11/2017)
02/12/2017	Christmas Lunch (to be confirmed)
23/12/2017	Last official day of play.

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.

September

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
						GC (9.30 am); AC (1 pm)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
GC (1 pm)	Busy Bee (am)	GC (9.30 am)	GC (7 pm)	AC (10 am)		GC (9.30 am); AC (1 pm)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	GC (9.30 am)	GC (7 pm)	AC (10 am)	Wine Down (5 pm)		GC (9.30 am); AC (1 pm)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Musical Afternoon (1 pm)	GC (9.30 am)	GC (7 pm)	AC (10 am)			GC (9.30 am); BBQ; AC (1 pm)
24	25	26	27	28	29	
	GC (9.30 am)	GC (7 pm)	AC (10 am)			



The North Adelaide Croquet Club

NORTH ADELAIDE CROQUET CLUB INC.



Invites you to a



Musical Afternoon With A Special Afternoon Tea

Includes 2hrs of Music from the 1940's, 50's & 60's with
The Cottage Singers & Golden Blackwell

Date - 17th September 2017

Place - Nth Adelaide Croquet Club Rooms

Address - 8 Menzies Ave, Prospect
(Flora Tce off Prospect Rd)

Start Time - 1.00 pm sharp

Tickets - \$10.00 each, available from:

Lynn Hughes 0413 356 923, or

Tamara Rebbeck 0408 237 934