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# NORTH ADELAIDE CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Menzies Crescent, Prospect 5082

## Notes from the President

I remind you that the Annual General Meeting is rapidly approaching. Think seriously about giving something back to the Club and put your name forward for the Committee or one of the Club vacancies.

Congratulations Norma for being selected for the Golf Croquet State team.

## Committee Information

**Annual General Meeting** - The AGM will be held on Saturday, 21 July 2018 commencing at 12 noon and be followed by a light luncheon. The Committee vacancies include: *President*; *Captain - Golf Croquet*; *Captain - Association*; and *Floor Members (2)*. A list of other Club vacancies have been displayed on the notice board, along with a draft copy of the minutes of last year's AGM. Please find some time to read these prior to the meeting. Nomination forms for Committee vacancies will also be placed on the notice board. If you wish to apply for one of the Club vacancies, add your name to the list.

## Notes from the Secretary

**Name badges** - In the future members will arrange to have their own name badge printed from *Prestige Trophy, Badge & Engraving*, which is located at 201 Main North Road, Nailsworth (next to Hungry Jacks). Their contact details are [sales@prestigetrophy.com.au](mailto:sales@prestigetrophy.com.au) | [www.prestigetrophy.com.au](http://www.prestigetrophy.com.au) | Phone: 83443254. If you go into their shop, they should be able to do this while you wait and there is parking out the front.

**Urn** - The Club purchased a new urn to replace the broken urn previously used. This model has a pre-set temperature control set to 95 °C, the optimal temperature for tea and coffee. Using this pre-set mode offers a fast and easy setup, achieving consistent temperatures every time. Adjustment of the knob in pre-set mode has no effect on the temperature setting of the urn – it remains constant at nominal 95 °C. This feature prevents continuous boiling and excessive consumption of energy. Please turn the urn on/off at the plug, ensure there is enough water in it and walk away. Do not play around with the temperature knob.

**Entertainment Book Fundraiser** - The new edition of the *Entertainment Books* can be purchased through the bar or from the Secretary at a cost of \$70. You can still purchase a hardcopy of the book or a digital edition, if you have a smart phone. This makes a great present for family members if you are looking for something different.

**People's Choice Community Lottery** - The Club is selling tickets in the People's Choice Community Lottery and Jocelyn has taken on the task of organising the lottery this year. You can either buy a single ticket; multiple tickets; or ask for a book of 10 tickets from Jocelyn. All books and money need to be returned to Jocelyn before September 2018. Prizes will be drawn on Tuesday, 9 October 2018 and published on the [communitylottery.com.au](http://communitylottery.com.au) website on Sunday, 14 October 2018. Please note: print your name, address on the ticket stub, otherwise they will not be accepted. Tickets are \$2 each and the proceeds from the sale of these tickets comes back to the Club.

**Restricted Parking** - The football season has kicked off again and parking is now restricted during home games for the Roosters. If you don't already have your parking tickets for these events, speak to Tamara or your team Captain. I have confirmed that you can use these tickets anywhere around the grounds where the Council has stipulated *permit parking only* on game days. Regardless, if you leave your tickets at home or don't have one, just mention to the person controlling access that you are a member of the Croquet Club and they will give you access.

### Notes from the AC Captain

I am happy to report that Association Croquet has gained new members. Welcome to Kerri and Annette, it is my pleasure to welcome them to our Club. I would like to encourage all members to improve their skills, rather than playing club games with no goal in mind. If you can spend an hour each week to work with a mentor to improve stroke making and skills in general, I believe it will really improve your game. Our Club has been rostered on as Manager for two events at SACA. If any member of Golf Croquet would like to learn more about this code of play or help with the management of these events, please let Janet or myself know. It is my pleasure to record that on the 28 April, with only seven players, we had one of the happiest and fun times for a long time. Congratulations to Glenda and Annette who pegged out. For Glenda, for the first time in her croquet career - she made a break of five. It was a thrill to see all four clips on penultimate (see photos below). So to Garth, Annette and Glenda, well done, keep it up.

### Notes from the GC Captain

**GC Gala Day** - On the 9 April we held a Gala Day, which was well supported by members from across South Australia. This was another opportunity to show off our club and enjoy the camaraderie of the croquet community. It was a very successful event, even though the weather was not kind to us and due to the hot weather a number of participants withdrew on the day. Thank you to all those members who assisted to make this event successful, either by bringing along food for the day or helping on the day. You wouldn't think that hot soup on a very hot day would be popular, but it was devoured with relish.

**Croquet Links** - Here are two interesting websites to look at if you have internet access, you might pick up some good tips. *Golf Croquet Introduction*, by Ian Harrison at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXNryWmgejg>; and *How to: Jump Shots Croquet*, by Wilson Fletcher at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5VM166U9LY>.

**Autumn Pennants** - This competition has now finished with 6+ team coming in second on the ladder (pictured right, excluding Joe); the Open team had a couple of wins, which as really good as they are really punching above their weight; and the Strikers (9+ team) had a win which they were really thrilled about. Congratulations to all members who participated in this competition.



**Coaching** - To help members participating in competitions improve their techniques, coaching is being held on Tuesday mornings after morning tea.

**Court Etiquette** - a reminder to pick up your balls when you finish play and leave the court. Please don't throw or hit your balls across the court as it may interfere with the balls of another team in play.

### Notes from the Bar Member

The *Cool Towels* are back in stock and are still only \$7 each. Drink of the month is *Snakebite* - a truly delightful mixture of Stones Green Ginger Wine and Irish Whiskey, with a splash of soda or dry-ginger. This drink is destined to warm the soul, all for just \$6.50. If there is something you wish to drink, speak to Dan - we can't promise you, but we will give it our best shot. As a trial, the bar is selling chocolate bars for a limited time only at the price of \$1.50.

**Croquet SA Centenary** - to commemorate this occasion they have produced some excellent wine, which is now available for purchase from Hutt Road. Discount for bulk purchases is available but no EFTPOS facilities are available, its cash only.



### It's all about the Game

**An Association First** - It's always a wonderful feeling when a member achieves their first *pegged out*, as you can see from the look on Glenda's face. For those members who don't know what this means - when a ball hits the peg after going through all the hoops, it is said to be "pegged out" and is removed from the game. Congratulations Glenda and well done! Everyone is happy you recovered from your initial shock and we didn't have to use the defibrillator.



**NorthWood Friendlies** - The *NorthWood* is an annual friendly golf croquet competition between our club and the Norwood Croquet Club. We play for the honour to display the *NorthWood Cup* for the next year. The Cup is accompanied by a small book, in which we record each year's results, along with the names of all members who participated. The cup itself was found in our small clubroom in one of the bench seats. It was very tarnished and unappealing, however it polished up a treat. The two Clubs organised for the trophy to be inscribed and purchased the book. A member of our club, the late Robin Gibb very cleverly designed, made and donated the display case for the cup and book. Norwood won this competition in the first two years of its inception and our club was successful last year. This year the competition will be held on the 27 May (it's always the last Sunday in May) with Norwood to host this event. We play three games of doubles in four blocks, therefore each group of four members, who have similar handicaps play together on the same lawn. We usually play two games before lunch and one afterwards. Lunch is catered by the host club at a minimal charge (approx. \$5 - price to be confirmed).

**GC Handicap Singles Tournament** - This tournament commenced on Friday, 20 April and will continue on the last Friday of each month until September. Good luck to those members competing.

**2018 Australian Golf Croquet Championships** - Congratulations to Norma who competed in the Championships held in Cairnlea, Victoria. Norma paired with Julianne Jago (from the South Terrace Croquet Club) in the Open Doubles - won a total of five games and also played a couple of tie-breakers. With their combined handicap of 13, they were very pleased with their efforts considering they haven't played doubles together before and they were up against some tough opponents with combined -3 and -4 handicaps. Norma said "the highlight of the games was when I defeated Peter Freer from NSW (-2 handicap) in my first Singles game. Despite the extremely cold, wet and windy conditions I managed to win a few more games over the following days and dropped my handicap to 5. A most enjoyable event and I hope to be back competing at Cairnlea again next year". Well done Norma!

**Introduction to Croquet "Come & Try"** - This event was held in April and run by Lynne, who advised that a number of members of the public participated. Rather than holding this event in April & September, it will be run continuously 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 Lynne and invite them to come along.

**GC Club Singles Championship** - How are you going in the Club's *GC Ladder Challenge*? A reminder that if you want to play a challenge on Tuesday or Saturday morning, please check with Lynn or Sandra for court availability.

**Points for good etiquette during club play or competitions**

- Arrive on time – you should be present 30 minutes before your match start time. If you want to play on the morning of club days, you should be here by 9.20 am at the latest. If not, you are at risk of waiting to play game until after morning tea.
- On arrival, please assist with set-up (grounds, tables, tea, etc).
- Dress appropriately.
- Leave the court as quickly as possible after completion of a game – do not linger.
- Don't roll or hit balls across court at end of game if another game is still in progress on the court. Don't collect clips from hoops at end of game if another game is still in progress at that hoop.
- Mobile phones should not be used on the court, so leave them in the clubroom. However, if you are expecting an emergency call, keep your phone with you and put it on vibrate.
- Don't smoke, drink alcohol on the court, swear or be abusive.
- Maintain a good sporting demeanour and respect rules. Remember you are playing for the North Adelaide Croquet Club.
- Finally, don't argue with another player or the referee.

**Basic Tactics for Golf Croquet**

- If you win the toss the better player should play first. They are more likely to be in a position to run the hoop on the next shot or be in a position to remove the opposition. Treat the first shot as any other – that is stalk the ball and aim for a position 1 meter in front of the hoop. Trying to go closer will usually leave you in a position where you cannot run the hoop. If you are playing second it may be necessary to try and go closer to block or place pressure on the opponent.
- Don't miss opportunities to promote your partner ball to a hoop running position. Often the result of a well played shot can result in you having both balls in a hoop running position.
- Remember in attempting a difficult jump shot or trying to remove an opponent jawssed in the hoop you may put the opponent through the hoop and they get first shot at the next hoop.
- It is often better to concede a hoop and ensure you have first shot at the next hoop. If going to halfway at the odd numbered hoops try to place your ball in a position to hinder your opponents shot out of the hoop.
- When setting up to run a hoop always set up in a position which does not allow your opponent to hit you away while leaving their ball in a hoop running position.
- Do not try to set up too close to the hoop. The closer you go the greater chance of going too far or not far enough. Develop confidence in running hoops from 2-3 meters.

**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**

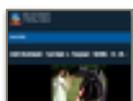
**Wine Down** - We have challenged a team from the Prospect Council to play a fun game of croquet under lights. This event will be held on Friday, 1 June and will commence with a meal followed by a game or two of croquet (weather permitting). The Mayor of Prospect will lead the Prospect Council team against the best we have to offer. Come along and support this event and have a game yourself.

**Social Program for 2018** - The next social function on the calendar will be a musical afternoon, so make sure you put your name on the list and bring along family and friends.

**Events held in the Club** - the following events were held at the Club.



Trevor celebrated his 70th Birthday at the Club on Saturday, 17 March. It was a very enjoyable evening and both Trevor and Yvonne would like to thank those members who supported this event. Trevor recently retired and is now enjoying his new lifestyle, so you may see him at the club on Tuesdays.



Barry invited a group from the University of Adelaide - Entrepreneurship, Commercialisation and Innovation Centre & PhD Students to play a game of croquet & enjoy a meal - a fun time was enjoyed by all. It is great to see our club being used and people enjoying the game.



On the 18 May we held a Square Dancing evening which was very enjoyable. It was an opportunity for members to kick up their heels and learn something new. Thank you to Lynne for organising this event and her team of helpers for supporting it.

### 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, 5 June at 12 noon at a nearby hotel (determined the week prior to the lunch). Lynne 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 May, 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 May 2018 - <https://www.croquetsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Hoop-Points-May-2018.pdf>.

### Dates of Importance - Save the Date

27/05/2018	NorthWood Friendlies
24/06/2018	Social : Music and Afternoon tea
21/07/2018	Annual General Meeting (AGM)
26/08/2018	Social : Quiz afternoon
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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