

HYDE PARK CROQUET CLUB

Newsletter - August 2017

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST, 12 NOON

The Club's AGM will be held on Saturday 19th August at 12 noon in the Barton Room. We will hear reports from our President and Club Captain and undertake the election of our committee for the next year.

We are asking that you to bring a platter for a shared lunch after the AGM, followed by croquet for those wanting to play, followed by afternoon tea 'on the club'.

This will be a special event this year as Barry Haydon will be stepping down as President after 5 years of invaluable service in that role. The committee would encourage you all to come to say a very sincere 'THANKYOU' to Barry.

Also at the AGM we will be proposing the awarding of two new life memberships of the club which comes after 20 years membership of the club and significant service during that time.

If you are interested in standing for the committee, please talk to Barry Haydon or Bill Rungie.

Play and Stay Soup Surprise

20 members stayed for the **!! Soup Surprise !!** after morning croquet on Tuesday 25th July. Judy Barry did not let us down with two Yummy mixtures. Asked by Club Captain David Chapman what they were, Judy enlightened the group by saying "well.....there is this one and...that one !!"

Peter Martyniuk was still singing Judy's praises a week later !



Judy Barry and David Rowe preparing to serve.



Contented smiles – David Rowe (going for more !), Peter Martyniuk, Richard Schneider, Kathy Di Gianni and Caroline Chapman

Alfred James Information Seminar

Tuesday 22nd August 11 am
Barton Room

Alfred James are a significant sponsor of the club. They will be presenting a special Information Seminar for HPCC members on "Arranging a Funeral"



The winning pair, Shirlene and Ron McBride with Ken Nunan from the Brighton club

SACA SA Open Doubles

The SA Open Doubles GC tournament was held at Hutt Rd over three days, 4th July to 6th July. Hyde Park provided 7 of the 14 players.



Barry Jennings, Shirlene McBride, Julianne Jago, David Chapman, Julie Weaver, Ron McBride and Graeme Thomas

Ron McBride was all smiles at the end of three full on days and he tells me that "all players participated at a high level. David, Graeme and Shirlene had won the doubles with different partners over the past years, and were all eager to win again. The final playoff was between Barry Jennings and Karen Magee (Brighton) vs Ron & Shirlene McBride. Ron and Shirlene have changed their surname to Lazarus as they overcame their opponents in both games coming from behind. Game one: McBrides had 1 hoop to 5 but won 7-5. Game two: McBrides were 1 hoop to 6 yet won 7-6. How did they do it? Well they won't tell all their secrets but..... "Stay calm and focused under pressure, it's never over until the 7th hoop is won"

Friday Night Croquet

Friday night croquet has proved very popular and continues each Friday at 5 pm.

Our next 'Play and Dine' will be on Friday 11th August.

A SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 7 PM

CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE ED

Training and Coaching sessions

Coaching continued during July under the well prepared guidance of Robert Weaver. On each Friday afternoon in July at 3.30pm about 16 members gathered at the club for a session lasting through until about 5 pm.

Each session started with a 'theory discussion' around points of play followed by practice sessions of what had been learned. Some of the topics covered were the dominant eye test; blocking; hoop zone of opportunity; bombarding; the importance of the line of centre when making a three ball hit; crushes; stop shots and jump shots.

We are very thankful to Robert for the skill and effort he put into these 4 sessions.



Robert Weaver with Libbey Stalley and Dianne Love at the final coaching session. It was a very cool afternoon !

News from the Committee

Monthly Tuesday Pub Lunch. The committee is trialling a pub lunch after Tuesday croquet once a month. This idea has received worthwhile support from the Tuesday players and will probably commence soon at The Earl of Leicester.

Trevin Love is preparing a short document detailing important '**Lawn Etiquette**' issues to help members improve their 'playing manners'. Out soon!

A **UK tour in mid 2018** to play croquet, organised through our recent members, Andrew and Anne Larpent, has attracted interest from some 20 of our members. Planning is presently quite advanced.

Pennant Handicaps

Barry Jennings, the State Handicapper, is concerned that some very basic errors are being made when completing handicap cards.

You need to CHECK your own card and your opponent's card before signing it. In signing an opponent's card, you are not just saying that you have sighted it, but you are saying they have got it correct. If you have won the game and benefitted from X index points, then your opponent must have lost the same amount of points.

If you are using the Hutt Rd lawns you need to know

The Carpark Lights are on the western wall of the club house, down by Lawn 3 (the first lawn as you walk in the gate) along with the other external light switches. The white switch, clearly labelled Carpark lights are on the bottom right, just push the timing button, **DO NOT** touch the switch, this timing button gives enough time to lock the gate and walk to your car.

Smoking is not permitted inside the gates of the Hutt Road venue.

A Defibrillator has been purchased and is now ready for use if need be. It is located inside the club house on the left hand side when you enter. If you need to use it, just open it up and start it. It tells you what to do.

Handicap improvements

Improvement in individual handicaps in July have been Lin Mayfield and Noel Spooner from 8 to 7; Adrian Piccinin from 10 to 9. Well done to all of you.

Upcoming Events

Friday 11th August – Play & Dine.

Saturday 19th August – Annual General Meeting, elections, shared lunch.

Tuesday 22nd August – Alfred James Information Seminar at 11 am.

Friday 1st September – Victor Harbor Friendly at VH.

Friday 8th September – Play & Dine.

Thursday 21st September – Evelyn Rowsell Challenge at Murray Bridge.

Sunday 24th September – HPCG GC Doubles Competition. 9.30am, BYO lunch + sausage sizzle.

Upcoming Pennant Events

Saturday 5th August – GC Saturday Pennant – O Guns & Roses, Bearers, Knights; 6+ Knights; 9+ Knights.

Sunday 6th August – GC Winter Pennant – O

Saturday 12th August – AC Saturday Pennant – O; Div 3; Div 4.

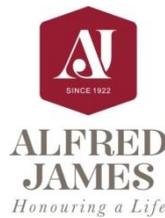
Sunday 13th August – GC Winter Pennant – 8+

Sunday 20th August – GC Winter Pennant – O

Saturday 26th August – GC Saturday Pennant – O Knights; 6+ Bearers, Knights; 9+ Knights.

Saturday 2nd September – AC Saturday Pennant – O; Div 4

Saturday 16th September – GC Saturday Pennant 6+ Bearers, Knights; 9+ Bearers Knights



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Current Playing Times

Day	Start time	Format
Tues	9.15 for 9.30	Both
Thurs	9.00	Golf
Fri	5.00	Golf
Sat	9.15 for 9.30	Golf
Sat	12.15 for 12.30	Association
Sat	2.50 for 3.00	Golf