

HYDE PARK CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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From the Editors Desk

Hello, Hyde Park Croquet club members. As part of the changing of the guard after the AGM, I (Peter Martyniuk) am taking over the editorship of the newsletter. As I cannot attend all club events, I am inviting all members to submit short articles (with photos if possible) for inclusion in future editions. Please email me at martpc@internode.on.net.

HPCC manages SACA Doubles combined 8+

This event was played over two days, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd August at Hutt Rd and was managed by volunteers from our club. Thanks to Philip Hadley, Dougie Francis, Lin Mayfield, David Rowe, and Bill Rungie for their efforts. 5 mixed pairs competed against each other in a best of three games. Jim and Julie Grindrod of Aldinga Bay won each of their 4 matches and convincingly won the competition. The runners up, however, were not decided until the final game, with everyone tensely watching on. It required Kim Millhouse and Patricia McGaffin to defeat the Grindrods in their third and final game. They were unable to do this, leaving Carolyn and Michael Shanahan from Glenunga as runners up. They had two wins, but a better net hoops result than the third placed team from Millswood of Kim Millhouse and Patricia McGaffin. As a result of their winning form, both Grindrods improved their handicaps, Jim from 0 to -1, and Julie from 8 to 7.

The winter pennant match that became a washout

In the Winter Pennant season, Team Jackson were to play Brighton at 2:30 pm on Sunday 6th of August. Due to the State GC team film night, the game was rescheduled to 11:00 am. On with the wet weather gear and all started well with just a few spots of rain, but croquet is an all-weather sport isn't it? After the singles games, we were 4 games all. As the doubles games started the heavens opened. By the time the first double game was finished all players were truly

soaked. But then the rain and hail went into over drive, quickly flooding the lawns and drenching the remaining players. The final game was called off, due to rain. Team Jackson suffered a defeat, but all players were happy to move onto warmer and definitely drier places.



A rugged-up Heath Jackson leaving the flooded lawn.



Trevin Love looking as wet as the lawn.

HPCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

The Hyde Park Croquet Club AGM was held on Saturday 19th August. A very good turnout of 30+ members gave the AGM a quorum for votes during the following proceedings.



Getting ready for the AGM.

Our outgoing President, Barry Haydon, gave a stirring address, which focused on the achievements and social aspects of the club over the last 5 years. Barry mentioned some interesting cost rises during his tenure including, SACA fees doubling to \$7000 and rising from \$1600 10 years ago. He also mentioned the club's housekeeping bill is now \$1000 while 10 years ago it was only \$120. Barry vowed that cream biscuits will not be banned. Barry thanks numerous people for their support over the last 5 years especially Jenny for her support and advice. Barry also thanked Graeme Thomas, Caroline and David Chapman and Lin Mayfield for their support and help over his tenure. Barry also addressed the club's rosy future. Barry intends to continue to coordinate club practices with our club's coaches, and help with the introduction of Gateball into the club game mix.

Our club captain's report included the club's well attended social game days and the club's standing in SACA completions with teams in division 1,3 and 4 in Association Croquet and fielding 15 Golf Croquet SACA teams. David Chapman also addressed the challenges of introducing the new handicap system for Golf croquet.

The Treasurer's report was approved by the auditor and stated that the club was well positioned for the coming financial year.

The election of club officers was the next item on the agenda. Almost all positions had one nomination prior to the AGM and the nominees were elected unanimously. One floor member position was vacant and Maria Maratos raised her hand and was duly nominated and elected to fill the final position.

President	- Bill Rungie	- 2 year term
Vice President	- Philip Hadley	- 2 year term
Secretary	- Margaret Menadue	- 2 year term
Treasurer	- Dora Ling	- 2 year term
Club Captain	- David Chapman	- 2 year term

Floor Members - Maria Maratos, Hugh Levinson, David Rowe and Peter Martyniuk – 1 year term

Club appointments are as follows

Auditor – Kim Thomas
UPSC committee rep – David Chapman and Trevin Love
UPSC executive position – Philip Hadley
Grounds rep – Rob Spear
Public officer – Margaret Menadue
Child protection officer – Rob Spear
SACA delegate – Philip Hadley
Honorary member – Reginald Bamford

The club website has been updated with the new office holders and generic club email addresses have also been updated to ensure that emails get delivered to the correct individuals.

The AGM approved the membership fees for 2017/2018 financial year and they are as follows

Full membership - \$230
Associate membership - \$115
Social membership - \$30
Junior membership - \$30 + SACA fees

Please be aware that membership fees are due by 30th September 2017. A copy of the Membership Dues form will be available on the Hyde Park Croquet Club web site in PDF format. Direct deposit details and required information are on the form.

<http://hydeparkcroquetclub.com.au/index.php/membership-forms/>

2 special presentations followed.

Two new life memberships were awarded during the AGM. To be eligible for life memberships, individuals need to be members of the club for 20 years and have given significant service during that time. This year the recipients were Milton Edwards and Charles Biggs.



Milton Edwards and Charles Biggs receiving their Life Membership certificates from the club's outgoing President, Barry Haydon.

As Barry Haydon was stepping down as President after 5 years of invaluable service in that role, the incoming committee asked our club Captain to present Barry with a certificate of appreciation. In his presentation David tried his best to use various statistics relating to Barry's tenure.



Outgoing President, Barry Haydon receiving his Certificate of Appreciation from club Captain David Chapman.

A free raffle was held after the AGM formalities, with prizes donated by another of our sponsors Barrow and Bench Malvern.

The lucky winners were

- 1st – Kathryn Di Gianni
- 2nd - Margaret Clifford

An AGM photo was then organised and taken by Bill Rungie's wife Ann using at least 3 cameras.

A shared lunch was then organised for the AGM attendees with a complimentary glass of "bubbles", thanks to one of our sponsors, Alfred James.



Getting ready for the shared lunch



One of the plates I snapped a picture of, should be on Facebook though.

Alfred James Information Presentation

After our social croquet play on Tuesday 22nd August at 11 am one of our major sponsors Alfred James presented an information session entitled "The final farewell matters"

Ian Milne, a 30+ year veteran in the funeral industry presented a very interesting and entertaining presentation, looking at what happens when an individual passes on in this state. During the presentation Ian's colleague Romeo Barone handed

out "show bags" to the attendees. I know which one of my many shopping bags won't be stolen in the future. The bags had many informative pamphlets about the services that Alfred James can provide, as well as the pad and quality pen.

HPCC Travellers Tales

Peter and Prue Beatty's European River cruise

Prue and Peter have just returned from a 15 day Scenic Cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam. The tour was organised by Anita at Hello World and Peter would highly recommend her as their trip went without a hitch. She planned the flights, the Cruise and all the incidentals like the accommodation, pickups and a short term stay in Bintan, an island off Singapore. Peter found the Premium Economy seats on the long haul flights a godsend with a bit more leg room and seats that could recline more.

The Scenic Cruise was their first and it was outstanding in that there were great arrays of activities ranging from a beer festival in Freudenberg to exploring their ancestors at the Neanderthal Museum in Cologne. The service and dining were superb.

There were many highlights along the way:

- Visiting the local markets in Budapest with the ship's chef.
- Visiting the 'Hospital in the Rocks' in Budapest, a relic of the 1956 Hungarian Uprising and of World War 2 and of course the 'Cold War' activities.
- Riding along the banks of the Danube for 33 kms on e-Bikes, something that Prue and Peter haven't done for many years and were still able to walk and sit down the next day.
- The scenery, ancient castles, monasteries and chapels and the smaller towns along the Danube and the Rhine Rivers. (and of course all the locks, some 69)

Scenic Tours are owned by an Australian from Mildura, so many of their touring companions were Australians, but there were many Canadians and British travellers as well. It was a very harmonious group of 160 travellers with many happy moments and supported by a marvellous group of Tour Directors and Service Staff.

Submitted by Prue and Peter Beatty.

Friday Night Croquet

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

Our next 'Play and Dine' will be Friday 8th September.

A SPECIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Club coaching begins on Monday 4th September at 9.30 am and will continue on the 11th, 18th and 25th of September.

Hyde Park Croquet Club GC Doubles Competition starts at 9:30 am on Sunday 24th September – followed by a sausage sizzle.

HPCC Christmas Dinner SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 7 PM at the Edinburgh Hotel.

News from the Committee

Monthly Tuesday Pub Lunch. The committee is trialling a pub lunch after Tuesday croquet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The first event is scheduled for 26th September at the Earl of Leicester hotel, 85 Leicester St, Parkside SA 5063.

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.

Member's news

Vale Peter Gray

Peter Gray was a family friend of Robyn & David Rowe who came along to a "Come & Try" day last year and thoroughly enjoyed it, so joined the club. Despite some health problems, he was determined to get back to have a hit. The last time he played was last Friday week. Sadly, Peter passed away two days later, one week short of his 90th birthday.

Submitted by Robyn & David Rowe

Upcoming Events

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 – HPCC GC Doubles Competition. 9.30am, BYO lunch + sausage sizzle.

Tuesday 26th October – Pub lunch after croquet..

Friday 13th October – Play & Dine.

Saturday 14th October – Mitre 10 Sausage sizzle.

Friday 20th to 22nd October – SACA Autumn Open Men's. HPCC to coordinate.

Sunday 22nd October – HPCC Come & Try 2.30pm

Sunday 29th October – Parks Challenge at Reid Park

Upcoming Pennant Events

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

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

Saturday 7th October – GC Saturday Pennant – O Bearers Guns & Roses: 6+ Knights; 9+ Bearers



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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