

# HYDE PARK CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

## December 2017

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### **Merry Christmas to all from the editor's desk**

Well, another year is nearly over (how quickly they come and go). I will take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. If travel is on the agenda over the festive season, safe travels to you all.

### **Calling all GC competitive players for the 2018 Weekend Pennant competitions**

Open, 6+ and 9+ divisions.

Entries are now open for this competition, which starts on **SATURDAY 13 JANUARY**.

Matches will be played at Hutt Road on 13 to 14 Saturdays and possibly 4 Sundays depending on the number of entries. The competition will finish no later than the 9 December. The intention is to have 3 rounds with 2hrs and 50 minute time limit for each round.

The format will be:

Teams of 4

Every person plays 3 games of doubles

Every game is played with a different partner

We need to register our HPCC team requirements with SACA by Dec 13, and your Committee needs some time prior to put teams together. If you would like to participate in this competition, please add your NAME (and Handicap Number), to the list on the GC pin board in the Clubhouse, or email the Club Captain, David Chapman at [dgchappo@bigpond.com](mailto:dgchappo@bigpond.com) ASAP.

### **Hyde Park members play at Horsham Vic.**

10 members from the club ventured to Horsham, Victoria for the Horsham golf croquet tournament on 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Those attending from HPCC were -

David & Caroline Chapman

Anne & Andrew Larpent

Robyn & David Rowe

Robert & Julie Weaver

Dianne & Trevin Love

The results from HPCC players were -

Hi/Lo Doubles Div 1 R/Up - Robert Weaver

Hi/Lo Doubles Div 2 Winner - Julie Weaver

Hi/Lo Doubles Div 2 R/up - Dianne Love

Singles Block 1-2 Winner - David Chapman

H/Cap Doubles Block 2 R/up - Trevin & Dianne Love

H/Cap Doubles Block 3 Winner - Anne & Andrew Larpent

It was a very well organised tournament with about 70 players from Vic, NSW & SA. Horsham had access to 11 croquet courts within 2 Horsham clubs utilising nearby lawn tennis courts.

Submitted by Dianne Love

### **HPCC Club GC Singles Championship**

The Hyde Park Croquet Club GC Singles Club Championship was held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017. With only 6 players this year the event was played over 5 rounds. The outright winner this year was Barry Haydon who received the Larpent trophy.

## HPCC manages SACA GC Spring Singles 6+

Hyde Park Croquet Club members helped manage the SACA GC Spring Singles 6+ competition at Hutt Road. With a small field of players the event was shortened to the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of November. David Chapman, Barry Haydon and Bill Rungie helped to manage the event. Sue Huddy from North Adelaide Croquet Club was the outright winner of the event.

## BBQ to farewell Anne & Andrew Larpent

On the 17<sup>th</sup> November 20+ members from the Hyde Park Croquet Club attended a farewell BBQ for Anne and Andrew Larpent.

Most members would know that Anne and Andrew have been valuable members of our Club in the past and have been visiting recently. They continue to support the Club, most notably for being the "UK link" for the HPCC UK Tour 2018.

This event followed the club's standard Friday afternoon club practice and social croquet afternoon. Thanks to David Chapman for organising this event.



*Members enjoying the meal at the Larpent's farewell BBQ supper*

## HPCC Christmas Gala Day

The Hyde Park Croquet Club "Christmas" GC Gala Day was held on Monday 20 November 2017. With a hot weather forecast the night before the day's format had to be changed at the last minute. As a consequence, play commenced at 09:30.

Players played 5 games of 35 minutes length with a ten minute change over between games.

Players had a 30 minute break after the second game, allowing some refreshments. Lunch was served at 1.30 pm in the Kidman room.



*Bill Rungie hanging the Christmas tinsel managed by Margaret Menadue*

32 players were registered, however two withdrew prior to the event. Players represented Glenunga (7), Millswood (7), Murray Bridge (6), Kadina (3), Victor Harbor (2), Norwood (2), Aldinga Bay (2) and Coromandel Valley (1). Two Hyde Park players filled the draw (Lin Mayfield and David Rowe).



*Players arriving for the Hyde Park Croquet Club Christmas Gala*



***The Gala guests register for the days play***

After the 4<sup>th</sup> round at least 6 players were in the running for 1<sup>st</sup> place. After the 5<sup>th</sup> round Eddie Davies took out 1<sup>st</sup> place and our own David Rowe took out 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



***1<sup>st</sup> place winner Eddie Davies receives her winner's basket, from President Bill Rungie and Club Captain David Chapman***

As part of the "Christmas Theme" of the event, Rose Ainslie won "Best Dressed Female" and Barry Latter won "Best Dressed Male".

The Gala Day boosted our clubs' coffers by \$620.00 after all expenses. This results is due to the contribution made by HPCC members who donated food items and labour to ensure the smooth running of the event.

- 24 members made or donated food.
- 27 members came and worked on the day. Setting hoops or dressing the lawns. Preparing and serving lunch, morning and afternoon tea and washing up. Cleaning and tidying the rooms after the event.
- All members who donated items for inclusion in the raffle prizes, and the prize for winner and runner-up. Of specific mention, Margaret Clifford who purchased and donated a most handsome gift basket which was awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner.

The event coordinator Hugh Levinson wishes to thank the committee who advised and helped throughout, Prue Beatty, Libby Stalley and Margaret Menadue and to the advice provided by previous organisers, Caroline Chapman, Dianne Love and Julie Weaver.

The editor would like to thank Hugh Levinson for all of the work he put into making this event the success that it was.

Submitted by Hugh Levinson and edited by Peter Martyniuk

### **HPCC member's handicap improvements**

- Heath Jackson 3-2
- Dennis Collins 4-3
- Julie Weaver 6-5
- Bill Rungie 7-6
- Noel Spooner 7-6

**Congratulations to all.**

## Recent croquet coaching of Walford & Urrbrae students

Thanks to everyone involved and to Barry Haydon for organising these sessions. Our Thursday morning playing group usually provided enough coaches (we needed 10) to manage up to 36 Year 10 Walford girls in their PE class - over a 6 week period. The photo shows the last group at the end of their sessions. In addition, for 5 weeks we had a group of 15 Year 11 PE students from Urrbrae coming on a Friday morning – special thanks to Edward Wilson who coordinated the start of these sessions and to Peter Beatty and Jenny Haydon who made a special effort to assist at every one of the sessions.

As well as being a rewarding exercise in itself (as you get to see the enjoyment that learning our sport brings to younger people) our coffers are now better off by over \$1500.

Submitted by Barry Haydon



*The last group of Walford girls who took part in croquet coaching*

## SPECIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**HPCC Christmas Celebrations**  
**Sunday 10th December at 6:30 pm**  
**The Edinburgh Hotel, Victorian Room.**

**If you wish to attend this function please advise Hugh Levinson ASAP on 0400 691 829 and organize payment of \$55.00pp to the HPCC bank account as follows - **Bank SA Unley BSB No.105-011, Account 101222540 entitled Hyde Park Croquet Club Inc.****  
**If you are using the Hutt Rd lawns you need to know**

**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.

**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.

## Upcoming Club Events

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Play and Dine cancelled due to the busy weekend.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – HPCC to coordinate Hutt Rd Xmas function.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – HPCC Xmas Dinner.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – HPCC to coordinate Hutt Rd Xmas function.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Play and Dine.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Unley Council Holiday Program.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Aussie Day Croquet – Rafferty's Rules – Aussie Day Feast.

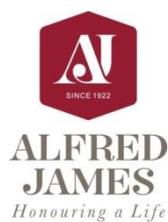
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Pub Lunch.

## Upcoming Pennant Events

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – GC Saturday Pennant – O  
Knights, Guns & R; 6+ Knights

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - GC Saturday Pennant – 6+  
Knights, Bearers; 9+ Knights, Bearers

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – GC Saturday Pennant – O  
Bearers, Guns & R; 6+ Knights, Bearers; 9+Knights



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### Current Playing Times

Day	Start time	Format
Tues	9.15 for 9.30	Both
Thurs	9.00	Golf
Thurs	5.00	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