

HYDE PARK CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

February 2018

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From the editor's desk

Hello members, hope you have all been staying cool during the recent hot spell. The hot weather has not been kind to recent competitions and club activities, with the postponement of weekend pennant matches and the GC President's Trophy. Not to mention the Australia Day Croquet/Feast. I doubt that the hot weather is over yet so please remember to **Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide and Hydrate** whether playing croquet or working outside at home. This edition may be a little brief because of the lack of events.

HPCC was represented at the Mount Gambier Gala Day

Maria Maratos attended the Mount Gambier Gala Day on Saturday 30th December. Maria was runner up in Division 2, winning 5 out of 6 games. Brenda from Aldinga took out first prize in Div 2 and Jim Grindrod from Aldinga took at 1st prize in Division 1. Dreadful photo of me, but the gentleman presenting my certificate and prize money was MGCC's Patron "Jack", a 98 year old WWII veteran who served in the Air Force and was lucky to survive being directly bombed by the Japanese while undercover in a bunker ! Other attendees on the Gala Day were from Aldinga, Penola, Portland, and Ballarat. All four lawns were in great condition and filled with competitors. The weather was beautiful, and country hospitality generous and warm, making it a very successful event. Leonard Stidwell (President) was unwell and in hospital, but kept in contact with us all via email.



Maria receiving her runner up certificate from MGCC's patron "Jack".

Article submitted by Maria Maratos

A SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

HPCC QUIZ NIGHT
SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY KIDMAN ROOM

Watch the noticeboard for updates.

Book your table of 8 through Hugh at hugh.levinson@bigpond.com or Peter Martyniuk martpc@internode.on.net or 0408277689 Tickets \$10 each, BYO supper only, Drinks at good bar prices!

!!! THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR 2018 !!!

After the recent hot weather, let's look at the SACA Hot Weather Policy again.

The 4:30 pm forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) on the day before play is to be used for the conditions below. Please note that forecasts given in any of the local TV station's evening news services are OK (as all are based on the Bureau's 4-30 pm forecast).

A forecast temperature of 33° or 34°, games will be played, but must finish no later than 1.30pm.

A forecast temperature of 35° or 36°, no play between 11.00 am and 7.00pm. Games which are not likely to finish before 11am must not be started.

A forecast temperature of 37° (whether it is reached or not), no daytime games will be played.

A forecast temperature of 38° or higher no night time (7.00 pm) games will be played.

GC Autumn PENNANTS

Entries are now open for this competition, which starts on the 21st FEBRUARY

This home and away competition will be played at clubs over a 8 to 10 week period, depending on number of entries and finishes in late April.

The format will be:

Three divisions – Open, 6+ and 9+
Teams of 4

Every person plays two singles and one doubles
45 minute games, level play, 7pm start

Open and 9+ Divisions will play on Thursday nights
6+ on Wednesday nights.

So come on and get your name down on the club notice board before the February 6th cut-off date.

ANOTHER SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Come & Try Croquet Afternoon SUNDAY 25th MARCH at 4 pm.

Do you have friends or acquaintances who may be interested in playing Croquet? Invite them to our Come & Try Afternoon. Please nominate on the flyer which is located on the club noticeboard. The afternoon will conclude with a sausage sizzle at 6 pm.

Remember that new members are the lifeblood of the club. Without them we simply would not exist!!

Please contact Bill Rungie on 8278 6886 if you have any enquiries about the Come & Try Afternoon.

Hyde Park take on Woodville in a Gateball rematch at Hyde Park Croquet Club.

5 members from the club played in a Gateball rematch with members from the Woodville and Millswood club on 7th January 2018. Due to the weather forecast, play was started early on the day.

Those attending from HPCC were, Barry Haydon, Graeme Thomas, Philip Hadley, Peter Martyniuk and Barry Jennings.

A great morning of gateball was had by all.



Barry Jennings sparking an opponent out of the field of play.

Hyde Park Croquet Club hosts a section of the Unley Council's Holiday program

On the 15th of January, 24 children and their carer's participated in the Unley Council's Holiday Program, a Magical Mystery Bus Tour, which incorporated activities at the Unley Library, Unley Museum and our very own Hyde Park Croquet Club. Thank you to our volunteers, Trevin and Dianne Love, Philip Hadley and Maria Maratos for helping out on the day. We also had two little extra helpers all the way from Bright, Victoria (Trevin & Dianne's grandchildren).

Although some of the participants were very young, their enthusiasm was high and even some parents and grandparents joined in. A lovely morning had by all and a great way to show case our wonderful club.



Trevin Love helping some younger players learn the game.



Some young players enjoying morning tea.

Article submitted by Maria Maratos

Members Handicap Changes

Peter Beatty (Dec) 7-6

Dora Ling 9-8

David Rowe 9-8

Congratulations to all.

Tips for the green

Some elements of Etiquette are Rules and some are good practice. This document highlights both.

Some things to consider when playing with good etiquette and conforming to the Rules.

When you are taking your shot

Expedite your shot without excessive delay or excessive casting etc. (see rule 14(a)(8)).

Don't engage in lengthy strategy discussions.

Don't follow your ball after your shot until all shots have been taken in that direction.

When any player is playing their shot within your vicinity

Don't talk within earshot of striker.

Don't move or stand in vision line of striker.

Don't allow your own shadow to distract striker or be on the striker's line of play.

Don't stand in close proximity to the striker.

Don't offer advice to an opponent.

More tips to follow next month.

Article submitted by Trevin Love

Late breaking news

Barry Haydon has won the SA President's trophy for 2018 after winning 13 of his 14 games (49 net hoops). Ronald McBride was runner-up with 11 games and 31 net hoops.



Upcoming Club Events

Friday 9th February 2018 – Play and Dine.

Saturday 17th February 2018 – HPCC Quiz Night.

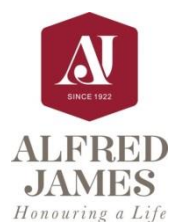
Friday 9th March 2018 – Play and Dine.

Sunday 25th March 2018 – Come'n Try, Bring a Friend
4-6pm + drinks and nibbles.

Upcoming Pennant Events

Saturday 17th February 2018 – AC Div2 HPCC.

Saturday 3rd March 2018 – O-Knights,9+ Knights,9+
Bearers,O-Bearers,6+.



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Current Summer Playing Times

| Day | Start time | Format |
|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Tues | 9.15 for 9.30 | Both |
| Wed | 9.00 | Gateball |
| Thurs | 9.00 | Golf |
| Thurs | 5.00 | Golf |
| Fri | 5.00 | Golf |
| Sat | 9.15 for 9.30 | Golf |
| Sat | 12.45 for 1.00 | Association |
| Sat | 3.50 for 4.00 | Golf |