

HYDE PARK CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

July 2018

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From the editor's desk

Hello members, what a great holiday we have had over the last 4 weeks. The HPCC UK Tour 2018 was the catalyst of the holiday and did not fail to set a very high standard for the rest of the trip. But more on that later in the newsletter. Most of our club tour members should be back on Australian soil by the time this newsletter is released, and sharing in the unusually cold Adelaide weather. Hopefully the weather will help tour members get over the jet lag from the flight home.

Regards
Peter Martyniuk

Hyde Park Croquet Club AGM

The clubs Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 25th August at 12 noon in the Barton Room**. You are invited to attend the AGM and to bring a contribution to a shared lunch which will follow the AGM.

The AGM will hear reports from the President, the Club Captain and the Treasurer.

The committee comprises 11 positions, some of which are in the middle of 2 year terms. However we have vacancies for two floor members to be elected for 1 year terms. Please give some thought to standing and have a chat to our President Bill or Club Captain David.

Hyde Park Doubles Pair wins the SACA Doubles Combined 8+ competition

Barry Jennings and Stephen Condous created a winning team when they competed in the recent SACA Combined 8+ doubles competition. This

competition was held from the 26th to the 28th June. Hyde Park members played in 4 of the 7 teams in the competition. After placing mid field after the first double round robin, Barry and Steven played very well to take out the top spot after a close semi-final game.



Barry Jennings and Stephen Condous holding the winners certificates.

Tuesday, July 31st is our next Play and Stay Lunch

Play until 12 noon and then enjoy a **Soup Surprise Lunch**

Bring a can of soup to add to our communal soup pot. Bread supplied.

Normal \$2 playing fee applies

Hyde Park GC training sessions

Training sessions will recommence for July, starting at 2 pm on Friday 6th July, and will continue each Friday for the balance of July.

Barry Haydon will be conducting the training sessions in July.

HPCC UK Tour 2018, 12 days in 2 pages or less (hopefully).

I would like to personally thank all the club members that gave their time and effort to organise the 2018 UK Tour, especially Anne and Andrew Larpent and Philip Hadley. The pre-trip planning and organisation resulted in a truly wonderful trip, which Kathy and I will never forget.

The tour group assembled at The Queens Hotel in Cheltenham on 28th May to embark on the Croquet Tour. That night we had our first group dinner.

The following day, we toured some of the Cotswold villages by bus, and learned many interesting facts about the area from our resident expert guide, Andrew Larpent.



Bourton on the Water, what a pretty place

Our first competition was against the Cheltenham Croquet Club the next day. We already had one player out of action with severe back pain, but found out another was out of action with a severe food allergy along with his partner who was nursing him back to health. Luckily, Margaret Spear and Jenny Stevens stepped in to fill the gap. Unfortunately we lost the day 9 to 15 games. Lessons learnt, we need to warm up a lot when playing with borrowed mallets. But what a great day and venue to play at. After the lunch break the club captain of the Cheltenham club was given a commemorative plaque from our club, and a boomerang to encourage a return visit in the future. An identical plaque and boomerang was presented to each club we played on the tour.



An overcast day at Cheltenham Croquet Club

The next day the tour group boarded our bus to transfer to our next hotel, The Imperial in Exmouth. On the way we stopped off at Bath and explored the city during some free time.

Our second competition was against the Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club. This club was approximately 5 miles from Exmouth, overlooking the coast. After some tough competition (and sea mist in the morning), we won the day 14 to 10.



Can't see the hoop, it's over there somewhere.

The next morning and onto a new bus for a day tour to Dartmouth. During the tour we also visited Coleton Fishacre (a National Trust property) and Buckfast Abbey which is part of an active Benedictine Monastery.

A "Free Day" was scheduled for Sunday. Some group members chose to explore the local area via a boat and train tour, while others returned to the Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club for a morning of social croquet.

On Monday morning, the tour group boarded the bus to transfer to our next hotel, the Pestana Chelsea Bridge in London. During the trip we visited Stourhead (a National Trust property) and the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton.



Stourhead gardens

On Tuesday morning the group travelled 12 miles to the Surbiton Croquet Club for our next competition. After a great morning of croquet in sunny weather our group lost to the local team 28 to 33. After a wonderful lunch, social games continued into the afternoon.



Arriving at Surbiton Croquet Club

The following 2 days were allocated as Free Time to discover London at our leisure.

On Friday morning the group assembled to travel to the Hurlingham Club for our final competition. This club is a combined sports club similar to ours, just a “little” bit bigger. After meeting the local members and selecting mallets, it was onwards to the perfectly manicured lawns. The competition was close, but at the end of the morning we took the day 12 ½ to 11 ½ matches. A silver service lunch followed and then social croquet in the afternoon.



Members and visitors at the Hurlingham Club

The final evening in London was very special for all of us as we entered the HM Tower of London in the early evening. After walking through the empty street and numerous tower gates we found the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers' Museum and Mess. We were greeted by Andrew Larpent, who showed us through the museum and then entered the Mess Hall for dinner. After a lavish dinner we were escorted by a Yeoman Warder to witness the “Ceremony of the Keys”. After the Tower was secured for the night we were escorted out of the Tower.



Dinner at the Fusiliers' Mess in the Tower of London

The following morning the group went their separate ways, some to continue holidays in England while others were going further afield in Europe, while others returned home.

Welcome to new members

It is with very much pleasure that we welcome three new members in July.

Bruce Spencer has been introduced by Bill Rungie; Nick Chapman has been introduced by Barry Haydon; and Julie Jones has been introduced as a Social Member by Heath Jackson.

Welcome to you all !

Members Handicap improvements

Congratulations to the following members

Richard Schneider 11-10
Heath Jackson 2-1

Very well done.

Upcoming Club Social Events

Friday 13th July – Play and Dine

Tuesday 31st July – Play and Stay Soup Surprise

Friday 10th August – Play and Dine

Saturday 25th August – HPCC GC Doubles / Annual General Meeting / Shared Lunch / HPCC GC Doubles

Upcoming Pennant Events

Saturday 7th July –AC – Div 2 HPCC; Div 4 HPCC

Sunday 8th July –GC – Open Tourists

Sunday 15th July –GC – 6+

Saturday 21st July - GC - O Bearers, Knights, Spades; 6+

Sunday 22nd July - GC – Open Tourists, Open Stayers

Saturday 28th July – AC Div 2 HPCC; Div 4 HPCC

Sunday 29th July –GC – 6+

Sunday 5th August –GC – Open Tourists, Open Stayers, 6+

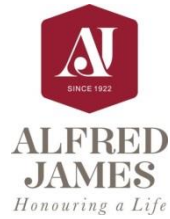
Saturday 11th August - AC - Div 2 HPCC; Div 4 HPCC

Sunday 12th August - GC – Open Tourists

Saturday 18th August - GC - Open Bearers, Knights, Spades; 9+ Knights 9+

Sunday 19th August - GC – Open Stayers

Sunday 26th August - GC – 6+



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Current Winter Playing Times

Day	Start time	Format
Tues	9.15 for 9.30	Both
Wed	9.30	Gateball
Thurs	9.00	Golf
Fri	3.30	Golf
Sat	9.15 for 9.30	Golf
Sat	12.15 for 12.30	Association
Sat	2.50 for 3.00	Golf