



CROQUET AUSTRALIA
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***AUSTRALIAN
GOLF CROQUET
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2017***

Victorian Croquet Centre
65 Nobel Banks Drive, Cairnlea
Melbourne, Victoria

6 – 14 May

PROGRAM

for the
8th Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship of Australia
and
19th Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship of Australia



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competitors and officials in the Championships.**

A copy of this policy is available on Croquet Australia's website.



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Melbourne 2017**

Australian Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship - Saturday 6 – Tuesday 9 May
at Cairnlea. The Plate event will also be held at Cairnlea.

Australian Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship - Wednesday 10 – Sunday 14 May
at Cairnlea. The Plate event will also be at Cairnlea.

Registration

Friday, 5 May at Cairnlea from 1–5 pm or 7.30 am Saturday. Do not ring the caretaker if you come early Sat AM and the front door is not open.

Practice Sessions

Cairnlea is open for practice from 1–5 pm on Friday 5 May, and again at the same time on Tuesday 9 May where this does not disturb the Doubles finals underway that afternoon.

Welcome Function

Drinks (only) available for sale on Friday 5 May at Cairnlea 4–6 pm.

Player's Briefing

A briefing on the Tournament conditions & refereeing will be provided at 7.45 am Sat 6 May.

Catering

A limited range of food will be available - toasted sandwiches, soups, salad rolls. Fruit. Tea and coffee all day.

Presentations

Tuesday 9 May at Cairnlea, on completion of the Doubles Final.

Sunday 14 May at Cairnlea, on completion of the Singles Final.

Results

Results will be available on the Croquet Scores web-site progressively during each day

<https://croquetscores.com/2017/gc/aust-open-doubles>

<http://www.croquetscores.com/2017/gc/aust-open-singles>

AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS
OPEN SINGLES and DOUBLES
MELBOURNE VICTORIA
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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR ACA GOLF CROQUET EVENTS

1. All events will be played under the WCF Rules of Golf Croquet adopted by Croquet Australia, and the Australian Tournament Regulations (on the ACA website).
2. The (new) Australian Handicapping System is in force for this Tournament, and entrants are to have a current Golf Croquet handicap. A handicap may be assigned by the Tournament Manager in terms of the Appendix to the Rules of Golf Croquet.
3. Players are to ensure that they have their ACA Handicap Cards with them to present to the Tournament Manager or their representative before each event commences. Handicap cards should be completed after each game. If players reach a trigger point their handicap changes immediately.
4. All competitors who have not already provided a telephone number or email address at which messages can reach them during the events should provide this information during registration.
5. Courts will be available for practice each day until 15 minutes before start times, and after the completion of play for the day, subject to requirements for dressing courts and maintenance. The Tournament Manager's approval should be sought for such practice, and players assistance in preparing and clearing lawns will ensure that this practice can continue.
6. Atkins quadway hoops will be used; set as near as possible to 3 21/32 inches. To allow for inaccuracies in gauges, balls, hoops and setting techniques, a tolerance of +0 to -1/32 inch is allowed. Players are asked to help set the hoops at the start of the day if required.
7. Hoops may be checked at any time on the request of the player in play. Any hoop out of specification will be reset. If a player suspects that the outcome of a stroke he has just played was affected by a ball being in contact with both uprights of a hoop simultaneously, he is entitled to have the equipment checked and, if necessary, adjusted or replaced. If it is found that the ball does touch both uprights of that hoop on some axis, he may elect to replay the stroke, unless his turn has ended for another reason.
8. Dawson International balls will be used.
9. Court allocations may be changed by the Tournament Manager and games will be double banked as required.
10. There will be a Referee at each court to act as required. Where there are not sufficient referees present to be in charge of all games, referees will be supervisory.
11. Players' attention is drawn to Rule 14 of the WCF Golf Croquet Rules book regarding Etiquette, which also covers expedition in play, and to Tournament Regulations 12 - 14 concerning responsibilities of players.
12. Players will wear foot wear which will not mark the court and provides adequate protection for themselves both on and off the court; and neat, clean attire which the Tournament Manager judges will not cause significant offence to others. A player in unsuitable clothing or foot wear will be given the opportunity to dress appropriately or will not be permitted to participate in the event
13. Matches shall commence at **8.00 am** sharp unless otherwise indicated. Players are requested to be at their designated court before the scheduled starting time.
14. All games will start un-timed but the Tournament Manager may impose a time limit if necessary.
15. Players are allowed a joint 5 minutes of practice on the court allocated, before the first game of the day.

16. Players are allowed a break of up to 5 minutes between matches and a lunch break of up to 30 minutes, but such breaks can be waived by mutual agreement of the players. No break is allowed between games in multiple game matches - games should be 'seamless' and players are expected to commence play in the second and third games immediately after the completion of the previous game. The Tournament Manager will ensure games go on expeditiously to enable completion of the scheduled program.
17. It is mandatory for players to inform the Tournament Manager if they wish to leave the venue for any reason.
18. The Tournament Manager will decide whether play in any match should continue if the weather is deteriorating.
19. The Tournament Manager in consultation with the Board of Croquet Australia may make any alterations to the program, draw and other arrangements as are necessary in order to complete the tournament in the time available. If available, lights may be used at the Tournament Manager's discretion.
20. An appeals committee under ACA comprising the Tournament Manager, the Tournament Referee and a member of the ACA Board (or nominated representative) shall determine any matters that are in dispute during the course of the tournament.
21. Should an overseas player win an event, a perpetual trophy shall remain in Australia in the custody of the Administrative Officer of Croquet Australia. All winners of trophies are requested to obtain a quote for the cost of appropriate engraving and submit that quote to the Administrative Officer of Croquet Australia before proceeding.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Tournament Headquarters are VCC at 65 Nobel Banks Drive, Cairnlea. All play will be at Cairnlea. This Program will be available on the ACA website, plus a hard copy for each player (if required) at Registration on Friday 5 May between 2-5pm.

Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship of Australia (6 – 9 May 2017)

The Draw was conducted by the ACA Tournament Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures. The World Ranking list current at 25 April 2017 was used for seeding purposes. The format for the Open Doubles is as follows.

- 1) One single block of 14, with each pair to play a single 13 point game against each other pair.
- 2) Blocks play the first 6 rounds on Saturday (Day 1), 6 more rounds on Sunday (Day 2) and the remaining round on Monday (Day 3). Players may play more rounds on each day if conditions permit, at the Tournament Manager's discretion, but players may decline to play more than 6 games on any day.
- 3) Pairs placed 1 to 8 in the block based on games won will proceed to the final 8 knockout stage. There will only be play-offs for qualifying positions – once you have qualified, place within the block will be decided by games won, then net points, then who beat who. The quarter-finals (bo3) will be played on Monday (Day 3).
- 4) The semi-finals & final will be on Tuesday (Day 4). Both are best of three 13 point games, unless time permits best of five. Play within a match should be continuous, and only essential breaks should be taken during a match, including between games in a match.
- 5) The losers from the semi-finals may play-off for third place (PM Tuesday Day 4).

The Doubles Plate Event

- 6) A Plate event will be conducted as a Knockout of single 13 point games, or a Flexible Swiss at the Tournament Manager's discretion, depending on numbers. The Plate will start on Monday (Day 3) and continue on Tuesday (Day 4).

1	John van der Touw	VIC	David Hanbidge	NSW
2	Brett McHardy	WA	Janine McHardy	WA
3	Ron McBride	SA	Shirlene McBride	SA
4	Peter Freer	NSW	Steve Thornton	NSW
5	Gordon Giles	QLD	Geoff Hull	QLD
6	David Wise	SA	John Arney	SA
7	Jim Saunders	VIC	Ian Petersen	VIC
8	Andre Daniel-Dreyfus	VIC	Brian Rowe	VIC
9	Eric Miller	VIC	Anna Miller	VIC
10	Ross Rillie	QLD	Helen Rillie	QLD
11	Tony McArthur	NSW	David Woods	NSW
12	Ron Johnstone	NSW	Ros Johnstone	NSW
13	Patricia Watts	VIC	Lynne Roberts	VIC
14	Barry Jennings	SA	Julianne Jago	SA

Prizes - Doubles

Winners \$300 each, ACA Medals & the Fleming Glass Disc Trophies
 Runners Up \$150 each & ACA Medals
 Plate The Fleming Plates

Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship of Australia (10 – 14 May 2017)

The Draw was conducted by the ACA Tournament Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures. The World Ranking list current at 25 April 2017 was used for seeding purposes. The format for the Open Singles is as follows.

Block Play

- 1) Two blocks of 15 players, seeded, with spouses/family members placed in different blocks. Each player to play each other player in the block a 13 point game in a single round robin.
- 2) Players placed 1 to 8 in each block based on games won will proceed to the final 16 knockout stage. There will only be play-offs for qualifying positions – once you have qualified, place within the block will be decided by games won, then net points, then who beat who.
- 3) Blocks will play sessions 1 to 6 on the first day, sessions 7 to 12 on the second day, and the remaining sessions on the third day. Players may play more sessions on a day if conditions permit, at the Tournament Manager's discretion, but players may decline to play more than 6 games on any day. Players should have lunch when time permits between games.

The Knockout

- 4) Players will be drawn for the knock-out phase based on final placing in initial blocks. The knockout will be 2 rounds of best of three 13 point games, and then bo5 semi-finals & final (Tournament Manager's discretion).
- 5) Round 1 will be played on Friday (Day 3). The 8 losers from Round 1 proceed to the Y Event. The 4 losers from Round 2 in the X event will proceed to the Z event. The 4 losers from Round 1 in the Y proceed to the W Event.
- 6) Rounds 2+3 will be played on Saturday (Day 4). Round 4 (Final) will be played on Sunday (Day 5) along with the playoff for Third & Fourth.

The Plate Event

- 7) A Plate event will be conducted as a Knockout of single 13 point games, or a Flexible Swiss at the Tournament Manager's discretion, depending on numbers. The Plate will start on Friday (Day 3) and continue to Sunday (Day 5).

	Block A		Block B	
1	Kevin Beard	VIC	John van der Touw	VIC
2	Darren McLoughlin	VIC	Ron McBride	SA
3	Lester Hughes	VIC	Peter Freer	NSW
4	David Hanbidge	NSW	Gail Hopkins	VIC
5	Gordon Giles	QLD	David Wise	SA
6	Eric Miller	VIC	John Arney	SA
7	Trish Watts	VIC	Jim Saunders	VIC
8	David Woods	NSW	Ross Rillie	QLD
9	Steve Thornton	NSW	Geoff Hull	QLD
10	Shirlene McBride	SA	Chas Quinn	VIC
11	Andre Daniel-Dreyfus	VIC	Anna Miller	VIC
12	Barry Jennings	SA	Ros Johnstone	NSW
13	Ron Johnstone	NSW	Kate Logan	SA
14	Helen Rillie	QLD	Bruce McAlister	QLD
15	Julianne Jago	SA	Tony McArthur	NSW

Prizes - Singles

Winner	\$1,000 ACA Medal & the Tony Hall Cup
Runner Up	\$500 & ACA Medal
Third	\$300
Plate	Maree Skinner Plate

AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET

OPEN TITLE HOLDERS

YEAR	OPEN SINGLES CHAMPION	Runner-Up
1997	Peter Tavender (NSW)	Roger Bird (Vic)
2000	Kathleen Coull (NSW)	George Latham (Vic)
2001	Owen Edwards (Vic)	George Latham (Vic)
2002	George Latham (Vic)	John Baldwin (Vic)
2003	Ian Bassett (Vic)	Ken Bald (Vic)
2004	Tony Hall (NSW)	Ken Bald (Vic)
2005	Owen Edwards (Vic)	Ian Rees (Vic)
2006	Owen Edwards (Vic)	Tony Hall (NSW)
2007	Kevin Beard (Vic)	John Levick (NSW)
2008	Kevin Beard (Vic)	Peter Landrebe (NSW)
2009	Peter Landrebe (NSW)	Martin Clarke (WA)
2010	John Levick (NSW)	Alix Verge (NSW)
2011	Kevin Beard (Vic)	David Wise (SA)
2012	John Levick (NSW)	Peter Freer (NSW)
2013	John Levick (NSW)	Ron Johnstone (NSW)
2014	John van der Touw (Vic)	Martin Clarke (WA)
2015	John van der Touw (Vic)	Peter Freer (NSW)
2016	Greg Fletcher (SA)	Peter Freer (NSW)
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YEAR	OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONS	Runners Up
2010	John Levick & Ron Johnstone	Geoff Young & Dallas Cooke (NZ)
2011	John Levick & Ron Johnstone	Rosie News & Anne Quinn
2012	John van der Touw & Anne Quinn	Kevin Beard & Rosie News
2013	Wendy Dickson & Anne Quinn	John Levick & Judy Wembridge
2014	Kevin Beard & John van der Touw	Stephen Forster & Anne Quinn
2015	Anne Quinn & Wendy Dickson	David Wise & Chris Grant
2016	Anne Quinn & Wendy Dickson	Geoff Jamieson & Lawrie Simpson
2017		