

THE AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ONLINE MAGAZINE

SUMMER 2022



CONGRATULATIONS MEL WOOSNAM
Appointed CEO Croquet Australia



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Championship Bunbury 2023**



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Championship**



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AUSTRALIAN UNDER 21 GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS
Eildon Croquet Club Woody Point Queensland January 11-16



U21 Gold and Silver medal

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Message from the ACA Board Chair

Jim Nicholls



I trust you had an enjoyable Festive break with family and friends.

The last quarter for 2022 was a busy time for Australian Croquet.

Australia finally hosted the MacRobertson Shield at the Victorian Croquet Centre in November; having previously been postponed due to Covid. I would like to acknowledge the organising committee and the many volunteers for their sterling contribution to ensuring the “Mac Rob” ran smoothly. Special mention to Gareth Denyer for his ongoing development of technology to enhance the live streaming experience.

On the lawns the Mac Rob was closely contested, with England defeating Australia in the final test.

The board has been focusing on strengthening the organisation, meeting the increasing National

Sporting Organisation governance requirements, reducing the administrative burden of our volunteers, and improve the delivery of support and services to all participants.

To this end the Board appointed Melanie Woosnam as the inaugural Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Croquet Association. Melanie, a former Hockeyroo, brings a wealth of experience and knowledge from numerous National and State sporting organisations.

As a sport, Croquet and Gateball has survived through the past few years.

Let us make 2023 the Time to Thrive.

I hope you enjoy the latest edition of the ACA Online Newsletter.

Jim Nicholls

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

2022 In Memoriam

A tribute to

Roy Ronald Donley 1933 to 2022

Archibald “Barry” Nichol 1934 to 2022

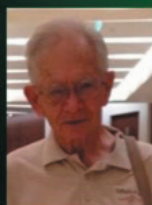
Jim Saunders 1939 to 2022

Neil Bennett White 1943 to 2022

Bryan Dawson 1946 to 2022

Maurice Woodmansee 1929 to 2022

Will all be remembered for their love and contribution to Croquet.



Roy Ronald Donley



Archibald “Barry” Nichol



Jim Saunders



Neil Bennett White



Bryan Dawson



Maurice Woodmansee

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Board Members and Appointed Positions



Jim Nicholls



Barbara Northcott



Pat Habner



Kerri-Ann Organ



Max Kewish



Mel Woosnam

Chief Executive
Officer



Jim Clement

Board Appointment
Secretary



Kah Yang Loke

Treasurer/Director



Rob Murray

Executive Officer



Greg Bury

General Manager
The Australian
Croquet Academy



Official Positions of the ACA

Events Committee

Peter Freer (Chair)

Pete Landrebe

Peter Tracey

Gary Phipps

Tournament committee

Trevor Bassett (AC)

Dianne Leahy (GC)

AC selection committee

Martin Clarke (Chair)

Greg Fletcher (Australian Team Captain)

Peter Landrebe (High Performance Manager)

Simon Hockey

GC Selection Committee

John Arney

Martin Clarke (High Performance Manager)

Peter Landrebe (Current Australian Captain)

Under 21 Committee Chair

Jacky McDonald plus six state co-ordinators

National Marketing Committee

Tony Walker

Pat Habner

Max Kewish

Liz Friend

AC High Performance Manager Peter Landrebe

AC National Refereeing Coordinator

Mike Cohn

National Coaching Coordinator Greg Bury

Assistant National Coaching Coordinator

Barb Piggott

Ricochet National Coordinator Ray Chapman

Gateball National Coordinator Ros Crowe

GC High Performance Manager Martin Clarke

GC Refereeing Coordinator Jim Clements

National Handicapper Gareth Denyer

Archivist Martin Clarke

Australian Representation

WCF AC Laws Committee Elizabeth Fleming

WCF GC Rules Committee John Van der Touw

Public Officer Nick Chapman

Complaints Officer Rob Murray

Integrity Manager Jim Clement

Gateball Refereeing Coordinator

Bruce McAlister

High Performance Manager Gateball

Philip Brown

Message from the CEO

Melanie Woosnam



I am delighted to be appointed as the first ever CEO for CA and I look forward to working with you all to help grow, develop and advance croquet and mallet sports across and Australia and Internationally. I am very keen to get out and about and meet as many of you as I can and see and learn for myself more about CA and the amazing people involved. I would like to thank Jim Nicholls and the Board for all their hard work over the last few months in getting to this point and to everyone for their warm welcome.

There are many people I would like to meet and speak with over the coming weeks and this will take some time. I will be attending the National U21 Golf Croquet Championships at Eildon Croquet Club and look forward to meeting some of you face to face. The AGM is also planned for March so this will also be a good opportunity to meet many of the key people involved in CA.

Apart from getting to know the key personnel and stakeholders within CA and gaining an

understanding of the operations, there are some key priorities and focus areas for myself and the Staff in the coming weeks and months. I will work closely with the Board and Staff to confirm these priorities and timelines and key to all of this will be regular and effective communication with our Member States and Territories, players, volunteers and key stakeholders.

I am keen to hear directly from you on how we can best work together in a collaborative way to progress croquet and mallet sports generally throughout Australia. I know everyone is very busy, but I hope we get the chance to meet either informally, at events and scheduled meetings or via videocall or telephone.

Thank you once again for this wonderful opportunity and I look forward to meeting and working with you all at Croquet Australia.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

ELIGIBLE ACA AFFILIATED CLUBS WILL RECEIVE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS



Clubs are eligible to receive a cash incentive if their net membership increases over the period from January 2022 to 31 December 2023.

Eligible clubs will receive \$50 per net member increased.

Payments to be made to clubs in February 2024.

Club membership figures are based on official membership numbers that are provided to the ACA.

For Example

On the 1st of Jan 2022 the Bundaberg Croquet Club membership was 40.

On the 31st of Dec 2023 the Bundaberg Croquet Club membership is now 55.

In February 2024 the ACA will pay the Bundaberg Croquet Club \$750.

ACA 2023 under 21 Golf Croquet Bronze Medallist



George Walker
VICTORIA



Addison Matthews
QUEENSLAND



Ethan Gumbrell
NEW SOUTH WALES



Peter Crook
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Curtis Mead
TASMANIA



The Don Close Family Trophy

The winner of the Under 21 Gold Medal will now also receive an air flight with accommodation to compete in the upcoming Under 21 New Zealand Open.

All Bronze Medal winners receive air flights and accommodation to compete in the Gold Medal.

This has been made possible by a very generous donation of \$30K from the Don Close Family.



Curtis Mead



Peter Crook



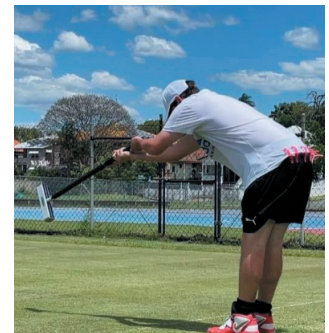
Ethan Gumbrell



*Special thanks to
Grinners Trophies -
The BEST Trophies & Medals
Store in Australia for
sponsoring \$150 towards
the Don Close Trophy.*



George Walker



Addison Matthews



MILLSWOOD CELEBRATE 100 YEARS

Millswood Croquet Club proudly opened their new club house on their 100th Birthday.



WELL DONE BARRY JENNINGS



At the South Australian Gateball Championships over the 2nd to 4th December, referee assessments were conducted. Several players were successful in passing the written exams and will now undertake practical assessments. Congratulations to Barry Jennings (pictured with Geoff Crook SA Gateball Coordinator) who was awarded his Level 1 referee accreditation.

NEW FENCE FOR TUMBY BAY CROQUET CLUB



L to R Karyn Speed, Margaret James, Francis Boylan, Ros Harrowfield, Shirley Carr, Marlene Poole, Rhonda Habner, Rob Habner, Garry Speed proudly standing in front of the new picket fence

S.A. SPRING WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES 2022



Left: Participants in the SA Women's Open Singles: Laura Eden, Bernie Pfitzner, Norma Greig, Kate Logan, Virginia Arney and Anne Woodhouse

THANK YOU TO LYN PARNELL

Outgoing President of Croquet SA The Board would like to thank outgoing President Lyn Parnell for all her hard work and dedication during the last 2 years.



Throughout her term of office, she has performed her duties in an extremely professional manner and has always been very supportive of all the other board members and officers. She has been a very approachable and accessible President, who is willing and happy to listen to different points of view and discuss issues fully. I personally would like to thank her for giving me the opportunity to be a 'voice' for the Country Clubs. Lyn assures us that she is happy to continue with some involvement in upcoming projects but is ready to step back from the 'driving' role. Lyn, we all wish you well for the future and once again thank you for everything you have done for SACA.

Linda Kinch (Vice President)

APPLY NOW TO BECOME AN ACA ACCREDITED COACH

If anyone would like to undertake the course next time it is conducted, they contact Barry Haydon bandjhaydon@gmail.com. Barry is also able to organise coaching clinics for individual clubs if your club doesn't have a coach.

DISCOVER CROQUET AT NORWOOD CROQUET CLUB

norwood
croquet

It was great to see so many new faces at the recent Discover Croquet Day. Click the button below to see how Norwood Croquet Club are taking bookings with mailchimp.

[SEE HOW](#)



A GREAT DAY AT THE HOLDFAST BAY CROQUET CLUB

Roger Zeuner, a level one coach, from the Holdfast Bay Croquet Club, and his wife



Gloria, conducted the coaching which was held on the synthetic court at the Meningie Bowling Club. Between the showers, members were exposed to a number of croquet drills, with an overview of the croquet rules including; faults, wrong ball play, running hoops, casting and stop shots.

After morning tea some more drills and off side rules explained. Finally a game of closest to the peg was played by all, with the winner taking the chocolates.

Roger Zeuner

SOUTH AUSTRALIA A/C ALTERNATE STROKE HANDICAP DOUBLES



AC Alternate Stroke Handicap Doubles: L to R. Peter Webster, Joan Kelly, James Temlett, Roger Buddle, Peter Woodward, Di Helier, Geoff Crook, Steve Templeton, Jim Curtis, Glen Blatchford, Trish Fazackerley, Kate Logan, Marga Podnieks, Shirley Howlett, Barry Jennings, Greg Wilson, Lyn Parnell, Mary Marsland.

CONGRATULATIONS ACA LEVEL 1 GOLF COACHES

A number of new GC coaches now exist in S.A. They participated in training led by Barry Haydon, Robert Weaver and David Wise on 25th October at SACA Headquarters. The training has been developed by Greg Bury (Qld, head of the Australia Croquet Academy) and is based on Level 1 coaches being able to teach newcomers to the club about the game while level 2 coaches should be able to assist established club players.



Level 1 Golf Croquet graduates L= R Peter Webster (Millswood), Stephen Davel, Sue Davel (Millswood), Robert Hamshere (Coromandel Valley), Ansi Baumanis (Norwood), Jill Colley (Brighton), Barry Haydon (Presenter, Hyde Park), Marlene Salmon (Brighton), Leah O'Neil (Mt Gambier), Robert O'Neil (Mt Gambier), (Geoffrey Miller (Tea Tree Gully), Peter Woodward

SA AC ACA BRONZE MEDAL

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CAQ U21'S ACA GOLF BRONZE MEDAL

The inaugural U21 ACA Bronze Medal was held at the Stephens Croquet Club on the 19-20 November. Top seed Addison Matthews won the title with Tim Wright coming in a close second. Addison will now represent QLD in the Gold/Silver Medal Event.



Addison Matthews (West Toowoomba), Frances Wright (West Toowoomba), Tim Wright (West Toowoomba), Ethan Chilton (Southport).

[VIEW RESULTS](#)

QLD ASSOCIATION OPEN DOUBLES

Congratulations to Kathy Grant and Lindsay David on winning the CAQ Open Association Doubles and congratulations to Tom and Heather Knight – runners-up.

Special thanks to the Referees Willy Silk, Cynthia Tacey and Greg Kerswell. Also the Team at Toombul Croquet Club for hosting and providing all the players with a great venue.



Kathy Grant and Lindsay David



Tom and Heather Knight

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THE BAYSIDE CUP



Bayside Cup was held at the Wynnum Croquet Club on Sunday 06/11.

This event was proudly sponsored by Go See Touring.

Congratulations to Winners Graham McLean and Dennis Green and runners-up Geoff and Ron.

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HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER VISITS QLD

Windsor Croquet Club was the host for the recent High Performance Managers visit to Queensland. Marty Clarke provided the 24 invited guests an insight on how to improve their game to the next level.



ARTICLE IN THE REDCLIFFE NEWS

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

Read the latest edition of the Southport Newsletter.

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THE EILDON INVITATIONAL



Jannene Wall of Ipswich took out group A with Michael Young of Nambour runner-up.

Alison Oatway of Stephens won group B with Frances Wright runner-up.

[VIEW RESULTS](#)

UNDER 21 TEAMS EVENT



The ACA High Performance Manager Marty Clarke recently visited Queensland and organised a competition for the QLD under 21 players.

[VIEW RESULTS](#)

WELL DONE MADDIE

Congratulations to Maddi Crowe from Eildon Croquet Club who was accredited as a Level 1 referee and was recently presented her referee badge by QLD State Gateball Referee Coordinator, Keith Chur-Hansen.



TED SINGLETON WINS THE MALENY DIV 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Festival of Colour Tournament held in November was also well subscribed. Many thanks to Vince and Val Carbery, for organising this event and thank you to all the members who contributed with refereeing and supporting us. Ted Singleton, one of the founding members of the club and club patron, won the first division.



GRACEVILLE CROQUET CLUB SAYS THANK YOU TO MICHAEL EDDIENHAUSEN

A special thank you to Michael Eddienhausen our past President for everything that he has done for the club over many years. He has contributed so much time and energy to make Graceville a wonderful croquet club. He has worked so hard behind the scenes as well as the day to day organisation.

We appreciate everything you have done.



TOOMBUL/ MERTHYR WIN THE A/C PENNANT



*The Toombul/Merthyr Team
Cynthia Tacey, Zach Kominar, Hedi Trask and Wayne Appleby (Greg Kerswell)*

ROYAL SYDNEY WIN GC PENNANT

Congratulations to Royal Sydney (RSGC) for winning the 2022 Div 1 GC Pennant 2-0, defeating Canberra & Newcastle NP.



Patrick Rundle (Captain), Hunter McPherson, Pauline Markwell, Rob Elliott & Richard Christian

PIRATES AND BOWLS CROQUET

Orange Croquet Club had a fun day playing Bowls Croquet and Pirates. We had about 16 playing and had a lovely social day. A nice way to finish 2022.



Patrick Rundle (Captain), Hunter McPherson, Pauline Markwell, Rob Elliott & Richard Christian

CONGRATULATIONS PETULA SHUN

Petula has just been appointed as the new N.S.W. REFEREEING STATE COORDINATOR FOR GATEBALL. Petula is a member of the Strathfield Club and started playing croquet in 2017, and Gateball in late 2018.



A CROQUET LEGEND RETURNS TO MARRICKVILLE CROQUET CLUB

The Marrickville Croquet Club was pleased to unite Peter Olsen with a set of OLSEN hoops made by his father in the late 70s. His father is the H Olsen who won the Marrickville Club Championship in 1977 and is on one of the Club's honour boards. Peter played for Australia in the MacRobertson Shield and was a member of Marrickville in the 1970s. Peter was coached by Bill Chadwick whose name also appears as President and championship winner around that time.

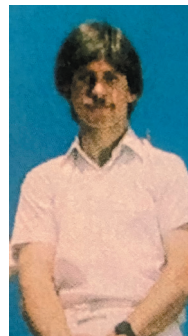
We understand Peter is looking to establish a club at Lake Illawarra and will use this set of Olsen hoops to get it started.

Thanks to Wendy Daniels for making this happen.

CASINO RECOVERING FROM FLOODS



Casino Croquet Club are very excited and appreciative to receive a grant to resurface our flood damaged greens.



Peter Olsen
1970s



Peter Olsen
2022



H Olsen 1977 Club
Champion

SYDNEY CROQUET CLUB TURNS 100

The Sydney Croquet Club celebrated its 100th birthday on Sunday 23 October. The Club was formed in 1922. Here's to the next 100!

Warren Porter



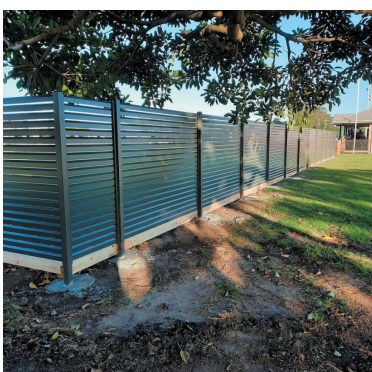
Photo courtesy Robert and Madeline Goodman

NEW ACA ACCREDITED COACHES IN ORANGE AND FORSTER



A NEW WINDBREAK FOR CHERRY STREET CLUB BALLINA

A BIG THANK YOU to Christine Edlund & Robyn Poynting for submitting a letter on behalf of the Cherry Street Croquet Club



applying for a grant for the Club to purchase a new windbreak for the Figtree Lawn.

WORK TO RESTORE A HERITAGE-LISTED CROQUET CLUBHOUSE IN CANBERRA IS COMPLETE

Improvements at the Canberra Croquet Club's clubhouse in Yarralumla include new toilets and kitchen, upgrades to the storage room, the installation of a ramp, and the removal of asbestos. The clubhouse was built next to the Hyatt Hotel in 1933, and is heritage listed.

The renovation work was made possible through a \$410,000 grant from the ACT government, with the club adding \$100,000 of its own funds towards the upgrade.



Original Clubhouse



Restored Clubhouse

CLUB HUBS COACHING

Kate McLoughlin and Peter Freer visited the Club Hubs – Coutts Crossing Port Macquarie and Toronto. Thank you Kate and Peter.



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INTERSCHOOL GOLF CROQUET AT SHEPPARTON



The annual GVCA/GMCU Inter-school Golf Croquet Tournament was held today at Shepparton.

Enthusiasm was high following last year's cancellation thanks to Covid, and all thoroughly enjoyed the event.

The top three teams each won six games and were only separated by hoops.

Our winners were Shepparton's Goulburn Valley Grammar School Team 1 comprising Montana Bourke, Angus Nash, Rily Onley and Mia Wheaton. Well done to the GVGS team who were runners-up in 2020, missing top spot by a mere one hoop.

Runners-up were Moama Anglican Grammar School Team 2 of Zach Anthony, Keisha Hitchens, Kade Steenhuis and Curtis Wood, four hoops behind GVGS.

Coming in third was Numurkah Secondary College with players Bree Anna Byra, Connor Ciccone, Charlie Payne and Hannah Stedman.

Many thanks to Coordinator Trudy Serafini for many hours of organisation, to the Shepparton Croquet Club for hosting the event and to the Goulburn Murray Credit Union Shepparton for their generous sponsorship with included all green fees and lunch for everyone. Thanks also to coaches and referees.

Congratulations to all students who competed with good sportsmanship and friendliness.

Bring on next year!

NEW LIGHTS FOR BRUNSWICK CROQUET CLUB

Members can now enjoy playing with 200 LUX lighting.



GOLF CROQUET CHALLENGE TEAM

The weather was somewhat challenging at times but the Geelong teams shone through.



*Back row L-R: Peter Binks, Kim Collins, Tony Pye, Russell Kelly
Front L-R: Colin Menzies, Carmel Terrington, Denise Deller, Mary Cockett*

2 NEW LIFE MEMBERS AT RED CLIFFS CROQUET CLUB

Today we honoured two long term members of the Club with Life Membership: Alec Hawtin and Wendy Bannister. Both of whom have held positions on the committee and served the Club over a substantial period of time.



Wendy Bannister



Alec Hawtin

CONGRATULATIONS JUDY STEWART

Congratulations Judy Stewart (Warrnambool Croquet Club) on becoming the fifth Ricochet Referee in Victoria. Judy was presented with her referee badge and certificate by Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt (State Coordinator of Ricochet) on Friday 25 November 2022.



Judy Stewart and Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt

GVCA GOLF CROQUET SPRING PENNANT

Thanks to the organisers, referees and all club members who helped make the day a success.



Kyabram President Val Mulholland welcomes guests with Terry Murphy, GVCA Golf Croquet Coordinator

VICTORIAN GOLF CROQUET HANDICAP SINGLES

Winner of the Round Robin event was John Carr from Mornington with 8 wins and 1 loss followed closely by runner-up – Janine Sisson from Mornington on 7 wins and 2 losses. Congratulations go to both players.

Janet Dickinson

RESULTS

MORE ACCREDITED COACHES

Congratulations to the following Croquet Victoria members who have been accredited as Golf Croquet Coaches.

John Young (Mooroopna) Level 2, Jeanette Young (Mooroopna) Level 2, Heather Lees (Warragul) Level 2, Cherie Lessing (Rich River) Level 1. Cliff Mccann (Ballarat Alexandra) who was accredited as a Golf Croquet Level 1 Coach1 on Saturday 26 November 2022. Graeme Jones (Maryborough) who was accredited as a Golf Croquet Level 3 Coach and Ricochet Croquet Level 1 Coach on Saturday 26 November 2022.



Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt congratulating Cliff McCann



Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt congratulating Graeme Jones

VICTORIAN HANDICAP DOUBLES



Terri and Bill Manwaring, Kate Patrick, Richard Hingst and Owen Dickinson

2022 winners were – Richard Hingst from Williamstown (who is an up-and-coming player partnered by Owen Dickinson of Essendon. 2022 runners-up – Terri and Bill Manwaring who again proved a very competitive team.

Thanks again to John Van der Touw and his team of referees; Tom Dixon, Terry Wilson, Graeme Smith, Janet Cavanagh, Tony Pye and Ian Matthews.

Janet Dickinson

RESULTS

BENDIGO CROQUET CLUB RESTORED

A big shout out to the City of Greater Bendigo who have arranged for our clubhouse to be repainted and our shelters restored (painted and new gal roofing). They even painted the sign and gate out the front!



WELL DONE TEAM KEW

Congratulations to team Kew (composite team of Kew, Hyde Park, Mt Gambier and Warrnambool players) who won the event.



Team Kew

Runners-up were Canberra and Woodville placed third. Also Congratulations also to Philip Brown (Kew) and Peter Wood (Canberra) who won the South Australian Doubles Gateball Championship.

NEW SHELTER SHEDS FOR GOSNELLS CROQUET CLUB



Two new shelter sheds have now been completed.

Congratulations to all the committee and club members who are doing such a fantastic job making improvements.

GOSNELLS SINGLES

This year, the event was run over two separate days. We had 17 players compete each day with some choosing to play on just one of the days.

Two venues were used; Belmont and Gosnells.

Congratulations Brett McHardy and Runner-up Peter Hamilton.



Peter Hamilton and Brett McHardy

INTERCLUB DOUBLES



Como played Dunsborough in the Mallett Melee, a one-day interclub GC doubles friendly tournament, on Wednesday 12 October. Very closely fought with the home team, Dunsborough, ahead at lunchtime. However, Como managed to edge ahead at the end to win the magnificent trophy made by Brian Uren. Dinner at the Dunsborough Chinese after. Thanks to Richard and Wendy for arranging and running the event.

CROQUET ON A CRUISE SHIP

Members of the Bunbury Central Croquet Club Jim and Heather enjoyed a hit on their recent cruise.



Jim and Heather Hamilton.

YORK GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES

Congratulations go to Dan Ryan and Rod Carter for being the undefeated winners of the tournament. Runners-up were Denis and Dorothy Bull. Special thanks to Tournament manager Maureen Knox.



Rod Carter, Maureen Knox and Dan Ryan



Dorothy Bull, Maureen Knox and Denis Bull

THANK YOU GAYLE MCGOVERN

Club President Gayle McGovern stepped down from her role after 6 years.

THANK YOU Gayle – for everything!!



WHAT A GREAT IDEA FROM CAMBRIDGE CROQUET CLUB

A great Christmas gift for the person who has everything!



WELL DONE MANDURAH CROQUET & RECREATION CLUB

The Mandurah Croquet & Recreation Club now has a directional sign at the corner of Allnutt and Thomson Street,



Mandurah as well as some free standing banners thanks to the City of Mandurah who approved and processed two Smarty Grants. The banners will not only be used at our venue but also in public forums with the aim of promoting and recruiting new members for our Club.

The Club has also produced a number of videos and shared them on Facebook. Click on the links below and enjoy.

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COACHING SESSION WITH MARTY CLARKE



On Wednesday 2nd November some members of the York Croquet Club were treated to coaching by Martin (Marty) Clarke from Gosnells Croquet Club .

NO MORE LEAVES AT CAMBRIDGE

Recently our Club President Ian did a great job cleaning up all the leaves before our party booking.



SIMPLY THE BEST



Brett and Janine McHardy

Congratulations to Brett and Janine McHardy for both putting on a spectacular display against tough opposition.

John Jury from Moorabinda, and Wendy Price from Sorrento also played well to come runner-up.

RESULTS

IT'S TIME TO RENOVATE

Cambridge and Moorabinda Croquet Clubs recently had their lawns scarified. They will be in great shape for 2023.



Cambridge



Moorabinda

MOORABINDA ARE PROUD OF THEIR NEW STATE TEAM REPS

Two of our AC players have being rewarded for all their hard work and dedication they have put into developing their AC game by been selected to represent WA in the Eire Cup next March.

Congratulations to Judith Nicholls and Gary Phipps; well done.



Judith Nicholls



Gary Phipps



STATE MEDAL WINNERS

Mary Herington (Eastern Shore) BRONZE, Paul Boer (North Esk) SILVER and Phil Roach (Kingston) GOLD.



U21 TROPHY

TCA President Sylvia Wing presenting U21 trophy to Curtis Mead.



TASSIE'S YOUNG TALENT

Tasmania will have two representatives at the World Under 21 GC Championships in New Zealand in February, Curtis Mead from the Latrobe Club and Jamie Fleming from Kingston.

14 year old Jamie Fleming started playing when he was seven, introduced to the game by his grandmother. With Peter Tracey as his coach, his game quickly improved and, in 2018 Jamie and his older brother Miley both competed in the Australian Under 21 Championships in Hobart.



Jamie Fleming

The brothers travelled to Adelaide the following year, where Jamie was the youngest competitor in the 2019 Under 21 Australian GC Championship.

In 2021 Jamie partnered with his coach Peter Tracey to win the Tasmanian GC HiLo Competition and later in the year won the Tasmanian GC Bronze Medal.

In 2022 Jamie won the Tasmanian U14 trophy for the 4th and last time.

The Hobart based Kingston Club has been very active in encouraging junior membership and developing young talent, with Jamie Fleming an

outstanding example. At just 14 years old, he has a bright future ahead in national and international competition.

Curtis Mead was just 14 when he joined the Latrobe Club in Tasmania's north west as a junior member in 2017.

He picked up the game quickly, winning the Latrobe Bronze Medal in 2017, and continued to improve, taking out the Latrobe Club Open Singles Championship in 2020. He has competed in five Tasmanian Under 21 State Championships,

winning four of them and has also played in three Australian U21 GC Competitions. He will be Tasmania's representative in the Gold Medal Event at the Australian U21 Championship in Queensland in January 2023

Curtis loves the strategic side of the game, and the opportunity to travel and play croquet Interstate and internationally.

With the current successful school program developed by Latrobe Club, we can expect a few more junior champions from the north west of the state.

GINA KIRKLAND (LATROBE)

Gina won Division 2 of the State GC Champonships.



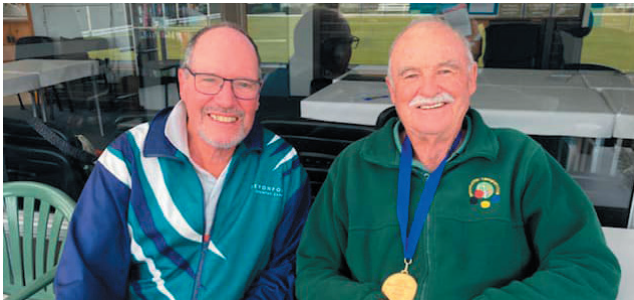
INAUGURAL VALERIE ADDISON SERVICE AWARD

Latrobe's Don Addison presented Colin Kirkland with the Club's Inaugural Valerie Addison Service Award. The award was created to honour Don's late wife and Latrobe Croquet Club member.



IAN BASSETT OF NEW TOWN

Ian (right) won the Tasmanian Association Gold Medal Runner-up was John Lee Archer from Devonport.



STATE GC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rob Hopwood (Devonport) won Division 3 of the State GC Championships.



LATROBE MEDAL WINNERS

GOLD – Patsy Paine, SILVER – Denis Walker and BRONZE – Tony Thompson.



NORTHERN TASMANIAN CROQUET CENTRE

242 St Leonards Road
St Leonards TAS 7250

Easter Golf Croquet Event 2023

Entries accepted on a "First Come, First Served" Basis.

April 8-9th - Open and Divisional Singles
April 10-11th - Handicap Doubles

Enquiries: GCEaster2023@gmail.com
Entry Forms: croquettas.com

TAS. AC TEAM FOR EIRE CUP 2023

Congratulations on their selection to: Callum Hyland (C), Peter Ross, Tim Parker, John Hutchison, John Lee-Archer, Sue Beattie(VC), Elaine Hazell, Heather Lovell, Jane Hyland and Elaine Anderson.

They will travel to Melbourne for the Eire Cup in March.



**WINNERS OF THE 2023
MACROBERTSON SHIELD ENGLAND**



England



Australia



New Zealand



United States of America



Malcolm Fletcher



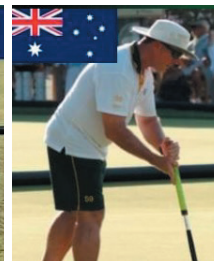
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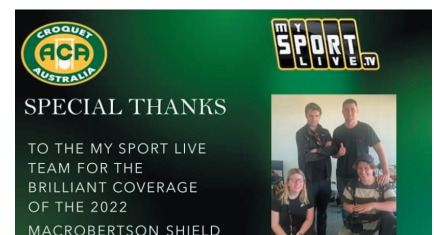
Stephen Forster



Robert Fletcher

THANK YOU

A special thanks to the MacRob Organising committee and the Croquet Vic Breadcrumbs committee for all the work completed behind the scenes. We appreciate all the work completed by our volunteers.



MEET THE MAC ROB ORGANISING COMMITTEE

MEET THE BREADCRUMBS COMMITTEE



AUSTRALIAN PAST PLAYERS' REUNION

The 2022 MacRobertson Shield Past Players' Reunion was a huge success with everyone enjoying a great night.



Blaise Northey MC

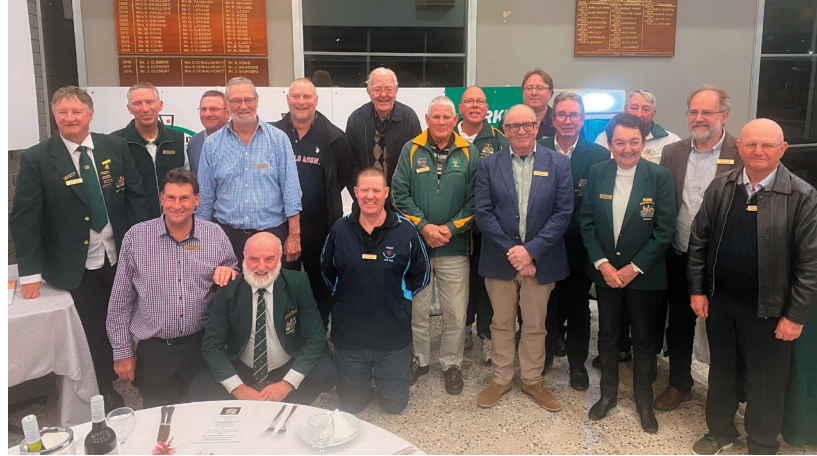
SPECIAL THANKS

To Stephen Forster for coming up with the concept and all the preparation that went into the event.

Blaze Northey did a magnificent job as MC.

Rosemary Landrebe and Helena Panasewycz for providing all guest with a simply superb menu.

Katrina Petersen, Tim Woolford-Smith, Andrew Wootton and Janet Dickinson for all the hard work behind the scenes.



A group photo of all past players



Barrie Chambers receives his souvenir from Stephen Forster



Barrie Chambers, Harley Watts, Mark Prater, Kenn Bald, Stephen Forster, Blaise Northey, Ashley Faulkner, Greg Bury, Kevin Beard, Peter Landrebe, Spencer Buck, Allan Cleland, Marty Clarke, Bruce Ford, Trevor Bassett, Bruce Fleming, Ian Dumergue and Helene Thurston.

PAST MACROBERTSON SHIELD TEAMS



1982



1986



1990



1993



1996



2000



2006



2010



2014



2017



World Croquet Federation Upcoming Events

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

7-14 January 2023

The Association Croquet World Women's Tournament will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Representing Australia will be: Alison Sharpe, Claire Bassett, Heather Knight, Jacky Lynch, Kathie Grant, Kerri-Ann Organ, Lois Kirk, Rosemary Landrebe, Rosemary Newsham, Shirley Howlett, Tricia Devlin and Virginia Arney.



Current Holder
Miranda Chapter



United Croquet Club New Zealand (Headquarters)



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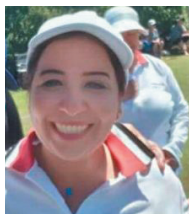
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2023 GOLF CROQUET WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2023 Golf Croquet Women's World Championship will be held at Sussex County Croquet Club in West Sussex, England between Monday 7th August to Monday 14th August 2023.

Qualifying Competition

A Qualifying Tournament will be held from 3rd August to 5th August 2023 at Eastbourne, Sussex. Further information on how to enter this will be published early in 2023.



Current Holder
Soha Mostafa



Sussex Croquet Club (Headquarters)

2023 UNDER 21 GC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

8-12 February

Representing Australia will be: Addison Matthews, Tim Wright, Curtis Mead, Ethan Gumbrell and Jamie Fleming.



Current Holder
Edmund Fordyce



Mount Maunganui Croquet Club (venue)



Tauranga Croquet Club (Venue)

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ASSOCIATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 2023

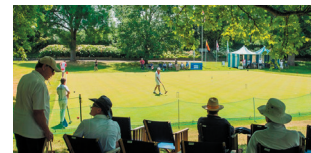
Congratulations Robert Fletcher, Malcolm Fletcher, Ed Wilson, Dwayne McCormick & Stephen Forster who will be representing Australia in the 2023 Association World Championships to be played at the Hurlingham Club in England.



Current Holder
Reg Bamford



Hurlingham Club (Headquarters)



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2023 Under 21 Golf Croquet World Championship

REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA



TIM WRIGHT (QLD)

I started playing croquet six years ago and first started off playing ricochet, a few years later I competed in our regional doubles tournament with Geoff Hull. We then joined some other doubles tournaments and I've been competing in tournaments every since. I study at the University of Queensland and I am completing a bachelor of business management and play at Stephens Croquet Club.



JAMIE FLEMING (TAS)

Jamie is from Tasmania and will be going into Year 9 in 2023.

He sails a 29er Skiff (a two-person high performance fast, light boat) with his cousin at Lauderdale Sailing Club on weekends, and enjoys gaming with friends in his down-time on weekdays. Jamie has been playing croquet recreationally for about six years, and is a member of Kingston Croquet Club, which is about 15km South of Hobart.



ETHAN GUMBRELL (NSW)

Ethan Gumbrell is 17 years old and a member of Canberra Croquet Club in Australia. Ethan is the younger brother of previous U21 representative Jamie Gumbrell. Jamie taught Ethan to play in 2018 as Jamie didn't have a doubles partner. They went on to win the Australian doubles competition in 2019 and then in 2020. Unfortunately, they didn't get to play another U 21 competition together because of Covid. Ethan is looking forward to playing with other U 21's from around the world. When he is not playing croquet Ethan is on the rugby field as a referee.



CURTIS MEAD (TAS)

I started playing croquet in 2017 when I was 14 years old. I was introduced to the game by my nan who is a member of Latrobe Croquet Club, Tasmania. I really enjoy the Strategy of the game and playing a diverse range of opponents.

Since starting my croquet career I have competed in 3 Australian U21 championships, taking me all around Australia. I look forward to competing against the best in the world at the U21 international championships.



ADDISON MATTHEWS (QLD)

I am currently a member of West Toowoomba Croquet Club. My current golf handicap is 3 and I am currently ranked number 1 in Australia for Under 21 Players.

I started playing croquet in early 2021. I began playing golf but have expanded and now also play Golf Croquet, Ricochet Croquet and Association Croquet. I started playing in tournaments at the end of 2021 as a handicap of 8. In 2022 I won 12 events in Queensland and worked my way up to a 3. I also travelled down to Adelaide in September of 2022 for The Australian Men's Singles Event, although not a notable achievement on paper, it was a wonderful experience and playing against and watching the highest-level players in Australia has really improved my game.

[SEE MORE PLAYER PROFILES](#)

Vale Bryan Dawson

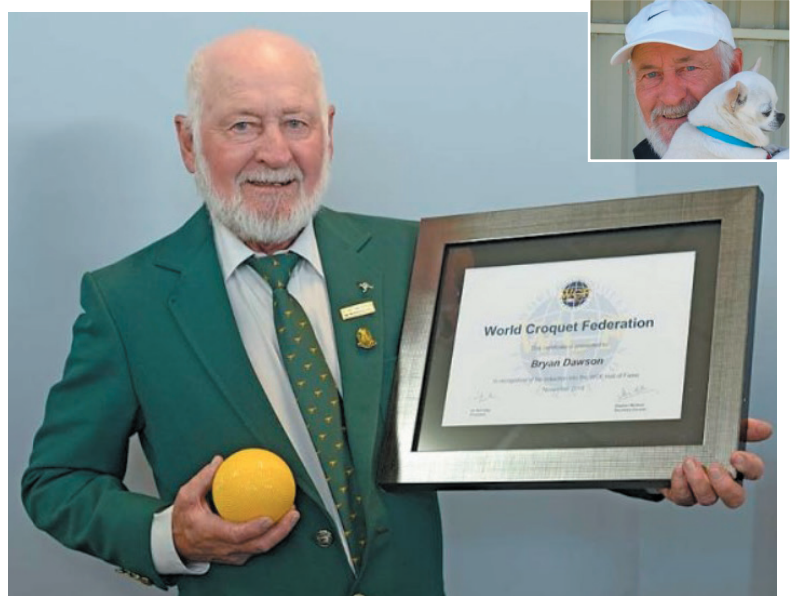
Bryan Dawson was Inducted in the World Croquet Federation Hall of Fame in 2019 for his contribution to the modern game.

An Interstate and National representative Bryan also played for Australia at the highest level in the 2000 MacRobertson Shield.

For a complete summary of Bryan's achievements click on the link below

Our love, best wishes and thoughts to Bryan's family and friends.

BRYAN'S ACHIEVEMENTS



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Drugs in Sport for Elite Croquet players



Dr Karen Bisley

As an elite athlete, players need to be aware of what they are putting into their bodies. You should always check any substance you may be taking.

Doping is the use of prohibited substances and prohibited methods in sport.

1. Prohibited substances

- These range from over-the-counter medications such as **cold and flu medications**, to prescribed medications.
- Some prescription medications are prohibited, such as Steroids, Insulin for diabetes, Ritalin for ADHD and hydrochlorothiazide a Blood pressure medication. There are many others.
- Some medications such as Salbutamol (Ventolin) can be used but the amount used in a 24 hour period is restricted. For example *"a maximum threshold of 1600 micrograms (16 puffs) over 24 hours, not to exceed 600mcg (6 puffs) in a 8 hour period"* <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/therapeutic-use-exemption/status-of-asthma-medication-sport#>

2. Prohibited methods

- These involve **injections of blood, gene doping** and even **donating plasma**.
- Certain intravenous infusions or injections may be prohibited, including receiving intravenous fluids for rehydration.
- Any injection that exceeds 100mL per 12-hour period is banned, except for those received during a hospital treatment or surgical procedure.

There are 3 categories on the prohibited list

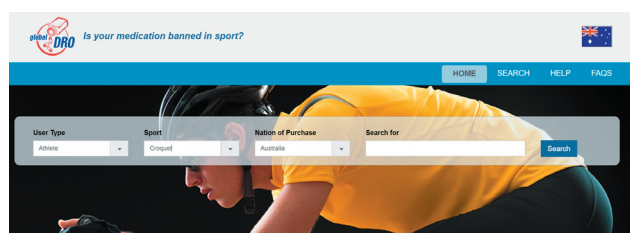
1. Medications Prohibited at all times
2. Medications prohibited in competition (This is from 11:59 p.m. the day before competition to the end of the competition period)
3. Prohibited in a particular sport
My understanding is that there is no specific medication banned in all croquet players.

What drugs can I take or not take ?

- Use the website **Global dro**. The App can be downloaded <https://www.globaldro.com/Home>

- Global DRO provides contains a list of medications including prohibited substances and methods
- You should check any substances they are taking
- Don't forget the over-the-counter medications and supplements.

How to use Global DRO



Enter your details ie **Athlete**, Sport **Croquet** and Country **Australia** as well as your **Medication**

The link will take you to the medication you have entered. It will advise re your medication use in and out of competition

Lastly. Take a screen shot of your search details for your records

Therapeutic Use exemption (TUE)

This is a form requesting approval for medications that would otherwise be banned. If you are requiring medication that is banned, you need to discuss this with your doctor. They need to consider alternatives, formulate a file for you including a medical history, examination and investigations and supporting evidence of why you are taking this medication. apply for a TUE.

As a croquet player you don't need to have an advance TUE. However, if you are drug tested, you will require a Retroactive TUE.

Retroactive TUE

A file needs to be organized with information as mentioned for a TUE. You are best to work through this process with your doctor. This ideally needs to be in place prior to taking any banned substances.

If you have a **urgent medical condition**, it may require medication urgently, a retroactive TUE can be applied for after.

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Hall of Fame

A Hall of Fame has been established for the Australian Croquet Association (ACA).

VISION

To raise the profile of, and increase the participation in the playing of, mallet sports in Australia.

MISSION

The Australian Croquet Association Hall of Fame's mission is to inspire future generations of croquet players by honouring the heroes of today.

OBJECTIVES

The ACA Hall of Fame was established to make regular awards to qualifying persons who have contributed to the achievements of the ACA aims. It is a virtual concept whereby the inductees and their achievements and contributions are commemorated on the ACA website.

The inductees will include some of the greatest Australian players in the history of the game as well as people who have made significant contributions to the development and enjoyment Croquet and Gateball as administrators, coaches, or benefactors in Australia.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE HALL OF FAME

Each year, nominations may be made to the ACA until 30 September. A nomination received after 30 September will be considered in the following year. The candidates are then considered by the Hall of Fame Committee by no later than 30 November.

In addition, the ACA Board is entitled to nominate one individual each year who is automatically inducted into the Hall of Fame. The procedures for nominating and considering nominations is set out in the ACA regulations.

The new inductees are announced in December. If possible, an induction ceremony will be arranged at an ACA Event.

To nominate someone for the ACA Hall of Fame, please provide a citation for the nominee which gives as many details as possible of their achievements in and contributions to the sport of croquet. If possible, please provide one or more

suitable photographs of the nominee. Croquet-related photographs are encouraged together with one good quality head-and-shoulders example. If a nomination is successful, the citation put forward by the proposer will form the basis of the formal citation published on the ACA website.

OUR FIRST INDUCTEE

Sir MacPherson Robertson KBE.

In 1925 Mac established the MacRobertson Shield between Australia and England.

New Zealand joined the competition in 1930 and the United States of America joined in 1993.



To find out more about his amazing achievements click the link below:

[**SIR MACPHERSON'S ACHIEVEMENTS**](#)

The Australian Croquet Academy



VISION

To provide all Associations, clubs, players, coaches, referees and volunteers with the support, service and advice they require to improve and perform at their best.

PURPOSE

To identify and implement changes that improve productivity, save costs and make croquet more enjoyable and sustainable in the future.

MISSION

To deliver and continually improve the 6 National Programs.

I am delighted to now be working with Mel Woosnam CEO of Croquet Australia.

Together we will be able to prioritise and deliver the projects already identified and develop/work on solid Strategic/Development plans for the future.

The Australian Croquet Academy has initiated and is currently working on the 5 national programs.

- Communications
- Publicity and Marketing
- Recruitment and Retention
- Grants and Sponsorship
- Pathways and Development
- Youth Training Program

Mel and I are currently signing off the priorities and reviewing all the project plans.

Additional third parties and resources will be required to achieve the necessary outcomes.

The priority projects are:

- The National Roll out of the Member Management Platform
- The Learning Management Platform

- Branding and National Marketing campaigns
- The Club support resources
- The Player support resources
- The Youth Training Program

The Priority tasks include:

- The youth training manuals and resources
- Completing the coaching video library
- Developing and protecting the brand through third parties and social media
- Getting much needed resources to members

Currently reviewing the below opportunities

- Third Parties helping to build solid long term partnerships
- An online handicap system with no cards
- The Australian Croquet Shop with national and state merchandise

These are very exciting times for Croquet in Australia and I look forward to seeing our participation and members numbers increase and continue to grow in the future.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2023 National Association Gold/Silver Medal, Men's/Women's Singles and Interstate Cup events will be held in Melbourne between the 8th and 19th of March.

The Bronze Medallist have been decided in each state and the State Teams have also been selected. There is still time for players to get their entries in for the Australian Women's and Men's Association Singles events.



SA Tim O'Leary



QLD David Luxmoore



NSW Stephen Richards



Vic Greg Hill



WA Ian Dumergue



TAS Peter Ross

THE 2023 EIRE CUP / INTERSTATE CUP

To be held at the Victorian Croquet Centre 11-14 March. Congratulations to all the Team Members selected to represent their state.



THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AND MEN'S ASSOCIATION SINGLES

The Women's and Men's Association Singles will be played between the 11th and 14th of March.

To follow the results click on the buttons below.

To enter visit the ACA website.

[WOMEN'S SINGLES](#)

[MEN'S SINGLES](#)

2023 EVENT CALENDARS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

National and state event calendars for 2023. Now is a good time to update the diary and get your entries in. Click on the buttons below to find what is happening in your state.

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ASSOCIATION INTERSTATE CUP TEAMS 2023

2023 New South Wales State Association Team,
Peter Landrebe (Captain)



Trevor Bassett, Tim

Murphy, Stephen

Richards, Travelling Reserve/Team Manager:
Stephen Pearce, Alison Sharpe (Captain), Joanne
Brown, Rosie Landrebe, Kerri-Ann Organ,
Travelling Reserve/Team Manager: Diane Scott.
2nd non-travelling reserve: Sue Eldridge-Smith.

2023 Queensland State Association Team



David Luxmoore

(Captain), Yuni Rowell

(Vice Captain), Greg

Bury, Heather Knight, Lindsay David, Kathie Grant,
Keith Williamson, Jacky Lynch, Wade Hart (Res),
Rosemary Newsham (Res), Donna Manning (Res).

2023 Victorian State Association Team



Chris Grant (C), Trish
Devlin (VC), Stephen

Forster, Lois Kirk, Kevin Beard, Christine Eiffert,
Greg Hill, Mignon Johnston, Andrew Wooton (R),
Elaine Coverdale (R).

2023 South Australian State Association Team



Tim O'Leary(Captain),

Shirley Howlett (Vice

Captain), Robyn Short, David Short, Shirlene
McBride, Mark Senior, Virginia Arney, Murray
Baum, Tracey Sincock , Barry Jennings, Team
Manager Lyn Parnell

2023 Tasmanian State Association Team



Callum Hyland (Captain)

Sue Beattie (Vice Captain)

Peter Ross, Elaine Hazell, Tim Parker, Jane Hyland,
John Hutchison, Heather Lovell, John Lee Archer,
Elaine Anderson, Graham Hyland.

2023 Western Australian State Association Team



Alan Sands (Captain)

Megan Fardon (Vice

Captain), Eric Ayling, Elizabeth Petrich, Tim Barks,
Jennifer Brand, Gary Phipps, Judith Nicholls,
Dorothy Bull

FOLLOW THE RESULTS

2023 OVER 50'S GOLF CROQUET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2023 Over 50's Golf Croquet World
Championship will be held in Western Australia
between Saturday 14th October 2023 to Saturday
21st October 2023.

It will be held at two venues, the Moorabinda
Croquet Club (MCC) and the Bunbury Tennis Club
(BTC). There are six courts at Moorabinda and 2 at
the Bunbury club.

Qualifying Competition

There will two qualifying tournaments:

- Western Australia, Cambridge Croquet Club,
Sunday 8th Oct. to Wednesday 11th Oct. 2023.

- Eastern Australia ,Cairnlea
Victoria, Tuesday 26th to
Thursday 28th September
2023.



*Current Holder
Hanan Rashad*



*Moorabinda Croquet Club
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*Bunbury Tennis club
(additional venue)*

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