



**CROQUET AUSTRALIA**  
(AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INC)

# ***AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS***

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

**6–14 May 2023**

## **PROGRAM**

for the  
**13<sup>th</sup> Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship of Australia**  
and  
**24<sup>th</sup> Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship of Australia**



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### **2023 Live Streaming**

MySportLive & Vimeo  
Kate Patrick & Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

All the participating referees, hoop setters and the Friends of Cairnlea

### **Australian Croquet Association Inc.**

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**Croquet is a harassment free sport.**

**Croquet Australia's Member Protection Policy applies to all competitors and officials in the Championships.**

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



## **AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS Melbourne 2023**

**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**

Doubles - 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 – someone will turn up shortly....

Singles - Tuesday, 9 May at Cairnlea from 1–5 pm or 7.30 am on Wednesday

### **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.

### **Dinner**

An evening meal may be organized if there is sufficient demand – see on notice board (but it will not be on Sunday 14 May).

### **Player's Briefing**

Briefing on the Tournament conditions & refereeing will be provided at 7.45 am Sat 6 May (Doubles) and at 7.45 am Wed 10 May (Singles).

### **Catering**

No catering, but lunch orders will be taken until 0930 each day (delivered to VCC around 1230). You can also bring your own lunch or go to the shops yourself. Tea and coffee available 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/2023/gc/australia-open-doubles>

<https://croquetscores.com/2023/gc/australia-open-singles>

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**OPEN SINGLES and DOUBLES**  
**MELBOURNE VICTORIA**  
**6 – 14 MAY 2023**

**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR ACA GOLF CROQUET EVENTS**

1. All events will be played under the 2022 WCF Rules of Golf Croquet (6<sup>th</sup> edition) adopted by Croquet Australia, and the Australian Tournament Regulations (on the ACA website).
2. The Australian Handicapping System is in force for this Tournament, and entrants are to have a current Golf Croquet handicap. Players are to give their ACA Handicap Card to the Tournament Handicapper before each event commences. Handicap cards should be completed after each game. If players reach a trigger point their handicap changes immediately after that game.
3. All competitors who have not already provided a phone number or email address at which messages can reach them during the events should provide this information during registration.
4. 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.
5. Atkins quadway hoops will be used; set as near as possible to 3 11/16 inches for the Block & Plate games. To allow for inaccuracies in gauges, balls, hoops and setting techniques, a tolerance of +0 to -1/32 inch is allowed. Hoops will be set as near as possible to largest ball on court plus a clearance of 1/32" for the Knockout games. Players are asked to help set the hoops at the start of the day if required.
6. 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.
7. Dawson International balls will be used.
8. Court allocations may be changed by the Tournament Manager and games will be double banked as required.
9. Ideally there will be a Referee at each court to act as required but - where there are not sufficient referees present to be in charge of all games - referees will be supervisory.
10. Players' attention is drawn to Rule 16 of the WCF Golf Croquet Rules book regarding Etiquette, which also covers expedition in play, and to ACA Tournament Regulations 12-14 concerning responsibilities of players.
11. 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
12. 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.
13. All games will start un-timed but players are to record the time that each game starts on the sheet at each court. The Tournament Manager may impose a 15 minute time limit if they consider the game is likely to disrupt the schedule. If time is applied, finish the current hoop when the bell goes. Only play a further "golden" hoop if the score is then tied.
14. Players are allowed a joint 5 minutes of practice on the court allocated, before their first game of the day.

15. Players are allowed a break of up to 5 minutes between matches. Lunch breaks should be taken during the day, when players are waiting for their next opponent and their next court to become available. If this is not possible, players are allowed a lunch break of up to 30 minutes. 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 shortly after completing the previous game. The Tournament Manager will ensure games go on expeditiously to enable completion of the scheduled program.
16. It is mandatory for players to inform the Tournament Manager if they wish to leave the venue for any reason.
17. The Tournament Manager will decide whether play in any match should continue if the weather is deteriorating.
18. The Tournament Manager in consultation with the Board of Croquet Australia (or a nominated representative) 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.
19. 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.
20. Should an overseas player win an event, a perpetual trophy shall remain in Australia in the custody of the Executive 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 Admin 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 emailed to all players in each event, and available on the ACA website.

To save trees, no hard copies will be available at VCC – a copy will be up on the notice board, but make your own copy if you feel that you need one.

## Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship of Australia (6–9 May 2023)

The Draw was conducted by the ACA GC Selectors, ACA Events & ACA GC Tournaments Committees using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures. The World Ranking list current at 26 April 2023 was used for seeding purposes. The format for the Open Doubles is as follows.

- 1) Two blocks, with each pair to play a single 13 point game against each other pair in that block.
- 2) Pairs play the first 6 rounds on Saturday (Day 1), and 5 more rounds on Sunday (Day 2). 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 4 in the block, based on games won, proceed to the final 8 knockout stage. Initial places within the block will be decided by games won, then net points, then who beat who. There will only be play-offs for qualifying positions if pairs ranked 4<sup>th</sup> or worse are tied on games won – play-offs will be best of three hoops, starting from corner 2 and running hoops 2, 3 & 4.
- 4) Quarter-finals & semi-finals (both bo3) will be played on Monday (Day 3). The Y will start, also playing bo3 on Monday afternoon.
- 5) The Final will be on Tuesday (Day 4) as best of five 13 point games. The finals of the Y & the Z will be as early as possible, playing bo3.
- 6) Play within all matches should be continuous, and only essential breaks should be taken during a match, including between games in a match.

	<b>White Block</b>		<b>Pink Block</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Gary Phipps &amp; Owen Dickinson</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Malcolm Fletcher &amp; Ed Wilson</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Peter Freer &amp; Mark Scruton</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Brett McHardy &amp; Janine McHardy</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Barry Jennings &amp; Stephen Condous</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Shane Downie &amp; Kevin McGlynn</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>John van der Touw &amp; Richard Parks</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>David Scott &amp; Ray Chapman</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Gerda Lambeck &amp; Malcolm Powys</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Helen Gammon &amp; Richard Hingst</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Robert Fletcher &amp; Georgina Carnegie</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Jamie Gumbrell &amp; Ethan Gumbrell</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Kevin Beard &amp; Claire Keating</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Jill Sullivan &amp; Pauline Markwell</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Chas Quinn &amp; Julie Beasley</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Paul Andrews &amp; John Oudyn</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Marty Clarke &amp; Lindsay Patullo</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Dick Byres &amp; Pop Petersen</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Damien Hadfield &amp; Karen Bisley</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Andy Barbero &amp; Janine Sisson</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>John Doepel &amp; Joan Doepel</b>		

### The Doubles Plate Event

- 7) A Plate event will be conducted as a single block, playing single 13 point games, depending on numbers. There will be a single game final between the top 2 pairs in the block. The Plate will start on Monday (Day 3) and finish on Tuesday (Day 4).

### **Prizes - Doubles**

Winners	ACA Gold Medals, \$250 each & the Fleming Glass Disc Trophies
Runners Up	ACA Silver Medals & \$150 each
Third & Fourth	\$50 each player
Plate	The Fleming Plates

Cash prizes are courtesy of Parbery Consulting.

Results are at: <https://croquetscores.com/2023/gc/australia-open-doubles>

## **Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship of Australia (10–14 May 2023)**

The Draw was conducted by the ACA GC Selectors, ACA Events & ACA GC Tournaments Committees using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures. The World Ranking list current at 26 April 2023 was used for seeding purposes.

Blocks are at: <https://croquetscores.com/2023/gc/australia-open-singles>

The format for the Open Singles is:

### **Block Play**

- 1) Four blocks, seeded, with each player to play each other player in the block in a round robin of single 13 point games.
- 2) Place within each block will be decided by games won, then net points, then who beat whom. Players placed 1 to 4 in each block will proceed to the final 16 knockout stage. There will only be play-offs for qualifying positions if players ranked 4<sup>th</sup> or worse are tied on games won – play-offs will be best of three hoops, starting from corner 2 and running hoops 2, 3 & 4.
- 3) Blocks will play the first five rounds on Wednesday (Day 1), another 5 rounds on Thursday (Day 2) & the remaining round(s) on Friday (Day 3). Players may play more rounds on a day if conditions permit, at the Tournament Manager's discretion, but any player 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, as above. The knockout will be 3 rounds of best of three 13 point games, and then a best of five Final.
- 5) The Round of 16 will be played on Friday (Day 3). The 8 losers from the Round of 16 proceed to the Y Event. The 4 losers from Round 1 of the Y proceed to the W Event.
- 6) Quarter-Finals & Semi-Finals will be played on Saturday (Day 4). The 4 losers from Quarter-Finals in the X event proceed to the Z event.
- 7) The Final will be played on Sunday (Day 5) along with the playoff for Third & Fourth, and the bo3 finals of the Y, Z & W events.

### **The Consolation Event**

- 8) Eight players who finished 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> in their blocks will go into the Consolation event, playing best of three game knockout. This will start on Friday (Day 4) and finish on Saturday (Day 4).

### **The Plate Event**

- 9) The Plate event will be conducted in blocks, depending on numbers. The Plate will start on Friday PM (Day 3) and finish on Sunday (Day 5). Finals are likely to be a single 19 point game semi-final & final, at the Tournament Manager's discretion.

## **Prizes - Singles**

Winner	ACA Gold Medal, \$750 & the Tony Hall Cup
Runner Up	ACA Silver Medal & \$500
Third	\$250
Fourth – Eighth	\$100 each
Plate	Maree Skinner Plate

Cash prizes are courtesy of Parbery Consulting.

# 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)
2017	Lester Hughes (Vic)	Geoff Hull (QLD)
2018	Alison Sharpe (NSW)	Ron McBride (SA)
2019	Alison Sharpe (NSW)	Kevin Beard (VIC)
2020	(not held due to covid-19)	
2021	Robert Fletcher (Vic)	Gary Phipps (WA)
2022	Gary Phipps (WA)	Jamie Gumbrell (NSW)
2023		

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	David Wise & John Arney	Brett McHardy & Janine McHardy
2018	Alison Sharpe & David Hanbidge	David Wise & John Arney
2019	John van der Touw & Richard Parks	Brian Rowe & Owen Dickinson
2020	(not held due to covid-19)	
2021	Richard Parks & John van der Touw	Owen Dickinson & Brian Rowe
2022	Peter Freer & Mark Scruton	Brian Rowe & Owen Dickinson
2023		