

CROQUET TASMANNIA

DIRECTOR OF UNDER 21 CROQUET

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

The highlight for our juniors this year was three of them (Curtis Mead from Latrobe, Miley and Jamie Fleming from Kingston) travelling to Adelaide to take part in the ACA Under 21 National Championships.

Although none of our boys made the finals, Curtis and Miley both won three (of six) games in their blocks and went on to take first and second places respectively in the Plate (Curtis undefeated and Miley only beaten by Curtis). The experience will stand Jamie (only half the age of some of the competitors) in good stead for his future in croquet – his enthusiasm and approach to the game were commented on most favourably by NDU21GC Jacky MacDonald and NU21 coach Terry Ericson.

Notwithstanding many attempts to set up some form of interschool roster there has been no success in that endeavour. The only response from schools has been visits by individual class groups, usually towards the end of the academic year.

Towards the end of the year it was decided to try a new approach – to provide school holiday activities in the form of an Introduction to Golf Croquet at the Kingston CC and the Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre lawns. These activities were advertised by displaying fliers (attached) on the notice boards of schools (in the case of the south at all primary and high schools and colleges in the Kingborough Municipality) and clubs. Fourteen children attended the “clinics” held at Kingston over the four days prior to Easter, most for all sessions, and four at St Leonards.

Lee Turner has been organising activities for juniors at St Leonards and has several class groups visit during the year. Lee comments on the competition from other sports, lack of community knowledge about croquet and specifically on the difficulty of transport to NTasCC for young people. Royal Park and East Launceston lawns are geographically sited to overcome the latter two problems if members of those clubs become involved in attempts to recruit junior players.

Under 21 and Under 14 State Championships were scheduled for the second week of the April school holidays, the week after the Introduction to GC mentioned above. The Under 14 event was conducted as a two block round robin with semi-finals and final. Eleven youngsters aged almost 7 to almost 14 participated and their enthusiasm and enjoyment of the game was obvious with all requesting that regular games should be organised for the future.

Unfortunately there were insufficient entrants to hold the Under 21 event. However, Curtis and Miley compensated for the lack of this event by playing in the Men’s Open Championship, both winning games and improving their handicaps.

It is proposed to continue school holiday programmes at Kingston and NTasCC like the ones mentioned above with an emphasis on primary schools. It is my hope that other clubs might give consideration to similar programmes.

Peter Tracey

Director Under 21 Croquet

TASMANIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION

UNDER 14 GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP - 23 APRIL 2019

Block A	JF	JM	AF	JWM	FT	EM	Games	Net Hoops	Place
Jamie Fleming		4	4	4	4	4	4	16	1
Jeremy Munnings	1		1	2	4	4	2	-2	4
Andy Faircloth	0	4		3	2	4	4	7	2
Jin Woo Martin	3	4			2	3	3	-3	3
Flynn Tracey	0	1	1	4		4	2	-3	5
Edward Martin	0	1	0	2	1		0	-15	6

Block B	WO	DM	RT	CO	HF	Games	Net Hoops	Place
Will Orpin		1	4	1	4	2	-2	3
Daniel Munnings	4		4	4	4	4	13	1
Reid Tracey	2	1		4	3	2	0	2
Catie Orpin	4	0	1		4	2	-1	4
Henry Faircloth	2	1	1	1		0	-10	5

SEMI-FINALS	FINAL
Jamie Fleming	7
Reid Tracey	5
Andy Faircloth	6
Daniel Munnings	7

Jamie Fleming

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Back row: Jinwoo, Andy, Reid, Henry, Flynn. Middle row: Daniel, Jamie

Front row: Daniel, Catie, Edward

On ground: Will



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Introduction to Golf Croquet and Coaching Clinic for Junior players aged 8-18.

Every afternoon Monday Thursday April 15-18 at 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Cost \$2 per session

Just turn up or contact Sally Liggins sallyliggins@hotmail.com or Peter Tracey trakka81@gmail.com for more information

Followed by the State Junior Championships Tuesday, Wednesday April 23-24.

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