



THE CROQUET PLAYER

Kingston Croquet Club Inc.

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Member Achievements:

Tasmanian Open Golf Croquet Doubles Competition:

Congratulations to Tim Parker and Rob McAdam who won the Tasmanian Open Golf Croquet Doubles Competition.

New Member:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome **Peter Ross** to our club. Peter has moved to Tasmania from Western Australia and plays Association Croquet.



Lawn Opening:

Just a reminder that the lawns are now open for both Golf and Association play. So put on your warm jackets, beanies and gloves and come along and enjoy a game or two and morning/afternoon tea.

- See the scheduled days of play at the end of this newsletter.

Association Pennants

The AC Pennants commence on the following days

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| – Division A – Wednesday 18th September | – Tim Parker (C) |
| – Division B – Thursday 19th September | – Connie Allison (C) |
| – Division C – Tuesday 17th September | – Di Hollier (C) |

The roster will be available closer to the commencement dates

SPONSORS OF OUR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND19 POINT GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT



It is strongly recommended that all team member wear a name badge when playing pennants. You can purchase a name badge from the locksmith at Kingston Town – they have the Croquet Club template

Dates for your Diary

Please Note: Information regarding these activities will be published in the newsletter and at the clubhouse closer to each date

- **Saturday August 24th - Curry Potluck Lunch**
more information in this Newsletter (page 2)
- **Week starting 16th September – Commencement of Association Croquet Pennant**
more information in this Newsletter (page 1)
- **Friday 18th and Saturday 19th October - Senior's Week**
- **Saturday 2nd November - Spring Celebration/Melbourne Cup Carnival**
- **Monday 9th December- Christmas Celebration**

Curry Potluck Lunch – Saturday 24th August

Come along and enjoy good company, good food and good wine at this social get together.

When: Saturday 24th August

Time 12.00 - 12.30pm for lunch between social Association and Golf play.

What to bring: You can either bring along a curry or similar (to feed about 4 people) to share **or** pay \$10.00 for all you eat

What is provided: Rice and Pappadums

- *More information in the club house*
- ***NB: this is NOT a fundraising event***



Christmas Celebration



The Social Committee are starting to think about options for our Christmas Celebration and would appreciate some input from members.

The Committee has come up with 3 suggestions and would like to know what you think.

Suggestions:

- Lunch at The Beach at Blackman's Bay (as per 2018)
- Picnic lunch (provided) and Croquet at Government House
- Pizza Picnic Lunch on The Domain where a chef will cook pizzas for us

Please take the time to register your preferences on the sheet available in the clubhouse or by clicking on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7WGGGDJ>

NB: there is space for you to include other suggestions

10th St Helens Winter Weekend – Margaret and Neil Pinkard

President Mary Richardson welcomed over 70 competitors to the St Helens Club In the organised chaos that ensued with a complete change of players every 27 minutes (it was held on the 27th of July) and using Patsy Paine's secret formulae, Sandra Down of St Leonards was declared the winner from Dick Ruse of St Helens.

To ensure "family harmony" we were declared the joint club winner, by Patsy, for Kingston Club and were presented with a trophy - nothing to do with being the only reps from our Club!!!!

It was a fantastic weekend and we encourage members to consider going next year. We met wonderful croquet players from all over the state and although it was cold, the sun shone, the heater was warm, and the soup was hot.

Patsy Paine's Pointers *(from the St Helen's Weekend)*

The 5 "S's" of Successful Croquet – Patsy Paine

1. **STALK** Before you play your shot, start two or three metres behind the ball and walk forward to it, keeping your eye on the line you want the ball to go. Do this before each shot. This is called 'stalking'.
2. **STANCE:** Place the mallet just behind the ball. Put your feet behind the back of the mallet, one on each side, with the right foot slightly behind the left. Have your feet pointing in the direction you want the ball to go.
3. **SWING SLOWLY BACK:** Swing the mallet slowly back between the legs and let the mallet start its downward swing without any manual force. Swing from the shoulders.
4. **STAY DOWN:** Keep your head still, and your eyes fixed on the back of the ball until you make contact.
5. **SWEEP THROUGH:** As you sweep the mallet through, try to keep the mallet head parallel to the ground for some 8-10 cms. To do this, you have to allow the arms to swing from the shoulder.

CONTROLLING DISTANCE

In croquet you want to control the direction and the distance of your shot. To play a short shot, you use a short backswing. To play a long shot you use a long backswing. Never try to force the ball - always use a smooth swing.



Scheduled days for Social Play.

- **Please Note:** Draws for play are conducted at 9:55 am for the morning session and 12.55 pm for the afternoon session, so please try to arrive prior to the draws.
- Please consider bringing something for morning or afternoon tea to share.

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Association	Golf Croquet
Tuesday	Association	Play by arrangement
Wednesday	Play by arrangement	Golf Croquet
Thursday	Association	Play by arrangement
Friday	Golf Croquet	Play by arrangement
Saturday	Association	Association and Golf
Sunday	Play by arrangement	Play by arrangement

- ***Golf Croquet***
Players: do you want to play in the morning? Why not consider coming along to play socially on Friday

Please Note: Lawns are also available for play at any other time of the week when they are not in use for competitions.

Housekeeping Roster

Don your aprons and rubbers gloves and make our clubhouse sparkling clean for all members and visitors to enjoy.

18th August – 31st August	Toni Davidson	and	Eraine Johnstone
1st September – 14th September	Connie Allison	and	Heather Lovell
15th September – 28th September	Cathy Norris	and	Robbie Lee

Items for Sale

Club Badges: Metal club badges are available for purchase from any committee member - \$5.00 each

Mallets: The newish club mallets being stored in the clubhouse are for sale. They can be purchased for \$225. If you are interested, please talk to a committee member.



- If you would like to advertise something for sale in this section of the newsletter please email details to Margaret Pinkard (margaret.pinkatd@live.com)

Please Note: items will be included at the discretion of the Committee.