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January 2015

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## Forthcoming Events

GC – 30 Jan to 1 Feb	TCA Open Singles Championship
AC – 3 to 6 Feb	TCA Women's & Men's Singles Championship
AC – 7 to 10 Feb	TCA Open Singles Championship
AC – 10 to 15 Feb	TCA Singles Championship 5-20, 9-20, 16-20
GC – 15 to 27 Sep	Interstate Shield, Gold Medal, Men's & Women's Singles (see article)

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## RECENT COMPETITION RESULTS

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### Northern Tasmanian AC Championships

NTasCC conducted singles and doubles championships in the week of 15 to 22 November with entries from the Northern, North Western and Hobart clubs.

Winners were: -

- A Grade Singles – Robert Godfrey
  - Doubles – Dennis McDonald & Neil Drury
  - B Grade Singles – Robert Godfrey
  - Doubles – Chris West & Steff Anderson
  - C Grade Singles – Emily Ardley
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### Northern Tasmanian GC Championships

Another very successful event for the NTasCC with entries from all sections of the state. The Open was contested by 14 players in two blocks of seven over the weekend of 13-14 December.

Block A was hotly contested with Graham Keating and Ruth McKean equal on net hoops with Graham's win over Ruth giving him top position in this block.

Peter Tracey finished on top in Block B with Geoff Kingdom a close second.

In the semi finals Graham beat Geoff, Ruth beat Peter and then went on to defeat Graham 7/6, 7/6 in the final.

The winner of the Open Plate was Grant Willson.

B Grade (8-12) saw six contestants in block play. Roberta Campbell won with four wins closely followed by Dee Gibson, Chris Russell and Rodney Davey all on three wins.

Three players contested C Grade (10-12) for new players which was won by Ivan McLeod.

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### Tasmanian AC Open Doubles

Competitions moved to the south of the state over the 9/11 January weekend with the Open Doubles competitions for the various grades.

Eight pairs entered the A Grade (-3 to 20) competition although one pair had to withdraw through illness after one match. Winners were Rob McAdam and Geoff Kingdon who won all six of their matches with Graham Keating and Hazel Lloyd runners-up on five matches.

B Grade (9 to 20) had four pairs and was won by Jenny Parrott and Doreen Briant from David Johnston and Barbara Calvert.

C Grade (16 to 20) attracted five entries and was won by Mignon Johnston and Joyce Hortle who were undefeated. Runners-up were Connie Allison and Kath Lines.

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## Tasmanian AC All Grades (Hi-Lo) Doubles

Twelve pairs contested the Annual Hi-Lo Competition conducted at Sandy Bay CC's beautiful lawns over the weekend of January 17/18.

After three knockout rounds Sheena Sims and Brian Stafford from Sandy Bay and Elaine Roomes and Tim Parker from Kingston met in the grand final on Sunday afternoon with a good crowd of supporters.

After a tense battle, in which both Elaine and Sheena broke down at 4 back on their last turn, Brian and Sheena won by one hoop.

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**Congratulations to Graham Keating on winning his block in the GC President's Eights over the Australia Day Weekend.**

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TCA has lost several members over recent months.

Valerie Alison Payne (August 1922 – December 2014)



Val Payne joined Sandy Bay Croquet Club in the early 1970s and soon made her mark, as a croquet player, coach, referee and administrator. She won the 'C' Grade Club championship in 1973 and 1974. In 1977 Val was the Club A Grade Champion and was in the State Team eight times between 1979 and 1989. She was a consistent winner as she also won the Tasmanian Ladies Medal four times and the Tasmanian Ladies Open three times.

As well as playing top level croquet, Val was President of the Australian Croquet Council (ACA) from 1985-1987 and President of Sandy Bay Club from 1994-1996. Val believed firmly in participation - she organised Hi-Lo club competitions in which every playing member was entered and expected to take part and was very persuasive in getting members to play in Pennant Teams. As a coach, Val was generous with the time she gave to helping members, especially beginning players.

In addition to her involvement with croquet Val was a leader in the medical profession in Hobart, particularly in the area of women's health.

Ill health forced Val to withdraw from croquet in 1997

Peter Campbell (October 1925 – June 2014)

Peter was a member of the Devonport Croquet Club for 14 years.

He enjoyed playing and gave his time freely to mentor the newer players. A great supporter of our Perpetual Winter Irish Tournament (PWIT) and well renowned as the Summer Tournaments time keeper.

He will be sadly missed.

Peter Rich (November 1934 – October 2014)

Barry McNeill (November 1937 – November 2014)

Chester Lovell (July 1951 – January 2015)

George Witbreuk (March 1935 – January 1915)

Kingston CC has lost four wonderful club members to illness in a very short period.

Peter and Barry were long time members of the club and leaders in AC and GC respectively giving freely of their time for coaching new and old players.

Chester played in the club's AC pennant team through until early December and won the AC Silver Medal for 2014/2015.

All four were enthusiastic pennant players and great contributors at club working bees.

Nick Twaits (March 1936-October 2014)

Nick was President of NTCC at the time of his death having transferred from Kingston in 2009 after two years with that club.

Rover long serving mascot of NTCC aged 19.

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## COACHING CLINICS

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### **GREG BURY, ACA director of coaching is coming to Tasmania.**

LAUNCESTON February: Coaching for all Players all Levels

Tue 3rd 8:30am-12:30pm Golf Croquet

Tue 3rd 1:30pm-5:00pm Association Croquet

HOBART February: Coaching for all Players all Levels

Wed 4th 1:30pm-5:00pm Association Croquet

Fri 6th 8:30am-5:00pm Golf Croquet

HOBART February: Coaching for Coaches all Levels, Golf and Association Croquet

Thu 5th Feb 9:00am-4:00pm

All sessions \$5 per day.

**Book a place with your Club Secretary by Friday Jan 30th**

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## TASSIE TALES PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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**All Clubs are urged to submit items for publication in "Tassie Tales".**

The goal is to produce editions in January, April, July and October of each year.

**Closing dates for copy in 2015 are: -**

April	March 15 <sup>th</sup>
July	June 14 <sup>th</sup>
October	September 13 <sup>th</sup>
January 2016	December 27 <sup>th</sup>

Please email contributions to the Editor at [peter.tracey@bigpond.com](mailto:peter.tracey@bigpond.com)

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## **NORTHERN TASMANIAN CROQUET CENTRE UPDATE**

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November was a very busy month for the Centre.

The centre committee hosted the Mornington Croquet Club from Victoria combining with the Devonport, East Launceston and St Leonards clubs. Lots of social games were played and enjoyed.

The Pennants have finished with St Leonards winning the Association, Devonport Weekend Golf and East winning both divisions in the Midweek. Some clubs had difficulty fielding all teams at times due to the fact that there were three competitions played over the same period. A bit of an over load for the players who played both golf and association. It was good to see Royal Park participating in the Open Midweek and Weekend Golf Croquet competitions. Their participation added to the competition.

Two groups of school children attended separately and played Gateball sparking balls all over the lawn. The School for Seniors played on Monday two sessions and St Michaels played on Thursday a.m.

The St Leonards Club is out on the lawns on Wednesdays and is having twilight sessions in the evening with a sausage sizzle.

Thank you to all who assisted in any way with the above activities

Lee Turner for the NTasCC Committee

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## **GOLF CROQUET NATIONALS**

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The ACA has allocated the 2015 GC Nationals to Tasmania.

Southern clubs will host the Gold Medal (Sandy Bay CC Sept 15 to 17) and the Men's Singles (all southern clubs Sept 18 to 21).

The Women's Singles will be held at NTasCC from Sept 18 to 21. Sept 22 will be a lay day to allow for travel and practice at NTasCC.

The Interstate Shield will be played at NTasCC from 23 to 27 Sept.

Clubs will be asked to provide names of appointments to the positions of venue manager (day to day), lawn preparation, catering manager, hoop setter and remover, security and OH&S.

If you will be able to assist with any of these roles please advise your club secretary.

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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The SGM held in Devonport on 23 January covered a range of topics which no doubt Club Delegates will report back. A couple of items which caused a good deal of discussion were the Tournaments Committee report and Membership lists.

In organising the year's calendar of Tournaments and Competitions there is a need to balance the use of venues between North and South so that players from one area get to play a range of opponents from the other region. This is not an easy conundrum, and will be an important item during the Annual Meetings held at the end of May.

The need for a common template to be used for the listing of Club Membership within Clubs, and to Croquet Tas to be available to ascertain Insurance requirements caused much discussion. Croquet Tasmania and the national body at this time need only a name and Australian Croquet Association ID number to compile a membership list. Addresses and phone numbers are really only a Club requirement at this time.

Henry Burbury

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## **DEVONPORT CLUB AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND TOURNAMENT**

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40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Summer Tournament

The usually tremendously well organised weekend of Half Lawn Association competition was held in the balmy seaside weather of Devonport on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of January. The weather was so well organised that the only rainstorm which hit the lawns did so ten minutes before the end of the last games so that nobody was late for the extra good afternoon tea and presentation time.

Just over thirty players participated with up to eleven 44 minute games held over the two days

play. Games were hotly contested with lots of sledging and merriment. Patsy Paine had done her usual brilliant job of matching players of all abilities, giving those less experienced time with seasoned players

Eire Cup State team member Ian Smith was “disqualified” for running too fast between shots so the winners Medallion, specially struck for the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> consecutive running of the tournament, was presented to Henry Burbury

The North South Challenge held after lunch on day

one ended up almost as a Devonport Club V Eastern Shore Club battle. After ending at one lawn's results each way, the third lawn going to the South 19 hoops to 14 sealed the issue in favour of the visitors,

A great weekend: clubs with only one or two players entered this year should make an effort to encourage more members to go, especially those with not so much experience in Association Croquet, for they will learn a lot and have fun doing it.

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## PENNANT RESULTS - NORTH

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A very successful 6-week competition was held with eight teams competing in 2 grades.

The B grade competition comprised two teams each from St Leonards and East with a total of 18 players participating. East White and St Leonards Birds both had 5 wins but East White won the competition with 3 more games overall. East Green and ST Leonards Tigers had one win each. The format of this competition with each player having two doubles and one singles game, proved to be very popular with the newer players.

The A grade competition comprised of one team from each of the four northern clubs with a total of 28 different players competing. The pennant was won by East which was undefeated with 6 wins, Devonport was second with four wins and Royal and St Leonards each had one win.

### MID WEEK PENNANT – OPEN

	EAST	ST.L	ROYAL	D'PORT	Games	Hoops For	Hoops against	Net hoops	Matc hes	Wins
EAST <b>1st</b>		<u>3</u> <u>4</u>	<u>5</u> <u>5</u>	<u>4</u> <u>2</u>	<b>59</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>317</b>	+162	23	6
ST.L <b>3rd</b>	0 0		1 <u>6</u>	0 1	30	391	365	+26	6	1
ROYAL <b>4th</b>	0 0	<u>2</u> 0 Forfeit		1 0	15	277	464	-187	2	1
D'PORT <b>2nd</b>	0 0	<u>3</u> <u>2</u>	<u>4</u> <u>3</u>		40	416	417	-1	12	4

## MIDWEEK PENNANT – B GRADE

	BIRDS	TIGERS	E.GREEN	E.WHITE	Hoops for	Hoops against	Wins	Games
ST L BIRDS 2nd		<u>4</u> <u>4</u>	<u>4</u> <u>4</u>	2 <u>3</u>	215	179	5	21
ST.L TIGERS 3rd	2 2		<u>4</u> 3	2 2	187	212	1	15
EAST GREEN 4th	2 2	2 <u>3</u>		2 1	161	218	1	12
EAST WHITE 1st	<u>4</u> 3	<u>4</u> <u>4</u>	<u>4</u> <u>5</u>		226	180	5	24

## PENNANT RESULTS - SOUTH

Division & Club	Matches		Games		Hoops		Net Hoops
	Played	Won	Won	Lost	For	Against	

### **ASSOCIATION CROQUET**

#### **DIVISION A**

Sandy Bay	6	5	22	14	692	603	89
Kingston	6	4	21	15	675	548	127
Eastern Shore	6	0	11	25	531	747	-216

#### **DIVISION B**

Eastern Shore	9	8	35	19	956	775	181
Kingston	9	6	33	21	860	825	35
New Town/Sandy Bay	9	4	23	31	894	965	-71
Sandy Bay	9	0	17	37	816	961	-145

#### **DIVISION C**

Sandy Bay	6	5	22	14	466	407	59
Kingston	6	2	17	19	424	409	15
Eastern Shore	6	2	15	21	382	456	-74

### **GOLF CROQUET**

#### **DIVISION A**

Eastern Shore	9	9	77	31	673	514	159
Kingston	9	5	55	53	600	563	37
Sandy Bay	9	4	60	48	621	586	35
New Town	9	0	24	84	448	679	-231

#### **DIVISION B**

Kingston	9	7	61	47	617	545	72
Eastern Shore	9	6	63	45	612	577	35
New Town	9	4	56	52	592	577	15
Sandy Bay	9	1	36	72	522	644	-122