



UPCOMING EVENTS

April	22-24	Sandy Bay CC – Centenary GC HiLo Handicap
May	7	ACA GC Bronze Medal, Sandy Bay CC
	14	AGMs - Kingston CC & Eastern Shore CC
	28	Croquet Tasmania AGM – Northern Tas Croquet Centre
	28	Croquet Tasmania Dinner – Launceston Golf club
	29	North South Challenge Competition
June	11-13	19 Hoop Competition – Kingston Club

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a somewhat interesting period of time since the last Tassie Tales issue, and there have been one or two events well worth noting, especially on the playing side.

I must firstly note that Bob Godfrey stepped down from the position of President for personal reasons and has for a few months kept a somewhat lower profile while still maintaining a presence at ACA level. Unfortunately at the end of March he was not successful, after three rounds of voting, in being elected to a position on the Board of ACA where he previously held the position of Vice President and Board member. I hope that he may still have a role at National level in an advisory capacity and in his continuing role as a National Events Committee member.

All Tasmanian croquet players must take great pleasure in the results of our Eire Cup team last month where they went within a few hoops of defeating New South Wales and then finished the five day tournament by defeating Queensland. A good effort - to be the benchmark for future years,

especially next year when we host the events in Tasmania.

As I write this it is a proud time to watch the results of the World Croquet Federation AC World Championship in America where Callum Hyland is winning a few matches and playing well at such an elite level as part of the Australian team.

Very good to see the level of celebrations at the Sandy Bay Club on reaching a century of existence, and the support of players from all clubs participating in the special events being run to mark the occasion. I look forward to reading their "history" of the club when it is launched on 30th of this month.

We are now approaching AGM time at clubs and State level. My thanks to all who have taken a role in administration this year at all levels. I know that the Competitions Committee is finishing the year busily putting the next year of events together into the calendar, and I note the great deal of work done by Liz and Ian Smith in ensuring that each event on the playing calendar is held on time. Work is also getting serious organising the National AC Championships and

Eire Cup for March next year in Tassie. Eleven months to go. We have a lot to look forward to in the next playing year.

Henry Burbury

Editor's Note

As noted by the President, the AGM is to be held in Launceston on May 28. Croquet Tasmania is administered by volunteers, many of whom fill multiple roles. You are asked to consider nominating yourself, or others you think could be able to contribute to the efficient management of our sport, for any of the positions listed below.

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SANDY BAY CROQUET CLUB - CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

A little over 12 months ago the Sandy Bay Croquet Club Centenary sub-committee began organising a series of events to celebrate our attaining 100 years. We aimed to make our current membership proud and to honour the memory of so many past members to whom we owe so much.

The Gala afternoon on 14 February was attended by over 100 members and guests. We enjoyed a variety of croquet fun on the lawns and a magnificent afternoon tea. The highlight was an official ceremony in which two of our longest serving members cut a superb birthday cake to mark the occasion.

The Centenary Hi-Lo Association Croquet event sponsored by Edwards Windsor Real Estate held between 8-10 April attracted thirty two participants. After an enjoyable three days of competition, the results were as follows:

- 1st Sue Beattie and Hugh Denny;
- 2nd Helen Philpott and Graeme Cake;
- 3rd Ian Bassett and Yvonne Shaw;
- 4th Pam Hamilton and Cecily Jones.

In the Plate Event, Graeme Keating and Ellen Cornish overcame runners up Sue Pearson and Carole Murphy. The Centenary Hi-Lo Golf Croquet event will be held 22-24 April.

The finale of our celebrations will be the Gala Dinner to be held at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania on the 30 April. The Governor of Tasmania, Professor Kate Warner, will launch the 100 year history of our Club *Teapots and Traditions*. Over 100 Members and guests will attend what we believe will be a fitting conclusion to our celebrations. Many thanks to the numerous members who contributed so much to the successful running of these two events.

Bob Bye

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TASSIE TALES PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Remember "Tassie Tales" is your magazine. Everyone is invited to submit items of interest for publication.

Closing date for copy

July issue	17 June
October issue	23 September
January 2017 issue	23 December 2016

Please email contributions to
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NORTHERN TASMANIA CROQUET CENTRE REPORT

An insight to the Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre role in the North

The Centre Committee was set up to control centre activities, organise maintenance of the lawns, encourage and give the public the opportunity to play croquet. At the same time the St Leonards Club was formed as a home club at the centre and was instrumental in assisting with the ground work. The committee consists of representatives from the East Launceston and St Leonards clubs and volunteers are sought from all clubs in the North and other users e.g. School for Seniors. It was agreed that the centre committee organise all events at the centre with St Leonards organising club activities.

St Leonards club have at least 4 Lawns to play on their Wednesday Club Day but are able to use lawns on any day. The School for Seniors have 2 sessions on Mondays with 40+ members playing 4 Ball and Golf Croquet. They also patronise the Thursday night twilight session. There are three disabled sessions weekly. School groups are welcome and Newstead College recently attended 2 sessions with 30 students playing. A come and try day organised by the Active Launceston with 8 participants, resulting in four participants making arrangements to play again.

This year the Golf Croquet Pennants were organised by the N.R.C.C. committee with 3 sections. East Launceston won all three groups with good games in all matches. The Novice Association event was staged with Lyn Farrell (East Launceston Club) winning from Joan Williams and Helen Larner (St Leonards Club). The Tasmania Golf Croquet Championship was organised with 29 participants over 3 days; there was positive feedback for this event with lots of Golf Croquet played in excellent weather. The Mayoral Challenge was a great success with four Mayors in the North vying to play the challenging Mayor from Meander Valley who won the crown in a very close game from the Dorset Mayor.

The Easter Gala has been played again this year. Entries were received from South Australia,

Victoria, New South Wales and local players. The lack of entries from the South is disappointing. Light Lunch was served at a cost. The organisers are questioning whether Easter is a good time for this event and would like to have feedback/comments.

Overall it has been a busy two months and volunteers who have assisted in any way are sincerely thanked.

Lee Turner

ST LEONARDS REPORT

Congratulations to our members who have achieved success in recent competitions. Kaye Jeffery and Bob Godfrey starred in the Devonport Summer Carnival. Rod Tait was a winner with Joan Williams a close second in the Tasmanian Golf Croquet B Grade Singles. In the Easter Gala Neil Drury won the level play Association Singles, Sylvia Wing won the Handicap Association Singles, Lee Turner and her partner Ruth McKean won the Association Handicap Doubles and Rod Tait was a runner up in the Golf Handicap singles. It is even more pleasing to see so many of our club members competing in competitions – a good sign for the future.

Club Captain Jim Claxton is in the midst of running a Club Hi-Lo Doubles Golf Championship. Jim is an old hand at putting together competitions and has had lots of experience with Tasmanian Masters Athletics and Veterans Golf. Our club event concludes in May.

The club extends an open invitation to members from other clubs to come and play on Wednesday Club Day. Over twenty club members play each week, but with eight lawns, there is still room for more. Come and visit us!

In May the Club will celebrate its 5th Birthday and you are all invited. Watch out for more details to come.

Sylvia Wing

EAST LAUNCESTON CC REPORT

East Launceston Croquet Club has enjoyed a long, hot summer of croquet with participation in both forms of the game Association and Golf.

The Club has recently been successful in the NTCC Golf mid-week pennant. East Launceston won all three divisions 1, 2 and 3. It was particularly pleasing to have some of our new players gaining experience and playing so well to have success in Division 3.

The annual Easter tournament known as the Gala was held at the Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre. This has proven to be a popular event and once again Hyde Park, South Australia was well represented and I am aware that East's players enjoyed meeting different players both on and off the lawn. It was great!

East was well represented playing in both the Association and Golf events. Ruth McKean was runner-up to David Chapman (S.A.) in the Golf Level singles event. Ruth also teamed with Lee Turner to be successful in the Association Handicap Doubles event thereby defending their title from 2015. The winner of the Golf Croquet Handicap event was East's Paul Boer. Lynne Farrell played in her first competitive event in the Association Handicap Singles. East was also represented in the Handicap Golf Doubles by Lynne Farrell, Bill Greenhill and Grant Willson.

Not only were we well represented by our players but also a great effort was made by our referees Kevin MacDonald and Denis MacDonald ably assisted by Lee Turner and Grant Willson when not playing. Lee Turner and Ruth McKean are to be congratulated in managing the tournament which proved to be great success.

East welcome s three new members in the last two months, Doreen Wright, Jan Stone and Jennifer Beavers. Enjoy your games girls!

East welcomes any visiting croquet players to our Club if wishing to have a game in their travels.

East continues to host players from the School for Seniors once a week in term. These players enjoy their games and are an addition to the overall croquet family as well as receiving the benefits of gentle exercise and making new friends.

Lynne Farrell

EASTERN SHORE CC REPORT

ESCC Full Bisque Tournament

ESCC held its annual Tournament on Feb 27/28. The Tournament is a handicap event in which all players receive Bisesques.

Entries this year were less than anticipated so the event was conducted as a "Round Robin".

At the end of round 2 all players had won one match each. The end of round 4 saw two players – Ross Doddridge (NTCC) and Connie Alison (KCC) – on three wins each. They were drawn to play each other in the final round.

After a tense battle Ross Doddridge emerged victorious.

Runner up on hoop difference was last year's winner Heather Lovell (KCC).

Clean Sweep

The recent Golf Croquet Medals held at the New Town Croquet Club saw all three medals decided going to ESCC members. Gold - Graham Keating, Silver – John Colquhuon, Bronze – Elaine Anderson.

Four in a Row

ESCC Division B Association Croquet team continued its dominance of this division with its fourth Pennant win in a row.

The team consisted of: Sue Pearson (Captain), Hazel Solomon, Liz Smith, Keith Chapman, Don Clayton, Daryl Jacobs, Chris Mackey and John Jacob.

Inaugural Pennant Win

ESCC Div C Golf Croquet team has won the inaugural Pennant.

Division C was a modified format and was restricted to players with a handicap of 10 or greater.

The team consisted of; Carlene Jackson (Captain), Elaine Anderson, Margaret Bishop,

Dianne Beasley, Carole Bovis, Fay Bailey and Richard Rhodes.

Gateball Comes To ESCC

Following a visit to ESCC in 2015, Kerry Lamerton (Southport CC – QLD) offered to show members the game of Gateball when next in Tassie. Kerry held two Come and Try sessions recently, “sparking” the interest of a number of members.

MISCELLANY

An anonymous croquet widower submitted this poem following the recent Women’s GC Championship held at Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre.

Women’s big event

A virtual horde of athletic old chooks
Left their babies, and knitting and put down their
books,
Took their mallets, their lunches, their sneakers
and balls,
And went to St Leonards - the State Title calls!

The autumn gold garden can bask in the sun;
These ladies were jolly well going to have fun-
Not the kind I do trust, that delighteth the sinner,
But to strive in good sport to determine a winner.

The battle of Waterloo lasted one day,
And was hugely decisive and important they say,
So imagine the cachet and glory you see,
'cause this mighty conflict endured for three.

The weather was perfect; the sport was all keen,
The hard competition just had to be seen;
And out of the furore a winner emerged,
Holding out as the challengers hammered and
surged.

Now the title’s decided, competition completed,
And the weary competitors gratefully seated,
Back in their homes to rest and to prattle,
'Til the next competition calls them all forth to
battle.

KINGSTON REPORT

Kingston Croquet club players scooped the pool at the Croquet Tasmania Association Croquet Grade Championships.

In the 5-20 event held at the Eastern Shore Club Kingston stalwart and Life Member, Claire Bamford had a narrow one hoop victory.

The Kingston Club hosted the 9-20 event which resulted in a very close competition over the 3 days. The final between Kingston members Heather Lovell and Peter Tracey was well contested with Heather getting the upper hand with a well-constructed break at the beginning of the match and finally winning 20 to 16.

The 16-20 event hosted by the New Town Croquet Club resulted in another Kingston win to Tim Parker who played consistently well throughout the event to win his first Croquet Tasmania title. Another relatively new player in Larry Hamilton showed excellent promise in finishing second.

Graeme Denehey



9 to 20 players – Brian Stafford (SB), Kathleen Lines (K), Robert Godfrey (StL), Peter Tracey (K), Heather Lovell (K)

A note for the diary of all GC players – we shall be conducting our 19 hoop competition through the Queen’s Birthday weekend 10 to 13 June – details will be sent to all clubs shortly

EIRE CUP REPORT

In March this year, a record five members of the Sandy Bay Croquet Club travelled as part of the Tasmanian team to Melbourne. The five members were Callum Hyland, Ian Bassett, Bob Bye, Lizzie Bassett and Elizabeth Brinsdon. The other members of the team, from the Kingston Club, were Sue Beattie, Rob McAdam, Elaine Roomes and Bob Beattie as reserve, supporter and a wonderful "gopher". The team played Association Croquet against the other states, vying for the coveted Eire Cup.

Each test consisted of four doubles in the morning, followed by sixteen singles. The conditions were not easy, with tight Quadway hoops, wind, rain, heat and varying lawn speeds. Despite this, Tasmania did the best they have done for over thirty years.

On the first day of the five tests, the team played the reigning champions NSW and gave them a big fright. Tasmania equalled NSW on games but was pipped on points. All of a sudden the other states started taking Tasmania seriously.

The whole team acquitted themselves very well in all tests and the final day saw Tasmania beating Queensland, thirteen games to seven.

The team returned home with pride and renewed enthusiasm to practice, learn, apply and win the Eire Cup in 2017, when it will be held here in Tasmania.

Lizzie Bassett, SBCC

Tasmanian Croquet Association

A.G.M. Dinner and Medal Presentations

Saturday 28th May 2016
Launceston Golf Club 6.30 for 7.00 pm

Cost : \$45 per head

Bookings, with payment, to be made through your
Club Secretary no later than 21 May

Our Team from 50 years ago



1966 Brisbane- Mrs E Good (Capt.), Miss D Millington (Mrs D Bennison), Mr HJ Read, Mrs D Choveaux, Mrs N Vautin (Reserve) (Examiner Photo)

Tasmanian Croquet Association

North v. South Challenge

On the assumption that the Northern Clubs will challenge the Southern Clubs, the current holders of this Trophy, players able to participate are asked to indicate their availability to: -

Northern clubs Patsy Paine
0409 973 092 OR patsy.paine12@gmail.com

Southern clubs Peter Tracey
0419 672 655 OR peter.tracey@bigpond.com



Tas GC Open Winner Rob McAdam receiving trophy from last year's winner Lesley Easton



Tas GC Open Semi-Finalists (all from Kingston)
Bob Beattie, Sue Beattie, Rob McAdam, Peter Tracey



Rod Tait & Joan Williams (St Leonards)



Jim Claxon (St Leonards Club Captain)



STOP PRESS

The penultimate event of the Sandy Bay Centenary celebrations has completed as we go to press and we have been provided with a brief summary of the event.

Three magnificent Autumn days on the 22-23-24 April greeted the 28 participants in the Sandy Bay Centenary Hi-Lo Golf Croquet event. The numerous comments from both players and spectators about the standard and the closely fought contests during the 3 day event spoke volumes for its success. Many thanks to the Tournament Manager Graeme Keating whose organizational skill was a major reason the event went so smoothly. Jane Hyland representing our sponsor Edwards Windsor Real Estate made presentations to the successful pairs as follows:-

First, Rob McAdam and Cathy Norris (Kingston)

Second, Bob Bye and Judy Foster (Sandy Bay)

Third, Kath Lines (Kingston) and Brian Stafford (Sandy Bay)

Fourth, Hugh Denny and Kaye Denny (Sandy Bay)

Results of the Plate Event

First, Kaye Jeffrey and Roberta Campbell (St Leonards)

Runner up, Patsy Paine (Devonport) and Lynne Farrell (East Launceston)

Bob Bye (Member of the Centenary Sub-Committee), SBCC