

Sandy Bay Croquet Club

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Dear Members,

Instead of the usual Monthly Memo highlighting the latest committee meeting decisions I thought I might try a different format on a quarterly basis. The July monthly memo appears later in this newsletter.

I would love feedback on the format and also invite you to contribute anything of interest to the next newsletter.

Alicia

Upcoming events – Club Social Events and Competitions

The events listed to the right are for your information and indicate which days social play may/will be affected.

Hoop setting for these competitions usually occur after social play (3.00 pm) on the day before the event commencing. Please check the whiteboard for amendments to this time.

We endeavor to put these events not only on the online calendar but also on the paper calendar in the kitchen and on the whiteboard.

CT (Croquet Tasmania). All Clubs actively participate in hosting CT competitions. If you are not involved in playing in these events you are very warmly invited to come and support the competitors. If House duties, catering etc. is required, an email will be sent out prior to the event to ask for assistance.

Many hands make light work!

*Full Minutes from Committee Meetings and Financial Reports are available for you to read.
Find them in a folder on the President's Desk.*



Upcoming Events at SBCC

Monday Afternoons

Mahjong

\$2.00 Members \$3.00 non members

29th June – 3rd August (Thursdays)
Intra Club Pennant

21st – 23rd July

CT – GC Tas Bronze Medals

11th – 13th August

CT – AC Hi Lo Doubles

Saturday 15th July

Garden working bee

Saturday 19th August

Maintenance/Clean up Day

Saturday 26th August

Season opening Day

From 30th August for 6 weeks

AC Pennant

1st week October

Rules session with Kaye

20th – 22nd October

CT - AC Medals

From 24th October for 7 weeks

GC Pennant

13th December - Wednesday

Christmas Lunch

CT GC Mixed Doubles – Celebrating Success

Friday 23rd June brought dismal skies and heavy showers but competitors and referees soldiered on.

With better weather on Saturday and Sunday the Club ran a very successful event. Many thanks go out to – Hugh: Tournament Manager and Rod his offsider, Lyn: and her House team and of course to all members who came along to watch and cheer as well as contributing as hoop setters, referees and food suppliers. *Well done Team SBCC!*

Congratulations to Jane Hyland and Graham Hyland who won the event in a best of 3 games 2-7, 7-5, 4-3



Winners Graham and Jane Hyland

With Runners-up

Patsy Paine and Malcolm Maney



Monthly Memo – Major points from the Committee Meeting 4th July

- **Membership Renewals** – will be available late July in the clubrooms. As we have a few potential members on the waiting list it would be appreciated if you are considering not renewing your membership that you let us know as soon as possible so that we can welcome new members to the club.
- **Congratulations** to 4 members of our Club who were selected in the Tasmanian Team to compete in Western Australia in September 2023. *Yvonne Shaw, Carol Hanigan, Jane Hyland and Graham Keating.* We wish them all the best for a fantastic competition.
- **Congratulations** also to Kaye Denny who has qualified as a GC Croquet coach. Thanks to those members who came along as Kayes' students.
- **Garden working Bee** – all members are invited to come and help with garden maintenance and pruning etc. on 15th July from 9.30am, you can do as little or as much as you are capable of. Please bring your own tools clearly marked with your name. We look forward to a good roll up.
- **Annual Maintenance Day** – 19th August from 9.30am with a supplied BBQ Lunch to follow. Each year before Opening Day we attempt all the little jobs that keep the clubrooms looking good. A list of jobs will be on the notice board for you to peruse and write your name beside your chosen job. These tasks can be completed on or before the 19th August.
- **Adopt a Shelter Shed** – we are asking members to consider adopting a shelter shed for the year. This way they will be kept maintained all year. There will be a form on the notice board. First in best dressed!
- **Annual Opening day** - this year it is to be August 26th. Members are invited to arrive around 10.30am with the official running of the first hoop of the season at 11am. Followed by morning tea. If possible, could you all please bring a plate of delicious nibbles to grace our table.
- **Practice hoops** will be set up on the lawn margins in order to save the lawn in front of the hoops. We would appreciate a few more members learning how to set hoops. Please talk to Tony.
- **Rules Session** – Kaye is planning a rules session for early October. This is not just for pennant players but for all members.
- **Sponsorship** – we are constantly looking at sponsorship for the Club, especially as it is becoming harder to run raffles etc. Donations and Bequests to the Club will of course be gratefully received. If you have a lead for a potential sponsor please let me know.

Trivia from 2002- 5 Tasmanian Croquet Players The 'Tassie Hazels'

Member Profile: Mal and Hazel Maddox



This month I would like to introduce you to two stalwarts of the Club. I hope you enjoy their story.



****Meeting on stage together****

Hazels first
ballet costume!



Mals Story. I was born in the western suburbs of Sydney. I went to Parramatta High School, one of only six high schools in the metropolitan area for five years. I aspired to be a civil engineer, so I found a job as a cadet engineer in local government to allow me to go to night school at Sydney Technical College. After six gruelling years I went overseas for a break, by finding a job in the engine room of an Orient Line Passenger liner (not as an engineer). In London I was introduced to a wonderful couple who lived in a large Georgian House in Paddington. They took me as a boarder at first and later as a friend and it became my base in Britain. After the usual quick tour of Europe, I took a job as a waiter in the nearby multi-floor Lyons Corner House near Picadilly Circus – the reason being I could eat in the staff café at any time, free, on duty or not. At the Palace Theatre nearby, Ivor Novello's last musical, Kings Rhapsody, was ending its two year run. Singers and dancers were being invited to audition for a tour of the north including Scotland. I was a trained classical singer, so I auditioned and was accepted.

Hazels story. I was born in London in 1931 and started learning ballet and tap at a very early age. Our family moved to Berkshire to escape the blitz where I still took classes. We returned to London towards the end of World War 2 and I continued training at the Rambert Ballet School, where Audrey Hepburn was in my class. I danced in London and on tour round the South of England during 1949 and 1952.

I met Mal on the stage of the Palace Theatre, London. After the Kings Rhapsody tour, I continued dancing until coming to Australia in 1953. Four weeks by sea (no air travel then). We were married in Sydney in 1954 and lived in NSW briefly before coming to Tasmania where Mal worked for the HEC. We had 3 sons and when the youngest turned 10 I bought Nancy Giblins Ballet School (1971) and taught for 22 years.

I joined SBCC in 1988 and played regularly in inter club pennants and club championships.



Div 3: Club Championships 2000 -2001
Winner Hazel and Runner up Mal

Our story together – Told by Mal

In rehearsals for the show, there was a ballroom scene for which dancers and singers combined. The ballet mistress said to Hazel “You take the red head” and so we danced together, looking happy, as required, 8 times a week for 6 months. I had to fill in on the last two weeks on the London stage and then the show went by special train to Glasgow for six weeks. What a way to see the country! I left the show after the six months to go back to sea.

Far too much happened after that to include here. We wrote to each other when I was on three month trips on cargo ships to South America and then to the western coast of North America. We met between trips and we went to Paris for ten days when Hazel had a break. When the time came for me to come home and start being an engineer I found a job on a passenger ship bound for Australia. Hazel thought she would come out and have a look, but it appeared very unlikely she would want to stay. Sydney was no match for London in the theatre world in 1953, but she did come and she did stay on. I was working on an airfield, which a country town wanted for the Queen’s first visit to Australia and my appearance was very different from what Hazel knew in the UK. We married in Sydney in 1954. I found a job with the Hydro Electric Commission Tasmania, we thought for a couple of years. Sixty eight years later we are still here. Housing was just as difficult then as it is now, so we bought a block of land at Howrah and gradually built our own house. The neighbours were wonderful in helping us. Two boys were born while we were there, but for a number of reasons we sold the house and bought land up Fisher Ave and had a house built. Our third son was born that year. We stayed there for 48 years. The boys and I got involved with the Sandy Bay Sailing Club. Hazel went back to dancing classes and eventually bought the school and taught classical ballet for 22 years.

Hazel joined the Sandy Bay Croquet Club in 1988 and enjoyed playing Club and inter-club pennant for about 30 years. I too joined the club in 1999 when my shoulder got too sore to raise a golf club above my head. I played in all divisions and in 2020 I was made a life member of the Club. I had played pennant golf and Hazel joined me casually especially on Queensland holidays. I travelled quite a lot, including 3 trips for the HEC: to NZ on a geological tour; to Portugal for 6 weeks; and to Moscow for an international conference with a stop in Sweden on the way for consultation and to Austria on the way back to look at a new tunneling method, all by train. We made several trips back to the UK to see Hazel’s family. I also did 2 treks in the Himalayas.

I was diagnosed in Queensland in 2007 with multiple myeloma and was flown home in a tiny Lear jet arranged by our youngest son, who put his job in Perth on hold to fly over to help Hazel deal with things. I could not sit up to fly commercially. After hefty chemotherapy treatment including a new drug on trial I could sit up again. It worked and when I got off them the myeloma stayed at a very low level, and still does, without taking anything. The oncologist said other doctors couldn’t believe it. She had expected I would only last 4 years, so in 2010 we sold the house we had lived in for 48 years and moved into Sandown Village, where we still live. In 2024 the Mal and Hazel will celebrate 70 years of marriage. Hazel is still wielding a mallet playing AC and enjoys Mahjong on a Monday at the Club.

Teaser: Who am I? I first met a fabulous and talented woman in 1967 when we were both in a production of ‘Alice in Wonderland’ at the Theatre Royal. I was a lowly bit player but Hazel was the amazing Tiger Lily and I recall her wearing a plume of orange flowers (I think) to represent the Tiger Lily flower. We met again at SBCC!

For Your Information

On the Notice Board you will find the following information, plus other interesting bits and pieces:

Pennants – Results and Sign Up Forms
Mallet and equipment info
Upcoming Events
Other Clubs Events
Greeting Cards for Sale

New Members

At Present we haven't welcomed any new members as our Club is at capacity. But we do have a waitlist!

Visitors to the Club

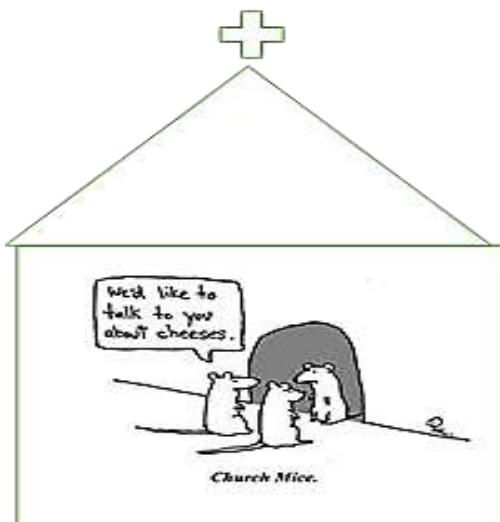
Occasionally other Club Members call in for a game. Please make them welcome.
They pay a lawn fee of \$5

TRADE TABLE

The trade table is for you to donate saleable goods to the club. Set the price or ask for a donation. If the item is still there after a month we ask that you kindly remove the item.

Options for Potential Members

- Come and Try - First try is free. Preferably with a member
- Taste of Croquet - not offered at the moment but hopefully will be again in the future
- Joining the Club - Fill out an application form and we will let you know when there is a spot for you.



Something funny to finish on!

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