

Sandy Bay Croquet Club

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Dear Members,

It's time for the annual newsletter which includes the major points from the latest committee meeting and also a chance to highlight one of our members.

I 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 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 clubroom and on the whiteboard.

All Clubs actively participate in hosting CT (Croquet Tasmania) 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, or help with an outside booking 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 for your diary

Monday Afternoons

Mahjong

\$2.00 Members

\$3.00 non-members

4th July – 25th July

(Thursdays) 12.45pm

Intra Club Pennant

Wednesday 10th July

12.45pm

Bring your over 10 yoa Grandchildren along for a game of croquet

Saturday 20th July 10am

Rose pruning Day

Sunday 8th September

Healthy Hobart 10-11am

Saturday in September

Date TBA

Club Spring Celebration

Monday 14th October

Come and Try and

Seniors Week 1-3pm

Theme: Connecting Generations

Saturday 7th December

Bunnings BBQ

Wednesday

11th December 5-7pm

Christmas Celebration

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 possible so that we can welcome new members to the club.
- **Taste Packages** – Taste packages are now available 1 month for \$20 or 3 months for \$50
- **Intra Club Pennant** – This fun event starts on Thursday 5th and consists of 5 teams of 3 players in each team – Macedon, Athens, Sparta, Persis and Thrace! Who will rule the club after this exciting event?
- **UPDATED PLAYING SCHEDULE** - The Games committee have updated the playing schedule to allow a more effective use of the lawns. The updated schedule is available on-line and on the notice board and also later in this newsletter.
- **Grandparents/Grandchildren Day** – *Don't forget to bring your over 10 years of age grandchildren along on Wednesday 10th July 12.45pm for a fun afternoon!*
- **AC Coaching** – need to upskill your game or would like to try your hand at AC. Coaching is available with Graham on Saturday mornings from 10am
- **Rose Pruning working Bee** – all members are invited to come and help with rose pruning on Saturday 20th July from 10.00am, you can do as little or as much as you are capable of. Please bring your own sharp secateurs clearly marked with your name. We look forward to a good roll up.
- **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 especially before a major event. There is a signup form on the notice board. Liz, Shane, Alicia and Chris have taken on Shed 2. Anyone else interested?
- **Many thanks** to Anthony Hodge for your kind contribution of delicious relishes. Incidental fund raising like this relieves us of having to fundraise via raffles etc.
- **Outside Bookings** – we have a number of schools coming along to try croquet. We attempt to keep these bookings to a minimum and try to not impact social play too much. Again these bookings alleviate the need to fundraise! Please see clubroom calendar for these upcoming bookings.
- **Sign in Book** – Please remember to sign in for insurance purposes.
- **Mallet Naming** – We ask that you clearly name your mallet if you store it in the mallet shed. We are limited for room and there seems to be a few mallets that have migrated from the spare mallet shed. We will do a clean out in September.
- **Lost Property** – Lost property will be disposed of after a month in the box.
- **Volunteers Needed** – Croquet Tas are looking for volunteers to help out with many tasks at the World Croquet Federation GC Teams Championship February 17th to 23rd 2025 in Launceston. Teams from Australia, Spain, USA, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Egypt and South Africa will be playing for the coveted Openshaw Trophy. This is your chance to see 32 world class GC players in action. Register your interest today - gcworldteamstasmania2025.com.au/volunteers. SBCC is considering hiring a bus if there is enough interest from our members.

SBCC PLAYING SCHEDULE – updated July 2024

Day	Time	Two Lawns	One Lawn
Mon	10:00 - 12:30	GC Social	GC Social
	1:00 - 4:00	Concessional Members	
Tues	10:00 - 12:30	GC Competitive	AC Social
	1:00 - 4:00	GC Social <i>(Pennant)</i>	GC Social
Wed	10:00 - 12:30	AC Social	AC Social <i>(Pennant)</i>
	1:00 - 4:00	GC Social <i>(Pennant)</i>	GC Social
Thur	10:00 - 12:30	GC Competitive	<i>(Pennant)</i>
	1:00 - 4:00	GC Social <i>(Pennant)</i>	GC Social
Fri	10:00 - 12:30		AC Social
	1:00 - 4:00	GC Social	GC Social
Sat	10:00 - 12:30	AC Beginners / Coaching	AC Beginners / Coaching
	1:00 - 4:00	GC Social	GC Social
Sun	10:00 - 12:30	GC Competitive (A and B grade)	
	1:00 - 4:00		

- GC/AC Social sessions are available for social play in the designated code
- GC Competitive sessions are available for current/aspiring pennant players only
- Blank sessions are available for social play in either code
- Sessions marked *(Pennant)* will sometimes be unavailable due to pennant events

Member Profile: Graham Keating

This month I would like to introduce you to a stalwart of the Club. I hope you appreciate his story.

SBCC would like to congratulate Graham Keating who in 2024 has not only taken on the role of *President of Croquet Tasmania* but also become a *Board Member of Croquet Australia*.

Graham was born in Devonport and attended Devonport Primary and Devonport High Schools. He married Sally and they have 2 children – Cameron who now lives in Texas USA (Director in Charge of Credit and Risk for Canada/USA/Mexico with Daimler Financial Services and Sarah who lives in Hobart and is with the Academic Senate administration at UTAS.

Graham retired as a registered Builder in October 2010. He has worked as a Chief Estimator (1962-1969) a director of Associated Building Services (1968-1972), Construction Manager-Director (1973-1985). Managing Director of two different companies (1985-2008) and (2009-2009).

He also has a long association with The Master Builders Association of Tasmania and was rewarded with a Life Membership in 2009, (well-deserved when you read his CV of commitments.

He served many roles with the MBA as:-

President 2002/03, Senior Vice President 1999-2001, State Councillor 1976-1986 and 1996-2012, Treasurer 2006 -2012, Executive Committee 1997-2012, Regional Chairman (NW) 1981-1982, Regional Chairman (South) 1997-2000, Federal Industrial Relations Committee 1984-1985, Federal Councillor 2003/04, Strategic Planning - Committee Member 1997-2009, Chairman 1999-2001, Remuneration Committee 2007 -2012, Accreditation Committee 2005-2012, Commercial Contractors Committee 1986-1999, Property and Investment Committee 1998-2012, Board Member MBA Insurance Services - 2006 -2012, Australian Institute of Building Tasmanian Chapter - Committee Member 1996, Vice Chairman 1997-1998, President 1988-1999, Member of Building Appeals Board with the State Government Authorities 1997-2000 & 2008-2012

And once you have taken all that in we can get onto a life in sport!

Graham has had a long and varied sport life he played AFL for Devonport Football Club and was Secretary there from 1970-72 and President of the Devonport Squash Club 1982-84.

His croquet journey began in 2009 after participating in an Adult Education Course and joining Eastern Shore Croquet Club where he was Treasurer from 2011 to 2013.

Graham saw the light and joined Sandy Bay Croquet Club in 2013 and served as President from 2017 to 2021. He also served as Treasurer to Croquet Tasmania from 2013 to 2018.



Graham as Croquet Tasmania President presenting the TCA Open doubles Trophy May 2024



Graham has represented Tasmania as a Member of the Tasmanian Team Eire Cup -2014 and ISS (golf) on many occasions – 2012/13/14/15/17/18/19

Graham as captain of the ISS Team that travelled to Victoria in 2019

Other achievements include:-

AC A Grade Div 2 Champion 2013

AC A Grade Div 1 Champion 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

GC A Grade Sandy Bay Club Champion 2014,2015,2018,2021



Graham competing in the GC Gold and Silver Medal in 2017.

Graham won the TCA Gold Medal (Golf) in 2017

And also the

ACA Bronze Medal (Golf) 2017

ACA Silver Medal (Golf) 2018 – This is the top result for a Tasmanian in this event.

TCA Gold Medal (Golf) 2019

*TCA Open Doubles Champion 2019 (Golf)
with Croquet partner Yvonne Shaw*



*Tasmanian State GC
Team 2019*

*Graham and Yvonne in the
winning Composite Southern
Team 2023*



Graham has also served as a GC Selector/Chair 2020-2021.

He is an accredited Referee in both AC and GC and an accredited Level 2 Coach - GC.

I think we can all agree that Graham is certainly a participator, a contributor and a generous giver to all aspects of life. Our club has benefited from having him as a Member. We hope to see his name up on more Honour Boards in the future.

Thank you Graham for allowing us a glimpse into your life.

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

We welcome Carol Inches and Gary Munting who are also members at other southern clubs.

Visitors to the Club

Occasionally other Club Members call in for a game. Please make them welcome.

They pay a lawn fee of \$10

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 arranged with a member
- Taste of Croquet - \$20 for 1 month and \$50 for 3 months
- Joining the Club - Fill out an application form and we will let you know when there is a spot for you.

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A Bit of trivia taken from the Mercury February 24th 1916