



# THE CROQUET PLAYER

*Kingston Croquet Club Inc.*

## January/February 2021

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**President:** Bob Beattie

**Vice President:** Rob McAdam

**Secretary:** Margaret Pinkard

**Treasurer:** Neil Pinkard

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**Committee Members:** Toni Davidson, Zok Malceski,

Patricia McNeill, Tim Parker

**Sub Committee Chairs:** Maintenance – Tim Parker:

Social/Fundraising – Margaret Pinkard: Finances – Neil

Pinkard: Events – Rob McAdam

**TCA Representative:** Bob Beattie

### 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.

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

### Housekeeping Roster

15 – 28 February

1 – 14 March

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Toni Davidson and Anthea MacLeod

Jodi Donovan and Eraine Johnston

Maggie Farquhar and Julia Paull

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### Dates for your Diary

Tues 16 Mar 2021: How to Improve your Game

Sun 21 Mar 2021: Lawn Renovations

Mon 29 Mar 2021: Annual General Meeting

SPONSORS OF OUR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 19 POINT GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT



# Invitation to All Members

to the

## 2021 AGM

Monday 29th March at  
4.00pm

followed by a BBQ/nibbles and drinks to  
thank all our members

Supported by Meg Webb MLC

### Information regarding the Executive Committee.

- The committee meets once a month and makes decisions about the running of the club.
- All executive positions will be declared vacant and we encourage all members to consider joining the committee and have major input into the running of your club.
- Bob Beattie has indicated that he will not be standing for the position of President. Bob has been the president for at least 4 years and has ably chaired the committee meetings and represented club with respect and dignity.
- A Nomination Form is included at the end of this newsletter. Hard copies are also available in the clubhouse.

We urge you to consider joining the committee

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## Member Achievements

Congratulations to all our members who participated in tournaments this year, especially to

- Peter Ross who won both the Tasmanian AC Open and AC Men's Open
- Tim Parker who was runner-up to Peter in the Tasmanian AC Open
- Zok Maleceski who was runner-up to Peter in the Tasmanian AC Men's Open
- Phil Roach who made it to the final four in the Tasmanian GC Open Singles

### The Winning Styles



Peter

*(Editor's Note: Sorry Phil, I didn't have a photo of you playing)*



Zok



Tim

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## New members

**Welcome** to Anthea MacLeod and Sue Bryce. Please make them feel welcome.

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## Thanks for Donations

Thanks to 4 of our very generous members, we now have a lovely new fridge and an "Ozito" Outdoor Vacuum Cleaner

Di Hollier and Avner Misrachi donation the big fridge. The small "drinks" fridge has been sold and the smaller of the two fridges in the clubhouse is now the "drinks" fridge.

Thank you, Di and Avner.

Peter Tracey and Claire Bamford donated the "Ozito" Outdoor Vacuum Cleaner. It is in the storage shed behind the clubhouse and extension leads are available on the wall in the shed.

Please use it whenever the lawns have leaves and twigs on them, to maintain a good playing surface.

Thank you, Peter and Claire.

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## Woodbridge District School Croquet Day



On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Decembers Peter Tracey, Sally Liggins, Sue and Bob Beattie and Tim Parker travelled down to Woodbridge District School to run 2 Junior Croquet Introductory Courses.

It was an exceptionally hot day but the allocated area for the “courts” were located under the beautiful eucalyptus trees on the river’s edge where there was a lovely river breeze.

There were two sessions – one with Grade 5 and 6 students and the other with Grade 7 to 10 students.

It was a very successful and enjoyable day.

Thank you, Peter, Sally, Sue, Bob and Tim.



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## MCMF 19 Hoop Tournament



This tournament is Kingston Croquet Club’s premier event. This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> time we have held this tournament and is one of the highest prize-winning tournaments in Australia.

**As a Golf Croquet Player**, you may be interested in entering the tournament.

- Entries close on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- More information and entry form available at: [MCMF 19 Hoop Croquet Tournament - Croquet Tas](#)

**As the Host Club**, we will need many volunteers to help make this highly regarded tournament a success.

- At this stage we are requesting “Expression of Interest” from our members to host/billet competitors from interstate and intrastate.
  - We already have one request from a competitor from South Australia.
  - If you are prepared to host/billet a player/s for 4 to 5 days please talk to Peter Tracey or Margaret Pinkard.
- We will be calling for volunteers to help with ground preparation, refereeing, catering, and organisational tasks closer to the tournament BUT if you would like to volunteer **now** please have a chat to Peter or Margaret.

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## Calling for Volunteers

Our facilities are in need of some TLC.

Can you help with any of these???

1. Mini Working Bee to **tidy and reorganise the clubhouse**
2. Mini Working Bee to do some **weeding and tidying up of the gardens** on the southern side of the lawns, especially around the trees near the back gate as the Kingston Garden Club will be coming to view the tree and plaque that they provided as a memorial for Edith Johnston, one of our founding members.
3. Mini Working Bee to **dig trenches** along the southern side of lawn one similar to that along the western side of both lawns

We would like to have these “mini” working bees as soon as possible.

**Please put you name down on the list in the clubhouse**

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## Club Polo Tops

Do you want a club polo top?

Russell Brown has provided us with a website from which you can purchase polo tops appropriate for pennant and tournament.

This is the type of polo top that most players have purchase, but you can choose any design as long as it is in club colours – blue and white/white and blue.

Website: [Polos - WINNING SPIRIT WAREHOUSE](#)

*Editors Note:*

1. *From my research the total cost (including postage) is equivalent to or less than purchasing locally.*
2. *The timeframe from ordering and receiving is much quicker than purchasing through the local supplier*
3. *The Club's logo is in their data base but if you need a digitally version of it please let me know.*



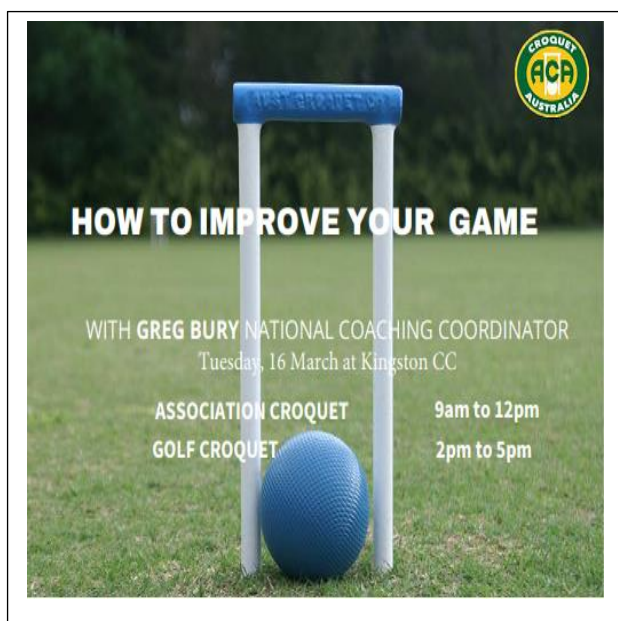
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## Bunnings BBQ

Thanks to all members who provided a lending hand for the Bunnings BBQ. It was a successful fundraising event – we raised close to \$700.

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## How to Improve Your Game



Greg Bury (National Coaching Director) is coming to Tasmania in March and will be providing a coaching session for both Golf Croquet Players and Association Croquet Players on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

- AC – 9am to 12pm                      GC – 2pm to 5pm

For more information talk to Sue Beattie.

### **Requesting a helping hand from Members:**

Kingston Club will be providing morning and afternoon and putting on a BBQ for this event. If you can give us a hand by providing food or coming along to help it would be much appreciated. Please let Margaret Pinkard know or fill-in the “Helping Hand” Form in the clubhouse.

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## COVID -19 Update

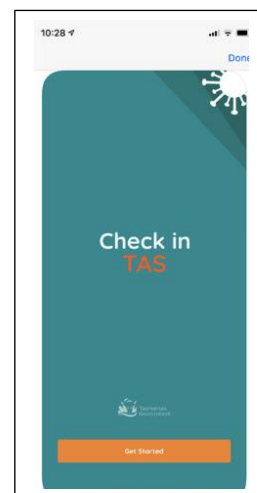
“Check in Tas” App and Visitors’ Book

The club has registered for this “check-in” facility and “scan” documents are now available on the first Shelter Shed and the door of the clubhouse.

It is optional for members and visiting southern club players to use this app **BUT** you do need to continue to “sign-in” on the “Weekly Attendance”.

**All Non-playing Visitors and Players** who are **NOT** members of a Southern Tasmanian Croquet Club are requested to use this app or provide name and contact details in the Visitors Book located near the Weekly Attendance sheets.

**Download the App here.** [Google Play Store](#) and [Apple App Store](#)



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## Club Notices:

1. The committee has been made aware that the balls on the trolleys for everyday play are starting to behave in unexpected ways because they are becoming worn and damaged.

We have decided to replace these balls with those reserved for tournament/pennant play after the completion of the 19 Hoop Tournament in June.

In the meanwhile, we ask that you use the Secondary Colour balls in preference to the Primary Colours when there is only one game being played on a lawn.

2. Lawn Maintenance – lawn renovation has been scheduled for Sunday 21st March

This means that the lawns will not be available for play on that day and that any play in the next 2 to 3 weeks will be noticeable slower due to the sand that will be covering the lawns.

3. Twilight Croquet:

- ✓ Friday nights from 4.30 onwards
- ✓ Come and enjoy a game of Croquet!!!!
- ✓ Stay and have a drink and maybe something to eat .....

4. A New housecleaning roster and duties are on the noticeboard.

5. Member Contact details list is available under the Weekly Attendance Sheets.

This information is for **member use only** and is current as of 14 Feb 2021.

*Please respect the privacy of our members and do not circulate to others or use for commercial purpose.*

6. We have replaced the chairs in the clubhouse with a set of “stackable” chairs

The old chairs are available for relocation for a small donation.

- If interested have a talk to Margaret.

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## Notices to Golf Croquet Players

1. **GC Pennant:**

The Croquet Tasmania 2021 GC Autumn Pennant will start in the week beginning 22 March and will run for the following 6 weeks. It is planned to be of a similar format to the 2020 Spring Pennant - 3 Divisions with handicap ranges

**Div 1** -6 to 20 to be played on **Wednesdays**

**Div 2** 5 to 20 to be played on **Thursdays**

**Div 3** 10 to 20 to be played on **Tuesdays**

- Note the change of days for Div 1 and Div 2

If you wish to play in this Autumn Pennant, please register on the form available in the Clubhouse. **Registration closes on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

2. **The GC Open Divisional Singles (Division 2- 4)** is on March 12 -14 at the Northern Tasmania

Croquet Centre. It is for players with a handicap of 6 or greater.

Click this link for entry form: [GC Open Divisional Singles \(div 2-4\)](#)

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## Notices for AC Players

1. **AC Club Championships:** registration for the AC Club Championships closed on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

If you wish to play in this Championship, please complete the entry form attached with this Newsletter and return to Rob McAdam.

**KINGSTON CROQUET CLUB Inc.**

**NOMINATION FORM for Executive and Committee Positions**

- *PRESIDENT*; ■ *VICE-PRESIDENT*; ■ *SECRETARY*; ■ *TREASURER*.  
■ *4 COMMITTEE MEMBERS*

*POSITION:*

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*NAME OF PERSON BEING  
NOMINATED:*

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*SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR:*

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*SIGNATURE OF SECONDER:*

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*SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE:*

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*DATE:*

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**Please hand completed form to current Secretary, Margaret Pinkard**