

# The Croquet Player

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## Up-coming Events

Keep up-to-date with what's going on at the club, including tournaments and competitions, by reading the Weekly Bulletin that is emailed to members every Sunday, and posted near the door of the clubhouse

*Please let the Secretary know if you are not receiving the Weekly Bulletin*

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## Kingston Croquet Club Inc.

### Life Membership

At our 2023 Annual General Meeting our President, Di Hollier, had the pleasure and honour of presenting Peter Tracey with Life Membership of the Kingston Croquet Club.

Peter has been an extremely active member of the club since he joined in 2012.

He was President in 2016 – 2017 in which time he:

- ♦ Streamlined the meeting format.
- ♦ Introduced the 19 Point Tournament.
- ♦ Instigated professional groundsman to look after the lawns.

He is a current Referee and Umpire for both AC and GC, an Examining Referee and a Level 3 Coach for GC as well as Deputy Presenter and Assessor for the training of coaches.

He is currently Treasurer of Croquet Tasmania and is State and Club Junior Coordinator and has been a member of the ACA Junior Players sub-committee. He is proactive in making croquet a sport for all ages and levels of players and is a strong advocate of croquet not just at our club but in Tasmania and Australia.

Life membership is a deserving accolade for all the time and effort Peter has put not only into Kingston Croquet Club but also Croquet Tasmania and Croquet Australia.

Peter joins an esteemed group to be presented with Life Membership: Clare Bamford, Graeme and Gwen Denehey, Michael McCarthy and Graeme Nichols.

It was a wonderful surprise for Peter, especially as his family was able to be at the presentation.

Our heartfelt congratulations to you Peter. May you continue to enjoy croquet.



## Member Achievements

Congratulations to all our members who played in the Australian AC Open Championships in March, especially Heather Lovell who won the Plate event. Jane Hyland (associate member) was runner-up to Heather.

Our Eire Cup team which included Heather Lovell, Sue Beattie, Peter Ross, Tim Parker and Jane Hyland played incredibly well to improve the state's ranking to fourth. Well done everyone.



Jane Hyland being presented with the runner-up's Plate Certificate.



Peter Ross being presented with the ACA Tasmanian Bronze Medal



Heather Lovell being presented with the Australian AC Open Plate Certificate

### Other Member Achievements:

Congratulations to the following members:

- Peter Ross who won the Tasmanian AC Classic tournament
- Phil Roach who won the Tasmanian GC Open Men's Singles
- Tim Parker who was runner-up in the Tasmanian GC Open.

## New Members

*Welcome to Lynne Murphy and Misha Garratt (Kerry and Jody's granddaughter) who have just recently joined our club.*

*Please introduce yourselves to these new members when you see them around the club.*

## Update on our Equipment

1. **The Balls:** The original Dawson ball recipe went out of production following changes to Australian product regulations which banned one of the substances used. Testing continues to recreate a recipe that meets the specification. The WCF have been advised that there has been some success. We hope these balls will be available soon. We considered purchasing balls from another producer, but have decided to wait until the Dawson Balls are available
2. **New Containers for GC Clips:** We now have 4 divided containers - two for primary colours and two for secondary colours with each compartment having six clips. These will enable users to quickly see if any clips are missing.
  - \* We encourage social players to use the clips to enable you to more easily keep score, as well as providing some experience in using them if/when you play in any competitions or pennant.
3. **Lawn Broom:** We are purchasing a new Lawn Broom which will be easier to use to brush away the dew in the mornings. It is important the dew is swept away as playing on a very "dewier" lawn can encourage the establishment of diseases/viruses.

## Golf Croquet Club Championships

Congratulations to Di Hollier, Toni Davidson and Peter Tracey (the organisers) for running a successful the Club's GC Championship Tournament which included HiLo Doubles, Handicap Singles and Division 2 competitions.

The new "Advantage Play" format was used in the HiLo Doubles and Handicap events which proved to provide a much more evenly based competition.

GC Club Champions for 2023 are:

### Singles Handicap:

- Champion: Neil Pinkard
- Runner-up: Jamie Fleming

### HiLo Doubles:

- Champions: Toni Davidson and Tony Johnston
- Runner-ups: Phil Roach and Sheila Kovalskis

### Division 2:

- This was a well contested competition with two players, Steve Harvey and Robert Green, winning 3 games each but Steve was declared the Champion on the basis that he was 1 hoop ahead on net hoops. Both Steve and Robert were presented with an engraved glass at the conclusion of the event.

## Association Croquet Summer Pennant Results

The AC Pennant season was very successful for Kingston.

- ♦ Division 1 won the Pennant without losing a match
- ♦ Division 3 also won their Pennant with losing only one match
- ♦ Division 2 finished second.

Well done to all members who participated in the Summer Pennant.

(see the Division 1 report below)

## Update on the Golf Croquet Autumn Pennant

At the conclusion of week 7 of the Pennant

- ♦ Division 1 is on top of the ladder
- ♦ In Division 2 and 3, even though the results are not going our way, both teams are giving the other clubs some excellent competition.

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## Winning the Pennant on the Last Day!!!!!!

*(a report from Rob McAdam)*

The A Grade AC Pennant Team won the 2023 Summer Pennant having won all 6 matches this Pennant Season.

In the last week of competition the team needed to beat New Town, the winners of the last few Pennants. A win for New Town on the day would have given them the Pennant on net games &/or net hoops. We came from behind in the Doubles games in the turns after the final bell to win both, but we still needed to win at least 2 of the 4 singles matches to prevail on the day. We won 3 of them to give us a 5/1 win (108 hoops to 76).

The team members were Peter Ross, Tim Parker, Sue & Bob Beattie, Zok Malceski, Elaine Roomes and Rob McAdam.



**KINGSTON CROQUET CLUB  
159 SUMMERLEAS RD  
(BELOW SPORTS CENTRE)  
HOBART TASMANIA**

# **MCMF 19 POINT GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT**

**Come and watch  
a fabulous  
croquet event!**

**8TH – 12TH JUNE 2023  
8AM – 4PM  
FREE ENTRY**

Drinks will be available.

- Tea and coffee: \$2.00 per day
- Beer and wine: Donation - \$5.00 per glass/stubby
- Soft Drinks: Donation— \$2.00 per can

**Finals Day - Monday 12th**

- Sausages with onions and coleslaw will be available for purchase: \$4.00 per sausage.





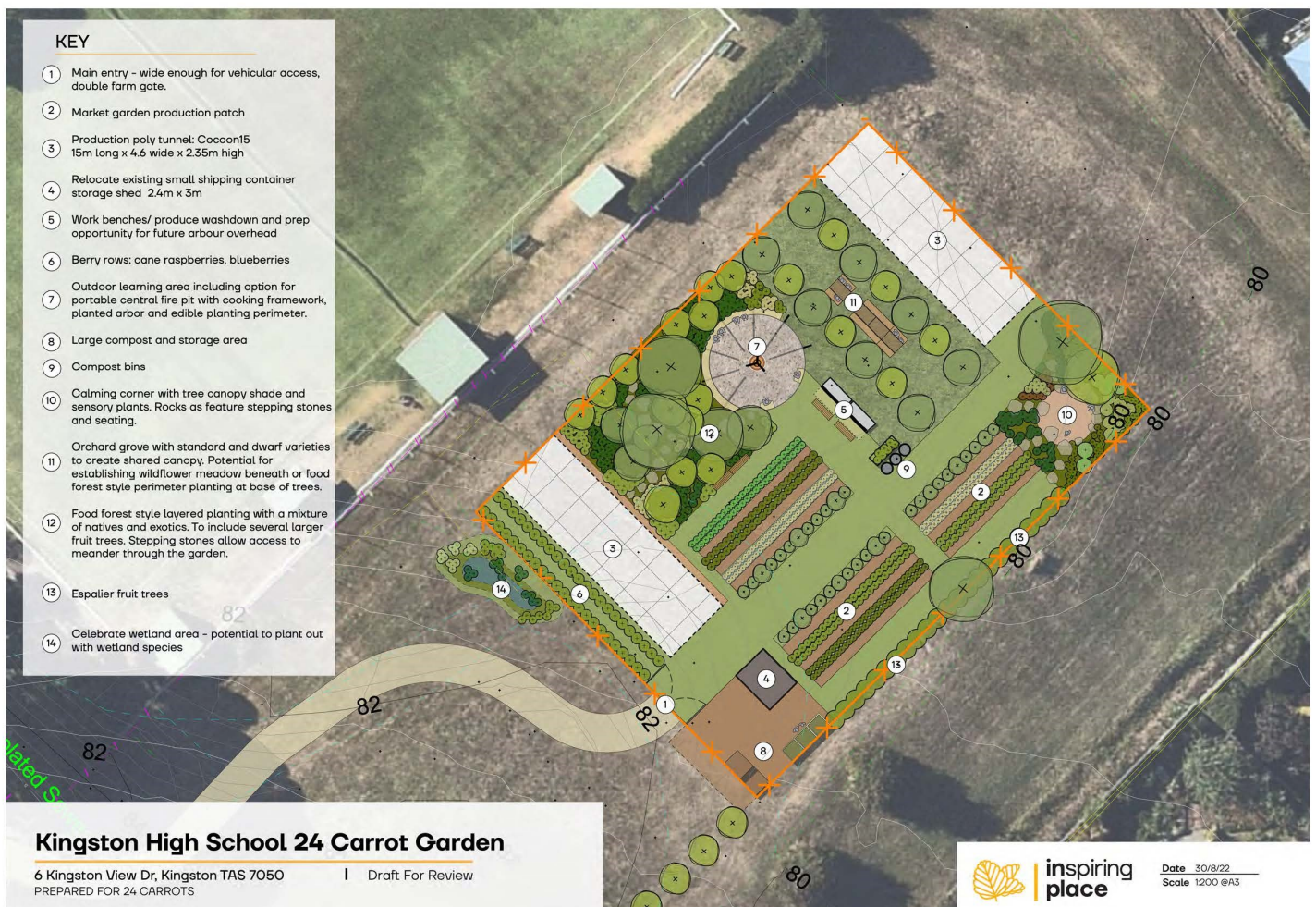
## What's going on over the fence?

The Kingston High School has entered into a relationship with 24 Carrot Gardens which is a “not for profit” company which establishes school and community gardens where children learn to grow, cook and eat healthy produce. As a result 24 Carrot Gardens is establishing a school garden for the Kingston High School community over the fence.

The Garden has been designed by a local leading architectural firm. (see the concept plan below).

Now that the initial construction work has been completed, 24 Carrot Gardens is establishing the actually gardens.

For more information about 24 Carrot Gardens, click [here](#).



## Autumn 2023

### Visitors to the Club.

This year we have already hosted the Kingston Cub Scouts, students from Calvin Christian College and members of the Woodbridge Probus Club

We have also welcomed Arthur and Rosie Lathouris and Terry Liggins on several of our social play days.

Thank you to all those members who come along and help on

### ACA Online Autumn Magazine

Available at:

[ACA Autumn Magazine](#)

or

[ACA Website – Online Magazine Link](#)

### Housekeeping - to December 30 2023.

May 22 – June 4	Marg and Fergal Fleming
June 5 – 18	Heather Lovell and Connie Allison
June 19 – July 2	Maggie Farquhar and Lyn Murphy
July 3 - July 16	Robbie Lee and Jessica Randle Young
July 17 – July 30	Sue Beattie and Elaine Hazell
July 31 to Aug 13	Betty Matthews and Helen McGlashan
Aug 14 – Aug 27	Jody and Kerry Donovan
Aug 28 – Sept 10	Brenda and Robert Green
Sept 11 – 24	Di Hollier and Sheila Kovalskis
Sept 25 – Oct 8	Deidre Parker and Libby Stephens
Oct 9 - 22	Marg and Fergal Fleming
Oct 23 – Nov 5	Heather Lovell and Connie Allison
Nov 6 - 19	Maggie Farquhar and Lyn Murphy
Nov 20 – Dec 3	Robbie Lee and Jessica Randle Young
Dec 4 to Dec 17	Sue Beattie and Elaine Hazell
Dec 18 - 31	Betty Matthews and Helen McGlashan

### Just a Note:

*A club can not function efficiently and effectively without the all members giving a helping hand. Our “support groups” were established in 2021 to try and spread the workload and therefore it is important that if you have nominated to be in a particular support group and you are scheduled to be responsible for a particular task/activity that you do that task/ activity to best of your ability in a timely fashion. If you are unable to do a particular task/activity due to being away or unwell, we ask that you try to organise a swap or replacement.*

## Competition and Pennant Dates:

May 26 - 28	ACA GC Bronze Medal
June 8 - 12	MCMF 19 Point Tournament
June 23 - 25	GC Open Mixed Doubles
July 21 - 23	GC Handicap Doubles
July 29 - 30	St Helen's Winter Tournament
August 11 - 13	AC HiLo Doubles
August 18 - 20	GC Classic
August 28	AC Pennants start this week

## On the noticeboards

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