



THE CROQUET PLAYER

Kingston Croquet Club Inc.

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Patricia McNeill, Tim Parker

Sub Committee Chairs: Maintenance – Tim Parker:

Social/Fundraising – Margaret Pinkard: Finances – Neil

Pinkard: Events – Rob McAdam

TCA Representative: TBC

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
Monday	Association	Golf Croquet
Tuesday	Association	Play by arrangement
Wednesday	Play by arrangement	Golf Croquet
Thursday	Association	Play by arrangement
Friday	Golf Croquet	Play by arrangement
Saturday	Association	Association and Golf
Sunday	Play by arrangement	Play by arrangement

Housekeeping Roster

12 – 25 April	Di Hollier	and	Liz Harvey
26 Apr – 9 May	Robbie Lee	and	Cathy Norris
10 – 23 May	Betty Matthews	and	Susan Nolan

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Dates for your Diary

- 30 Apr – 2 May Tas GC Open's Singles
- 1 May World Croquet Day**
(information about how we will celebrate will be advertised soon)
- 7 May Kingston District Garden Club Visit
- 14 May Entries close for 19 Hoop Tournament
- 13 May Executive Committee Meeting
- 10 – 14 June MCMF 19 Hoop Tournament

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



Annual General Meeting

This was the first year that we held the meeting in March due to the change in the Club's Constitution of our Financial Year and when we were therefore required to hold our AGM.

March is a very busy month for pennant and tournaments with a tournament on nearly every weekend. Therefore, it was decided that we would trial having the AGM late on a Monday afternoon. Our thinking was that many Golf Croquet players will already be at the club for social play, but we did not take into consideration that the lawn renovations would begin that weekend. So, all in all, we were very happy with the attendance and the social gathering that followed.

We would appreciate some feedback and suggestions regarding the day and time of the AGM, remembering that it does need to be held in March and that March is a busy month for weekend tournaments and pennant.

Please forward your feedback/suggestions to kingstoncroquetclub@gmail.com or talk to one of the committee members.

Executive Committee Members for 2021

All 2020 incumbent members will continue as the 2021 Executive Committee. *(see front page)*

Sub-committee membership is still to be confirmed. If you are interested in joining any of the sub-committees, please talk to:

- Events: Rob McAdam,
- Renovations: Margaret Pinkard
- Promotions and Fundraising: Margaret Pinkard
- Maintenance: Tim Parker

Marg Fleming has agreed to continue in the role of "Housekeeper"

Phil Roach will be a proxy committee member for when Zok Malceski is away for work commitments.

For Your Information:

1. Members are more than welcome to attend any of the committee meetings
and
2. The ratified minutes and finance documents of committee meetings are available in a black folder *(July 2020 to current)* on the bookcase below the large noticeboard for members to read. *(For minutes prior to July 2020 please talk to Margaret)*

Want to Improve Your Game?

The Executive Committee is looking at ways we can provide members with the opportunity to improve/revisit their croquet skills and techniques, but we want to do it in ways that best suits you.

So, we have decided to ask you to give us some feedback on what you would like.

This is the chance for you all to have an input into the type of help you are looking for and how best we could deliver it.

Attached, separate to the Newsletter, is a questionnaire. We would appreciate you completing it and returning us so we can develop a program suitable for everyone.

OR click [here](#) to complete on-line

Member Achievements

Congratulations to all our members who participated in tournaments in March, especially to Margaret Pinkard who won the Tasmanian AC Division 4 Singles.



Congratulations to all the members (14, including 4 juniors) who participated in the Tasmanian Golf Croquet HiLo Handicap Doubles this weekend.

Those members are Rob McAdam and Irene Boulter; Tim Parker and Julia Paull; Di Hollier and Andy Faircloth; Russell Brown and Jeremy Munnings; Peter Tracey and Jamie Fleming; Phil Roach and Reid Tracey and Tony and Eraine Johnston.



Kingston Croquet Club members who played in the Tasmanian Golf Croquet HiLo Handicap Doubles Tournament this weekend

A special note of congratulations to our members who played in the finals. In the semi-finals Peter Tracey/Jamie Fleming defeated Phil Roach/Reid Tracey (2 games to 1) and Eraine and Tony Johnston defeated Alan Broom/Robyn Power (2 games to 0).

Peter and Jamie went on to win the tournament with two very close games (7-6; 7-6) over Eraine and Tony.

WELL DONE, Jamie and Peter

Jamie and Peter working together on their way to the title.



Discussing what Jamie can do!



The result following Jamie's shot



Peter's follow-up shot is a winner!!

MCMF 19 Hoop Tournament – Queen's Birthday Weekend

This is a major event for our club which showcases our club to the rest of Australia. We have players from both interstate and intrastate come to play.

For this event to be a success we are calling on the support of ALL club members, from refereeing, setting up lawns, recording results, providing billets for visiting players, providing food for morning and afternoon tea, help with food preparation for players and spectators, to help with a working bee prior to the weekend to have the club looking at its best.

At this stage we are calling on support from members to establish a raffle that is worthy of our reputation for having excellent raffles.

The last time we ran this event we had something like 10 prizes and cleared about \$650 from the raffle and we would love to achieve something similar this year.

Therefore we are asking all members to contribute to the raffle in some way or another.

- You could donate something suitable
- You could approach a business such as a café/resturant or tourist operator to donate a voucher
- You could make something to donate such as a fruit cake, a hand-knitted hat and scarf, preserves
- etc.

There is a clear plastic box on the rack near the sign-in desk for donations.

Please start donating – we only have 9 weeks before the event

In the coming weeks we will be calling on members to support in other ways as well.

If you are considering entering the tournament, entries close on Friday 14th May 2021.

- More information and entry form available at: [MCMF 19 Hoop Croquet Tournament - Croquet Tas](#)

Club Renovations Update

The next stage for the club renovation will commence shortly and will include:

- The cladding of the remainder of the exterior
- Painting of the exterior
- Re-painting the guttering of the shelter sheds
- Installation of the sliding door at the eastern end of the clubhouse

If you can help with these please talk to Tony Johnston

This work will be followed by the final stage of improving the toilet facilities. At this stage, no decision has been made on what we will do.

- ⇒ *Do we leave as is?*
- ⇒ *Do we move them outside?*
- ⇒ *Do we have outside access to them?*
- ⇒ *Do we increase the space?*

These, and many more, are the questions we are asking ourselves.

Whatever we decide to do regarding the toilets, it will involve some major works consequently we will be applying for grants to complete the work, and we will need to have some concept plans to support our applications.

With this in mind, we are seeking your help with ideas/suggestions/layouts/designs/opinions etc. If you have any ideas, please jot them down in *sketch form* and discuss with any of members of the Executive Committee, Phil Roach or Tony Johnston.

We will be discussing options at the next Executive Committee Meeting on Thursday 13th May.

Club Notices and Reminders

1. Club Security

Please be diligent in ensuring that the clubhouse alarm is activated and that all buildings are locked, and the gate is closed and padlocked.

2. Rubbish Removal

Where and when possible please ensure that the rubbish bins in the kitchen and toilets are emptied. We are looking at the possibility of getting another “wheelie bin” for “household rubbish” only, but until this happens, the rubbish may be able to go in one of the other wheelie bins or it may have to be taken home for disposal.

3. Contact Details

A list of members’ contact details is located under the Weekly Attendance Sheets. This information is provided for club members use only. Please consider members’ privacy.

4. Keys not working!

If your key is not functioning the way you think it should please let Margaret know at kingstoncroquetclub@gmail.com.

5. New Scheduled Mowing Times

The scheduled has not yet been determined but you will be inform confirmation of the times.

6. Drink Bottles

Do any of these bottles belong to you? They are on the kitchen shelf near the tabletop oven.



Notices to Golf Croquet Players

1. Tasmanian GC Open - Men's & Women's Singles Championship

Friday 30th April to Sunday 2nd May in Northern Tasmania

Entries close 6pm Friday 23rd April

Link: [Tasmanian GC Open - Men's & Women's Singles Championship](#)

2. MCMF 19 Hoop Tournament - Thursday 10th to Monday 14th June

Entries close Friday 14th May

Entry Form: [MCMF 19 Hoop Entry Form](#)

3. Australian Golf Croquet Doubles and Open Singles - from Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th May 201

– more information on the large noticeboard

– entries close Thursday 29th April

[GC Open Doubles – ACA](#)

[GC Open Singles – ACA](#)

Bunnings BBQ

Well done everyone!!!!

AND thanks very much to all the volunteers for their help, especially Neil Pinkard who pulled it all together.

Our BBQ on Monday 5th April was remarkably successful with us clearing over \$900.



Kingston District Garden Club Visit

The Kingston District Garden Club will be visiting us on Friday 7th May to have a look at the tree and plaque that were provided to the club in memory of their inaugural President and the wife of our inaugural President – Edith Johnston.

We will be welcoming them with a game of Golf Croquet at 10.30 (*for those interested*) and a morning tea. Please come along and join us.

Notices from Croquet Tasmania

1. Croquet Tasmania AGM

Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 10.30am at the Grange, Campbell Town

- More information on the “Sign-In” noticeboard

2. St Helen’s Winter Tournament

The once-a-year event when St Helen’s have the opportunity to host players from other Tasmanian clubs. It is great winter tournament with lots of fun and games, great food, and excellent company

- Saturday 31st July and Sunday 1st August.
- More information on the “Sign-in” noticeboard

3. Planning on a trip to Queensland in September?

Then you may be interested in participating in the *Tweed Heads Spring Golf Croquet Festival* Friday 3rd – Monday 6th September

- More information and entry form on the large noticeboard

4. **Croquet Victoria** is partnering with FoxSports to “livestream” a series of top events this year.

Events to be livestreamed are:

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| • 15 - 16 May 2021 | Croquet Australia Open Golf Croquet Singles |
| • 9 - 12 September 2021 | Golf Croquet Interstate Shield |
| • 10 - 11 October 2021 | Croquet Australia Association Croquet Presidents 8's |
| • 24 - 25 October 2021 | Croquet Australia Association Croquet Open Singles |

This will be an opportunity for people who do not know about croquet to watch high level play on mainstream media

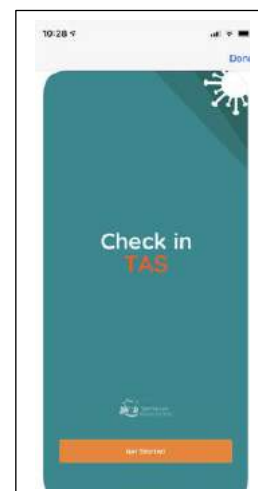
Also, an opportunity for croquet players to watch professional footage of the best players in Australia in competition!

“Check in Tas” App Update

The question has been asked “What if I can’t load the app on my phone?”

After seeking some advice, and because of the ability for members to use the facilities at any time, we can continue with pen and paper contract tracing methods for the members who CAN NOT load the app onto their phone. For those members we have established a “Sign-in” Book (*Blue Book – beside the Weekly Attendance sheets*) You will need to sign-in to both the “Sign-in” Book and the Weekly Attendance sheets as we only need to keep the information in the “sign-in” book for 28 days BUT we need to keep the Weekly Attendance for a much longer time for Insurance and accounting purposes.

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



Don't forget your new “Dining Out” Membership

The 2021/22 Entertainment (*previously known as “The Entertainment Book”*) is now available for purchase. See the display in the clubhouse.

Not only can you use it for dining out but also for groceries, petrol, car hire, accommodation, and activities.

It makes an excellent Mother’s Day gift.

This has been a very easy fundraiser for the club, and you only need to use it 3 times to get more than your money back it also makes an excellent present for family members and friends.

It is now only available as a convenient app for your phone.

To find out more or to purchase click on this link:
[Kingston Croquet Club Entertainment Membership](#)

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SHHH... SNEAK PEEK

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