



The Croquet Player

Kingston Croquet Club Inc.

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Housekeeping Roster

Roster to the end of October is on page 4.

Keep an eye on the Weekly Bulletin for reminders

Lawn Mowing

Keep up-to-date on mowing schedules in the Weekly Bulletin.

Member Achievements

Many club members have entered events and tournaments since the last Newsletter and congratulations to those members for participating with special congratulations to:

Sue Beattie - Winner: Women's GCSingles Championships

Runner-up: MCMF 19 Hoop Tournament

Phil Roach - Winner: Men's GCSingles Championships

Runner-up: ACAGCBronze Medal - Tasmania

Winner: Northern Tasmanian Easter Event - Open Singles

Peter Ross - 3rd place: MCMF 19 Hoop Tournament

Rob McAdam - Plate Winner: MCMF 19 Hoop Tournament

Special Note:

Kingston Croquet Club was well represented at the following Events

Women's GC Singles Championships: Sue Beattie, Toni Davidson and Libby Stephens

Men's 6 GC Singles Championships: Tim Parker, Russell Brown, Tony Johnston, Peter Ross, Phil Roach and Bob Beattie.

MCMF 19 Hoop: Sue Beattie, Phil Roach, Bob Beattie, Peter Ross, Jamie Fleming, Rob McAdam, and Russell Brown. {see article on page 2}

State Golf Croquet Team: following the ACA golf Croquet Bronze Medal - Tasmania, the state team for the Interstate Shield, to be held in Adelaide in September, was announced with both Phil Roach and Sue Beattie being selected. Phil was also appointed the captain of the team and Sue was appointed vice-captain. Congratulation to both members.

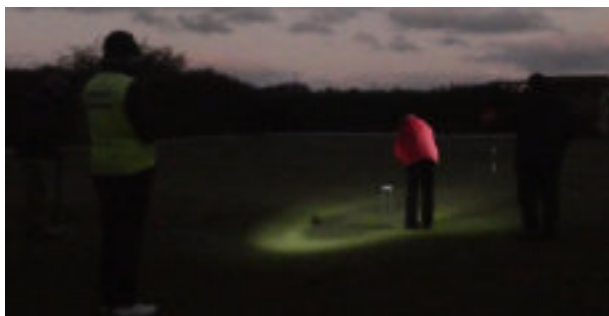


MCMF 19 Hoop Tournament

The weather forecast was not good, but players, officials and volunteers all turned up with smiles on their faces and looking forward to a great tournament which it proved to be.

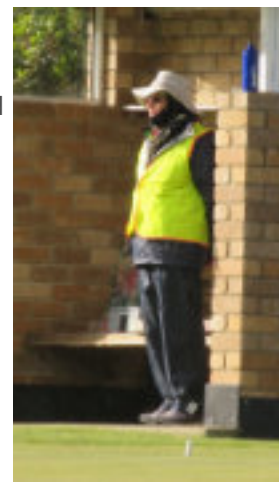
The qualifying rounds were held on Thursday and they went right down to the wire with qualifiers determined by a golden hoop in the last game, which incidentally finished in the dark with officials and competitors lighting the way with their phone lights and head lamps for the players .

Jamie Fleming, one of our junior members, played exceptionally well against the more experienced competitors winning two of his qualifying games, and anxiously watched on while Carol Hanigan and Paul Boer fought out the final game ... if Paul won, Jamie would be playing in the main event; if Carol won, she would be playing in the main event Carol won. Well done Jamie.



Friday saw the commencement of the main event - the weather was mean but that didn't stop the competitors. The catering team was on hand to provide hot drinks, food and soups when and as the competitors and officials needed them. Once again the soups were much appreciated by players and officials alike.

The weather continued to challenge the players and officials as the competition progressed - it was hard to recognise the players and officials as they were all rugged up against the rain, wind and prospect of snow. BUT come Monday Finals Day - the sun shone (not a lot of warmth though) and the wind dropped - a perfect winter's day for playing (and watching) croquet. AND the red wine and sausages were popular.



The final was between our own Sue Beattie and Darren McLoughlin from Deniliquin. Sue really challenged Darren by forcing the finals to a second game. Darren won the final with Sue as the runner-up. Peter Ross came third.

Rob McAdam won the Plate over John Colquhoun.

A huge thank you to all those members who helped to make this such a special event. Special thanks to Peter Tracey for his hard work in organising and managing the event, Garry Munting and Di Hollier (KCC), Kaye Denny (SB) Daryl Jacobs and Ian Smith (ES) for refereeing (some players also refereed when they had a bye) and the catering team. The event would not be able to run without the volunteers

THANK YOU.



A note from Sue and Bob Beattie:

We would like to express our deep thanks for all the volunteers. It was a big event and absolutely everything ran so smoothly everyone did such a great job sometimes under trying conditions.

With gratitude and many thanks Bob and Sue.

Winter 2022

Bob Bamford

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bob Bamford - Claire's husband.

Bob had been a staunch friend of our club from the time that Claire joined the club when it was first established.

He built the wood BBQ and surrounds, where we have all enjoyed a sausage or two, and has lent a hand over the years with many of the jobs that needed doing.

Our condolences go out to Claire and her family.

Winter AC Competition at New Town Croquet Club

The New Town Croquet Club is once again holding the Association Winter Comp., held each Sunday throughout winter.

The lawns are running well and it is a great time to try new approaches, peeling and playing people on all levels.

In the past the tournament has proved to be very popular with players of varying ability. You are encouraged to try different things and this is made possible by the fact that handicap cards are not used. The games are 2 1/2 hours with extra turn after the bell. We will try to ensure that everyone plays everyone on a fairly even basis.

A blind draw will take place each Sunday morning when we see how many turn up for the day, if necessary, the draw will be modified to ensure fairness over the entire time of the tournament.

It is a really fun way to spend winter Sundays and luckily in previous years most Sundays were sunny. Lunch is eaten together after the first game, during which many interesting discussions have been held re tactics etc. It is a good learning experience for all. You don't have to come for a whole day, play a half day if that suits.

If you would like to join in, ring Ian Bassett on 0428575269 or Lizzie on 0409799462 or just turn up at **9.15** on a Sunday morning.

NTCC still follow Covid precautions with distancing etc. New Town expects all who come through their gate to have been vaccinated.

Enjoying croquet with my family

Several years ago I decided to show members of my family how to play Golf Croquet so we assembled at KCC one Sunday evening: eleven of us ranging in age from Terry 77 to Jamie 8. They all loved it. And ever since then as often as we can arrange it we have "family croquet" on Sunday evenings.

The competition can be fierce: Parents against children, branches of the family against each other, girls against boys. (And occasional arguments about crushes and double-taps.)

Now we have some good players: Miley and Jamie are regulars and their brother Toby and cousins Zali and Jett are all junior members of the club. Thanks to Peter Tracey's coaching, Jamie has been the undefeated U14 Tas GC Champion ever since and has won other events and, with Miley, competed in a National Junior Championship. Two other cousins Daniel and Jeremy play after school on Mondays. (They had begged to start playing croquet regularly after coming to one of our family sessions)

All four parents are steadily improving their play and regret that there are no twilight competitions they can take part in after work. Grandfather Terry, now 83 and suffering from increasing dementia, also plays regularly and well at the Sandy Bay Club.

Croquet is a sport for families and players of all ages. Thank you to Kingston Club for making it possible it for our family.

Sally Liggins

Editor's Note: Jamie plays in the Pennants when he can during school holidays and also entered this year's MCMF 19 Hoop Tournament {see article - page 2}. Denny (Jamie's mother) has also joined the club.

Working Bee

A very successful working bee was held on Saturday 4th June to prepare the club and surrounds for the 19 Hoop.

We had over 20 members come along at different stages during the day and what a difference they all made.

THANK YOU

Club Notices

Important Reminders

1. *Please be aware of NOT putting the agri pipes that run between the two lawns over the central watering nozzle .*
2. *All work to be undertaken inside the ball gutters is the responsibility of the greenkeepers*
3. *Ensure that the clubhouse is armed and locked, including the sliding door, if you are the last person to leave.*
4. *Ensure all outside sheds are locked and the keys returned to the clubhouse.*



Kingston Croquet Club -Facebook Page

Our club now on Facebook thanks to Tony Johnston. To find us:

1. Search for Kingston Croquet Club
2. Like us
3. Follow us.

Housekeeping Roster:

June 20 to July 2	Heather Lovell and Elaine Hazell
July 3 to July 17	Sally Liggins and Sue Beattie
July 18 to July 31	Robbie Lee and Jessica RandleYoung
August 1 to August 14	Maggie Farquhar and Cathy Norris
August 15 to August 28	Marg and Fergal Fleming
August 29 to September 11	Brenda and Robert Green
September 12 to September 25	Di Hollier and Patricia McNeill
September 26 to October 9	Deidre Parker and Libby Stephens
October 10 to October 23	Heather Lovell and Elaine Hazell

Club Notices cont.

Golf Croquet Coaching Session

Sue Beattie will be running a coaching session for those interested on:

- **Monday 25th July at 12.30pm**

New Golf Croquet Rules

New rules come in to effect as from 1st July 2022.

The club has ordered some new pocket size GC Rule Books for members to purchase - \$5.00 each.

Please talk to Margaret if you would like to purchase one.

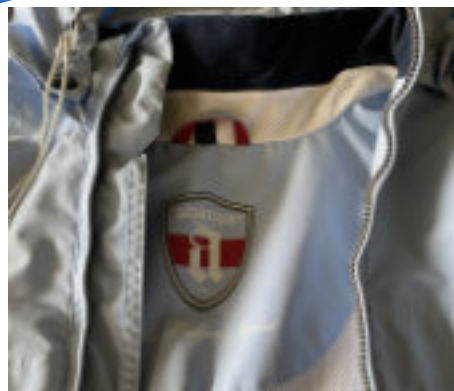
Lost Property

Does this Jacket belong to you?

OR

Do you know who it belongs to?

It is such a nice jacket and I am sure someone is missing it. It is hanging on the Hat-stand just inside the door.



Croquet Tasmania Event Calendar July to December 2022.



JULY

15-17
30-31

GC - Mixed doubles
GC - Winter Tournament

NTasCC
St Helens

AUGUST

5-7
19-21
26-28

GC - Open Doubles
GC - Classic
AC - HiLo

NTasCC
Latrobe
New Town

SEPTEMBER

7-18
30-Oct 2

GC - Nationals, Gold, ISS
AC - Mens/Womens Medals

Adelaide SA
Eastern Shore/Kingston

OCTOBER

13-14
21-23

GC - U14/U21
AC - Medals: G/S/.B

Kingston
Kingston/Eastern Shore/Sandy Bay

NOVEMBER

4-6

GC - Medals: G/S/B

NTasCC

DECEMBER

2-4

GC - Open Div. Singles

NTasCC

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Please Note: Pennant Dates will be published closer to the time



Australian Golf Croquet Women's & Men's Singles

Ever played in a National Golf Croquet Tournament?

Saturday 10 – Tuesday 13 September is your opportunity!

Go to Adelaide – Go Play!

These events follow the Gold & Silver Medals (being held at Hutt Rd on 7-9 Sept) and lead into the InterState Shield (Hutt Rd, North Adelaide & Norwood on 14-18 Sept).

Please enter by cob Friday 19 August 2022

via ACA website: <https://croquet-australia.com.au/qc-mens-singles/>

or <https://croquet-australia.com.au/qc-womens-singles/>

More information available on the General Noticeboard in the clubhouse

2023 TCA Event Calendar



January

- 9-11 AC Mens Open Singles- Kingston
9-11 AC Womens Open Singles- Eastern Shore
20-23 AC Open Singles - New Town
28/29 Devonport Summer Tournament.

February

- 3-5 GC Open Singles - Sandy Bay/Kingston
24-26 AC Open Doubles - NTCC

March

- 3-5 GC Tasmanian Mens Open Singles - NTasCC/East
3-5 GC Tasmanian Womens Open Singles - NTasCC/East
8-19 AC Nationals, Gold, Eire Cup - Victoria
17-19 AC Divisional Singles - K/ES/SB
31-Apr 2 AC Classic - New Town

April

- 1-2 (cont) AC Classic - NTCC (cont)
7-10 Easter Gala : NTasCC
28-30 GC - Open Doubles - NTasCC/St Leonards

May

- 26-28 ACA GC Bronze - NTasCC

June

- 10 Devonport Winter Classic : GC 7s
8 -12 GC Open 19pt. - Kingston
23-25 GC Open Mixed Doubles - Sandy Bay

July

- 21-23 AC Tasmanian Mens Medals - Eastern Shore
21-23 AC Tasmanian Womens Medals - Kingston
29-30 St Helens Winter Tournament.

August

- 11-13 AC HiLo H'cap Doubles - Sandy Bay
18 - 20 GC Classic - North/Latrobe

September

- ?? GC Nationals; Gold; Interstate Challenge - WA
22-24 AC Tasmanian Medals G/S/B - K/ES/SB

October

- 12-13 GC U21/U14 Championships - Kingston
20-22 GC Tasmanian Medals : G/S/B - ES/K/SB

November

- 3-5 GC Divisional Singles - NTasCC/North Esk
22/23 AC ACA Bronze - NTCC

December

- 9-10 GC H'cap Doubles - ES/K

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