



The Croquet Player

Kingston Croquet Club Inc.

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Housekeeping Roster

Keep an eye on the Weekly Bulletin for reminders

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.

Member Achievements

It has been a busy time for those members who enter tournaments, with many members being very successful. Congratulations to the following:

Elaine Hazell and Margaret Pinkard - Winners: AC HiLo Doubles

Sue Beattie - Winner: Tas AC Women's Medal

Peter Ross - Winner: Tas AC Men's Medal

Sue Beattie and Phil Roach - Winners: Tas GC Open Doubles

Jamie Fleming - Winner: Under 14 Tasmanian Championship

Tasmanian GC Classic

This event was held in Latrobe from 19th to 21st August. There were two teams—Sue's Squad (including Jane Hyland, Graham Hyland and Garry Munting) and Bob's Bunch, with Bob being the only Kingston player in the team.

The tournament consisted of 3 test matches and Bob's Bunch was triumphal, winning all 3 test matches.

Australian Interstate Shield and the Australian Golf Croquet Women's and Men's Singles

Kingston Croquet Club was well represented in the state team with Sue Beattie, Bob Beattie and Phil Roach all being selected.

All three entered the GC Singles tournaments as well and they all played well against tough competition. Sue made it to the final 16 in the Women's Singles.

Although the Tasmanian team did not win any test matches in the Shield Tournament they certainly provided excellent competition for all the other states and completed the tournament with their best

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Celebrating Sue

What a wonderful event and fun time we had at this special event to celebrate both Susan Nolan's life and the work she did for our club.

We raised \$1898.60 which we donated to the Australian and New Zealand Gynaecological Cancer Research.

Nearly everyone who attended participated in the GC Mini Tournament played on half lawns and the best of seven hoops. It was a very close competition with Libby Stephens, Marg Fleming and Mary Herington (ES) all coming equal first with 12 hoops each.

Their trophies reflected Sue's interests:
- cakes, and wine.



Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

Kingston Croquet Club

For supporting gynaecological cancer research

Karen Livingstone AM

Head of Fundraising & Development
ANZGOG



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The Winners of the GC Mini Tournament

Mary Herington,
Marg Fleming and
Libby Stephens

Players in action



Senior's Week.

What a wonderful afternoon we had when we hosted a Senior's Week activity.

We had 7 visitors and 10 members attend. The visitors were shown how to hold a mallet and strike a ball and after a little bit of practice they paired up with members to enjoy a game of golf croquet.

After the games we enjoyed a great afternoon tea provided by the social committee with many of us also enjoying a glass of wine to go along with the cheese and fruit

Thank you to all those who joined in on the day.

Many thanks to the Education Department and Kingston High School for organising the re-grading of the roadway into the grounds.

It has made a difference !!

ACA Scholarships

Applications for the 2022 ACA Scholarships are now open.

Scholarships are available for Players, Coaches, Referees and Tournament Management.

Click on [ACA Scholarship Policy](#) for more information on what is available and how to apply.

Applications need to be submitted to the ACA EO officer, Rob Murray at admin@croquet-australia.com.au by the 10th of November 2022.

New Referees

Congratulations to our most recently qualified referees—Garry Munting and Russell Brown.

If you are interested in becoming a referee for either Golf Croquet or Association Croquet please have a talk to Peter Tracey.



Garry all kitted to referee during the 19 Hoop

Bunnings BBQ's

We have held three very successful BBQ's since the last Newsletter with a net profit to the club of about \$3,300.

With this type of income from the BBQ's (and people from outside the club) we have been able to reduce our fundraising activities within the club and we will concentrate on more social events for the members.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELP WITH THE BBQs

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook

[Kingston Croquet Club -Facebook Page](#)



Honour Roll

Congratulations to the following members who have held continuous membership for:

40 years plus: Claire Bamford

30 years plus: Gwen and Graeme Denehey

25 years plus: Sue and Bob Beattie
Elaine Hazell

20 years plus: Rob McAdam
Connie Allison

15 years plus: Kath Lines
Heather Lovell
Zok Malceski
Patricia McNeill

10 years plus: Di Hollier
Deidre and Tim Parker
Peter Tracey

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Paddy Burges-Watson

Member 2012 - 2022

Paddy, who died early in August, just short of his 90th birthday, was an AC player who played regularly on Monday and Thursday and was a member of the AC Pennant teams until the last couple of years of his membership.

His legacy lives on at the club, especially with the Monday AC Social players, with what we have called “do a Paddy” when we try to peel our two balls through the hoop at the same time.

Our condolences go to Paddy’s family

Come and Try Day (for the local schools)

On the 30th August we hosted about 120 students who visited the club in 4 groups to try croquet.

It was wonderful to see so many young people playing and enjoying something new, even though it was wet and cold. No-one complained about the weather - not even the helpers.

Not only did the students participate but so did the teachers.

Thank you to all those members who came along to give a hand on the day—we had at least 9 members at each of the four sessions.

Special thank you to Sue Beattie and Peter Tracey who managed the sessions and provided an introduction to the sport including how to hold and swing the mallet, how to hit the ball and how to run a hoop.

Monthly Lunches

September saw the start of “Monthly Lunches” with the first being held at Salty Dog at Kingston Beach. Eleven people attended and as this photo shows it looks like they all had a good time.

The October lunch was at the Kingston Hotel with, once again, 11 members attending (but not all the same people)

All members are welcome to attend when whether they can make it.

The next lunch will be at the Fern Tree Tavern on Friday 4th November (Melbourne Cup Week)

NB: our Friday Lunch in December will be held on Monday 5th December as our Club Christmas Lunch.



From front left clockwise: Libby Stephens, Charlotte Sainsbury, Robert Green, Eraine and Tony Johnston, Kerry and Jody Donovan, Jane Blackwell, Brenda Green and Kathy Norris

*** If you have a suggestion for lunch please let Libby know.***



Christmas Lunch: Monday 5th December

Time: 12 for 12.30

**Where: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania
Sandy Bay**



Members' Survey

The Executive Committee would like to thank all members who completed the survey. Over the last few months, the committee has been focused on collating and writing a comprehensive report, which is now complete.

Summary of the Report:

1. A survey was conducted amongst Members of Kingston Croquet Club (KCC) in June 2022, designed to help the Club plan for the future. This was done through a written questionnaire to all Members and designed and administered by two KCC Executive Committee Members with experience in this work.
2. Three quarters of all members responded. This is an excellent rate, which reflects the high rate of member interest in the future of the Club. The researchers believe the findings can be treated as representative of all KCC Members.
3. Four out of five KCC Members are aged over 65 years. There are few Members in the 21 to 65 age group. There is a small cohort of Junior Members.
4. The Club has a stable and relatively long serving membership base with low attrition.
5. Overall Members are happy with Club management and facilities; however there some issues raised by a significant number of KCC members which warrant action (see point 9).
6. Half the members play golf croquet only; Slightly over 1/3 play both Golf and Association. 10 % of Members play Association only. Overall, 90% of Members play Golf croquet; about half play Association, indicating a majority preference for Golf croquet.
7. Two thirds of members claim to play croquet 2 or 3 times per week; one quarter play once per week. This is a high activity rate and highlights the importance of optimizing lawn utilization, particularly when there are two alternative forms of the game.
8. A large majority of Members think the cost of playing croquet is 'about right'. A few would pay more. There is general awareness of the impact of inflation and benefit of additional members and task volunteering to contain costs.
9. Two thirds of Members think Club facilities are 'good'; A quarter think they are 'average/reasonable'. This was qualified with a substantial number of opinions and suggestions. These were centred around:-
 - a. the condition of the access driveway and parking area
 - b. the condition and amenity of the clubhouse
 - c. the need for additional playing lawns
 - d. utilization of the existing lawns.
 - e. Importantly, many comments expressed concerns about the toilets
10. Social events are well regarded by Members but have been affected by covid and self confessed apathy by a few.
11. All requests, suggestions and questions will be addressed either collectively or individually and responded to.
12. The researchers believe the future of Kingston Croquet Club will be significantly underpinned by actions taken in response to the above issues (point 9).
13. The earlier 2019 survey, mentioned in the introduction, indicated the club needed a long term plan. As the club is entering a new stage in its development it will be recommended that a business plan, that includes a vision statement, a mission statement, a value statement, detailed objectives and anticipated outputs and outcomes be undertaken, involving all members.

Note: For those interested in reading it, the full Report has been forwarded with this Newsletter

ACA Notice

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Postscript to the Survey Report

The sub-committee for the survey met at the weekend and has provided this update for all members.

Survey Update

(dated 16th October 2022)

Priorities – (No cost)

- *Membership and lawn utilisation*
- *Lawns – maintaining present lawns and addressing current issues*
- *Clubhouse including toilets – low-cost alternatives*
- *Feasibility study into additional playing lawns*

Additional – medium and longer term and requiring outside funding

- *New toilets in combination with outdoor covered area*
- *Car Park – exploring options to address slippery slope*
- *Additional lawns contingent on feasibility study*

A working group has been established to develop a strategic plan which includes

- *A Vision statement that is aspirational, enduring, sustainable and realistic*
- *A Mission statement to develop 'what, why, how and when'*