



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.

Invitation to all members
to
the Kingston Croquet Club
2023 Annual General Meeting
on
Monday 27th March, 4.00pm
at
the clubhouse
(outdoors, weather permitting)

Followed by nibbles and drinks

Note from the Executive Committee:

We are calling for nominations from members to join the committee and/or the sub-committees which operate to enable the spread of the workload. It is important to share the load.

So please consider putting your hand up.

Nomination forms can be found attached with this Newsletter or in the clubhouse.

Member Achievements

Once again, Kingston Croquet Club members have been very successful in the Association and Golf Croquet tournaments that have been held in the last three months.

Congratulations to the following:

Peter Ross - Winner: Croquet Australia AC Bronze Medal

Winner: Tasmanian AC Men's Open Medal

Winner: Tasmanian AC Open Singles

Phil Roach - Winner: Tasmanian GC Gold Medal

Congratulations also go to Jane Hyland (*Associate Member*) who won the Tasmanian AC Women's Open and Heather Lovell who was runner-up to Jane.

Eire Cup Tasmanian Team

Congratulations to our members who were selected to represent Tasmania at the Eire Cup which is to be played in Melbourne in March.

- Sue Beattie (*vice-captain*)
- Elaine Hazell
- Heather Lovell
- Peter Ross
- Tim Parker

Graham Hyland is reserve and Jane Hyland (associate member) was also selected

What am I doing here????

Playing Croquet !!!

You must be joking???



Golf Croquet Summer Pennant Results

The Pennant was played in unusual conditions for November and December with nearly every Pennant Day producing surprises for the players: lots and lots of rain and even on occasions, hail which looked just like snow. (see photo below) But with all the ups and downs in the weather, our teams had a reasonably successful pennant season.

Division 1:

- ♦ Kingston won the Pennant

Division 2:

- ♦ Kingston finished 4th having defeated New Town in the elimination finals

Division 3:

- ♦ Kingston was runner-up to Sandy Bay Potoroos

Celebrating Christmas 2022

A large group of members and partners celebrated Christmas with a lunch at the Royal Tasmanian Yacht Club.

We enjoyed a great buffet and had some fun with Secret Santa and a "True/False" game which tested our current affair knowledge (coordinated by Jane Blackwell).

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 concerns some of our members were unable to attend.

Thanks to the Social Committee (and Robbie Lee) for the hard work they put in to produce placemats, organising gifts, lucky door prizes and games.



"Oh, I do love
an Englishman"

Honour Roll

Graeme Nichols has been a continuous financial member of our club since 1981 and therefore should have been included in the Honour Roll in the Spring Newsletter.

Congratulations and many thanks for your continuous support, Graeme.

Please accept the Editor's sincere apologies, Graeme.

*Congratulations to
Curtis Mead,
from Latrobe Croquet
Club, who recently won
the Under 21 National
Championship*

Referees needed!!!

At the moment we have a very limited pool of referees to call on and we would love to increase the number of referees we can call upon to cover all the Pennant and Tournament matches.

You do not need to play competitively to be a referee - just have a keen interest in the game of croquet.

Referees can specialise in Golf Croquet or Association Croquet or both.

If you are interested in finding out more please have a chat with Peter Tracey or one of the Executive Committee members.



Calling for Volunteers

Over the next couple of months we have several groups visiting the club and we will need assistance with providing them all a positive experience. Some of the visitors can well be potential members, while others are wanting to learn more about croquet

Some dates have been finalised, while other dates still need to be confirmed.

- **Kingston Cub Scout Group:**
- Tuesday 14th February; 5.00pm - 7.00pm
- **Woodbridge Probus Club:**
- Wednesday 15th March - 10.00am to 12 noon
- **Calvin Christian School:**
- Friday 24 Feb and Friday 3 March - 12.30 to 1.30
(plus 1 other day to be confirmed)
- **Di's Gym Group:**
- Wednesday morning - date and times to be confirmed.

Please email the Secretary if you are able to help on any of these days.

New Members

Welcome to Helen McGlashan and Sheila Kovalskis who have just recently joined our club.

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

Have you lost a mallet?

If so, please contact the Secretary to see if the one we have is yours.

Club Uniforms and Name Tags

Club tops:

Members wishing to purchase a top/vest with the club logo are directed to Tas Workwear on Channel Hwy in the Kingston main strip where they can order any top, vest etc and have the logo embroidered on it.

All we ask is that you use the club colours of blue and white.

The secretary does have 2 brand new polo tops available for purchase (\$38.00 each) - white with blue trim; unisex sizes XL and L. If you are interested in having a look please contact the Secretary.



Sample of a Club Polo Top (you can also go the reverse colour way—blue with white trim)

Name Tags:

Name tags can be ordered from the Kingston Locksmith at Kingston Town. He has our logo on file.

Sample Name Tag →



Coaching - Improving your game!!

Association Croquet :

Many thanks to Peter Ross who has been running specialised coaching sessions for beginners and regular AC players. The sessions have been well attended and everyone learnt something from each session.

Golf Croquet:

Graham Hyland will run a “How to do Jump Shots” session on Monday 2nd February commencing at 12.30pm. All members are welcomed.

Want to see a “High Performance Coach” in action???

Then come along to the Marty Clarke Golf Croquet coaching sessions to be held on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 February at the Kingston Croquet Club.

Marty is very happy to have spectators and observers at the sessions AND you can even ask him questions and take photos - you just won't be able to go onto the lawns to participate in any “practical” coaching

SESSIONS:

Tuesday 21 February - Coaching

- 9.00am - 12 noon (Expression of Interest players)
- 1.00pm - 4.00pm (Selected players only)

Wednesday 22 February - Invitation Test Matches (invited players only)

- Commences at 8.00am
- Players will be playing the best of 3 in both doubles and singles matches
- Test Matches will continue on Thursday at Sandy Bay and Friday at Eastern Shore.

The Social Committee will be running a sausage sizzle on both days
(\$3.00 per sausage with onions and/or coleslaw)

- Beer, Wine and Soft drinks will be available for purchase.

Club Championships 2023

In response to suggestions from our players regarding disappointing numbers entering our Club Championship events and comments from many members regarding lawn utilisation, the Executive Committee has approved a trial of a new format. This will be trialed in Golf Croquet first and the Association Croquet later in the year.

All members will be entered into the handicap singles and doubles events which will be played in the new format of Advantage play unless members withdraw by crossing their name off from a list at the club house or sending Di, Peter or Toni a message.

We believe it will give our members the opportunity to meet players of both codes and learn from experienced players. There will be **no entry fee** for any of the events and the block days will be a social event with Sausage Sizzle or similar.

- ♦ GC Doubles Advantage Play - February, Friday 17, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 (if needed)
- ♦ GC Singles Advantage Play - March, Friday 10, Saturday 11 and Sunday 12

We'd like all our GC players to experience a competitive game suited to their play. As the handicap range is from -6 – 20 we have decided to trial four divisions. We've looked at the numbers of players and divided the divisions equitably.

Club Singles Championship:

- ♦ Open event: -6 to 20 – Friday 31 March, Saturday 1 April and Sunday 2 (if needed).
- ♦ Division 2: 7 to 20 – April Friday 14, Saturday pm 15, Sunday 16
- ♦ Division 3: 11 - 20 and
- ♦ Division 4: 16 -20 (NB: this will replace the Novice Championship).
 - * We'd encourage all new players to enter this event or any social players whose handicap remains in this range.
 - * Dates for Division 3 and 4 to be finalized but we anticipate events on social days in March and April.
- ♦ Junior Championship: conditions and dates to be determined.

2023 Croquet Calendar:

- ◇ On the noticeboard at the clubhouse is a calendar of events for 2023.
- ◇ It was correct at the time of printing, but changes do happen so please read your Weekly Bulletin for the most current information.
- ◇ If you would like a copy of the calendar please contact the secretary.

Reminders:

1. The housekeeping roster is published in the newsletter and a reminder of who is rostered on is listed at the top of the Weekly Bulletin

It is very important that we maintain a clean, healthy and safe environment for all our members and our many visitors.

When doing the housekeeping don't forget the cobwebs that seems to appear regularly around the doorways, and on the windows and rafters.

2. We have also had issues with mice and although under control now, we want to keep it that way so a request to ALL members to ensure that there are no food or crumbs left lying around and that all mugs/cups, plates and utensils that are used are washed, dried and put away.
3. If you put food in the fridge please ensure that you remove it (either take home or throw out) if you no longer require it.
4. Security has improved recently—let's keep it that way.
Please remember, if you are the last to leave, make sure everything is locked and the alarm is set.

Every little bit helps and makes life easier for everyone.

In November, 2022, the club hosted classes from St Aloysius Catholic College.

We ran 3 sessions with approximately 25 students attending each session. We had at least 8 members supporting the students at each session and the organisers of these sessions would like to thank all the members who lent a helping hand.

Have a look at the ACA Online Magazine featuring Jamie Fleming and Curtis Mead.

Available at:

[Summer 2023 Edition – Flip pager version](#)

[Summer 2023 Edition](#)

Thank you to all those members who assisted with the Open Day at Government Day.

Government House sent their thanks as well:

"Your presence made a wonderful contribution to the outstanding success of the occasion and did much to add to the pleasure of the day that was enjoyed by thousands of visitors."

Housekeeping - to May 21

January 30 to February 12	Heather Lovell and Elaine Hazell
February 13 to February 26	Betty Matthews and Maggie Farquhar
February 27 to March 12	Robbie Lee and Jessica RandleYoung
March 13 to March 26	Sue Beattie and Cathy Norris
March 27 to April 9	Marg and Fergal Fleming (and Helen McGlashan)
April 10 to April 23	Brenda and Robert Green
April 24 to May 7	Di Hollier and Sheila Kovalskis
May 8 to May 21	Deidre Parker and Libby Stephens

Competition and Pennant Dates:

Jan 30 to Mar 2	AC Pennant cont.
Feb 3 - 5	AC Classic
Feb 10 - 12	ACA GC President's 8 (Vic)
Feb 24 - 25	AC Open Doubles
Mar 3 - 5	GC Tas Men's and Women's Open Singles
Mar 8 - 19	AC Nationals, Gold Medal and Eire Cup (Vic)
Mar 21 - May 25	GC Pennant
Mar 24 - 26	AC Divisional Singles
Apr 28 - 30	GC Open Singles
May 12 - 14	GC Open Doubles
May 26 - 28	ACA GC Bronze Medal
June 8 - 12	GC Open 19 Hoop



On the noticeboards

- ⇒ GC Worlds Over 50's
 - The GC World Over 50s Croquet Championship is being held in WA in October.
- ⇒ 2023 Croquet México Open
- ⇒ Norfolk Is Convict Cup Tournament
- ⇒ Croquet Tour of New Zealand