

# MALLETSPORTSIA

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# A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

## All Hail the champion!

For the past seven years, Robert Fletcher (Lismore) has dominated the Australian AC Singles Championship.

Since 2011, he has won the title every year but 2015 - when he lost to brother Greg in the quarter finals, and Greg went on to win.

In 2017 Robert is again the champion, beating Greg (Hyde Park) in three straight games in the final.

The event was extremely competitive, with Robert being taken to five games in his semi-final match against Jenny Clarke (NZ), one of the highest ranked women in the world. The match was highlighted by some brilliant shots by both players with Jenny pushing Robert right to the end.

Robert remains Number One player in the world rankings. In the course of the tournament he reached a Dynamic Grade in the world rankings which is the highest of all time, surpassing England's champion player Robert Fulford.

Robert and Greg are now the top ranked players in Australia. Greg's semi-final against Simon Hockey (Crystal Brook) saw Greg win in three games straight. Interestingly Robert, Greg and Simon - along with brother Malcolm Fletcher (Lismore) - were four of the six members of the successful 2017 Australian MacRobertson Shield team

The four men, and Jenny, provided some great spectator highlights. We also had Michael Wright (NZ) and James Death (Nottingham UK) in the field to add an extra dimension to the play.

The spectators were really blessed with some great roquets, challenging tactics and amazing croquet strokes.

The Plate was won by Mike Hughes (Cammeray, NSW) from Ron McBride (Hyde Park, SA). The A B Morrison Encouragement Award went to Bob Beattie from the Kingston CC in Tasmania.

All players appreciated the work of our Tournament Referee, Brian Foley and his deputy Mike Cohn. They were in attendance from 7 am till the end of play. This is a huge commitment and a great test of concentration. Their dedication to our sport is much appreciated. Other referees who assisted - Graham Fahey, Gwen Hamilton, Ian McKee, Kate Patrick, Marie Calthorpe and Doron Gunzburg - provided wonderful back up to the chief referees.

I thank the players for their support in hoop setting (especially Kevin Beard and Ian Bassett), re-setting the courts after mowing, and clearing up at the end of play. All much appreciated as it becomes a simple task with many helpers.

The social life off the court and in the evenings was memorable. It was a fun event and all involved had a great time. We encourage all players who would like to take on the challenge of playing to consider entering next year's event. Full results are on Croquetscores.

We look forward to another inspiring event in 12 months time.

John Grieve Tournament Manager

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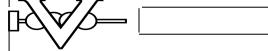
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**President's Report** 

Since I last wrote for *Malletsports Victoria* in the October/November issue, I have continued in meeting mode. I represented Croquet Victoria at the Vicsport AGM, where I had the chance afterwards to network with members of other sporting associations.

By the time that you are reading this issue, I will have attended a Sport & Recreation Forum with metropolitan Local Government officials were I can, hopefully, push croquet as a sport to those who control municipal purse strings; Secretary, Sarina Cevaal-Hewitt and I, will have met with SRV to discuss our report on this years progress and our next years work plan for the *Supporting Victorian Sport & Recreation* grant; a working group of Kate Patrick, Wayne Worladge and myself will also have met with and interviewed consultants who have submitted expressions of interest for *Growing Croquet Infrastructure Planning Project* (see page 2 of the previous issue of MSV); and Kate Patrick and I will have attended a reception at Government House given by the Governor for all the State Sporting Associations of which she is patron.

Several workshops have been presented in regional centres on governance, recruitment, social media, tournament management, etc. If your region/area would like a presentation, please talk to Sarina.

It is now only six months to our next AGM and the election of at least four members of the Committee of Management. The positions of Vice-president, Secretary and two ordinary members of the committee will be declared vacant. Nominations for these positions will close 35 days prior to the AGM, so now is the time to commence considering if you will stand and take part in the administration of your sport.

As the year draws to a close, I thank members of Council and sub-committees and working groups, appointed officers, employees (Sandra, Lubi and James), all of whom who contribute to the efficiency of Croquet Victoria and wish all members and their families a safe and happy holiday period and a happy and healthy 2018.



President

#### MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Coming up

#### **DECEMBER**

New!

• Croquet Vic branded ballpoints available. \$20 for a packet of 10. A great giveaway for club events, or your members may want to buy them as promo items.

Ball markers now available to members at low prices. Four colours, long prongs, small heads. \$3 for 20, \$5 for 40, \$12 for 100, plus p&h at cost.

Orders via Sandra.

The AC championships are on! Come to Cairnlea and watch some world-class play!

Time to publicise your Christmas events in the local paper.

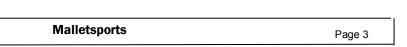
Please send URLs for any stories they run to <a href="mailto:news@croquetvic.asn.au">news@croquetvic.asn.au</a>, a link will be published on the Croquet Vic website in the Links and Resources section.

## **JANUARY**

The GC championships are on. Another event worth a visit to Cairnlea!

Some places are still available in the Government House event on 26 January – contact your region if you'd like to help.

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# **Management Report**

## **Meeting Minutes:**

The VCA 21 November 2017 Committee of Management Meeting Minutes can be found on the VCA website at: <a href="http://croquetvic.asn.au/minutes.php">http://croquetvic.asn.au/minutes.php</a>

VCA History 1866-2014: By now clubs should have received their free copies of the consolidated history of Croquet Victoria from their Regional Director. Additional copies can be purchased for \$20.00 per copy from our Administrator.

**VCA Child Safe Policy:** The VCA Child Safe Policy adopted at the October Council Meeting has been uploaded to the VCA website. It is important that each clubs adopts their own Child Safe Policy and we have templates that we can make available to you to begin the process.

**VCA Electronic Communications Policy:** After adoption at the October Council Meeting this Policy is now available from the VCA website.

**Seniors Festival 2017:** A Report was submitted on 1 December 2017 to DHHS documenting the involvement of clubs. This supplements the feedback it receives directly from our individual clubs. There has been some very positive outcomes this year and increased sharing of information about events held at our clubs during this Festival on our website and Facebook.

Premier's Active April 2018: We have been advised that Croquet Victoria can participate in this inspiring campaign as an Industry Partner. The number of clubs indicating that they will participate is slowing increasing, particularly after a flyer was distributed on 8 November 2017 detailing the steps towards participation. Draft Terms and Conditions for participation have also been circulated. Last year more than 104,000 people made a pledge to do 30 minutes of exercise each day during April, and collected some great prizes. The prize our participating clubs will offer is three double passes to three two hour sessions of croquet. Thank you to those clubs who have advised us whether or not they will participate. This does make planning easier.

**New Stories:** Our dedicated email address to receive news stories is news@croquetvic.asn.au. Where possible forward your articles to this address as it means that we will always have an archive of stories that can be used for future grant applications, publicity etc.

**Regional Report to Council:** February 2018: Wimmera

Secretary VCA

## MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Coming up continued

There's also an Australia Day doubles event at Cairnlea.

The Growing Croquet Facilities planning project starts. What facilities do we want available for croquet in Victoria in 2030?

## **FEBRUARY**

Lead up to the Eire Cup

Lead up to Active April – will your club be involved?

More news next time....

#### **Kate Patrick**

Marketing and Publicity subcommittee marketing@croquetvic.asn.au

Java Ceral Hewitt



## **All Hail the Champion** from page 1



L to R: Robert Fletcher, Greg Fletcher, Simon Hockey, Mike Hughes, Bob Beattie, Jenny Clarke.



From left: James Death (UK), Jenny Clarke (NZ), Michael Wright (NZ).

## **Australian Association Croquet Doubles Championships**

An absorbing three days of Association Croquet doubles concluded at Cairnlea on Monday. The 18 pairs of players from all over Australia, New Zealand and one entrant from the UK provided us with a great spectacle. The eight pairs who progressed to the final stage were closely matched. Six of the eight finals games went to the third game in BO3 competition. The quarter final between Trevor Bassett/Jenny Clarke and Callum Hyland and Fleur Brockway went the absolute full distance of time (3 games with a total of 7.5 hours allocated) and finished at 10.35pm - to the rousing cheers of the spectators who stayed the distance.

The final between Robert and Malcolm Fletcher and their brother Greg who teamed with Edward Wilson was an absorbing contest. The match went to the third game and after much exciting interchange Malcom had a chance to peg out both their balls but missed with the shot and decided not to peg his ball off. Greg hit - and as they say - all over red rover!! Took his ball to the peg and finished a great game 26-24.

We had been entertained by some marvellous croquet and some challenging tactics in many of the games and those who stayed to spectate after their day's play were well rewarded. The plate was hotly contested by all but one pairing left after the final field was established. This contest was played in great spirit in fairly challenging conditions with the temperature on Monday getting into the low 30s for the first time for many months.

Kevin Beard and Terry Hopkins won all their plate games to win with a 100% success rate. Gareth Denyer and Rob Elliott also won 4 games but unfortunately were the unlucky runners-up.

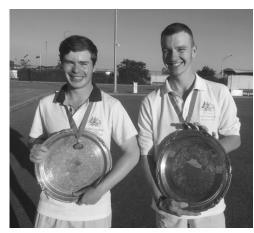
A great contribution from Brian Foley (TR) and his assistant Mike Cohn for their time and expertise. Thanks also to Doron Gunsberg who was able to attend and referee on Sunday. It is great to see Doron looking so well and back being involved in the sport he loves so much.

To Kevin Beard and Ian Bassett - my thanks for your great support in preparing the courts on Friday. The support of players to help in these ways is very important and much appreciated.

We now look forward to the start of the Singles tomorrow.

John Grieve Tournament Manager

L to R;
Greg Fletcher and Edward Wilson





## **ACA National Golf Croquet Handicap Tournament**

Doubles play began on Monday 6th November with 21 pairs taking to the courts on a fine cool day.

This being the first major handicap event since the change to the new handicap system in April 2017, so some games taking a little longer owing to the extra turns.

At the end of round robin play everyone enjoyed a sumptuous chicken and ham luncheon while watching the running of the Melbourne Cup. Thank you to the ladies of the Deniliquin Croquet Club.

The Bo3 doubles final got underway at 3.00 pm between Peter Freer and Kate McLoughlin (Canberra) and Brian Rowe (Essendon) and Kaye Mofatt (Albury), winners being Peter Freer and Kate McLoughlin.

Wednesday saw 33 players start the round robin singles event.

!st and 2nd in each block contested the BO3 quarter finals, Ron McBride (Victor Harbour) Gerda Lambeck,(Canberra) Andy Davis (Deniliquin) and Les Mathews (Drysdale) made it through to the semi finals.

Friday a large group of spectators came to watch the BO3 semi finals and final and they were not disappointed.

Finalists were Andy Davis (Deniliquin) and Ron McBride (Victor Harbour) with Andy Davis winning 7/6 7/4.

Ralph Richardson won the Plate.

Lorraine Gutcher Tournament Manager



## **VCA Handicap Singles**

Gippsland triumphs in the Handicap Singles.

Julie Drummond (Orbost) playing in her first tournament at Cairnlea was the victor over Wilma Freeman (Sale) 7/6 in a final played in abysmal weather conditions to say the least.

Severely testing the fortitude of players and officials, grateful thanks to them all, including everyone who assisted to pack up at the end.

Semi Finals were exciting games with Owen Dickinson playing Julie Drummond with Julie being the winner 7/6. The other semi final was a contest between Sale members Dierdre Lebbon and Wilma Freeman 7/4, to Wilma.

Although the entry was disappointing it was a good tournament, special thanks to everyone for pushing through to get it done in one day. Nobody wanted to come back to get wet another day.

Best Wish's to all the Croquet Folk for Christmas and the New Year and I hope to see you all in 2018.

Lorraine Gutcher Tournament Manager.

Winner Julie Drummond (left) with Runner up Wilma Freeman (right)



Dry inside, teeming rain outside.







## **VCA Handicap Doubles**

Sadly a disappointing entry for this tournament, many thanks to the players who braved the weather. Play started a little late owing to the expected heavy rain. We had a couple of showers in the morning and one very heavy down pour in the afternoon. Play was stopped after everyone had completed four games, because all players and referees were like drowned rats.

Weather cleared up enough for a final to be played between Jim and Val Saunders and Brian Rowe and Owen

Dickinson. As expected a tight game was played by these four players and the result was a win to Jim and Val Saunders from Belmont, from Brian Rowe and Owen Dickinson from Essendon.

We welcomed three members from Orbost who played in their first Tournament at Cairnlea.

**Lorraine Gutcher** Tournament Manager

Doubles finalists L to R; Brian Rowe, Owen Dickinson, Val and Jim Saunders



## **Brighton Croquet Club Pinner Cup**

The annual Pinner Cup was held at Brighton Croquet Club during October. The Pinner Cup is a 'high-low' competition for croquet club members only and it encourages Div 4 players to enter tournaments. The competition also provides Div 4 players an opportunity to learn some doubles strategies from higher ranked players.

Apart from some bitterly cold weather the competition ran well. There were some very tight games that led up to a final play-off between Janet Rogers and Suzanne Frankam (ultimate winners) and Don Rogers and Paul Tilly (runners up).

Jane Alcorn Publicity Officer Brighton CC



Congratulations to Janet Rogers and Suzanne Frankam







## Pat Celebrates 50 years

Melbourne Cup Day at Morwell was the ideal opportunity for fellow club members to acknowledge the efforts of Life Member ~ Pat Hopkins. 50 years of croquet. ~ and still playing. What a great achievement.

Pat joined Moe Croquet Club on in 1967, and in 1973 Pat became a member of Morwell Croquet Club. During her time at Morwell, Pat has shown that she is a very much valued member. She has been the club President, the club Secretary (three times), and the Secretary of the Gippsland Croquet Association (for five years).

She has been an Association Croquet champion in various divisions at club and regional level, including being five times club champion in Division 1, and she played AC Pennant for over thirty years. Since 2009 she has played in the Golf Croquet Pennant. At the age of 93 she is still a very strong player and was last year nicknamed "The Smiling Assassin".

Pat was a referee at local and national level for forty years, from 1974 to 2014.

She is also always on hand to help with whatever is required, whether it is making soup for tournament lunches or washing up after lunch, helping coach new players & visitors & making sure our kitchen etc is well stocked.

Pat's achievement was acknowledged with a Certificate of Appreciation and flowers from club members and an award from Gippsland Croquet.

A final surprise on Melbourne Cup Day was the unveiling of new signage for Court 1 which will now be known as the "Pat Hopkins Court".

From all your fellow croqueteers ~ Congratulations and 'well done' Pat.

## Sue Elliott Morwell CC



#### **Korumburra Croquet Club News**

On Saturday 25th November, Korumburra farewelled one of its long-standing members. Following a few hot rounds of croquet, current and past members enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea .

President Helen Checkley and past member Wilma Walls spoke warmly of Sue's many attributes. Sue Peatfield and her husband Robin joined the club in the very early 1990s and from then on, Sue was involved in almost every aspect of the club. Her name appears on the committee board as President and Secretary numerous times. In addition, Sue was the club handicapper and tournament administrator. When the club was raising funds for new clubrooms, Sue was helping out there, as well.

In 2010, she was made a life member of the club. Sue & Robin are moving down to the metropolitan area to be closer to family and the club members wish them the very best in their new surroundings.

#### **Ruth Cashin**

Korumburra CC

*Left to Right;* President Helen Checkley, Sue Peatfield and Life Member Wilma Walls.







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## The Annual Bendigo Bank vs Casterton CC Tournament

Sponsors are the lifeblood of country clubs. The Casterton Croquet Club has been rebuilding over the past five years to become a club that fits into the community and makes croquet available to everyone who wants to participate in the sport. A similar story to that of the Bendigo Bank who are very much community spirited.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, staff of the Bendigo Bank with their Manager, Justin Bryant came to play croquet. Justin was also accompanied by his Dad, Leigh Bryant who it soon became clear had a natural talent for the game. In only his second attempt at the sport, Leigh was running long hoops, short hoops, ball clearances and it became evident he was the dark horse on the day!

After an early sausage sizzle, ably provided by our member Belinda Stuart, the Bank and the Club members took to the courts. The first game was a practice round for the real game to come with everyone participating on friendly and fun terms. Then the draw for the "them vs us" game determined who was playing who and it seemed like the gathering clouds suddenly changed the mood of the players on both sides. Competition does this!

Playing first colours on Court 1, Justin Bryant made sure that Ellie Norris, Secretary of the Club, playing on Court

2, heard every point the Bank made particularly because the Casterton players just couldn't make their hoop attempts and ball clearances count. It was a glorious win for the Bank, 7 pts to 3pts. We will hear about this for a year no doubt. What a challenge for our club members next time.

Afternoon tea and some Christmas bubbly completed a delightful, fun day with croquet the ultimate winner on the day.

Ellie Norris Secretary/Treasurer Casterton Croquet Club.



#### MCC Croquet Club Open Association Tournament

Melbourne's four-seasons-in-day climate was challenging at times throughout MCC Croquet Club's 2017 Association Croquet Open Tournament. Even so, players were undaunted and the level of play was robust. And off the courts, collegial spirits prevailed while players socialised during morning and afternoon teas and lunch breaks.

Competitors from nine other clubs besides MCC competed over two weeks: Brunswick, Brighton, Elsternwick, Essendon, Kew, Monash, Rich River, Ringwood, Yarrawonga . All handicap ranges were fielded.

Winner and Runners Up were:

0 to 6 handicap: Winner Chris Grant, (Ringwood); Runner Up Ken Boal (Rich River)

7 to 11 handicap: Winner Wayne Lewis (MCC); Runner-Up Colin Melville (MCC).

Wet weather prevented finals in week 2, so block winners were presented with prizes.

12 to 16 handicap: Block winners-- Alan Notley (MCC) and Minn Stewart (Elsternwick).

18 to 20: Block winners: Geoff Swain (Kew) and John Harris (MCC).

Tom Kudelka was the Tournament Manager and MCC's Chair Graham Fahey was the Referee Coordinator. The referee roster included Brian Foley from Sandringham, and from MCC Jan Watts, Liz Duff and Patrick Moore, Graham and Tom.

At the award presentation Graham noted that the tournament was a great success because of many supporters including, the tournament manager, referees and the club's catering staff, led again by Margo Kelly. A few years ago MCC instituted a \$10 flat-fee all-day buffet of soups, sandwiches, sweets, tea and coffee and the concept has been a big hit, both with tournament entrants as well as the catering staff.

Magdalene Ruzza MCC Croquet Club

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## Victorian Gateballers Have Multiple Success in Young

The NSW Gateball Championships were held in Young, NSW, over the weekend of 17-19 November. Victoria was represented by five players from Kew and one from Essendon. The team was Philip Brown (captain), Maxine Maclachlan, Trish Watts, Gilon Smith, Kerry Seipolt and Elaine Coverdale.

Young had generously stepped into the breach to host the tournament on short notice and provided an excellent venue for the event. High-quality Gateball was on display for the entire weekend.

The Pairs competition was held on the Friday, with 14 pairs competing. Philip Brown and Kerry Seipolt went through the rounds undefeated, topping their block and winning a Semi-final over Kerrie Sutherland and Judie Squelch. Peter Freer and Hilary White topped the second block, but lost to Elaine Coverdale and Trish Watts in the semi-final. That left four Victorians playing the Doubles final. Nerves got the better of both pairs early in the final, before giving way to a free-flowing and hard-fought game. Elaine made a magnificent touch-and-gate, but tactical positioning of sequential balls saw Philip and Kerry win back control and go on to take the final 12 points to 9.

The Teams event saw six NSW teams, Kew and Canberra compete over two days. It was an exercise in contrasts with torrential rain on the Saturday dampening the courts, but not the spirits of the competitors. The rain had cleared by the Sunday and the tournament finished in blazing sunshine.

The hosts, Young, made their debut and impressed everyone with their sharp improvement over the tournament and won the prize for the best new team in the process. The final match of the round-robin saw eventual semi-finalists the Newcastle Sabres scrape home 14-12 over the home team in front of a cheering crowd.

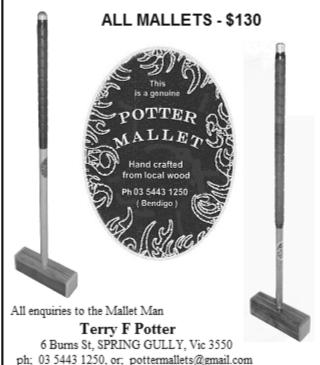
Kew and Jamberoo dominated the round-robin stage, both taking six wins from the seven games. Kew's sole loss

## POTTER MALLETS

Making croquet mallets is my hobby.

Every mallet is handcrafted from local woods to release its natural beauty of grain, texture and colour.

All mallets are therefore individual and unique. Most are of redgum (milled in 1888), others of sycamore, elm, black wattle, etc. Rectangular or round block. Handles are of Tas Oak with a choice in variety of grips etc.



Every mallet sold means I can then enjoy making another, and

p&p \$20 Vic, \$25 interstate, free post for second mallet. email for latest brochure

I will also donate \$10 to the Fred Hollows Foundation.

was to Jamberoo, while Jamberoo were bested by perennial strong performer Canberra. It seemed fitting that the team final saw Kew and Jamberoo take each other on for the second time.

Jamberoo made the early running, but an excellent longrange touch from Elaine turned the tables. Kew dominated the middle third of the game, scoring heavily and scattering the opponents' balls. While Jamberoo came back in the later stages of the match, Kew held on to win by 13 points to 10.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone involved in making a wonderful tournament happen.

Philip Brown, Gilon Smith and Elaine Coverdale will be competing in the World Gateball Championships in Brazil in September 2018.

## **Phillip Brown**



Philip Brown (capt), Maxine Maclachlan, Elaine Coverdale, Kerry Seipolt, Gilon Smith and Trish Watts



## Morwell Croquet Club supports Relay for Life

Most of us know someone affected by cancer and Relay for Life is a chance to honour those who have lost their fight against cancer and to honour those who are living with cancer today. Fundraising is our way of fighting back to live in a cancer free world.

On the 21st and 22nd October I was one of the many relayers who took part in the Latrobe Relay for Life 2017 at the Tyers Football grounds.

Twenty-one teams kept their batons moving on the track for around 19 hours beginning at 4pm after the opening ceremony and the Survivors and Carers lap. This year the teams have raised an incredible total of \$71,122.24. My team, (Thorpy Hopes) raised over \$14,000 which was absolutely amazing. Thorpy Hopes major fundraisers were

Footy Tipping, High Tea, and Sue Van Heurck's Christmas display.

Thank you, Morwell Croquet Club, for supporting me by letting me take out some mallets, balls and hoops for people to have some fun with. It is a long night and having activities helps to keep everyone awake. Many had never seen croquet played before and were suitably impressed with my skills.

It was good to see some of the younger ones having a go and it looks like we may have a visit from one of the local schools before Christmas.

#### Sue Elliott Morwell CC

Sue and croquet at Relay for Life. Pic: Geoff Stanton



## **Scrambled Christmas Words**

All of these words are common Christmas words

ANSTA
WNOS
THIMSARCS TERE
THAWER
MONATRENS
STREENPS
STEILN
SLAROC

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TROODAENICS

Answers next page...no sneak peeks





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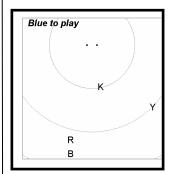


## **Golf Croquet Coaching Notes**

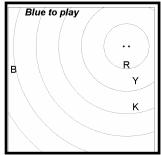
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## 2. Hitting a ball away...continued from Oct/Nov edition

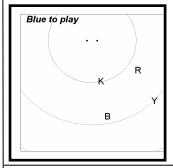
In each example the playing side, from which the hoop must be run, is towards the bottom of the page. Blue to play next in each case....  $\mathbf{B} = \text{Blue}$ ,  $\mathbf{R} = \text{Red}$ ,  $\mathbf{K} = \text{Black}$ ,  $\mathbf{Y} = \text{Yellow}$ 



**Example 1:** This is a perfect opportunity for blue to hit red away with a stun shot. If this is hoop 1, blue could hit red a long way away. If it is hoop 2, then the boundary is only seven metres behind the hoop, so blue should strike the ball just hard enough to get red to the boundary whilst ensuring that blue finishes near the hoop.



**Example 2:** Blue must hit red away otherwise it will run the hoop. If red returns to a hoop running position then, unless blue has stopped reasonably near the hoop, you must go for the hoop with black even though (for most players) this would have less than 50% chance of succeeding. If blue was struck just hard enough to knock red about 10 metres away then, with a direct hit, blue would finish near enough to be able to hit red away again. You could then use a stun shot to hit yellow away with black instead.



**Example 3:** If black were closer to the hoop, blue would hit red as far away as he could, but since black is far from a certainty to run the hoop from there, blue should not use excessive force. Blue needs to finish near enough to the hoop to be able to hit red away again, if necessary, after red returns. A stun shot on red with blue is possible but difficult since red is almost a metre and a half away. Red only needs to be hit 5 or 10 metres past the hoop. If blue could finish in a hoop running position while hitting red away, it would be a bonus.

Examples 4 and 5 were shown last edition. Next Month...Attack or Defend?

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## **Northern District Croquet Association GC Pennant Finals**

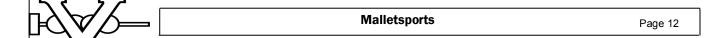
The Northern District Croquet Association 2017 Pennant Finals were held on Thursday November 23. The finals provided a fitting end to the pennant season with each hoop being closely contested. The audience were entertained with some excellent matches. The weather was challenging for the players with heat in the morning and a storm brewing in the afternoon.

In Division 1 Bendigold (Jo Bury and Bill Humphries - Bendigo and Golden Square respectively) defeated Quarry Hill Eucalypts (Chris Eiffert, Lois Kirk and Roger Bird) 6 games nil. Lorraine Baker from Golden Square refereed the match.

In Division 2 there were many close games during the day. Quarry Hill Red Gums (Max Elgin, Brian Gibson and Jennifer Slattery) defeated Quarry Hill Yellow Gums (Maree Wallace, Ron Nixon and Bill Wallace) 5 games 1. Barb Thorne from Castlemaine refereed the match.

Wendy Bodey Quarry Hill CC





#### **Upcoming Events at Victorian Croquet Centre**

#### Dec

16-17 AC ACA Bronze Medal; range 3 to 20 @ Shepparton

27- 1 **Jan** AC VCA Open Doubles; range -3 to 20 ) John Grieve 27-1 **Jan** AC VCA Open Singles; range -3 to 20 ) 0424 362 935

#### Jan

13-14 AC VCA Silver Medal; range -3 to 20
13-14 AC VCA Bronze Medal; range -3 to 20
13-14 AC VCA Bronze Medal; range -3 to 20
26-26 GC Aust Day Challenge; range -6 to 20
27-29 GC VCA Open Singles; range -6 to 20
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#### Feb

1-1 Dot Dickson One Day Challenge; range -6 to 20 Kaye Molyneux 0403 160 340

3-11 AC - WCF World Championships in New Zealand

16-18 GC ACA President's 8's ;range -6 to 20 Lorraine Gutcher 5134 4990 24-25 AC VCA Gold Cup, Silver & Bronze Shields John Grieve 0424 362 935

## **Association Tournaments around the State**

#### Jan

8-11 Portland; range -3 to 20 Meg Gallpen 0428 350 239
15-17 Warrnambool City; range -3 to 20 Margaret Kelson 0418 614 937
18-22 Brunswick Electric Light; range -3 to 6
18-22 Brunswick Electric Light; range 7 to 11
21-25 Brunswick Electric Light; range 12 to 16
21-25 Brunswick Electric Light; range 18 to 20
20 0403 108 215

#### Feb

3-4 Terang; range 5 to 20

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8-18 Monash; range -3 to 20

19-21 Phillip Island; range -3 to 20

21-22 GVCA @ Shepparton; range -3 to 20

24-25 Traralgon Handicap; range -3 to 20

Aileen Bell 0409 438 284

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#### **Golf Croquet Tournaments around the State**

#### Jan

6-7 MCC; range -6 to 20 Colin Melville 9844 2141 20-21 Sale Singles; range -6 to 20 Wilma Freeman 5144 2950 **Feb** 

14-15 GVCA @ Rich River; range -6 to 20 24-25 Traralgon; range -6 to 20

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