



**CROQUET AUSTRALIA**  
(AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INC)

# ***AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS***

Victorian Croquet Centre  
65 Nobel Banks Drive, Cairnlea  
Melbourne, Victoria

**4 – 12 May 2019**

## **PROGRAM**

for the  
**10<sup>th</sup> Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship of Australia**  
and  
**21<sup>st</sup> Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship of Australia**



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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

All the participating referees and ground staff  
Lubi and all the kitchen staff

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**Croquet is a harassment free sport.**

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**A copy of this policy is available on Croquet Australia's website.**



## **AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS Melbourne 2019**

**Australian Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship** - Saturday 4 – Tuesday 7 May  
at Cairnlea. The Plate event will also be held at Cairnlea.

**Australian Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship** - Wednesday 8 – Sunday 12 May  
at Cairnlea. The Plate event will also be at Cairnlea.

### **Registration**

Friday, 3 May at Cairnlea from 1–5 pm or 7.30 am Saturday. Do not ring the caretaker if you come early Sat AM and the front door is not open – someone will turn up shortly....

### **Practice Sessions**

Cairnlea is open for practice from 1–5 pm on Friday 3 May, and again at the same time on Tuesday 7 May where this does not disturb the Doubles finals underway that afternoon.

### **Welcome Function**

Drinks (only) available to purchase on Friday 3 May at Cairnlea 4–6 pm.

### **Dinner**

An evening meal may be organized if there is sufficient demand – see on notice board (but it will not be on Sunday 12 May).

### **Player's Briefing**

A briefing on the Tournament conditions & refereeing will be provided at 7.45 am Sat 4 May.

### **Catering**

A limited range of food will be available – sandwiches, toasted sandwiches, soups, salad rolls. Fruit. Tea and coffee all day.

### **Presentations**

Tuesday 7 May at Cairnlea, on completion of the Doubles Final.  
Sunday 12 May at Cairnlea, on completion of the Singles Final.

### **Results**

Results will be available on the Croquet Scores web-site progressively during each day

<https://croquetscores.com/2019/gc/aust-doubles>

<http://www.croquetscores.com/2019/gc/aust-open-singles>

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**OPEN SINGLES and DOUBLES**  
**MELBOURNE VICTORIA**  
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**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR ACA GOLF CROQUET EVENTS**

1. All events will be played under the 2018 WCF Rules of Golf Croquet adopted by Croquet Australia, and the Australian Tournament Regulations (on the ACA website).
2. The Australian Handicapping System is in force for this Tournament, and entrants are to have a current Golf Croquet handicap. A handicap may be assigned by the Tournament Manager in terms of the Appendix to the Rules of Golf Croquet.
3. Players are to ensure that they have their ACA Handicap Cards with them to present to the Tournament Manager or their representative before each event commences. Handicap cards should be completed after each game. If players reach a trigger point their handicap changes immediately after that game.
4. All competitors who have not already provided a telephone number or email address at which messages can reach them during the events should provide this information during registration.
5. Courts will be available for practice each day until 15 minutes before start times, and after the completion of play for the day, subject to requirements for dressing courts and maintenance. The Tournament Manager's approval should be sought for such practice, and players assistance in preparing and clearing lawns will ensure that this practice can continue.
6. Atkins quadway hoops will be used; set as near as possible to 3 11/16 inches for the Block & Plate games. To allow for inaccuracies in gauges, balls, hoops and setting techniques, a tolerance of +0 to -1/32 inch is allowed. Hoops will be set as near as possible to largest ball on court plus a clearance of 1/32" for the Knockout games. Players are asked to help set the hoops at the start of the day if required.
7. Hoops may be checked at any time on the request of the player in play. Any hoop out of specification will be reset. If a player suspects that the outcome of a stroke he has just played was affected by a ball being in contact with both uprights of a hoop simultaneously, he is entitled to have the equipment checked and, if necessary, adjusted or replaced. If it is found that the ball does touch both uprights of that hoop on some axis, he may elect to replay the stroke, unless his turn has ended for another reason.
8. Dawson International balls will be used.
9. Court allocations may be changed by the Tournament Manager and games will be double banked as required.
10. Ideally there will be a Referee at each court to act as required but - where there are not sufficient referees present to be in charge of all games - referees will be supervisory.
11. Players' attention is drawn to Rule 16 of the WCF Golf Croquet Rules book regarding Etiquette, which also covers expedition in play, and to ACA Tournament Regulations 12-14 concerning responsibilities of players.
12. Players will wear foot wear which will not mark the court and provides adequate protection for themselves both on and off the court; and neat, clean attire which the Tournament Manager judges will not cause significant offence to others. A player in unsuitable clothing or foot wear will be given the opportunity to dress appropriately or will not be permitted to participate in the event
13. Matches shall commence at **8.00 am** sharp unless otherwise indicated. Players are requested to be at their designated court before the scheduled starting time.
14. All games will start un-timed but the Tournament Manager may impose a time limit if necessary.
15. Players are allowed a joint 5 minutes of practice on the court allocated, before their first game of the day.

16. Players are allowed a break of up to 5 minutes between matches and a lunch break of up to 30 minutes, but such breaks can be waived by mutual agreement of the players. No break is allowed between games in multiple game matches - games should be 'seamless' and players are expected to commence play in the second and third games immediately after the completion of the previous game. The Tournament Manager will ensure games go on expeditiously to enable completion of the scheduled program.
17. It is mandatory for players to inform the Tournament Manager if they wish to leave the venue for any reason.
18. The Tournament Manager will decide whether play in any match should continue if the weather is deteriorating.
19. The Tournament Manager in consultation with the Board of Croquet Australia may make any alterations to the program, draw and other arrangements as are necessary in order to complete the tournament in the time available. If available, lights may be used at the Tournament Manager's discretion.
20. An appeals committee under ACA comprising the Tournament Manager, the Tournament Referee and a member of the ACA Board (or nominated representative) shall determine any matters that are in dispute during the course of the tournament.
21. Should an overseas player win an event, a perpetual trophy shall remain in Australia in the custody of the Administrative Officer of Croquet Australia. All winners of trophies are requested to obtain a quote for the cost of appropriate engraving and submit that quote to the Administrative Officer of Croquet Australia before proceeding.

### **SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

Tournament Headquarters are VCC at 65 Nobel Banks Drive, Cairnlea. All play will be at Cairnlea. This Program will be available on the ACA website, plus a hard copy for each player (if required) at Registration on Friday 3 May between 1-5pm.

## **Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship of Australia (4 – 7 May 2019)**

The Draw was conducted by the ACA Tournament Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures. The World Ranking list current at 24 April 2019 was used for seeding purposes. The format for the Open Doubles is as follows.

- 1) Two blocks, with each pair to play a single 13 point game against each other pair in that block.
- 2) Blocks play the first 7 rounds on Saturday (Day 1) & 6 more rounds on Sunday (Day 2). Players may play more rounds on each day if conditions permit, at the Tournament Manager's discretion, but players may decline to play more than 7 games on any day.
- 3) Pairs placed 1 to 4 in each block, based on games won proceed to the final 8 knockout stage. There will only be play-offs for qualifying positions – once you have qualified, place within the block will be decided by games won, then net points, then who beat who.
- 4) The quarter-finals & semi-finals (both bo3) will be played on Monday (Day 3). The Y will start that afternoon, also playing bo3.
- 5) The final will be on Tuesday (Day 4) as a best of five 13 point games. The finals of the Y & Z events will start as early as possible, playing bo3.
- 6) Play within all matches should be continuous, and only essential breaks should be taken during a match, including between games in a match.

### **The Doubles Plate Event**

- 7) A Plate event will be conducted as two blocks playing single 13 point games, depending on numbers. There will be a single game final between the winner of each block. The Plate will start on Monday (Day 3) and finish on Tuesday (Day 4).

	<b>Block A</b>	<b>Block B</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Gail Hopkins &amp; Pete Landrebe</b>	<b>Gordon Giles &amp; Bruce Fleming</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Brian Rowe &amp; Owen Dickinson</b>	<b>Greg Fletcher &amp; Wes Fletcher</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Barry Jennings &amp; Karen Magee</b>	<b>John van der Touw &amp; Richard Parks</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Steve Thornton &amp; Chris Williamson</b>	<b>Peter Freer &amp; Kate McLoughlin</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>David Wise &amp; John Arney</b>	<b>Kate Logan &amp; Bernie Pfitzner</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Graham Keating &amp; Yvonne Shaw</b>	<b>Len Canavan &amp; Hal Denton</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Peter Montague &amp; Liz Montague</b>	<b>Ross Rillie &amp; Helen Rillie</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Lester Hughes &amp; Claire Keating</b>	<b>Phillip Roach &amp; Ruth McKean</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Tony McArthur &amp; Brenda Wild</b>	<b>Gerda Lambeck &amp; Pauline Markwell</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Patsy Paine &amp; John Colquhoun</b>	<b>Brian Rubock &amp; Gina Kirkland</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Dennis Green &amp; Sue Green</b>	<b>Julianne Jago &amp; Norma Greig</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Rosemary Newsham &amp; Deirdre Giles</b>	<b>Mary Hughes &amp; Richard Hughes</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Elaine Berridge &amp; Monika Curtis</b>	

### **Prizes - Doubles**

Winners	ACA Gold Medals & the Fleming Glass Disc Trophies
Runners Up	ACA Silver Medals
Plate	The Fleming Plates

### **Prizes - Singles**

Winner	ACA Gold Medal & the Tony Hall Cup
Runner Up	ACA Silver Medal
Plate	Maree Skinner Plate

## **Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship of Australia (8 – 12 May 2019)**

The Draw was conducted by the ACA Tournament Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures. The World Ranking list current at 24 April 2019 was used for seeding purposes. The format for the Open Singles is as follows.

### **Block Play**

- 1) Four blocks, seeded, with spouses/family members placed in different blocks. Each player to play each other player in the block a 13 point game in a single round robin.
- 2) Players placed 1 to 4 in each block, based on games won, will proceed to the final 16 knockout stage. There will only be play-offs for qualifying positions – once you have qualified, place within the block will be decided by games won, then net points, then who beat who.
- 3) Blocks will play the first 6 rounds on Wednesday (Day 1) & the other 5 rounds on Thursday (Day 2). Players may play more sessions on a day if conditions permit, at the Tournament Manager's discretion, but players may decline to play more than 6 games on any day. Players should have lunch when time permits, between games.

### **The Knockout**

- 4) Players will be drawn for the knock-out phase based on final placing in initial blocks. The knockout will be 2 rounds of best of three 13 point games, and then best of five semi-finals & final (Tournament Manager's discretion).
- 5) The Round of 16 and the Quarter-Finals will be played on Friday (Day 3). The 8 losers from the Round of 16 proceed to the Y Event. The 4 losers from Quarter-Finals in the X event will proceed to the Z event. The 4 losers from Round 1 of the Y proceed to the W Event.
- 6) Semi-Finals (best of five) will be played on Saturday (Day 4), along with the Y & Z events.
- 7) The Final (best of five) will be played on Sunday (Day 5) along with the playoff for Third & Fourth, and the bo3 finals of the Y, Z & W events.

### **The Plate Event**

- 8) A Plate event will be conducted as 2 blocks, depending on numbers. The Plate will start on Friday (Day 3) and finish on Saturday (Day 4), unless the numbers require it to continue into Sunday (Day 5). Top 2 in each block go into the Finals, which will each be a single 19 point game semi-final & final, at the Tournament Manager's discretion.

	<b>Block A</b>		<b>Block B</b>	
1	Alison Sharpe	NSW	Kevin Beard	VIC
2	Peter Freer	NSW	Darren McLoughlin	VIC
3	Gail Hopkins	VIC	David Woods	NSW
4	Ross Rillie	QLD	Kate Logan	SA
5	Richard Christian	NSW	Chris Williamson	NSW
6	John Grieve	VIC	Kate McLoughlin	NSW
7	Bernie Pfitzner	SA	John Arney	SA
8	Liz Montague	NSW	Brian Rubock	TAS
9	Rosemary Newsham	QLD	Robyn Dart	WA
10	Norma Greig	SA	Megan Stuart	QLD
11	Marilyn Nelson	QLD	Annette Gatland	QLD
	<b>Block C</b>		<b>Block D</b>	
1	John van der Touw	VIC	David Hanbidge	NSW
2	Lester Hughes	VIC	Gordon Giles	QLD
3	David Wise	SA	Barry Jennings	SA
4	Chas Quinn	VIC	Steve Thornton	NSW
5	Dennis Green	QLD	Peter Montague	NSW
6	Len Canavan	USA	Robert Martin	QLD
7	Brenda Wild	NSW	Hal Denton	USA
8	Elaine Berridge	QLD	Andre Daniel-Dreyfus	VIC
9	Pauline Markwell	NSW	Richard Parks	VIC
10	Helen Rillie	QLD	Gerda Lambeck	NSW
11	Tony McArthur	NSW	Julianne Jago	SA
12	Monika Curtis	SA	Mary McMahan	QLD

# AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET OPEN TITLE HOLDERS

YEAR	OPEN SINGLES CHAMPION	Runner-Up
1997	Peter Tavender (NSW)	Roger Bird (Vic)
2000	Kathleen Coull (NSW)	George Latham (Vic)
2001	Owen Edwards (Vic)	George Latham (Vic)
2002	George Latham (Vic)	John Baldwin (Vic)
2003	Ian Bassett (Vic)	Ken Bald (Vic)
2004	Tony Hall (NSW)	Ken Bald (Vic)
2005	Owen Edwards (Vic)	Ian Rees (Vic)
2006	Owen Edwards (Vic)	Tony Hall (NSW)
2007	Kevin Beard (Vic)	John Levick (NSW)
2008	Kevin Beard (Vic)	Peter Landrebe (NSW)
2009	Peter Landrebe (NSW)	Martin Clarke (WA)
2010	John Levick (NSW)	Alix Verge (NSW)
2011	Kevin Beard (Vic)	David Wise (SA)
2012	John Levick (NSW)	Peter Freer (NSW)
2013	John Levick (NSW)	Ron Johnstone (NSW)
2014	John van der Touw (Vic)	Martin Clarke (WA)
2015	John van der Touw (Vic)	Peter Freer (NSW)
2016	Greg Fletcher (SA)	Peter Freer (NSW)
2017	Lester Hughes (Vic)	Geoff Hull (QLD)
2018	Alison Sharpe (NSW)	Ron McBride (SA)
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YEAR	OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONS	Runners Up
2010	John Levick & Ron Johnstone	Geoff Young & Dallas Cooke (NZ)
2011	John Levick & Ron Johnstone	Rosie News & Anne Quinn
2012	John van der Touw & Anne Quinn	Kevin Beard & Rosie News
2013	Wendy Dickson & Anne Quinn	John Levick & Judy Wembridge
2014	Kevin Beard & John van der Touw	Stephen Forster & Anne Quinn
2015	Anne Quinn & Wendy Dickson	David Wise & Chris Grant
2016	Anne Quinn & Wendy Dickson	Geoff Jamieson & Lawrie Simpson
2017	David Wise & John Arney	Brett McHardy & Janine McHardy
2018	Alison Sharpe & David Hanbidge	David Wise & John Arney
2019		