



**Australian Association Croquet**

**2019**

**Open Singles & Doubles**

**Championships**

Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>

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In 2019, the annual Australian Association Croquet Open Singles & Doubles Championships are being held at the Victorian Croquet Centre, Cairnlea; the largest croquet specific venue in the southern hemisphere, with twelve courts.

Each year these prestigious events attract players from across the country and around the world, and this year, the Australian Croquet Association again welcomes Parbery Consulting, who returns as the major sponsor of the Australian Association Croquet Championships (click here for more info about Parbery – <https://www.parbery.com.au/about-us/>).

As a result of the ACA's partnership with Parbery, there will be two (free) afternoon/evening BBQs hosted during the events, and each competitor will receive a free event polo shirt. More importantly, there will be over \$4,000 worth of cash prizes available across the events. For the Singles, this will be distributed between places 1-9, the Plate Winner & Runner-Up, and the A.B. Morrison Encouragement Award. For the Doubles, prize money will go to pairs placing 1-4 as well as the Plate Winners & Runners Up.

Both seasoned competitors and those new to the competition scene are welcome.

If you (or you and your partner) are wanting to 'have a go' but don't quite have the confidence to hit the 'big time' just yet, you can always just enter the Plate event.

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## Australian Association Croquet – Open Singles & Doubles Championships

The Doubles Championship will commence on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>, with the finals being played on Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Singles Championship will commence on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, and finish on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Tournament Manager:** John Grieve
- Tournament Referee:** Mike Cohn (Singles) TBA (Doubles)
- ACA Events:** Peter Freer
- Headquarters:** Victorian Croquet Centre, 65 Noble Banks Drive, Cairnlea
- Event Shirts:** Free event polo shirt for each participant.
- Prizes & Trophies:** The Singles Winner will be presented with the Wall Cup, and Cash Prizes will be awarded to places 1 through to 9, the Plate Winner & Runner-Up, and to the A.B. Morrison Encouragement Award Winner.
- The Doubles Winners will receive the ACA Salvagers, and Cash Prizes will go to the first 4 placing pairs, and both the Plate Winners & Runners-Up.
- Functions:** Two Afternoon / Evening Social BBQ's (one during the Doubles and one during the Singles) – free for players and officials.
- Catering:** Coffee & tea free; lunch & other food/drink available for purchase.
- Closing Date for Entries:** **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October (midnight WA time)**
- Entry Fees - Doubles:** \$90 per player - if entering the Plate ONLY: \$45 per player
- Entry Fees – Singles:** \$142 per player - if entering the Plate ONLY: \$71 per player
- Full time students (under 25) and players aged under 21 at 31 December 2019 are entitled to a 50% reduction of the above fees.
- How to Enter - Doubles:** <https://croquet-australia.com.au/entry-form/>
- Select “Association Croquet”, “Doubles Event” then select either “AC Open Doubles (2 Players)” or “AC Open Doubles (Need Partner)”. Complete the on-line entry.
- How to Enter - Singles:** <https://croquet-australia.com.au/entry-form/>
- Select “Association Croquet”, “Singles Event” then “AC Open Singles”. Complete the on-line entry.
- Don't be surprised if payment via PayPal doesn't work – if so, don't re-do your entry. The Events Committee will be in touch with instructions on how to pay, and confirmation that you've entered (also keep an eye on “Entries” under these events on croquetscores).**

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- Draw:** To be conducted by the ACA Tournament Committee with help from Events and AC Selection Committees using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures. The latest available world AC ranking list will be used for seeding purposes.
- Registration:** Doubles from 2 pm Friday 15 November.  
Singles from 2 pm Monday 18 November.
- Format – Doubles:** Format will depend on the actual numbers of entrants, but the Doubles is expected to be played as blocks initially and followed by knockout rounds with the best-of-3 or best-of-5 games. Doubles will be played over 3 days.
- Format – Singles:** Format will depend on the actual numbers of entrants but the Singles is expected to start with a Burrige Swiss, followed by knockout rounds with the best-of-3 or best-of-5 games. Singles will be played over 6 days.
- Note – Players must be prepared to play at any reasonable time during daylight hours and may be required to play under lights. All games may be double banked except semi-finals and the final (if lawn availability allows).

Doubles pairings from across Australia will be testing their skill and ability, vying for the ACA Salvors.

The Singles Champion will be presented with the Wall Cup.

The A.B. Morrison Encouragement Award will be awarded to the best player with a DGrade of less than 1700 on the World Ranking list at the closing date for entries (although the world ranking grade used to determine the award may be varied by the Events Manager and published prior to start of the event ).

Please note that Atkins Quadway hoops will be used throughout both events.



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