



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the Brighton Croquet Club President, December 2024

Dear Members

As 2024 comes to a close, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Special thanks to our Committee Members and those members who have volunteered their help and support over the past 12 months. Those who give their time maintaining the clubrooms, setting up the courts ready for play, working at fundraisers and assisting with catering are integral and invaluable to the success and atmosphere of our croquet club. We also extend our best wishes to our sponsors whose valuable support is very much appreciated.

Wendy Williamson

President

An Enjoyable Christmas Lunch at the Club



S.A. Gateball Championships

This three-day event was held from Friday Nov 29th to Sunday Dec 1st at the Hutt Road courts of the S.A Croquet Association.

Players travelled from A.C.T., N.S.W., Victoria to compete along with players from Norwood, Hyde Park, South Terrace, Woodville and Brighton.

The weather was perfect over the three days with temperatures in the mid-20s, light breezes, no rain and mostly clear skies. The grass was extremely well prepared and in great condition.

The Teams event

Five teams competed in this section of the competition. The team from Brighton was bolstered with Woodville players and Hyde Park was bolstered with players from South Terrace and Norwood clubs. The Kew Croquet Club team came from Victoria and there were two teams of players from N.S.W. & A.C.T., and N.S.W. & Victoria.

After a five round round-robin series Hyde Park on three wins was declared winner on gate difference with Brighton finishing second also on three wins. Incidentally Brighton beat Hyde Park but finished behind with a lesser gate difference.

Congratulations to Hyde Park.

The President's Trophy

This is a doubles event and as such is very popular. All scores are available on the internet at Gateball Scores.

Eleven doubles teams entered and it was an entertaining event.

John & Penny from Hazelbrook in N.S.W. were dominant finishing with nine wins from ten games.

Maxine & Alec from Kew, Victoria finished second with eight wins.

There was a tight group of four teams with six wins. Glen (South Tce) & Peter (Brighton) were ahead of this group with a better gate difference finishing third.

Glen & Peter's 'big scalp' was second placed Maxine & Alec.

Barry & Peter (Hyde Park) finished on five wins Their 'big scalp' was third placed Glen & Peter.

Barry (Brighton) teamed with a player from Victoria - two wins and was very competitive.

Congratulations to John & Penny.

This was a great event - very well managed with perfect weather and great competition between opponents

.... a big thank you to Geoff Crook (Woodville) who again took on the role of Tournament Manager and Tournament Referee.

Peter Woodward

S.A Gateball Championships



Brighton / Woodville Players (playing with the Brighton team) - Geoff Crook (L) & Ben Tarling (R) and Brighton Players – Barry Teague, Peter Woodward and Graham Whiteway

Hyde Park Winning Team Event Players - Glen Devison (South Tce CC), Barry Haydon, Peter Martyniuk & Graeme Thomas (Hyde Park CC), Virginia Arney (Norwood CC)



S.A. Gateball Championships participants

Geoff Crook presenting to winners of Doubles Event: John and Penny Park

