

May 2010

Dear Croquet Players,

Presidents Eights

Melbourne October 1 – 4 October 2010

The Event will be conducted at the Victorian Croquet Centre. Some double-banking will be required.

We are pleased to advise the following players have been offered positions in the President's Eights for 2010.

President's First Eight - Eddie Hunt Trophy

President's Second Eight - Tom Howat Cup

President's Third Eight – Major Tingey Tray

1	Paddy Chapman	Declined 26/5
2	Robert Fletcher	Accepted 29/5
3	Bruce Fleming	Accepted 6/6
4	Ian Dumergue	Declined 12/6
5	Stephen Forster	Accepted 10/6
6	Peter Landrebe	Accepted 10/6
7	Trevor Bassett	Accepted 19/5
8	Martin Clarke	Declined 18/5
9	Harley Watts	Declined 15/6
10	Kevin Beard	Declined 23/5
11	Ken Bald	Accepted 28/5
12	Mike Jenner	Declined 18/5
13	Mark Prater	Declined 15/6
14	Les Watson	No response
15	Jocelyn Sutton	Declined 18/5
16	Rod Kirk	Declined 16/5
17	Miranda Morgan	Declined 26/5
18	John Levick	Declined 30/5
19	Greg Fletcher	Declined 10/6
20	Alan Sands	Declined 16/6
21	Simon Watkins	Accepted 18/5
22	Greg Bury	Declined 14/5
23	John Hardy	Declined 10/6
24	Tim Murphy	Accepted 15/5

Reserve 1	Peter Ross	Declined
Reserve 2	Alan Walsh	Accepted 18/5
Reserve 3	Jeff Newcombe	Not available
Reserve 4	Malcolm Fletcher	Accepted 17/5
Reserve 5	Ian Bassett	Accepted 18/5
Reserve 6	Albert Rutten	Declined 10/6
Reserve 7	Ross Marshall	Not Available
Reserve 8	Rosemary Graham	Accepted 10/6
Reserve 9	Margaret Melville	Accepted 23/5
Reserve 10	Gil Schupelius	Accepted 24/5
Reserve 11	Terry Ericson	Not Available

Reserve 12	Ken Edwards	Accepted 26/5
Reserve 13	Stephen Richards	Accepted
Reserve 14	Chris McWhirter	Accepted 31/5
Reserve 15	Liz Fleming	Accepted 10/6
Reserve 16	Charlotte Morgan	Accepted 15/6
Reserve 17	Nick Macoun	Declined 16/6
Reserve 18	Roger Buddle	Accepted 16/6
Reserve 19	Dwayne McCormick	Accepted 29/6
Reserve 20	Claire Bassett	Accepted 19/5
Reserve 21	Judy Wembridge	Not Available
Reserve 22	Ernie Melville	Accepted 20/6
Reserve 23	Tricia Devlin	Accepted 9/6
Reserve 24	Alison Sharpe	Available
Reserve 25	Tony Hall	

Women's Eight - Jean Armstrong Bowl

Women's Eight

1	Rosemary Graham	Accepted 10/6 Open 8's
2	Margaret Melville	Accepted 19/5 Open 8's
3	Liz Fleming	Declined 6/6
4	Charlotte Morgan	Accepted 7/6 Open 8's
5	Claire Bassett	Accepted 19/5 Open 8's
6	Judy Wembridge	Declined 10/6
7	Tricia Devlin	Accepted 9/6 Open 8's
8	Alison Sharpe	Accepted 15/5

Reserve 1	Robyn Stock	Accepted 18/5 – Withdrew on 23/7/2010
Reserve 2	Alix Verge	Declined 10/6
Reserve 3	Sue Beattie	Accepted 10/6
Reserve 4	Anna Miller	Declined 11/6
Reserve 5	Wendy Dickson	Accepted 11/6
Reserve 6	Gloria Howell	Declined 17/6
Reserve 7	Willi Silk	Not Available
Reserve 8	Shirley Carr	Not Available
Reserve 9	Creina Dawson	Not Available
Reserve 10	Deidre Hardy	Not Available
Reserve 11	Kay Chynoweth	Declined 8/6
Reserve 12	Sue Leitinger	Declined 16/6
Reserve 13	Claire Bamford	Not available
Reserve 14	Megan Reynolds	Declined 18/6
Reserve 15	Judy Evans	Not available
Reserve 16	Jannine Hawker	Declined 19/6
Reserve 17	Helen Collins	Accepted
Reserve 18	Sandra Stevenson	Declined 5/7
Reserve 19	Hazel Lloyd	Declined 13/7
Reserve 20	Elizabeth Allen	Accepted 15/7
Reserve 21	Marga Podnieks	Accepted 13/7
Reserve 22	Liz Bassett	Accepted 15/7
Reserve 23	Pam Gentle	Accepted 23/7

Reserve 24	Marie Calthorpe
Reserve 25	Anne Quinn
Reserve 26	Elaine Coverdale
Reserve 27	Elaine Roomes
Reserve 28	Pam Hamilton

Reserves will be notified as places become available.

Ranking List

The Ranking List as at 31/3/10 was used to determine players who have been offered places in the Presidents Eights. Places in individual Eights will be determined by the Ranking list one month prior to the commencement of the event. The Selectors will also use additional Wildcards to place players if deemed appropriate.

Wild Cards

The Australian Selectors have not used wild cards in the initial selections for the event this year. However, the Selectors reserve their right to use wild cards in determining final positions one month prior to the event.

Venues

We are grateful to the Victorian Croquet Association for the use of the Victorian Croquet Centre to conduct the Eights. The address of the centre is 65 Noble Banks Drive Cairnlea Victoria 3023.

Entry Fee

The entry fee payable by all players is **\$260** (incl GST). Payment may be made by:

- 1 cheque direct to the Treasurer, or,
- 2 by direct deposit to the ACA bank account at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank or by electronic funds transfer. Bank account details are:
 - BSB Code 063208
 - Account number 10062783.

Please identify your deposit by your name and "Eights" and by sending an email to: tony.hall@netspeed.com.au. and mkinr@bigpond.net.au

The Treasurer's address:
5/6 Fawkner St
Braddon ACT 2612.

The entry fees, less GST, will be re-distributed to interstate players to help in some way to spread the costs among all players.

The entry fee is to be paid by 14 June 2010

Please note that the payment of the entry fee is your acceptance of the offer of a place in the Eights and if entry fees are not paid by the due date other players will be offered places in the Eights.

Reimbursement to Players

1. To share the costs of participation, to some extent, entry fees will be redistributed amongst players travelling from interstate and/or from more than a hundred kilometres. The costs of

participation include travel, accommodation and food. However, it is impracticable for the ACA to become involved in issues about individual standards of accommodation and food.

2. Airfare costs vary significantly and the ACA expects players to obtain the cheapest available airfare to travel to the venue. The ACA will impute into the reimbursement formula either:

2.1 the cost of the actual fares paid from the player's home state to the venue where the event is to be held, or

2.2 the cost of the cheapest airfare for that sector paid by another player where that is significantly different, or

2.3 if the player chooses to travel by road the ACA will impute into the distribution calculations for that player either the cheaper return airfare available in terms of 2.2 above, or a figure derived from the number of kilometres travelled by vehicle in a direct route to and from the venue multiplied by 29 cents, whichever is the cheapest. Where more than one player travels in the same car the ACA will discount the amount to be reimbursed and redistribute that amount amongst the other travelling players.

3. If issues arise in 1 to 3 above or special circumstances need to be considered the ACA will resolve these as equitably as possible.

4. Please advise your travel costs to the Treasurer and **forward Tax Invoices** for the fares. Note that calculations cannot be made nor any distributions paid until Tax Invoices are received from EVERY interstate player and claims for distances of more than a hundred kilometres are made. Tax Invoices may be sent by mail or email. If all are received in time, payments will be made at the event.

Other Costs

If players provide vehicle transport to and from venues for other participants any reimbursement arrangements are to be resolved between the driver and the traveling passengers.

Conditions

1. Double round robin with the first round to be completed before the start of the second round.
2. Winners to be determined as per Regulation 19(a)(5).
3. Random draw with the same draw to be used for both rounds.
4. Games in the First, Second and Third Eights will be un-timed and the Tournament Manager may impose a time limit after 90 minutes of play of not less than an additional one hour.
5. Games in the Women's Eight will be timed (2 ½ hours).
6. The first game will start on Friday at 10.00am, with an 8 a.m. start Saturday to Monday, or earlier if decided by the Tournament Manager. (Three sessions of play on Friday, four sessions on each on Saturday and Sunday and three sessions on Monday).
7. Dawson International balls and 3 11/16" hoops to be used. Hoops are to be set as near as possible to 3 11/16 inches. To allow for inaccuracies in gauges, hoops, balls and setting techniques, a tolerance of + or - 1/32 inch is allowed. In accordance with Law 53(b)(2), Law 53(b)(3) is to replace Law 35(b) in this tournament.
8. The winner of each event will hold the perpetual trophy and there will be a medallion presented to the winner and runner up. Winners to be responsible for ensuring the trophies reach the venue for the following year's event.

9. Players are to wear predominantly white clothing and appropriate footwear. Club, State or National Uniforms are also permitted. Predominantly white clothing is defined in WCF Sports Regulation 22.5.6 which states: "Predominantly white means any article with more than 75% of its surface area white. Clothing which does not meet this criteria, will be subject to rejection as unacceptable. White means white, not grey/off white. This condition does not apply to wet weather clothing, hats or caps." A player presenting at the venue in unsuitable attire will be given the opportunity to dress appropriately or will not be permitted to participate in the event.
10. The Tournament Referee will appoint Referees on Request, initially.
11. Players may be required to play under lights to complete games if necessary.

Practice time will be available for competitors at the venue(s) on Thursday and Friday morning before play.

Please advise me by email before 14 June 2010 as to whether you are able to accept the invitation.

Yours Sincerely

Maree Skinner
Executive Director
Croquet Australia