



Croquet Australia

Program for

12th National Golf Croquet Handicap Tournament

Handicap Singles and Doubles

Cairnlea, Melbourne, Victoria

15 - 19 October 2011



**AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INC –
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Welcome

A very warm welcome to all players, officials and volunteer helpers. I had not realised until I saw the draft programme that this is the 12th National Golf Croquet Handicap Tournament, so it has been in existence longer than I have been playing croquet. That comment on lack of awareness is not just an idle personal anecdotal reflection but a pointer to our need to promote national croquet tournaments as vigorously as possible and not simply rely on the passive encouragement of a mention on the ACA home page.

This is where the experiences of players before and during a tournament are so important. We need you to find the tournament enjoyable and productive, so that you will be prepared to go to one in the future, and so that you will encourage others in your club, region, or state to participate.

Cairnlea is an excellent venue for providing a positive croquet experience. First, and most obviously, everyone is together at the one place for the whole tournament and viewing conditions for play are very good. Secondly, Cairnlea's relative isolation is a plus. Players tend to stay around for the duration of play instead of wandering off to other attractions. Thirdly, players are well looked after (we are even spared International Roast instant coffee). So, many thanks to Croquet Victoria and those in your organisation who support Cairnlea activities and give up so much of their time to ensure that events run as smoothly as possible.

Our ACA representative at the tournament is our new Secretary/Executive Director Nerida Taylor who will be encouraging feedback during the Doubles and participating in the Singles. Nerida has already ensured a greater transparency in Doubles entry requirements and partner allocation for this year, and will bring back to the ACA Tournament Committee and Executive comments on the Handicap Tournament for our ongoing review of national events.

A final thank you to Peter Freer for the work he has done in relation to this tournament, and in particular the production of the programme you are reading with such relish.

Have a great time, and spread the word (that goes for the officials and volunteers as well).

Robyn Wallace

President, Australian Croquet Association.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tournament Manager – Brian Reither
ACA Representative – Nerida Taylor
Tournament Referee – Graham Howie
Tournament Handicapper – Graham Howie

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Event 1 – Handicap Doubles - Round robin, single games, on Sat 15 Oct.
Finals and Plate on Sunday 16 October.

Event 2 – Handicap Singles – Round robin, single games on Mon/Tues 17-18 Oct.
Finals & Plate on Wed 19 October.

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Handicap Doubles 15-16 October
all at VCC, Cairnlea

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| 1. Neville Pope (2) & Margaret Pope (9) | Vic/Vic |
| 2. Anne Quinn (2) & Charles Quinn (9) | Vic/Vic |
| 3. Jim Saunders (3) & Margaret Roberts (8) | Vic/Tas |
| 4. Michael Bertram (4) & Patsy Paine (8) | Qld/Tas |
| 5. Genny Vandersluys (3) & Gina Kirkland (9) | Vic/Tas |
| 6. Val Saunders (6) & Mark Street (7) | Vic/Vic |
| 7. Susan Bertram (6) & Edna Kelly (7) | Qld/NSW |
| 8. Doug Leabeater (5) & Jim Clements (8) | NSW/Vic |

Order of Play for Doubles Block

Round 1	1 v 8	4 v 5	3 v 6	2 v 7
Round 2	4 v 6	1 v 7	2 v 8	3 v 5
Round 3	2 v 5	4 v 8	3 v 7	1 v 6
Round 4	3 v 8	2 v 6	1 v 5	4 v 7
Round 5	1 v 4	5 v 8	6 v 7	2 v 3
Round 6	5 v 7	1 v 3	2 v 4	6 v 8
Round 7	1 v 2	5 v 6	7 v 8	3 v 4

* Please note that courts will be allocated by the Tournament Manager.

Knock Out Sunday 16 October
Best of 3 Game Semi Finals and Final

1st in Block v 4th in Block
2nd in Block v 3rd in Block

Best of Three Final

Plate Sunday 16 October
Best of 3 Game Semi Finals and Final

5th in Block v 8th in Block
6th in Block v 7th in Block

Best of Three Plate Final

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**Singles Block – Mon/Tues 17-18 October
all at VCC, Cairnlea**

1	Neville Pope	(VIC)		2
2	Eric Miller	(VIC)		3
3	Jim Saunders	(VIC)		3
4	Michael Bertram	(QLD)		4
5	Nerida Taylor	(NSW)		5
6	Doug Leabeater	(NSW)		5
7	Shirley Price	(VIC)		5
8	Val Saunders	(VIC)		6
9	Glenn Price	(VIC)		6
10	Vic Gleeson	(NSW)		6
11	Susan Bertram	(QLD)		6
12	Edna Kelly	(NSW)		7
13	Patsy Paine	(TAS)		8
14	Margaret Brockett	(TAS)		8
15	Gina Kirkland	(TAS)		9

Order of Play for Handicap Singles

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Round 1	2 v 15	3 v 14	4 v 13	5 v 12	6 v 11	7 v 10	8 v 9	1
Round 2	1 v 15	2 v 13	3 v 12	4 v 11	5 v 10	6 v 9	7 v 8	14
Round 3	13 v 15	1 v 14	2 v 11	3 v 10	4 v 9	5 v 8	6 v 7	12
Round 4	12 v 14	11 v 15	1 v 13	2 v 9	3 v 8	4 v 7	5 v 6	10
Round 5	11 v 13	10 v 14	9 v 15	1 v 12	2 v 7	3 v 6	4 v 5	8
Round 6	10 v 12	9 v 13	8 v 14	7 v 15	1 v 11	2 v 5	3 v 4	6
Round 7	9 v 11	8 v 12	7 v 13	6 v 14	5 v 15	1 v 10	2 v 3	4
Round 8	3 v 15	7 v 11	6 v 12	5 v 13	8 v 10	4 v 14	1 v 9	2
Round 9	1 v 8	7 v 9	6 v 10	5 v 11	4 v 12	3 v 13	2 v 14	15
Round 10	6 v 8	1 v 7	5 v 9	4 v 10	3 v 11	2 v 12	14 v 15	13
Round 11	5 v 7	4 v 8	1 v 6	3 v 9	2 v 10	12 v 15	13 v 14	11
Round 12	4 v 6	3 v 7	2 v 8	1 v 5	10 v 15	11 v 14	12 v 13	9
Round 13	3 v 5	2 v 6	8 v 15	9 v 14	1 v 4	10 v 13	11 v 12	7
Round 14	2 v 4	6 v 15	7 v 14	8 v 13	9 v 12	1 v 3	10 v 11	5
Round 15	4 v 15	5 v 14	6 v 13	7 v 12	8 v 11	9 v 10	1 v 2	3

- * Rounds 1-7 will be played on Monday, Rounds 8-14 on Tuesday, & Round 15 on Wed AM.
- * These are not court allocations, which will be allocated by the Tournament Manager.
- * The above is subject to variation by the Tournament Manager.

**Singles Knock Out Wednesday 19 October
Best of 3 Game Semi Finals and Final**

**1st in Block v 4th in Block
2nd in Block v 3rd in Block
Best of Three Final**

**Handicap Singles Plate Wednesday 19 October
Swiss or Single Game Round Robin in Block(s)**

Exact order of play for Plate will be advised by the Tournament Manager when final Plate acceptors are known.

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Conditions of Play

1. Events will be played under the WCF Golf Croquet Rules adopted by Croquet Australia.
2. Hoops are to be set as near as possible to 3 3/4 inches. To allow for inaccuracies in gauges, balls, hoops and setting techniques, a tolerance of ± 1/32 inch is allowed. Players are asked to help set the hoops at the start of the day if necessary.
3. Dawson International balls will be used.
4. All games will be un-timed. However, the Tournament Manager may impose a time limit of an additional 15 minutes of play after a game has been in progress for at least 1 hour. WCF Golf Croquet Regulation 2(d) will apply.
5. Courts may be available for practice up to 7.45am each day and after the completion of play for the day, subject to club requirements for dressing courts and maintenance. The Tournament/Venue 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. Courts will be allocated by the Tournament Manager and games will be double banked as required.
7. A 5 minute warm up period will be permitted before a player's first game of the day.
8. Matches shall commence at **8.00 am** sharp unless otherwise indicated. Players are requested to be at their designated venue & court before the scheduled starting time.
9. Players may be allowed a break of up to 10 minutes between matches and a lunch break of up to 30 minutes. The Tournament Manager will ensure games go on expeditiously to enable completion of the scheduled program. In best of three matches, games should be 'seamless' - players are expected to commence play in the second and third games immediately after the completion of the previous game. **It is mandatory for players to inform the Tournament or Venue Manager should they wish to leave a venue for any reason.**
10. The Tournament Manager will decide whether play in any match should continue in bad weather.
11. Referees will generally be in Charge, under Rule 15(b)(1). Where there are not sufficient referees present to be in charge of each game, referees will be supervisory, in charge of several courts.
12. The Australian Handicapping System is in force for this Tournament. Players are to ensure that they have their ACA Handicap Cards with them to present to the Tournament Manager or his representative before each event commences. Handicap cards should be completed after each game. If players reach a trigger point their handicap changes immediately. Handicaps may be adjusted by the Tournament Handicapper during the events.
13. Players will be asked to play up to 7 games per day.
14. Players' attention is drawn to Rule 14 of the WCF Golf Croquet Rules book regarding Etiquette, which also covers expedition in play and to Condition 65 of the ACA Handbook concerning Conduct of Players in ACA events.
15. The Tournament Manager in consultation with the ACA Representative 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 or Venue Manager's discretion.
16. An appeals committee under ACA comprising two representatives of the organising body and the Tournament Referee shall determine any matters in dispute during the course of the tournament.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF PLAY

17. Tournament headquarters is the Victorian Croquet Centre at Cairnlea (12 courts), where programs will be available on registration. Location details are on the last page of this program.
18. Registration will be at Cairnlea from 1pm on Friday 14 October.
19. There will be no Welcoming Function/Barbeque or Tournament Dinner due to lack of numbers.

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Golf Croquet Handicap Doubles

20. The Draw was conducted by the Executive Director in conjunction with the ACA Tournament and Selection Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures within 5 working days of entries closing. Current handicaps were used for seeding purposes. The format for the Handicap Doubles is as follows.

- a) Each pair plays the other pairs in a single block, in a single 13 point game on Saturday 15 October. All games are at Cairnlea.
- b) Based on games won and then net points, the top four pairs will proceed to the knockout phase of the event. If pairs are still tied then the pairs concerned will play a 13 point game to determine the winner, or other method at the Tournament Manager's discretion.
- c) Pairs will be re-seeded for the knock-out phase based on their final placing in the block.
- d) The semi-finals and the final will be a best of three 13 point games (if time allows) on Sunday 16 October.
- e) Losing pairs in the semi-finals will play each other for third & fourth place, in a best of three 13 point games on Sunday afternoon 16 October.
- f) A plate will be conducted on Sunday 16 October for pairs eliminated from the knock-out, to decide fifth to eighth place via best of three 13 point games.

Golf Croquet Handicap Singles

21. The Draw was conducted by the Executive Director in conjunction with the ACA Tournament and Selection Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures within 5 working days of entries closing. Current handicaps were used for seeding purposes. The format for the Handicap Singles is as follows.

- a) Each player to play each other player in a single block, in a single 13 point game on Monday & Tuesday 17-18 October. All games are at Cairnlea.
- b) Based on games and then net points, four players from the block will proceed to the knockout phase of the event. If players are still tied then the players concerned will play a 13 point game to determine the winner, or other method at the Tournament Manager's discretion.
- c) Players will be re-seeded for the knock-out phase based on their final placing in the block.
- d) The semi-finals and the final will be a best of three 13 point games (if time allows) on Wednesday 19 October.
- e) Losing pairs in the semi-finals will play each other for third & fourth place, in a best of three 13 point games on Wednesday afternoon 19 October.
- f) A plate will be conducted for players eliminated from the knock-out on Wednesday 19 October. This will depend on numbers, but is likely to be two blocks, each playing a round robin of single 13 point games, with the block winners playing off for the Plate. The Plate final will be a 13 point game.

Rule 16 – No Hoops in Extra Turns

22. The trial at Perth in 2010 allowing hoops to be scored when run using extra turns has not been extended, and Rule 16(d): "**No point may be scored for the striker's side in an extra turn**" has been reinstated for this and all other ACA golf croquet tournaments.

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**NATIONAL GOLF CROQUET
HANDICAP SINGLES**

2000 – Max Evers (NSW)
2001 – John Baldwin (VIC)
2002 – Tony Hall (NSW)
2003 – Harley Dohnt (VIC)
2004 – Jack Denson (VIC)
2005 – Ian Rees (VIC)
2006 – Harley Dohnt (VIC)
2007 – Jim Saunders (VIC)
2008 – Creina Dawson (SA)
2009 – Tony Hall (NSW)
2010 – Glenn Foley (WA)

**NATIONAL GOLF CROQUET
HANDICAP DOUBLES**

2000 – Noela Bond/George Latham (VIC)
2001 – Betty Moore/Vonda Hamilton (VIC)
2002 – Ian Bassett/Lyn Creasey (VIC)
2003 – Dorothy Dean/Judy Beresford (VIC)
2004 – Harley Dohnt/Bernie Bailey (VIC)
2005 – Bernie McAlary/Bill Coull (NSW)
2006 – Harley Dohnt/Joan McCalman (VIC)
2007 – Tony Hall/Beryl McDonald (NSW)
2008 – Tony Hall/Beryl McDonald (NSW)
2009 – David Wise/Philip Wise (SA)
2010 – Clive Faulkner/Doug Fortescue (WA)

CLUB LOCATION AND CONTACTS

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