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Anti Doping Policy - update

As a condition of our connection with the Australian Sports Commission we need to be aware of our obligations in relation to the Anti Doping policy of the ASC.

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Board endorsed the ASC's new, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) compliant, Anti-Doping Policy. The new policy is effective as of 1 August 2004.

The 2004 ASC Anti-Doping Policy has been endorsed, and will be implemented, in conformance with the ASC's responsibilities under the WADA Code and is in furtherance of the ASC's continuing efforts to maintain its status as a world leader in the fight against doping in sport. The ASC continues to have a zero tolerance policy in relation to doping in sport and is tough on drugs in sport.

The Policy is available on the ASC website at the following address:

<http://www.ausport.gov.au/policies/antidoping.asp> . Information regarding WADA and the WADA Code can be found on the WADA website www.wada-ama.org. Any croquet player with an inquiry regarding any particular drug should call the hotline 1800 020 506

New Trans Tasman Event

Negotiations with New Zealand are continuing on the possibility of establishing a second tier international match in the years when there is neither a MacRobertson nor a Trans Tasman contest. Both countries are positive about the idea and this looks

likely to start in the first half of 2005. This will be for players who have not previously represented their county in either of these two competitions. Each team will consist of 4 men and 4 women and will provide an excellent training experience for those players with potential for further international contention. As details are finalised further announcements will be made.

New edition of ACA Handbook

The ACA Handbook which includes the Constitution, By-Laws and Conditions of play, has been updated and reprinted. Copies have been issued to all State Secretaries and to ACA Officials and committee members. States can order further copies from the ACA Equipment Officer, Mrs Joyce Bray, if required.

Update of Strategic Plan

The ACA Strategic Plan has been updated to include our plans and strategies covering the next 3 years. Copies are being distributed to all States and ACA Officials.

Seminar for Coaches

With the assistance of funding from the Australian Sports Commission we had planned to hold a seminar for State Coaching Directors in Adelaide, which would be a follow up to the seminar held 2 years ago. We are now advised by the Australian Sports Commission that there will be available in all States a course for Coaches that will meet this same purpose, based on methods for training coaches. Any costs can be covered by the funding that we receive. Dates are not yet set but we are continuing negotiations to see that our Coaching Directors needs are met. This is being organised by the ACA Director of Coaching, Jane Lewis OAM. At a later time Lane Lewis will be visiting at least two States for further development work.

Training Squads

The Australian Selectors have announced the members of a National Squad and a National Development Squad for this season. Each of the Squads will have two weekends of training during the summer months. Those selected are:-

National Squad

Ken Bald, Ian Bassett, Trevor Bassett, Kevin Beard, Martin Clarke, Max Donati, Ian Dumergue, Ashley Faulkner, Liz Fleming, Bruce Fleming, Stephen Forster, Simon Hockey, Stephen Meatheringham, Margaret Melville, Jeff Newcombe (not available), Mark Prater, Chris Prater, Alan Sands, Helene Thurston, Les Watson

National Development Squad

Chloe Aberley, Sue Beattie, Chris Borlase, Claire Gorton (not available), Rosemary Graham, John Hardy, Larissa Ketelaars, Ross Marshall, Jan Murdoch, Stephen Richards, Albert Rutten.

The selection of these squads is part of the process to develop teams for the next Trans Tasman and MacRobertson Shield series in 2006. Players will move in and out of these squads based on performance. Selection has been based on recent performances particularly at the recent Australian Championships. Several players selected for the squads have already advised that they are not available. They have not been included in the squads.

Some players were unavailable for the Championships and have not been included. The Selectors will be looking at results from forthcoming events to include additional players.

President's Eights in Adelaide, 1 - 4 October

The following are the 3 Eights who will be playing in Adelaide at the Norwood (First Eight) and North Adelaide clubs (Second Eight and Women's Eight).

President's First Eight (Eddie Hunt Trophy)

Trevor Bassett	
Martin Clarke	not available
Bruce Fleming	
Kevin Beard	
Helene Thurston	not available
Jeff Newcombe	not available
Ian Dumergue	
Simon Hockey	
Max Donati	
Harley Watts	
Les Watson	

President's Second Eight (Tom Howat Cup)

Greg Bury	not available
Ken Bald	
Ashley Faulkner	
Blaise Northey	
Alan Sands	
Brett Rogers	not available
Mark Prater	
Stephen Forster	
Carl Robertson	not available
Ian Bassett	
Albert Rutten	not available
Peter landrebe	not available
Liz Fleming	

Women's Eight (Jean Armstrong Bowl)

Chris Prater	
Margaret Melville	
Jan Murdoch	
Shirley Carr	
Betty Belz	not available
Chloe Aberley	
Creina Dawson	
Lois Kirk	not available
Rosemary Graham	
Anna Miller	

North Carolina event

A privately organised team of 5 players, Tony Hall, Jonathon Bowen, Ken Edwards, Ross Marshall and Margaret Strickland visited North Carolina, USA, at their own expense on 13 - 15 July and played a series of games over a 3 day period against a local team. The home side won 17 games to 8.

Golf Croquet - World Championships

The MGM Assurance 6th WCF World Golf Croquet Championships were held at Southwick and Compton, England, on 20 - 27 June with 64 entries. The only Australians playing were Tony Hall and Owen Edwards who travelled at their own expense. The event was won by Ahmed Nasr, Egypt, with Dennis Bulloch, New Zealand, runner up.

Croquet Association Championships (UK)

The Croquet Association Championships (UK) were held at Cheltenham on 4 - 11 July. The unassisted Australian players were Tony Hall, Ross Marshall and Liz Fleming. The event was won by Robert Fulford with Peter Trimmer runner up

Order of Australia Medal

Our congratulations to Jane Lewis on being awarded the OAM in the recent Queens Birthday Honours list. This award recognised Jane's long and excellent contribution to croquet both at the State and National level.

Ranking List. The Australian Ranking and Handicap list is attached.

Future Program

President's Eights, Adelaide, 1-4 October 2004
National Handicap Tournament, Rich River, 16-22 October 2004,
National Golf Croquet Tournament, Horsham, 25-27 October 2004.
Asian Gateball Championships, Kagoshima, Japan, 29-31 October 2004
National Squads Training, Melbourne, 6/7 Nov 2004. (to be confirmed)
National Squads Training, Melbourne, 29/30Jan 2005. (to be confirmed)
Australian Championships, (Mens/Womens Singles & I S Cup), Tas, 5-13 March 2005,
Easter Sunday, 27 March 2005.
Australia A versus New Zealand A, Melbourne. 7/8 May 2005 (dates tentative)
WCF World Association Croquet Championships, England. 6-14 August 2005,
Australian Masters Games (10th) Adelaide 7-16 October 2005.
Australian Championships, (Doubles & Open Singles), Qld. 24 Sept - 2 Oct, 2005.
Australian Gateball Championships, Sydney, Oct/Nov 2005
President's Eights, Melbourne Nov/Dec 2005,
Trans Tasman Test Series, Australia, Feb 2006,
Commonwealth Games (the XV111), Melbourne, 15-26 March 2006
Australian Champs, (M & W Sgles and I S Cup), Adelaide. March/April 2006.
Easter Sunday, 16 April 2006
Aust Champs, (Doubles & Singles), NSW. August/Sept 2006.
World Gateball Championships, Seoul, Korea, October 2006
MacRobertson Shield, Melbourne. 18 Nov - 3 Dec 2006,

Terry Speers,
ACA Secretary, 4th August 2004
Croquet Australia Website www.croquet-australia.com.au

Australian Rankings and Handicap List at 25 July 2004

Qualification, 10 games in previous 12 months

** (xx) indicates number of games played all time in system when xx is fewer than 30.

	Grade	Games	Wins	Index	%age	Peels		Handicap
1 Trevor Bassett	2714	148	126	2774	85.1	105	VIC	1.5
2 Martin Clarke	2560	69	53	2622	76.8	18	WA	2
3 Bruce Fleming	2478	91	59	2474	64.8	28	QLD	2

4 Kevin Beard	2455	129	95	2465	73.6	34 VIC	2
5 Helene Thurston	2410	25	21	2426	84.0	0 WA	2.5
6 Jeff Newcombe	2408	65	47	2346	72.3	11 WA	2.5
7 Ian Dumergue	2407	51	38	2368	74.5	20 WA	2.5
8 Max Donati	2406	82	55	2417	67.1	12 QLD	2.5
9 Simon Hockey	2402	52	25	2352	48.1	14 SA	2.5
10 Harley Watts	2387	30	22	2409	73.3	14 SA	2.5
11 Greg Bury	2376	26	17	2356	65.4	3 QLD	2.5
12 Ken Bald	2369	111	72	2357	64.9	18 VIC	2.5
13 Ashley Faulkner	2355	43	30	2404	69.8	6 VIC	2.5
14 Alan Sands	2352	76	55	2398	72.4	10 WA	2.5
15 Blaise Northey	2348	31	21	2256	67.7	7 VIC	2.5
16 Peter Ross	2323	16	13	2349	81.2	1 WA	2.5
17 Stephen Forster	2310	86	43	2246	50.0	21 VIC	2.5
18 Brett Rogers	2305	54	37	2329	68.5	8 NSW	2.5
19 Ian Bassett	2305	165	113	2367	68.5	32 VIC	2.5
20 Lesley Watson	2301	70	44	2215	62.9	14 QLD	2.5
21 Leigh Harvey	2285	10	3	2165	30.0	0 QLD	3
22 Carl Robertson	2283	21	13	2258	61.9	1 WA	3
23 Albert Rutten	2249	20	11	2176	55.0	0 SA	3
24 Mark Prater	2237	75	51	2171	68.0	30 SA	3
25 Greg Burnes	2229	12	8	2297	66.7	0 NSW	3
26 Peter Landrebe	2229	88	53	2178	60.2	13 NSW	3
27 Liz Fleming	2223	94	55	2186	58.5	11 QLD	3
28 John Hardy	2211	91	59	2228	64.8	5 QLD	3
29 Dean Paterson	2167	54	29	2128	53.7	9 SA	3
30 Stephen Richards	2161	48	34	2163	70.8	3 NSW	3
31 Margaret Melville	2159	128	83	2132	64.8	2 QLD	3
32 Bryan Dawson	2146	77	47	2172	61.0	4 SA	3.5
33 George Latham	2133	50	26	2028	52.0	12 VIC	3.5
34 Tony Hall	2124	129	72	2118	55.8	15 ACT	3.5
35 Ernie Melville	2123	97	58	2099	59.8	2 QLD	3.5
36 Simon Watkins	2121	58	27	1995	46.6	5 VIC	3.5
37 Chris Prater	2117	57	31	2052	54.4	2 SA	3.5
38 Chris Borlase	2112	77	42	2083	54.5	8 NSW	3.5
39 Jan Murdoch	2102	69	42	2108	60.9	0 QLD	3.5
40 Mark Senior	2096	52	29	1997	55.8	0 SA	3.5
41 Steve Meatheringham	2089	81	39	2132	48.1	10 ACT	3.5
42 Chloe Aberley	2076	78	54	2145	69.2	3 NSW	3.5
43 Ross Marshall	2076	40	23	2097	57.5	0 WA	3.5
44 Shirley Carr	2071	68	42	2061	61.8	3 SA	3.5
45 Gill Schupelius	2069	35	19	2079	54.3	0 SA	3.5
46 Steve Ketelaars	2044	29	13	1992	44.8	1 VIC	4
47 Larissa Ketelaars	2042	15	6	1994	40.0	0 VIC	4
48 Greg Whymark	2031	63	32	2055	50.8	4 QLD	4
49 Rosemary Graham	2012	91	52	2054	57.1	1 NSW	4
50 Nick Macoun	2012	28	17	2060	60.7	0 NSW	4
51 Steve Harden	2002	34	13	1937	38.2	0 NSW	4
52 Greg Rowberry	1995	103	53	2035	51.5	3 SA	4
53 David Shipston	1991	21	13	1989	61.9	0 VIC	4
54 John Philpott	1990	89	45	1983	50.6	1 QLD	4
55 Roger Buddle	1989	73	38	1987	52.1	2 SA	4
56 John Levick	1971	26	16	1862	61.5	0 NSW	4
57 Ray Howell	1966	34	10	1903	29.4	2 SA	4

58 Eric Miller	1962	85	40	1967	47.1	0 VIC	4
59 Creina Dawson	1961	144	85	1953	59.0	7 SA	4
60 Kenn Boal	1951	53	21	1929	39.6	2 VIC	4
61 Jim Curtis	1949	81	36	2073	44.4	1 SA	4.5
62 Bruce Mitchell	1948	19	6	1861	31.6	0 QLD	4.5
63 Betty Belz	1943	57	36	1902	63.2	0 QLD	4.5
64 Lois Kirk	1942	23	22	2008	95.7	1 VIC	4.5
65 Dennis Faggotter	1937	36	20	2007	55.6	0 NSW	4.5
66 Vinko Mestrovic	1937	66	31	1933	47.0	0 QLD	4.5
67 Robert Bartholomaeus	1935	26	15	1943	57.7	2 WEL	4.5
68 John Eddes	1930	42	25	1943	59.5	0 NSW	4.5
69 Graham Scott	1919	60	33	1858	55.0	1 NSW	4.5
70 Christine Pont	1911	87	43	1893	49.4	0 NSW	4.5
71 Claire Gorton	1908	100	50	1915	50.0	1 NSW	4.5
72 Miranda Morgan	1906	47	21	1881	44.7	0 SA	4.5
73 Anna Miller	1905	113	50	1960	44.2	0 VIC	4.5
74 Mike Phillis	1905	30	13	1989	43.3	0 SA	4.5
75 Irene Wardell-Johnson	1897	40	23	1894	57.5	0 WA	4.5
76 Roy Bryant	1896	38	26	1925	68.4	0 NSW	4.5
77 James Carlisle	1891	15	4	1792	26.7	0 NSW	4.5
78 Peter Tavender	1889	40	22	1867	55.0	1 ACT	4.5
79 Neil Bonnar	1877	38	21	1918	55.3	0 SA	4.5
80 Gordon Porter	1877	57	36	1831	63.2	2 VIC	4.5
81 Doug Amey	1868	27	12	1901	44.4	0 SA	5
82 Judy Wembridge	1865	50	23	1897	46.0	0 VIC	5
83 Don Close	1856	46	18	1878	39.1	0 QLD	5
84 Graeme Gallus	1852	73	27	1839	37.0	3 NSW	5
85 Owen Edwards	1841	17	5	1757	29.4	0 VIC	5
86 Charlotte Morgan	1841	58	23	1878	39.7	0 SA	5
87 John Ballantyne	1837	43	25	1845	58.1	0 NSW	5
88 Gary Fox	1836	34	15	1802	44.1	0 TAS	5
89 Mike Walker	1829	33	8	1723	24.2	0 NSW	5
90 Jonathan Bowen	1826	71	33	1828	46.5	1 NSW	5
91 Joan Ferguson	1792	48	16	1801	33.3	0 SA	5.5
92 John Byers	1790	37	18	1800	48.6	0 NSW	5.5
93 Cal Toft	1772	21	13	1848	61.9	0 QLD	5.5
94 Garry O'Dell	1771	42	19	1767	45.2	0 NSW	5.5
95 Geof McDonald	1761	58	27	1825	46.6	0 NSW	5.5
96 Claire Bamford	1755	71	32	1763	45.1	0 TAS	5.5
97 Willi Silk	1753	79	38	1777	48.1	1 QLD	5.5
98 Jim Finemore	1749	36	12	1734	33.3	0 QLD	5.5
99 Lorraine Le Blang	1732	47	25	1788	53.2	0 NSW	5.5
100 Fred King	1732	11	7	1664	63.6	0 SA	5.5
101 Bernie Gleeson	1730	61	23	1668	37.7	0 QLD	5.5
102 Andrew Usbourne	1730	20	8	1775	40.0	0 SA	5.5
103 Judith Faulkner	1727	26	11	1707	42.3	0 WA	5.5
104 Sue Beattie	1725	66	29	1765	43.9	1 TAS	5.5
105 Tricia Devlin	1723	63	27	1729	42.9	0 VIC	6
106 Doron Gunzburg	1719	60	23	1746	38.3	0 VIC	6
107 Bob Hutchinson	1718	27	16	1764	59.3	0 TAS	6
108 Hazel Lloyd	1715	24	12	1660	50.0	0 TAS	6
109 Ann Crow	1707	24	11	1681	45.8	1 VIC	6
110 Terry Ericson	1705	10	5	1703	50.0	0 QLD	6
111 Kate Fox	1703	68	26	1700	38.2	0 TAS	6

112 Graeme Morrison	1695	19	5	1630	26.3	0 VIC	6
113 Penny Krstev	1691	46	19	1732	41.3	1 VIC	6
114 Graham Nichols	1685	13	7	1632	53.8	0 TAS	6
115 Lance Kershaw	1684	17	6	1694	35.3	0 WA	6
116 Bill Turner	1682	28	8	1728	28.6	0 WA	6
117 Greg Diprose	1681	14	8	1745	57.1	0 ACT ** (26)	6
118 Barbara Wheelhouse	1680	32	16	1742	50.0	0 VIC	6
119 Adrian Masterman-Smith	1677	18	3	1628	16.7	0 VIC	6
120 Vince Carbery	1670	45	19	1695	42.2	0 QLD	6
121 Judy Evans	1660	37	15	1724	40.5	0 VIC	6
122 Robyn Stock	1656	69	36	1683	52.2	0 NSW	6
123 Christopher Wilson	1649	24	12	1719	50.0	0 ACT	6.5
124 Jim Neale	1645	21	16	1781	76.2	0 QLD	6.5
125 Rob McAdam	1642	46	13	1598	28.3	0 TAS	6.5
126 Doug Richmond	1635	11	5	1675	45.5	0 NSW	6.5
127 Helen Philpott	1633	49	17	1607	34.7	0 QLD	6.5
128 Neil Hartley	1632	25	15	1712	60.0	0 NSW	6.5
129 Lo Hearne	1631	16	3	1558	18.8	0 NSW	6.5
130 Ray Lakeman	1630	17	7	1735	41.2	0 SA	6.5
131 John Gilhooly	1626	32	15	1663	46.9	0 NSW	6.5
132 Peter Rich	1620	59	23	1583	39.0	0 TAS	6.5
133 Ken Edwards	1610	69	21	1567	30.4	0 NSW	6.5
134 Peter Presneill	1607	13	5	1599	38.5	0 QLD	6.5
135 Maxwell Wiltshire	1594	36	13	1617	36.1	0 NSW	6.5
136 Gladys Thompson	1586	12	4	1553	33.3	0 VIC ** (27)	6.5
137 Mike Finch	1584	16	10	1645	62.5	0 QLD ** (29)	6.5
138 Lesley Smith	1581	38	17	1556	44.7	0 NSW	6.5
139 Nerida Taylor	1581	20	5	1569	25.0	0 ACT	6.5
140 Richard Meacock	1580	19	6	1569	31.6	0 ACT ** (26)	6.5
141 Terry Speers	1576	42	11	1593	26.2	0 WA	6.5
142 Marie Calthorpe	1570	40	13	1539	32.5	0 VIC	7
143 Keith McLeod	1568	33	11	1573	33.3	0 VIC	7
144 Pam Gentle	1565	28	13	1585	46.4	0 NSW	7
145 Theo Kleiberg	1563	10	6	1626	60.0	0 QLD ** (10)	7
146 Elizabeth Allen	1562	43	15	1580	34.9	0 VIC	7
147 John Carter	1558	17	7	1565	41.2	0 QLD	7
148 Shirley Starbuck	1553	13	3	1523	23.1	0 VIC	7
149 Bill Blaikie	1548	27	10	1576	37.0	0 NSW	7
150 David Wise	1537	11	6	1539	54.5	0 SA ** (11)	7
151 Gwen Anderson	1526	22	7	1469	31.8	0 WA	7
152 Margaret Gunn	1525	37	13	1531	35.1	0 VIC	7
153 Iris Williams	1518	14	7	1507	50.0	0 VIC	7
154 Ray Irlam	1517	11	4	1537	36.4	0 VIC ** (11)	7
155 Carl Perrin	1516	29	8	1550	27.6	0 WA	7
156 Pauline Walkom	1514	11	5	1501	45.5	0 SA ** (11)	7
157 Eric Marriager	1511	11	5	1506	45.5	0 SA ** (11)	7
158 Wilma Bonnar	1511	14	4	1511	28.6	0 SA ** (14)	7
159 Roger Bowles	1511	34	11	1453	32.4	0 TAS	7
160 Eileen Irlam	1510	11	4	1571	36.4	0 VIC ** (11)	7
161 Paul Nelson	1509	13	5	1520	38.5	0 ACT	7
162 Darrell Whitney	1503	22	4	1463	18.2	1 VIC	7
163 Tim Murphy	1500	14	4	1449	28.6	0 NSW ** (14)	7
164 Val Carbery	1499	17	7	1450	41.2	0 QLD ** (22)	7.5
165 Bob Beattie	1497	50	13	1474	26.0	0 TAS	7.5

166 Peter Stevenson	1496	35	10	1578	28.6	0 QLD	7.5
167 Carmel Statham	1489	21	6	1501	28.6	0 NSW	7.5
168 Brian Reither	1489	31	9	1488	29.0	0 VIC	7.5
169 Marga Podnieks	1484	10	4	1487	40.0	0 SA ** (10)	7.5
170 Olga Lindon	1475	28	4	1433	14.3	0 WA	7.5
171 Betty Lewis	1467	12	1	1440	8.33	0 QLD ** (12)	7.5
172 Elisabeth Dolby	1466	18	10	1571	55.6	0 QLD	7.5
173 Joy Makepeace	1464	41	11	1471	26.8	0 VIC	7.5
174 Bill Roy	1462	25	2	1435	8.00	0 WA	7.5
175 Marlene Heffernan	1461	11	3	1434	27.3	0 SA ** (11)	7.5
176 Kath Harrison	1455	22	5	1405	22.7	0 QLD	7.5
177 Mal Russell	1442	11	0	1386	0.00	0 NSW ** (11)	8
178 Jacquie Ashby	1440	10	4	1438	40.0	0 WA	8
179 Lorraine Singleton	1440	20	7	1458	35.0	0 QLD	8
180 Wendy Davidson	1436	14	3	1425	21.4	0 NSW	8
181 Valda Jones	1428	11	1	1376	9.09	0 SA	8
182 Rosemary Newsham	1419	17	3	1370	17.6	0 QLD	8
183 Margaret Burke	1416	12	2	1360	16.7	0 NSW	8
184 Clem Joyce	1393	10	1	1335	10.0	0 VIC	9
185 Barbara Calvert	1386	12	1	1327	8.33	0 TAS ** (17)	9
186 Carol O'Dell	1376	11	2	1346	18.2	0 NSW	9
187 Claire Wilson	1370	14	5	1415	35.7	0 NSW	9
188 Pamela Hamilton	1357	53	10	1397	18.9	0 TAS	9
189 Jan Gunzburg	1340	21	1	1270	4.76	0 VIC ** (25)	10
190 Fay Stove	1326	20	1	1269	5.00	0 NSW	10
191 Liz Hoare	1290	39	3	1229	7.69	0 NSW	11