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President's Eights in Adelaide, 1 - 4 October

We thank the South Australian Croquet Association and the clubs involved for hosting the successful running of the President's Eights this year. The clubs at the three venues, Norwood, North Adelaide and SA Headquarters/South Terrace all combined to put on a very well run tournament. Next year the event will be in Melbourne.

First Eight

The Eddie Hunt Trophy

Played at Norwood Croquet Club, Adelaide.

		SXP	TPs	Wins	For	Agst	Net	Plc
Harley Watts	SA		4	9	300	198	102	1
Ian Dumergue	WA		5	9	288	208	80	2
Kevin Beard	VIC		1	8	301	242	59	3
Bruce Fleming	QLD		1	7	260	221	39	4
Trevor Bassett	VIC		6	7	203	225	-22	5
Leslie Watson	QLD		2	7	240	287	-47	6
Simon Hockey	SA	1	4	5	227	253	-26	7
Ken Bald	VIC		1	4	140	325	-185	8

Second Eight

Tom Howat Cup

Played at SA Headquarters/South Terrace Croquet Club, Adelaide.

		QP	TPs	Wins	For	Agst	Net	Plc
Ian Bassett	VIC		4	12	339	159	180	1
Alan Sands	WA		6	10	315	193	122	2
Mark Prater	SA			9	289	259	30	3
Chris Prater	SA		2	8	297	253	44	4
Elizabeth Fleming	QLD		1	7	257	233	24	5
Stephen Forster	VIC	1	1	4	226	301	-75	6
Mark Senior	SA		1	4	202	308	-106	7
Ashley Faulkner	VIC		1	2	126	345	-219	8

Women's Eight

Jean Armstrong Bowl

Played at North Adelaide Croquet Club, Adelaide.

		TPs	Wins	For	Agst	Net	Plc
Margaret Melville	QLD		10	331	249	82	1
Chloe Aberley	NSW	2	8	298	232	66	2
Shirley Carr	SA		8	291	238	53	3
Creina Dawson	SA		8	299	260	39	4
Claire Gorton	NSW	1	8	229	263	-34	5
Rosemary Graham	NSW		7	291	266	25	6
Jan Murdoch	QLD		5	204	284	-80	7
Anna Miller	VIC		2	187	338	-151	8

New Trans Tasman Event

Negotiations with New Zealand have continued and agreement has been reached that we will have a second tier international match in the years when there is neither a MacRobertson nor a Trans Tasman contest. This is now set for the first contest, Australia A versus New Zealand A, to be in Melbourne on 6, 7 and 8 May 2005. This will be for players who have not previously represented their country in either of the other 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 selection.

We are thankful to the Victorian Croquet Association for agreeing to host this event.

Please note that this is a new, additional tournament. The regular Trans Tasman contest will be next played in Australia in February 2006 and will be the usual format of three 2 day tests.

Training Squads

The first weekend of training for the National Squad and the National Development Squad will be in Melbourne on 27/28 November and then again on 29/30 January. Harley Watts has been included in the National Squad.

New Zealand Scholarships

At the conclusion of the President's Eights in Adelaide the ACA Selectors announced the following were selected to receive scholarships to play in the New Zealand Open Singles and Open Doubles in Wanganui on 8th to 15th January 2005. The scholarship provides 60% of the cost of airfares and the cost of tournament entry fees.

They are, Senior scholarships, Chris Prater, Liz Fleming, and Kevin Beard.

Junior scholarship, Chloe Aberley. Reserves are Ian Dumergue and Trevor Bassett.

National Handicap and Golf Croquet tournaments

The 12th National Handicap tournament at Rich River on 18 to 22 October has been concluded with 64 entries. To help cater for the large entries arrangements were made to use tennis courts in Echuca and this proved very successful.

The 6th National Golf Croquet tournament was at Horsham on 25, 26, 27 October and had increased entries from the previous year.

After three years at Horsham, it has been agreed that the Golf Croquet tournament will be held in Deniliquin, NSW, in 2005.

Results of both of these events will be posted on the Croquet Australia web site.

Rankings List

The attached list shows the Australian Rankings as taken from the World Ranking List and the resultant handicaps.

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National Squads Training, Melbourne, 27/28 Nov 2004.
National Squads Training, Melbourne, 29/30Jan 2005.
AGM of ACA, in Hobart, 4th March 2005, at 1-00pm.
Australian Championships, (Mens/Womens Singles & I S Cup), Tas, 5-13 March 2005,
Easter Sunday, 27 March 2005.
Trans Tasman Masters Games, Newcastle/Lake Macquarie, 9 -16 April 2005.
Australia A versus New Zealand A, Melbourne. 6/7/8 May 2005
WCF World Association Croquet Championships, England. 6-14 August 2005,
Australian Championships, (Doubles & Open Singles), Qld. 24 Sept - 2 Oct, 2005.
Australian Masters Games (10th) Adelaide 7-16 October 2005.
National Handicap Tournament, Rich River, NSW/Vic, 15 - 21 Oct 2005.
National Golf Croquet Tournament, Deniliquin, NSW, 24, 25, 26 Oct 2005.
Australian Gateball Championships, Sydney, Oct/Nov 2005
President's Eights, Melbourne Nov/Dec 2005,
Trans Tasman Test Series, Melbourne, Feb 2006,
Commonwealth Games (the XV111), Melbourne, (no croquet involved) 15-26 March 2006
Australian Champs, (M &W Singles and I S Cup), Adelaide. 25 March - 2 April 2006.
Easter Sunday, 16 April 2006
Australian Championships, (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,
3rd November 2004