



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the Brighton Croquet Club President, September 2021

Thank you to those who attended the 2021/2022 Annual General Meeting.

Your Management Committee comprises Pat Lawson, Howard Wood, Jackie Sutherland, Sue Stevens, Wendy Williamson, Jill Gay, Peter Woodward, Ken Nunan, Hans Hiller and Barry Teague.

Please give them your assistance and support.

On September the 3rd we held a very successful BBQ at Bunnings and raised over \$1250.00. The day started at 7.00am, finishing at 6.00pm.

Many thanks to our Sponsor Foodland who supplied the Sausages and bread at reduced prices. Peter Woodward successfully operated the Square machine which accounted for 40% of our sales. Our next Bunnings date will be in 2022.

On November the 19th, 24 people from "View" will visit our club to play and enjoy coffee and a sandwich. We will require members to coach and prepare lunch on the day.

Welcome to our newest Sponsor, Brighton Metro on Brighton Road. Please see Pat for details that give you discount prices with a percentage of all sales given to our Club.

Please continue to co-operate with Covid 19 Requirements and be aware regarding Club security.

Enjoy your Croquet.

Thank you

Barry Teague



Sponsorship & VP Admin Report

It was so good to see many members at the AGM. I thank all committee members who have put their names forward to work for the next 12 months to help the club move forward, I look forward to working with you all. I also thank members for whatever job they do, large or small for their involvement in the smooth running of the club. It is so important for members to work together to achieve goals, this way it improves the club and makes for a happier environment.

It was lovely to see our Patron Annette Bradshaw at the AGM. The committee and members would like to thank Annette for all the years she has put into being our Patron and for all the support she has given us. Annette made a donation to the club at the AGM, to which we thank her very much and are very grateful.

It was a pleasure to introduce Lucy Bellamy from "Travel Associates" to members. Unfortunately, Jaime Cahill who is the Assistant Business Leader with Travel Associates was unwell and couldn't make the visit. Jaime will look after any enquires from the Brighton Croquet Club. Any trips you fancy doing local or otherwise, please don't hesitate to contact Travel Associates on 8257 2498. They truly are the most welcoming group of ladies.

Don't forget to download the App for The Brighton Metro Hotel. When you search for the App, you will need to look for "Australian Venue" put in your name & email address, Important, you need to put in the voucher code "BCC"

That will give you 10% off food & drinks, you will also get additional vouchers as they come through but will also build up to an annual bonus for the club. Please let me know if you would like any help to do this.

Again, I thank everyone for their help and support and look forward to an exciting although I am sure a challenging 12 months.

Enjoy your Club & Croquet.

Pat Lawson.

Our new Sponsor:

*Brighton Metro
Hotel*



WELCOME TO OUR NEW SPONSORS**BRIGHTON METRO HOTEL**

Brighton Croquet Club would like to welcome the New Brighton Metro Hotel as a new sponsor for the club. Please read the attachment to receive all the benefits for yourselves and the Croquet Club. Encourage your family and friends to download the App on their phones to also receive the benefits, it all helps to build the bonuses for the club. It is important when you have downloaded the App to remember to put in the voucher code "BCC", then when people visit the Metro Hotel, the bonuses will be added to the croquet club account. If anyone would like help to download, I am happy to show you how to register.

The historic pub has had a new lease of life, having had a \$2.6m renovation that has revamped the buffet, sports bar & gaming room.

Pub operator Australian Venue Co has undertaken the renovation to restore the 175 year old pub which was first opened in 1846 and tailor its offering to the modern Brighton community.

The buffet area, Charlie's Diner, is the centre of the new design. Upgraded public bar, a new kids' play area and a new menu. Special Seniors prices.

It's a Win Win! Go down & have a look round, take the family, visit with your friends, but don't forget to scan with your new App. Enjoy 😊

Pat Lawson.

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Stan Bond has very kindly given the Brighton Croquet Club family & friends \$150 vouchers off your orders. Please see me if you would like a voucher, they are valid until the end of 2021.

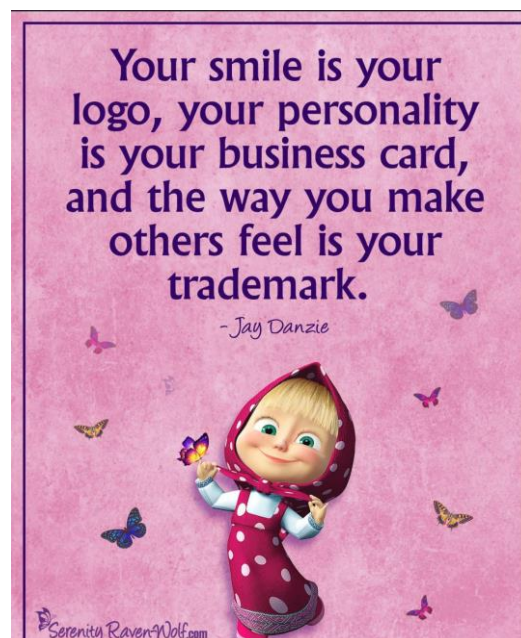


Please support our Sponsors.

Pat Lawson.

Patron of Brighton Croquet Club

Our patron, Annette Bradshaw, councillor for the Ward of Seacliff, Holdfast Bay City Council, has been Patron of the Club since 2007 and has indicated that 2021-2022 will probably be her final year with us. Barry thanked Annette for her support of the Club and for her generous donation.



BRIGHTON ARMSTRONG CHALLENGE 2021

The Brighton Armstrong Challenge, a GC Tournament consisting of both a Women's and a Men's event open to anyone, was held recently at the Brighton Croquet Club.

As its name implies, the croquet was challenging, and spectators were treated to a display of great croquet.

Karen Magee, playing some consistently good croquet, which we have come to expect from her, defended her title to become back-to-back winner of the Women's event. However, the other players did not make it easy for her. Kate Logan was neck and neck with Karen for the whole tournament and in fact beat her in the round robin as well as taking her to 3 games in the Final when Karen ran away with the third game. Two very worthy finalists.

We had a surprise in the Men's event with the 7th ranked player, Peter Webster, winning the round robin. He had not played in a tournament with this calibre of player before, but I think we will be seeing a lot more of him from now on. He provided some excitement for spectators as it became obvious that he was winning all his games (he only lost one). This set him up to play the top ranked player in the tournament, and the top ranked player in the state, Barry Jennings, in the Final. Barry had also been playing very well during the event, playing some wonderful croquet and also only losing one game on the way. The Final had close games, but Barry prevailed in 2 games.

Tournaments, however, do not run themselves and I would like to thank the people who helped make this event such a great success. Many have been a part of the team for many years, particularly Howard Wood, in charge of the courts, Marlene Salmon, in charge of catering, Ken Nunan, in charge of scoring, photographs, court allocation and anything else needed. Barry Teague has come on board of late and also helps with anything needed. But there are many more volunteers who I would also like to thank, too many to name. I am looking forward to next year!

Anne Woodhouse
Event Manager





Women's Winner: Karen Magee, Brighton



Men's Winner: Barry Jennings, Hyde Park



Men's Runner-up: Peter Webster, Millswood



Found an unexpected Spectator watching the men play in the Brighton Armstrong Challenge



A Great opportunity to raise funds for the Brighton Croquet Club.

We are now registered & ready to go with ticket sales. Please let family, friends, neighbours - anyone who would like to buy lottery tickets know they can support your club.

1. Just type in People's Choice Community Lottery.
2. Press buy tickets.
3. Where it says "Find Community Group", type in Brighton Croquet Club.
4. Touch the square where it says the Brighton Croquet Club (bottom left of page).
5. Then you have the option of how many tickets you would like to buy.
6. Press : add to cart.

It's that easy, come on let's have a go & see how much we can raise. The list of prizes are on line, or I have them in the clubhouse. Please see me if you require any help or advise.

Pat Lawson.

SOCIAL NIGHT FRIDAY 8th OCTOBER

SAUSAGE SIZZLE, FRUIT SALAD & ICE CREAM

Social Play from 4.00pm

Supper at 6.00pm

\$10 Members

\$15 Non-Members

THE BAR WILL BE OPEN FROM 4.00pm

September 2021 Golf Croquet Report

Spring is here and the Spring Pennants have started

Brighton has one team - 6 Plus – competing in a five team competition and one team about to compete in the Monday 24 Plus Doubles Spring Pennants.

Armstrong Challenge

This event was held in late August at the Brighton Croquet Club. We had interesting weather with sunny moments, bouts of heavy rain and a persistent cooling wind. This did not deter the keen spectators.

In the Women's Challenge, eight women competed on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th.

Karen Magee (Brighton) was the leader after the round-robin section. Kate Logan (Victor Harbor, and an Associate Member at Brighton) was in second spot.

In the final playoff over three games Karen was able to overcome a strong challenge from Kate and win the event.

Bernice Pfitzner (Victor Harbor, and an Associate Member at Brighton) and Anne Woodhouse (Brighton) earned an Honourable Mention.

Congratulations Karen.

In the Men's Challenge, eight men competed on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th August.

Barry Jennings (Hyde Park) lead with Peter Webster (Millswood) in second spot at the end of the round-robin section.

Barry fought off a strong challenge from Peter to win the final over two games.

Congratulations Barry.

A very big thank you to Anne Woodhouse for organising this event, the Brighton C.C. Committee for running this event all of the referees and the players for making this a memorable and enjoyable event.

Individual 5 Plus Doubles Event September 14th September Hutt Rd

(Both players with a Hcp of 5 or more)

On a lovely sunny mild day in early spring five pairs played an entertaining round-robin golf croquet doubles tournament at Hutt Rd.

All pairs had moments of great play but at the end of the day the combination of Robert Hamshere (Coromandel Valley, and an Associate Member at Brighton) and Peter Woodward (Brighton) won the event beating Paul Wahlstedt and Colin Broom (Holdfast Bay) on a count-back by 4 hoops.

Peter Woodward, Golf Croquet Captain

My Journey So Far

By: Astrid Hart

I was born on the island of Java, in Indonesia, to a Dutch father, who was 6'4½" tall, and a half Italian, half Maltese mother, who was only 5'4" and spoke seven languages! I was seven months old when Japan invaded and then occupied Indonesia in March 1942. At the time, my father was an engineer for Shell Oil.

When I was sixteen months old, Mum, Dad and I were taken prisoners of war. My mother and I were interned in three different jungle concentration camps, while my father was initially incarcerated in Changi Prison, and later had to work on the infamous Burma Railway line. Mum and I often had to walk many kilometres, along with other POWs, to other camps in very hot conditions, with little water. Our daily rations were one tablespoon of uncooked rice and salt per person. We slept on the floor with rats running over us. Both Mum and I contracted beriberi from malnutrition. Mum was ingenious as she had sewn some money in my hair ribbons and hems of my dresses. With this hidden money, she was able to occasionally buy some vegies and eggs on the black market from Indonesian people, through the camp fence. However, this money did not last long. My mother spent much of her time in the camp hospital with chronic asthma. A French woman brought me up, and so for the first five years of my life, I only spoke French. Meanwhile, my father experienced his own physical and psychological battles at the hands of his captors.

Due to the terrible conditions in the camps, I suffered from malnutrition, which has had a detrimental impact on my health as I was a POW during my formative years – 16 months to four and a half years. Successive dentists could tell by the formation of my teeth, asking if I had an interruption to my earlier nutrition. I have had skeletal problems most of my life, and since turning 40, I have been beset with one health problem after another.

When the war came to an end, Mum and Dad were reunited in Indonesia, via the Red Cross. Following this, we moved to Holland. I forgot how to speak French and picked up Dutch instead. My brother, Roland, was born in The Hague. Unfortunately, when he was nearly two years old, he drowned in a brook at the back of my Auntie's house. She was looking after him whilst Mum was in hospital again, with asthma. I learnt to speak Italian, when Mum's youngest sister, came to live with us to help out, following Roland's death.

In 1950, in search of a better life, we emigrated to Australia. While onboard the ship, I turned nine. My youngest brother, Ronald, was born soon after arriving in Australia. As I was not able to speak a word of English, the Nuns put me back to grade one (even though I had been in grade three back in Holland). However, nine months later, I was in grade four.

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My father was a Driller/Tester, resulting in the family making many moves throughout Australia, from the time I was nine until twelve. Then, my father obtained a job in PNG, however, he had to go there by himself for 12 months in order to be eligible for a house. During this period, I assumed the responsibility of caring for my mother, who was usually sick with asthma, and brother. When I was 12, I started giving Mum her adrenaline injections, which a doctor taught me how to administer through practicing on an orange. Ron was only three at the time, and the Nuns allowed him to sit in the classroom, colour in etc. I used to then rush home at lunchtime to give Mum her injections and settle Ron in for a sleep.

When I turned thirteen, Mum, Ron and I moved to PNG. However, as there were no high schools in PNG at the time, I had to return to Australia and attend Boarding School in Queensland for my high school education. Now there are High Schools and Universities.

Upon completing high school, I returned to PNG and worked as a secretary for the Director of Education. I was also a Hansard Writer. In 1962, I met a handsome, Australian organic chemist, Gavin Hart. By 1963, Gavin and I were married in Port Moresby. Seven months later, we returned to Adelaide so Gavin could study Medicine. Over the next three years, Gavin studied, while I worked as a secretary. In 1966, Gavin won an Army Cadetship, which bonded him to the army for the last four years of his degree, and included 12 months service as a doctor in Vietnam. The Cadetship enabled us to start a family. Justin was born in 1967 and Quentin in 1969. Life had been frugal as we couldn't afford a phone, T.V. heating or cooling, just a small one-bar heater and small fan. There were no luxuries with food either, with meals being simple.

After Gavin's return from Vietnam, the Army posted us to PNG for two years. As we stepped off the plane, a blanket of humidity greeted us once again! Gavin was in charge of the Army Hospital in Taurama Barracks, where we lived as a family. In 1973, we returned to Australia, where Gavin worked another year in an Army Compound in N.S.W., while the rest of us remained in Adelaide. Shortly after returning from PNG, Sharelle was born. When Sharelle was eight months old, Quentin five and Justin seven, we went to live in America. Our first port of call was Atlanta, where Gavin worked for the Centres of Disease Control. After two and a half years, we moved to Boston, where Gavin attended Harvard for a year to do his Masters in Public Health. We lived in International House, with 64 families from all over the world, and had inter-connecting corridors. I looked after a little four-year-old Mexican girl, Denise, from 7.30a.m-6.00pm, and often until 9.30pm, to help with the coffers. For Mother's Day, there was a knock on the door and there was beautiful Denise standing in her lovely white nighty, holding a single red rose, saying "Happy Mother's Day", which brought tears to my eyes.

On returning to Australia, we went to live in Western Australia for three years. We had eight grass tennis courts within five minutes walking distance, and our life revolved around the Tennis Club. It was family friendly and Gavin and I both played competition tennis. After three years, we returned to Adelaide so both sets of grandparents could have more interaction with the grandchildren. After many moves, we finally settled in Eden Hills, where we have lived for the past forty years.

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During our time here, we have gone on some adventurous overseas trips, including South America, Borneo, a safari in South Africa, and Zimbabwe, before the political situation there became horrendous. We also did trips to Canada/Alaska, China/Tibet, Ecuador/Galapagos, and Churchill to see polar bears on the Tundra. We never went for longer than two to three weeks at a time.

Gavin has been retired for 12 years now and has always loved gardening. We have a large garden with a diverse range of plants and many fruits, some of which are exotic. Whenever we were on our overseas trips and people asked what he did for a living, he told them that he was a gardener.

I was a founding member of the St. Mary's Parish Care Group for 25 years; a Pastoral Care worker at Flinders Hospital; a 21 year volunteer for Meals on Wheels; worked on both Primary and Secondary School canteens; mentored children who had reading difficulties; played competition tennis; and, sang with the Choir Cantamus for nearly thirty years (performing well-known works such as Mozart's Requiem, Bach's Cantatas, and Handel's Messiah). I gave up playing competition tennis after I turned 54 because of my many health issues. I have, however, been able to play croquet for the past 12 years, and have been happy to manage that.

I have three children and six grandchildren, and they are scattered far and wide. At the time of writing, Sharelle and her family are returning from Switzerland, after having been there for three years. Quentin lives in Canberra, as do Justin's daughters from his first marriage. Justin and his second family have just moved in with us for the next two years! From Darby and Joan to the five of us is very different, but we get along well.

Social Visit to Brighton Sports and Social Club.....

Thank you Brighton Sports and Social Club for inviting the Brighton Croquet Club to their excellent club for dinner. We had a wonderful evening, made very welcome and lots of laughs. Thank you to Andrea Matthews, the events manager and Steve Phillips the President who were great hosts.

We look forward to another visit.



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