



Croquet Australia

(AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INC)

**66th AUSTRALIAN
ASSOCIATION CROQUET
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1950 - 2015

**Melbourne, Victoria
2015**

PROGRAM

for the

Open Singles AC Championship of Australia

Open Doubles AC Championship of Australia



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RESULTS

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competitors and officials in the Championships.**

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PROGRAM

Australian Open Doubles AC Championship

Saturday 14 November to Monday 16 November 2015.

Australian Open Singles AC Championship

Tuesday 17 November to Sunday 22 November 2015.

Venue

Both tournaments are being held at the
Victorian Croquet Centre (VCC),
65 Noble Banks Drive, Cairnlea

Practice Lawns

Lawns will be available for practise from 2pm on Friday 13 November.

Registration

Doubles Registration is 2 – 5 pm on Friday 13 Nov at VCC.

Singles Registration is 2 – 5 pm on Monday 16 Nov at VCC.

Doubles Presentation

A presentation will be held at 5 pm at VCC on Monday 16 November.

Drinks will be available for purchase.

Singles Presentation

A presentation will be held at VCC on Sunday 22 November.

Drinks will be available for purchase.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

All the participating referees, hoop setters & caterers.

ACA Tournaments gratefully acknowledges the support of Samir Patel
for his advice and assistance in preparing the format for this event.

ASSOCIATION CROQUET NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

	Open Singles Champion	Open Doubles Champions	Open Singles Plate Winner	A B Morrison Trophy Winner
1950	Mrs F Baner Vic	Mrs F Baner & Mrs R Edwards Vic		
1951	Major R Tingey OBE	Mrs C G Tucker SA & Lt Col A E Saalfeld		
1952	Mrs F A Bartle SA	Mrs F Baner & Mrs A B Callen Vic		
1953	Mrs F Baner Vic	Mr H P Rogers NSW & Mr H Gunton Tas		
1954	Miss A B Morrison Vic	Mrs F A Bartle & Mrs C G Tucker SA		
1955	Mr T W Howat Vic	Mrs F A Bartle & Mrs C G Tucker SA		
1956	Mr H Gunton	Mrs F A Bartle & Mrs C G Tucker SA		
1957	Mrs C G Tucker SA	Mrs H Day Mrs J D Chapman SA		
1958	Mrs T Dall Vic	Mrs M Harrison & Miss K Hanley Vic		
1959	Mr T W Howat Vic	Mr T W Howat & Mrs I Howat Vic		
1960	Mrs M Harrison Vic	Mrs W P Lewis & Mrs D Donovan SA		Mr A Read Qld
1961	Mr T W Howat Vic	Mrs G T Radford & Mrs G Gibson NSW		Mrs J Scroop SA
1962	Mr L Mason Vic	Mrs M Harrison Mr L Mason Vic		Mrs J Scroop SA
1963	Mr T W Howat Vic	Mrs J Limpus & Mr E Hunt Vic		Mr C Bell SA
1964	Mr T W Howat Vic	Mrs E Rudder & Mrs L Thomas		Mrs G Graham SA
1965	Mr T W Howat Vic	Mr T W Howat & Mrs I Howat Vic		Mr R Baker WA
1966	Mr T W Howat Vic	Mrs J D Chapman Mrs H Day SA		Mrs B Robinson Qld
1967	Mr T W Howat Vic	Mrs S McDonald & Mrs J Muir WA		Mr C LeBrun SA
1968	Mr T W Howat Vic	Mrs T G Merrlees & Mr C Rogers Vic		Mr T Aurisch Vic
1969	Mrs S McDonald WA	Mrs S McDonald & Mr G Maslen WA		Mrs E Tronerud Vic
1970	Mr C Rogers Vic	Miss N J Gehan & Mr J Magor SA		Mrs J Hayward Qld
1971	Mr John Magor SA	Miss N J Gehan & Mr J Magor SA		Mrs E McCracken Qld
1972	Mr John Magor SA	Miss N J Gehan & Mr J Magor SA		Mrs J Hayward Qld
1973	Mr John Magor SA	Miss N J Gehan & Mr J Magor SA		Mr J McDowell NSW
1974	Mrs V Crane Vic	Mrs L Bray & Mr W Wilson		Mrs H Kelly SA
1975	Mr Neal Spooner SA	Mr B Chambers & Mr N Spooner SA		Mrs H Kelly SA
1976	Mr Barrie Chambers SA	Mr B Chambers & Mr N Spooner SA		Mrs F McKeown Tas
1977	Mr Neil Spooner SA	Miss N J Gehan & Mr J Magor SA		Mrs N MacFadyen Vic
1978	Mr John Magor SA	Mr B Chambers & Mr N Spooner SA		Mr J Boschetti Vic
1979	Mr Neil Spooner SA	Mr B Chambers & Mr N Spooner SA		Mrs T Bennett NSW
1980	Mr Spencer Buck SA	Mr S Buck & Mr P Buck SA		Mr R H Kerr Vic
1981	Mr Barrie Chambers SA	Mr B Chambers & Mr T Cresswell NSW		Mrs B Morony SA
1982	Mr Spencer Buck SA	Mr S Buck & Mr P Buck SA		Mr E Audley Tas
1983	Mr G Thorburn Vic	Mrs V Crane & Mr G Thorburn Vic		Mr R Dransfield WA
1984	Mr George Latham Vic	Mr D Bidencope NSW & Mr G Thorburn Vic		Mr R Western WA
1985	Mr George Latham Vic	Mr A Read & Mr B Ford		Mrs J Skinner WA
1986	Mr R V Jackson NZ	Mr G Latham Vic & Mr N C Spooner SA		Mrs P Hunt WA
1987	Mr John Tyrrell Vic	Mr J Tyrrell & Mr G Latham Vic		Mrs P Hunt WA
1988	Mr Leigh Herington Tas	Mr J Tyrrell & Mr G Latham Vic		Mr A Faulkner WA
1989	Mr Greg Bury Qld	Ms C Spooner SA & Mr L Herington Tas		Mr C Wilkes WA
1990	Mr John Eddes NSW	Mr G Latham & Mr L Mercer Vic		Mrs H Thurston WA
1991	Mr M Kobelt NSW	Mr G Latham & Mr J Tyrrell Vic		Miss J Hawking Vic
1992	Mr Alan Cleland Vic	Mr M Kobelt NSW & Mr J Tyrrell Vic		Mrs D McCready WA
1993	Mr David Maugham UK	Mr B Northey NSW & Mr M Taylor Vic		<i>not awarded</i>
1994	Mr Robert Fulford UK	Mr R Carter & Mr J Newcombe WA	Mr John Riches SA	Mrs L Le Blang NSW
1995	Mr Dean Paterson SA	Mr G Bury and Mr B Fleming	Mr Robert Fulford UK	Mr Terry Regan NSW
1996	Mr R V Jackson NZ	Mr B Hewitt & Mr M Merlin	Mr Dean Paterson SA	Mr M Humphries WA
1997	Mr Colin Pickering SA	Mr A Sands & Mr M Clarke WA	Mr Max Donati QLD	Ms Meryl Garrod WA
1998	Mr Colin Pickering SA	Mr C Pickering & Mr H Watts SA	Mrs Helen Thurston WA	Mr M Humphries WA
1999	Mr Colin Pickering SA	Mr D Anderson & Mr J Newcombe WA	Mr Simon Hockey SA	Ms S Kennedy Bramford SA
2000	Mr Trevor Bassett Vic	Mr I Dumergue & Mr A Faulkner WA	Mrs Helen Thurston WA	Mrs I Wardell-Johnson WA
2001	Mrs Helen Thurston WA	Mr D Anderson & Mr J Newcombe WA	Mr Brett Rogers NSW	Mr W Roy WA
2002	Mr Bruce Fleming Qld	Mr M Clarke & Mr A Sands WA	Mr L Harvey QLD	Mr P Stevenson Qld
2003	Mr Martin Clarke WA	Mrs H Thurston WA & Miss J Sutton	Mr Jim Guest UK	Mr R Bowles Tas
2004	Mr Trevor Bassett Vic	Mr C Borlase NSW & Mr C Patmore UK	Ms J Murdoch Qld	Mr Chris Wilson ACT
2005	Mr Peter Landrebe NSW	Mr L Watson & Mr M Donati Qld	Mr John Levick NSW	<i>not awarded</i>
2006	Mr Chris Clarke NZ	Mr R Fulford UK & Mr C Clarke NZ	Mr Mike Hughes NSW	Mr Stephen Howes NSW
2007	Mr Bruce Fleming Qld	Mr G Bryant & Mr P Chapman NZ	Mr Malcolm Fletcher VIC	Mr Greg Fletcher VIC
2008	Mr Peter Landrebe NSW	Mr S Mulliner UK & Mr K Beard Vic	Mr Alan Honey NSW	Mr Ted Griffin NSW
2009	Mr Stephen Mulliner UK	Ms M Morgan & Mr P Chapman SA	Mr David Wise SA	Mr Basil Ladyman WA
2010	Dr Jenny Clarke NZ	Mr R Fletcher & Mr G Fletcher Vic	Mr David Wise SA	Ms Marie Calthorpe VIC
2011	Mr Robert Fletcher Vic	Mr R Fletcher & Mr G Fletcher Vic	Mrs Marion McInnes NZ	Mr Michael Bertram Qld
2012	Mr Robert Fletcher Vic	Mr R Fletcher & Mr G Fletcher Vic	Ms Kathleen Colclough Qld	Mr Basil Ladyman WA
2013	Mr Robert Fletcher Vic	Mr R Fletcher & Mr S Forster Vic	Mr Alan Walsh NSW	Mr Chris Lavina NSW
2014	Mr Robert Fletcher Vic	Mr R Fletcher & Mr M Fletcher Vic	Mr Alan Walsh NSW	Mr Terry Hopkins Vic

AUSTRALIAN CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS - RESULTS 2015

OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner	\$1,000 and The Wall Cup (perpetual trophy) (ACA medal)	_____
Runner Up	\$500 and ACA medal	_____
3rd Place	\$300	_____
4th Place	certificate	_____
Winner Z	certificate	_____
Winner Y	certificate	_____
Winner W	certificate	_____
Plate Winner	certificate	_____

Open Doubles

Winners	\$300 each and the ACC salvers (perpetual trophies) (ACA medals)	_____
Runners Up	\$125 each and ACA medals	_____

SPECIAL AWARD - THE A B MORRISON ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Awarded to the player of handicap 4 or higher who wins most games played in the Open Singles Championship (including the Plate) - \$100

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY

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1. All events will be played under the Laws of Association Croquet, sixth edition, amended 2008, adopted by Croquet Australia and Australian Tournament Regulations as amended on 30 March 2010, and including the Refereeing Regulations adopted on 15 Feb 2011.
2. All competitors who have not already provided an address, telephone number or email address at which messages can reach them during the events should provide this information to the Tournament Manager during registration.
3. Tournament Headquarters is the Victorian Croquet Centre. Hard copies of the Program will be available from there at Registration.
4. Courts will be available for practice at VCC from 2–5pm on Friday 13 November at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. Courts may be available for practice up to 7.50am each day and after the completion of play for the day (at the discretion of the Tournament Manager).
5. Hoops are to be set as near as possible to 3 11/16 inches. To allow for inaccuracies in gauges, balls, hoops and setting techniques, a tolerance of $\pm 1/32$ inch is allowed.
6. Players are requested to assist in setting the hoops at the start of the day if necessary.
7. Any player is entitled to have equipment checked at any time and Law 53(b)(3) applies in this event. Any hoop out of specification will then be reset. Players should not adjust or hammer hoops themselves.
8. Dawson International balls will be used.
9. Courts will be allocated by the Manager and games will be double banked as required.
10. A 5 minute warm up period will be permitted before a player's first game of the day, when hoops may only be run in a controlled fashion
11. Matches shall commence at **8.00 am** sharp unless otherwise indicated. Players are requested to be at their designated court before the scheduled starting time.
12. Players may be allowed a break of up to 10 minutes between matches and a lunch break of up to 30 minutes. No break is allowed between games of multiple game matches. The Tournament Manager will ensure games go on expeditiously to enable completion of the scheduled program.
13. Players must ask the Venue Manager if they wish to leave the venue for any reason.
14. Players are to wear neat and appropriate sporting attire and flat-soled shoes (ie shoes, the soles of which do not mark the court). Players choosing to wear sandals shall, as all players should, be conscious of surrounding play in order to ensure their own safety. 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.
15. The Tournament Manager decides whether play in any match should continue if the weather is deteriorating.
16. Lights may be used at the Tournament/Venue Manager's discretion if required to achieve the schedule.
17. Referees will be Referees on Request in accordance with Regulation R1(a)(2).
18. The Tournament Manager in consultation with the Board of Croquet Australia may make any alterations to the program, draw and other arrangements as are necessary in order to complete the tournament in the time available.
19. Special damage may be repaired in accordance with Law 34(c).
20. Players' attention is drawn to Law 49 regarding Expedition in Play.
21. Players' and spectators' attention is drawn to ACA Regulation 25, and Clause 65A of the ACA handbook re Conduct of Spectators.

- 22.** The Australian Handicapping System is in use for this Tournament. Players must ensure that they have their handicap cards with them and present them to the Tournament Handicapper before the Open Singles. Handicap changes will be effective after any game in which players pass a trigger point (in accordance with the updated Handicapping Regulations published on the ACA Website on 14 February 2010).
- 23.** An appeals committee comprising the Tournament Manager, the appropriate Tournament Referee and a member of the ACA Board (or nominated representative) shall determine any matters that are in dispute during the course of the tournament.
- 24.** The draws were conducted by the ACA Tournament Committee, in conjunction with the ACA Events and AC Selection Committees, using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures.
- 25.** Should an overseas player win an event, any perpetual trophy shall remain in Australia in the custody of the ACA Administrative Officer. Winners of trophies are responsible for arranging the engraving of trophies at the ACA's expense, but must obtain a quote and obtain approval from the ACA Administrative Officer prior to having a trophy engraved.

Australian Open Doubles Championships

Qualifying Blocks 14-15 November 2015

Play commences at 8.00am

Pair	Block A	Pair	Block B
1	Robert Fletcher/ Malcolm Fletcher	1	Stephen Forster / Ian Dumergue
2	Dwayne McCormick / Jim Nichols	2	Trevor Bassett / Simon Hockey
3	Claire Bassett / Tim O'Leary	3	Greg Fletcher / Callum Hyland
4	Ian Bassett / Lizzie Bassett	4	Rod Kirk / Josh Wilson
5	David Wise / Chris Grant	5	Kathleen Colclough / Tony Hall
6	Albert Rutten / Ann Rutten	6	Gareth Bushill / Kerri-Ann Organ

ORDER OF BLOCK PLAY

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

*These are not time or court allocations, which will be determined by the Tournament Manager

Doubles Championship

1. Block play for the event comprises two blocks. Block play (single game matches) will be 4 games on Saturday 14 and 1 game on Sunday 15 November.
2. The first four pairs in each block will proceed to a quarter-final (bo3 match) on Sunday morning 15 November. Block results will be determined using Regulation 20(1)(5). Players will be re-seeded for the knockout phase based on final placing in the initial blocks.
3. If feasible, the semi-finals (bo3 matches) will commence on Sunday afternoon 15 November.
4. The Final (bo3 match) will be on Monday 16 November.
5. Block matches will have a time limit of 2½ hours and the knockout matches will have cumulative time limits of 3, 2½ and 2 hours. All games are subject to Regulation 16.
6. If enough interest, and time permits, a doubles plate event will be held. The event will be played in a format that gives the maximum possible number of games to each pair, comprising blocks or Swiss format depending on the number of entries, at the Tournament Manager's discretion.

Notes

Australian Open AC Singles Championships 2015

Qualifying via Burridge Swiss: play from 8am on Tues 17 Nov - Thurs 19 Nov

Player #	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
Robert Fletcher	Malcolm Fletcher	David Wise	Lizzie Bassett	Alan Walsh	Gareth Bushill
Simon Hockey	Mike Hughes	Nick Chapman	Chris Grant	Greg Fletcher	Greg Whymark
Malcolm Fletcher	Robert Fletcher	Tricia Devlin	Trevor Bassett	Terry Hopkins	Gail Hopkins
Trevor Bassett	Nick Chapman	Callum Hyland	Malcolm Fletcher	Gareth Bushill	Tony Hall
Greg Fletcher	Tricia Devlin	Kathleen Colclough	Basil Ladyman	Simon Hockey	Mike Hughes
Dwayne McCormick	Ian Bassett	Greg Whymark	Josh Wilson	Gail Hopkins	Alan Walsh
Alan Walsh	Tony Hall	Chris Grant	Ann Rutten	Robert Fletcher	Dwayne McCormick
Ian Bassett	Dwayne McCormick	Josh Wilson	Tony Hall	Mike Hughes	Callum Hyland
Callum Hyland	Chris Grant	Trevor Bassett	Kathleen Colclough	Basil Ladyman	Ian Bassett
Greg Whymark	Ann Rutten	Dwayne McCormick	Tricia Devlin	David Wise	Simon Hockey
Nick Chapman	Trevor Bassett	Simon Hockey	Terry Hopkins	Lizzie Bassett	Josh Wilson
David Wise	Basil Ladyman	Robert Fletcher	Gareth Bushill	Greg Whymark	Ann Rutten
Kathleen Colclough	Josh Wilson	Greg Fletcher	Callum Hyland	Tricia Devlin	Lizzie Bassett
Gareth Bushill	Terry Hopkins	Ann Rutten	David Wise	Trevor Bassett	Robert Fletcher
Josh Wilson	Kathleen Colclough	Ian Bassett	Dwayne McCormick	Tony Hall	Nick Chapman
Mike Hughes	Simon Hockey	Terry Hopkins	Gail Hopkins	Ian Bassett	Greg Fletcher
Tricia Devlin	Greg Fletcher	Malcolm Fletcher	Greg Whymark	Kathleen Colclough	Terry Hopkins
Chris Grant	Callum Hyland	Alan Walsh	Simon Hockey	Ann Rutten	Basil Ladyman
Lizzie Bassett	Gail Hopkins	Basil Ladyman	Robert Fletcher	Nick Chapman	Kathleen Colclough
Basil Ladyman	David Wise	Lizzie Bassett	Greg Fletcher	Callum Hyland	Chris Grant
Tony Hall	Alan Walsh	Gail Hopkins	Ian Bassett	Josh Wilson	Trevor Bassett
Gail Hopkins	Lizzie Bassett	Tony Hall	Mike Hughes	Dwayne McCormick	Malcolm Fletcher
Terry Hopkins	Gareth Bushill	Mike Hughes	Nick Chapman	Malcolm Fletcher	Tricia Devlin
Ann Rutten	Greg Whymark	Gareth Bushill	Alan Walsh	Chris Grant	David Wise

Time & court allocations will be determined by the Tournament Manager & posted on notice board

Australian Open AC Singles Championships 2015

1. The event will start with a qualification event rather than a round robin. The format of the qualification is a Burrige Swiss, as used in the British Open for several years - once a player has achieved a set number of wins or losses (at least half the number of games to be played) they either qualify or can no longer qualify and therefore do not play in the Swiss any further.
2. Due to the way a pure Swiss format works, there is a certain amount of unfairness in that players who win continually get stronger opponents, and a player with an early loss will generally play weaker opponents. To increase fairness, we have followed the approach taken by the Croquet Association in the British Open, and have pre-drawn the first few rounds (we have chosen five). It has been done in such a way that all the players get a mix of opponents whose world ranking grades average out as close as we can get to the average of the whole tournament.
3. The Swiss (single game matches) will commence on Tuesday 17 Nov and conclude on Thursday 19 Nov. All games have a time limit of 2½ hours. The plan is to play 10 rounds, with 5 wins qualifying (and 6 losses going out), but bad weather may require the manager to modify this.
4. Up to 16 players will qualify for the XYZW knockout. If in a given round a 17th player has won 5 games, there will be no further rounds of the Swiss conducted. Some players that won their 5th game in this final round will play off to decide which of them will qualify to be one of the 16 players in the knockout.
5. Players who fail to qualify for the knockout may go into the Plate.
6. Players who qualify go into the knockout on Friday 20 November. Those qualifying will be reseeded based on world ranking. A standard random draw will be done (with byes inserted as appropriate depending on number qualifying).
7. The knockout stage will be first round (Bo3) then quarter-finals (Bo3) matches with cumulative time limits of 3, 2½ & 2 hours. The semi-finals and final will be Bo5 (time permitting) with cumulative time limits of 3, 3, 2½, 2 & 1 ½ hours. All games are subject to Regulation 16.
8. Players exiting the knockout may join the YZW events. These will be knockout or block depending on the number that qualify for the X. There will be a play off for 3rd & 4th.
9. There will also be an Egyptian event available (Swiss format, but not pre-drawn) for all players regardless of whether they qualify or not. This will be running alongside the other events from day 2 onwards and players can play in it when they have free time between games/matches in the other events. All players are encouraged to make themselves available for this part of the event so that others that want extra games can get them.

Singles Plate Event

10. Players who do not proceed to the X knockout, or who entered the Plate direct, are eligible to play in the Plate event. The event will be played in a format that gives the maximum possible number of games to each competitor, comprising large block(s) or a Swiss format depending on the number of entries, and may move to a knockout phase (semi-finals and final) at the Tournament Manager's discretion.
11. Plate initial matches will be single games with a time limit of 2½ hours. Plate finals (if held) will be Bo3 (cumulative time limits of 3, 2½ & 2 hours). All games are subject to Regulation 16. Plate block placings (if held) will be determined using Regulation 20(1)(5).

CLUB LOCATION AND CONTACTS

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