

Margaret for the KIT

It is encouraging to see many members participating in our coaching. The coaching clinics give members time to practise their shots with a little bit of assistance. The way we are going it will not be long before we can all complete jump shots.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB.

Are you aware that in May/June 2012 our Croquet Club in partnership with the Brighton Croquet Club held the World Croquet Championship. From all reports it was a great success. Our two courts on C Green were slightly undersized and so one court was marked out in an east west direction. Feedback from one of the members of the Club, was that the World Champion from South Africa stated that the green was one of the best he has played on.

When researching the above in the minutes of the Croquet Club Committee, we uncovered a report detailing the progress of the Club from foundation in 1902 to 2002. Interesting reading and we have attached a copy of the report here.

# 1902 - 2002

## Glenelg Croquet Club inc.



### Founding of the Club

The Glenelg Croquet Club formed in 1902 and foundation members played their games on tree shaded lawns in private gardens.

As membership increased one stop permanent lawns were needed.

1906 the club settled at present site. A small bungalow (club-house) was built.

1907 Tournaments included a "Consolation tournament"

1908 Membership increased to twenty two.

Club properties held in 1908

1 lawn mower.

1 roller 1 lawn marker

2 kettles 2 tea pots

cups & saucers.

Vote of thanks to Mrs. Storrle for 1/2 dz. cups & saucers.

The secretary instructed to buy another set of balls, a call of one shilling to be made to pay for them.

6th Feb 6th A G M

Some Changes along the way

1909 Home & away games against Strathalbyn

Club badge designed.

23 members & 3 summer

Proposed all Final Tournaments played on club days & an Umpire to be present.

Following gifts were presented to club; Lawn Marker,

2 Kettles, doz. Teaspoons, ten towels, Hot water Jug, American Cloth for tables, coconut matting.

1910 Club included in the Glenelg Oval Assoc. Rental £7/2/0 p.a.

24 members 6 summer.

8th AGM 20th Jan.

Summer members (visitors to Glenelg) 5/- per month 10/- 3 months. Results scored by ball colour e.g. blue 9-points.

1911 9th AGM 19th Jan.

Fee of £1/1/0 with English Croquet Assoc. discontinued.

1912 A club by-law was passed banning children & dogs from lawns.

10th Oct - 10th AGM

1912 Letter from Mrs. Stephens reference to forming an Association in S A was discussed / decided to postpone till the war was over.

1913 33 members

1914 27 members

1915 22 members

1916 19 members

1917 Meeting of members of combined Glendg - Holdfast Bay Croquet Clubs now known as Glendg Croquet Club held at Glendg Oval. 2 Delegates to croquet association. Delegate to Glendg Oval Association.

1918 AGM Sept 7th To set aside Thursdays for original members.

1919 AGM 30th August. The subject of keeping clubhouse in order was considered, decided each member take the duty turn, in conjunction with the afternoon tea S G M May 29th Unanimously decided withdraw from affiliation with SACA.

Gentlemen eligible to join.

1920 Aug 26th A G M

Annual subs were 30/-

1921 Jan 18th Prop. That club adopt new rules & regulations of SACA.

Saturdays regarded as Club days. Every A player to have B player as a partner.

1921 General meeting 4th Jan.

Resolution that G C C become affiliated with SACA.

Defeated as several prominent members absent.

AGM Sept 10th

Repairs to clubhouse discussed. Members = 29

Nov 19th Prop. We play the Association game only.

Carried unanimously.

1922 General meeting July 15th Discussion to join SACA.

Electric lights were installed on one lawn. Consider photocopy of Balance Sheet 31st August. Club held Gymkhana's regularly as fund raisers.

July 6th That as far as possible, members should be allowed to place their own balls when playing, so that their game may improve more quickly. Also when a foul is played, members must call attention to it instantly, to make members more alert, raising the standard of play.

1924 Old cricket pavilion given to the croquet club.

Owing to so many croquet balls being broken, it was resolved to inspect the mallets. Committee meeting Feb 28th.

July 8th Prop. to hold series of dances & card evenings in aid of "Improvement fund" 1st donee St Peters School Hall.

1925 A gold brooch presented for B grade players. Also for C Grade players. Members 49 Subscriptions up to 36/- Card days as fundraisers.

1926 Kitchen & toilet added at a cost £135/0/0, a call of 10/- put on all members. Electric light tournament Nov.

1927 Membership numbers increased to fifty & a waiting list was drawn up.

Electric Lawn mower purchased / Scott Homer £52/2/6.

1928 Flaggpole cost £2/2/0.

Mrs. Silver suggested no players bisques higher than 12 be admitted. Carried unanimously The secretary was given power to speak to any member who refused to keep the rule of playing with a beginner. The

Secretary called members attention to the fact that she found the club house door open after everyone had left on Tuesday Nov 6th.

1929 Subs rose to £2. &

Members rose to 60

Bungalow (clubhouse) furniture & fittings insured for £50. Cash in hand £124.

April 5th prop that club be allowed to take new members over 12 bisques till number reaches 50 again. Club donated £3/3/- to unemployed, handed over to the Mayors relief fund. Special a/tea devoted to hoisting of the club flag.

To hoist the pennant flag Jan 26th 2.30 p m.

Mrs. Hall promised a band, golf & robber croquet to be played. Flaggpole cost 15/-

March it was decided the list to be played each Sat.

Prop. that a time limit be made for holding the brooch & a fee of 6d. charged to a member who challenged another for the brooch, and the time limit

of a week for holding the brooch. Carried. No second challenge by the same member within one month. Carried.

1930 Was decided, no more beginners.

There was a bisping committee.

Electric Light games, lights out by 10 p.m.

30th August 50 members.

Sept decided to put annual report in the papers.

The gold brooch cups, still played.

1931 Was decided Sat cups games start 2 pm & 4 pm, games 1 1/2 hrs.

1933 Jan 21st prop Mrs. Hall to have only one sports captain.

Secretary instructed to get a price for having club's name on 3dz. Tea cups. Entry fee for Brooch Tournament 4/-

1934 Internal electric light tournament fee was 6d & 6d. towards Electric light cost

Mrs. Johns prop. that a fee of 6d. be charged to challenge another member.

1935 Affiliation fee to SACA 1/-

Two sets of balls cost £7/11/2.

April 1st A player mistakenly took the ball to the lift & in

the event no agreement re the placement of balls reached, resulting the full game to be played again. After discussions, one player refused to play, her name was crossed off the list & all her games in the championship cancelled.

Sept 30th Prop. That when all day tournaments are played "Aunt Emma" days, the draws for lawns & positions should take place when the draw for partners is carried out... Membership numbers stable at 50 throughout the 1930, 40, 50 and 60's.

1936 The brooch event returned.

1940 It was suggested to write to Glenelg council asking for some tripods for roses.

1941 Prop. To get a price for removing the old lavatory & painting the kitchen.

A war saving club be started, Members to pay 6d per week Some benefits which the club supported. Maturin Circle, Comforts fund special Queens effort. Red Cross (£7) DBNS garden party to be

held at Lady Hudd's (raised £4-16-8 1/2) note: (total donations to the relevant charities, from that months profits gala & bridge days)

1942 Black out paper & pins 7/8d.

Prop. Special day for raising funds for YMCA hostel (£10 raised.) Red Cross £6 War Insurance re clubhouse £200.

1943 Merchant Seaman mission asking for donations.

Next Gala Day proceeds to Units of Glenelg Maturin Rd Returned Soldiers,

Lady of Victories & Methodist Red Cross circle.

1944 Next gala day proceeds to New Methodist Old Folks Home - Was £38-0-0.

Men were voted out of the club.

1945 Letter to council re use of bore water. Council replied that if needed thru summer they will allow use of Oval bore.

1946 Next gala day proceeds Red Shield appeal. Members to bring their own sugar.

It was noted that The bridge

& gala days had been successful & had given the club many opportunities of keeping charities & the club.

1947 Cost of a set of balls £5 per set.

Green fees and visitors fees were 2d.

1948 Special meeting. Letter read from Mrs. Cornish, demanding table she gave to club be returned, send letter to Mrs. Booth informing her of the letter.

Convenor to arrange for posies & flowers for the opening Social Day

1950 Club winter uniform - Grey frock and cherry red cardigan.

1951 Mrs. C. Allen's name to be put on clock in gold lettering.

1952 Letter to Town Clerk thanking council for doing renovations to croquet grounds. Players must be on lawns ready to play 10 am. Ten minutes grace or forfeit.

1953 Appeal for flowers for SACA display, Flower day April 16th. Annual subs £3. Morning tea 3d.

1954 Electric lights upgraded and lightning tournaments of 1 hour duration run to raise funds. Awaiting badge samples.

To cost approx. 4/3 each.

- Donation of wall vase, by Mrs. Marshall.
- A mirror by Mrs. Teakle.
- 1955 Lawns closed for a month for maintenance (this was done periodically) to enable the tournaments to be played. Prop for opening day to ask the oldest playing member to hit off the first ball. Four posies to be obtained for presentation
- 12th Dec. It was discovered that white ants had penetrated into the clubhouse.
- 1956 Captains to inform grade members that wedges must not be worn & mallets must be carried on the lawns & not used as walking sticks or dragged along. Burglary had taken place, tea & sugar stolen, being under £5 unable to make a claim.
- 12th March another burglary & the dock & a table cloth stolen, to much regret of the members.
- 1957 Glenelg won the Landon Cup for 1956/7. Men voted back into the club - 18 votes to 11.
- 1958 Donation of £5.50 prop to buy a garden seat for eastern corner.
- 1959 Brighton won the Landon Cup.
- 1960 Mar 16th Flower Day space allotted in Victoria Square for SAGA.
- For painting sheds Mr Bowden donated £1 for paint, & offered his wife's services.
- 1961 Cost of a set of balls £9/17/7.
- 1962 Gala Day, 6 Ballpoint pens for prizes, prop to have lucky dips & each member bring gift value 1/-. Tea & scones 6d, sandwiches 1/- slice pastie 9d sweets 9d small cakes 4d (members 1/- games extra) Woodroffes drinks 8 dz. asstd., no Sarsaparilla.
- 1963 Bank balance = £98-3-4
- 1964 Gala Day It was resolved that A & C grades would combine to supply cakes, scones & sweets. B grade, meats & salads etc. Club provide cut bread & 2 lbs. butter.
- 1965 As Glenelg holders of Landon Cup 1964/5 decided to invite Brighton & Warradale to attend the draw meeting.
- AGM 3rd July
- A Gold Brooch was offered, for B grade for best break over

- 5 on Grade Saturday's. If 2 or more tie, play off to peg to the decide winner. Accepted
- Sunday play. A special General meeting to be called to take a vote on whether Sunday play is to be promoted. Council to be contacted for permission.
- 1966 Membership was 47. Subs \$11
- Cost of a set of balls \$20.25
- Raised £14/3/- from trading table & raffle
- AGM July 47 members
- 1967 July 22nd. Glenelg won Landon Cup.
- Brighton Road to be widened, the club in some cases loose up to 7ft. Highways dept. said club will be compensated.
- Football club anxious to acquire, & Croquet club land, but we are assured by council prepared to grant security of tenure, provided a rental satisfactory to council & club can be determined.
- 1968 Electric light tournaments introduced by Brighton Croquet

- club. Glenelg entered A B C teams Nine teams in original competition.
- 1969 Membership rose to 63
- Mallets. A notice to be inserted in Guardian that all mallets not claimed by June 30th may be sold.
- 1970 July 18th AGM Rd. \$662. Subs same as Last Year \$11.
- Lights upgraded again & lighting installed on second lawn.
- 1971 Friends of Glenelg Croquet club Herbert's Jeweller's, donated a trophy to the club. This trophy became the prize for the inter-club electric light competition and this time Glenelg took over the programming of this event.
- \$10 forwarded to Hutt Rd for this years contribution towards the expenses of the team to England.
- Wearing of men's hats, White for summer, grey winter, were still part of the uniform, but with permission of President or the Captain they (members) may be left off.

1972 Member offered to buy roll of cord to mark the boundaries of the lawn.

1973 *Guardian* Wednesday, August 1st "Women to wear the pants".

Easter Tournament - \$1.20 for two days.

New Electric 2 speed lawnmower including front roller, scraper & box screen be purchased \$808.84  
Subs \$14.00 p a.

March, 51 chairs purchased with black legs. \$256.15

1974 Cheque for \$5.50 sent to SACA for Queensland Croquet Assoc.

1975 Membership 70 No 1 lawn was extended by approximately 6 feet. This work was done by the members. Electric light tournament fee was 30 cents.

Council rates were \$150.00.

1978 Watering system was installed.

1979 Town & Country competition was introduced. Four clubs originally participated in this event. Mt Barker, Brighton, Victor Harbor and Glenelg. A shield was donated to perpetuate this competition. President's trophy was intro-

duced on the 1st Saturday of the month.

1982 Three ceiling fans were donated to the club.

80th birthday celebrations. Constitution redrawn and club incorporated.

Birthday Cake decorated with the design of the club "Badge"

Two new shelter sheds erected.

1984 Automatic watering system installed.

Subscriptions \$95 per annum.

1987 A shared lunch was introduced on President's trophy Saturday's and has continued over the years with success.

New electric lights installed on the lawns. Membership 42. Subs. \$130 p a.

1988 Second toilet installed & new equipment shed erected.

1989 Automatic watering system upgraded. Two new aluminum seats installed.

1990 Three fundraising nights consisting of two quiz nights and one games night were enjoyed by members and friends. In recent years Glenelg Council has been

helpful in many ways, providing funds to help upgrade facilities at the club. Subs this year \$75 plus \$60 maintenance & affiliation fee \$110 Total (\$145)

\$3000 invested in short term account with the State Bank.

New aluminum seats installed.

Opening Day - The Mayor, Mr Nadilo was impressed with our clubhouse & gave assurance of future tenure. All divisions to have responsibility for extra watering during the summer.

1991 Green keeper's fee raised from \$20 to \$22 per cut.

90th anniversary meeting held. High Tea on Friday 7th Feb( 1992 ) to be catered for @ \$10 per head.

1992 90th birthday book started.

SACA New time limit of seconds to make strokes.

1993 Cost of cleaner for clubrooms estimated at over \$500 p a therefor proposed there be a roster of

members for this duty.

Ongoing problem with stray cats.

Club records and photos to be sent to archives.

1994 Ongoing problem with graffiti Council to supply paint for covering over.

Meeting held with Council re renewal of lease.

1995 Committee discussed possibility of promoting croquet at school level; Sacred Heart College approached. Come & Try day was held for Socially Disadvantaged groups Sheltered Workshop and Minda Home.

1996 Special afternoon tea held to celebrate Max Haldane's birthday & 20 years m/ship attained by Lesley Nash. Max was greeted at the gate by a guard of Honour holding crossed mallets.

1997 95th birthday. Celebrated with breakfast at Cas di Cafe followed by a light luncheon with Champagne, at the club.

1998 An outing with the Morris Car Club was voted a great success.. Club provided an exhibit for

the "Glendg 100 Summers" display, held in St Andrews Church in Jetty Road.

1999 Glen Millar from the Council, advised the possibility of the club relocating to the former site of the Women's Bowling Club which was at Rugless Tee, or amalgamating with Brighton Bowling club. He was left in no doubt as to the club's feelings on the latter proposal. Numerous meetings of Glendg Oval Advisory committee were attended by Ray Nottage & Jane Dowdell.

The Glendg Football Club presented plans to council to expand their facilities, which included extra car parking space.

900 signatures were collected by our club on petition to Council re the relocation.

Letter drops were made.

A "working party" was formed.

Idea of moving Club to Holdfast Bay Bowling Club first mooted by John Watkin, the secretary of HBBC.

2001 Nick Xenophon MP gave his support to the Club & spoke at both Public Meetings which

were held at the grounds. January 24th the first public meeting, was attended by approx. 120 people.

2nd public meeting was held on 1st March. 2001

The president & Vice President were present at media & TV interviews. Articles appeared in the Messenger newspaper.

Our dilemma was featured on "A current Affair" TV program.

Meetings with the council were conducted, letters sent back & forth.

Morale was at an all time low.

Special meetings were held. Members opinions were sought. The inevitable outcome "We are moving" to Holdfast Bay Bowling Club.

At last a decision re the club's future was finalized.

A Re-location sub committee was formed which consisted of Ivorine Waye, Jane Dowdell & Ken Scarle.

Nov 30th The club held a "Wake".

Color Theme was Black & Purple.

Croquet was played in the afternoon by some members and visitors.

Music was arranged by one of the club's members.

Buffet tea was enjoyed by all.

Dec 10th 2001 the move to our new premises

The start of a new era.

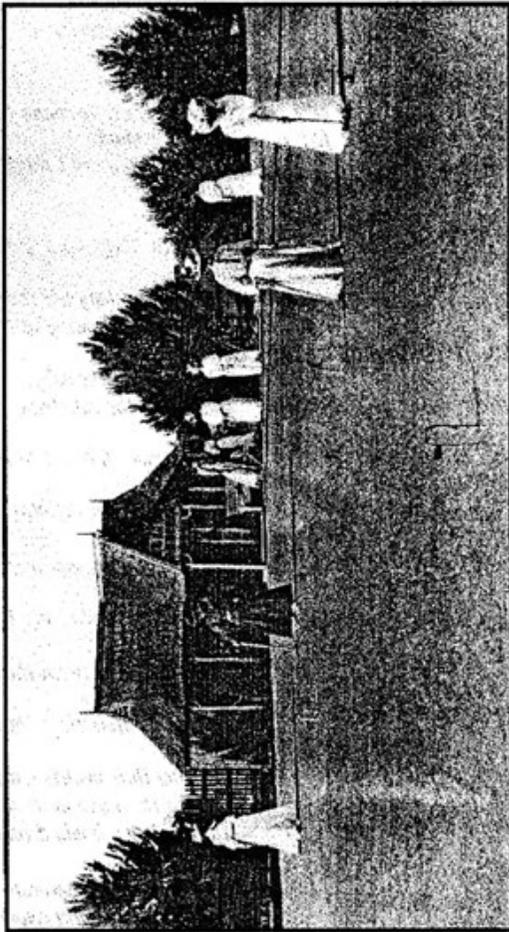
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Janice Whittaker Secretary

Despite ups and downs, approval and disapproval, the Glendg Croquet Club has survived for 100 years. The success of the Club must be attributed to the members. Their loyalty, dedication and friendliness has united the club into a very strong and happy unit which most visitors enjoy being a part of, if only for a brief time.





### A DEATH

The Sepia Ladies tread with elegant step  
 And the grass beneath their feet is trodden down,  
 Then caressed by the lighter touch  
 Of the hems of their long white gowns.

The sun shines down on clusters of large roses  
 And other assorted blooms that move with them,  
 Balanced precariously on the straw hats  
 That sit atop their high-swept hair,  
 Secretly secured by long steel pins  
 Sometimes hidden beneath the veil of a gauzy scarf  
 Over the top and under the chin.

A brushwood shelter with spindly legs  
 And a church-like roof  
 Will keep the ladies and their hats  
 Safe from too hot a sun, or inclement weather.

It's there they'll drink a welcome cup of tea,  
 Nibble a biscuit,  
 Chatter about this and that -  
 Things of the moment.

New Hoops,  
 New members,  
 Planting some roses,  
 More shelters,  
 New seats.

Oh! There are so many things to occupy their minds  
 They certainly can't think a hundred years ahead.

After tea they move onto the lawn again,  
 With upright lady-like stance  
 And a graceful swing of the tall mallet  
 To one side of the body.  
 They hear the satisfying click of ball on ball  
 And so move forward to the tantalizing hoop  
 Which has before defeated them.

Two world wars and a thousand untold stories later  
 The bright glow of bougainvillea shines  
 From its place between the trees, upon women in trousers  
 And flat flowerless broadbrimmed hats,  
 Swinging their mallets centre fashion  
 Without the impediment of long skirts  
 And top-heavy heady decorations.

Fat magpies dig for worms,  
 Dodging the brightly coloured balls  
 That hurtle towards them,

And willy wagtails know that this  
green and pleasant land is theirs,  
Unaware that a black shadow will  
soon engulf them  
Like a waterless tidal wave  
And maggots worms and wagtails all,  
will be carried away,  
As will the bright green turf,  
Leaving the earth to mourn its loss.

Like the Sepia Ladies of the past  
The modern trouser-clad women of  
the day



Cannot see a hundred years into the  
future.  
Difficult enough to see just one -  
When the bougainvillea will shine  
sadly,  
Without joy.  
Upon a flat black wasteland  
Where no birds sing.

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