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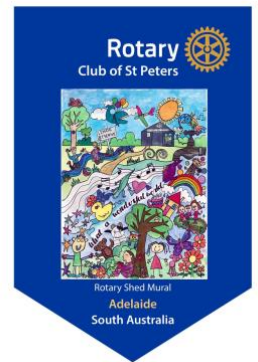
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**Next Club Meeting – Tuesday 28th January 2020
at the Kensington Hotel
Guest Speaker - Stacey Andary - Openlight**

**Report of Meeting 3118 held on 21st January 2020
at the Glenunga Croquet Club**

Meeting Opening – Past President *Brian Kretschmer* opened the official Rotary meeting, welcomed guests including *PDG Bob Cooper* and several Kent Town Rotarians. He then handed over to Rotarian *Chris Dawson*, who is a member of the Glenunga Croquet Club and chief organiser of 'Come and Try Croquet' night.

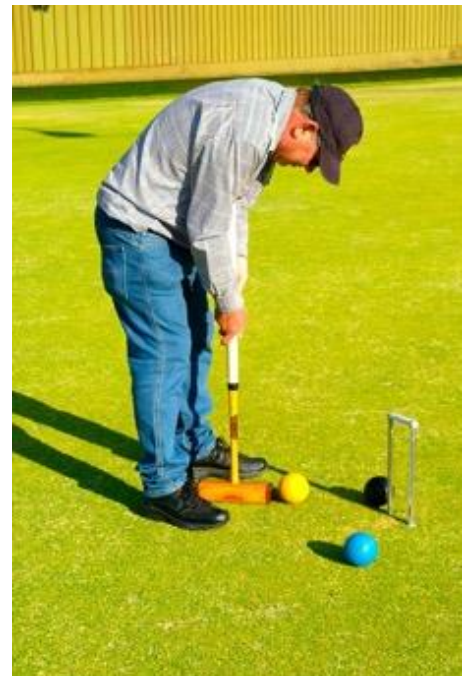


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Chris proceeded to explain how the players would be formed into groups of 4, each group to be under the guidance of a member of the croquet club.

Most players were novices, however everyone soon got the idea of the game and some of the strategies involved.

There was much banter and hilarity and the rules of the game allowed the Rotary 'Four Way Test' to be pushed to the limits.



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It appeared that everyone, including the spectators, enjoyed the games and at the conclusion were well ready to partake of pizzas and a few drinks.





PDG Bob Cooper took the opportunity of presenting the Witches Hat Road Safety Cone that Bob had borrowed years ago from the Shed to David Heilbronn.

PP Brian Kretschmer thanked everyone who helped make the night a success, especially the croquet club coaches and then officially closed the Rotary meeting.

The following description of the game came from an internet search –

<https://www.croquet-nsw.org/about.html>

History of the Game

'Apparently, Croquet is a very old game with some indications of it being played as early as the 14th century in England. There is some controversy about how it came to England, one possibility being that it was introduced from France via a game called Paille Maille or Pall Mall during the reign of King Charles II in the mid 1600's. In Samuel Johnson's 1828 dictionary his definition of "Pall mall" clearly describes a game with similarities to modern croquet: "A play in which the ball is struck with a mallet through an iron ring".

Croquet became popular, particularly amongst women, as it was the first game that women could play outdoors in the company of men, although early games were carefully chaperoned. One of Wimbledon's croquet lawns was set aside for lawn tennis in 1877 and thus it is no coincidence that a tennis court is just half the size of a croquet lawn.

Golf Croquet is also played at International level and is increasing in popularity. The rules are simpler (than Association) and, although a game can be highly competitive, it is quite sociable, by virtue of the fact that all players are on the court for the whole game.

The game is played as singles or doubles and the 4 coloured balls (blue, red, black, yellow) must be played in the correct sequence with each player striking his/her own ball once in a turn. The game commences with each player hitting his/her ball from corner 4. The first team to 'run' a hoop (ie put one of their balls through a hoop) in the right direction scores the hoop. Play then moves to the next hoop in sequence. The two teams battle for each hoop and this may involve a team using one of their balls to knock an opponent's ball away from a hoop running position. The game requires both skill and tactics with the possible options changing after every turn. In a 13 point game the first team to score 7 hoops is the winner with a typical game being played in about 45 minutes'.

Bulletin Editor's experience of his first 'Come and Try Croquet'.

Although my parents were keen croquet players during their retirement years at Reade Park and Victor Harbor, I took very little interest in the game because I have enjoyed the sports of tennis and golf.

Having read about the basics of the game and the rules, I set out to prepare myself for the 'Come and Try Croquet' night by finding out a bit about the game, so I wouldn't be too embarrassed as a novice.

Firstly, the name - I recalled my years of learning French at school and was convinced the game was pronounced 'crow-kay'. However, it seems it is pronounced 'croaky' so I made sure to take some throat lozenges with me!

It is played on a grass court, the size of 2 tennis courts and that suited me, so I brought my tennis racquet, but that was too highly strung, whereas a cool head is required for croquet and the only racket was later, when the meal was on! I did bring my wife though because I courted her.

I would need a mallet, but the last one I used was in woodwork class at primary school. The coach showed us how to hold the mallet, but I couldn't get a grip of that. I later found out I was using an Irish grip, but I don't have any Irish ancestors.

'One side plays with the blue and black balls and the opposing side with the red and yellow balls. If the standard alternative colours are used, one side plays with the green and brown balls and the opposing side with the pink and white balls'.

If a ball were to hit you in the shins you would definitely be 'black and blue' and pink balls should be kept for day/night cricket. Using a white ball suits me so I took a golf ball.

One has to 'strike' the ball and put it through a hoop. Years ago I had to jump through hoops to get a bank loan. I can strike matches but striking balls is a new skill, however I have stroked a cat. A series of games is called a match, so I can see why a strike is appropriate.

It seemed to me that there was no way those croquet balls would fit through the hoops. My white golf ball wasn't accepted even though we were playing Golf Croquet – a pity because it would be much easier to hit it through the hoop.

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Then there was that peg in the middle of the court that seemed to be always in line with where one needed to hit the ball. According to the rules -

3.1 Peg

3.1.1 Specification The peg is a rigid cylinder with a height above the ground of 18 inches and a uniform diameter of 1½ inches. The tolerance for the height is +/-1 inch. The tolerance for the diameter is ±¼ inch.

3.1.2 Colouring The peg should be painted white to a height of at least 6 inches above the ground and may have blue, red, black and yellow, and/or green, pink, brown and white, bands descending in that order from the top.

'So it is no ordinary peg!'



They call croquet a good 'social' game but the way it is played by deliberately hitting away the opposition's balls, is to me anything but social. It appears to be a relatively simple game to play, but I noted that the Rules of Golf Croquet have 19 clauses and 4 appendices!

However, by the end of the night I was convinced that from my point of view and my dismal efforts at mastering the game and the rules, the best use of that lovely green croquet court would be to turn it into 2 grass tennis courts!

Please don't be put off by the foregoing comments, because I know a lot of people enjoy the game of croquet and I'm sure there is a croquet club near you that welcomes new members.

Keith Payne

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Apologies – George Dimitriadis, John Gallehawk, Peter Hewitt, Wayne Holton.

Duties Roster

Day	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Date	28 Jan 2020	4 Feb 2020	11 Feb 2020
Meeting	3119	3120	3121
Venue	Kensington Hotel	Kensington Hotel	Kensington Hotel
Topic - Guest Speaker	Openlight - Stacey Andary	Club Assembly	Sophie Baker The Premier's Anzac Spirit School Prize
Chairperson	Arthur Manser	Brian Kretschmer	Peter Hewitt
Vote of Thanks	Harry Powell	Bill Winslow	Keith Shaw
Miscellaneous		Induction?	
Reception	Angela Williams	Romaine Dawson	David Birkedale
Cashier 1	Keith Shaw	Harry Powell	Dennis Henschke
Cashier 2	John Bested	John Seeliger	Phil Smith
Steward	David Birkedale	Phil Smith	Bill Winslow
Invocation	Angela Williams	Romaine Dawson	David Birkedale
Information type			
Information			Brian Kretschmer
Sergeant	Milton Jones	Milton Jones	Milton Jones
Special Events			
Day	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday
Date	25 Jan 2019	01 Feb 2019	08 Feb 2019
SHED	Australia Day Long Weekend	Pancake Saturday	
Team Leader	Bill Winslow	Romaine Dawson	Brian Kretschmer
Counter Sales	Arthur Manser	Chris Dawson	Trenna Kretschmer
Counter Sales	Shirley Manser	Barb Joy Leave at Mid Day	Marlene Balacco
BBQ	George Dimitriadis	Peter Shaw	George Dimitriadis
Coffee	Greg Rogers	Jen Carey	Pauline Yates
ASSISTING SMALL HOUSEHOLD	Keith Shaw Angela Williams	Keith Shaw Angela Williams	Keith Shaw Angela Williams
Emergencies			
Pick up Crew	Pauline Yates	Pauline Yates	Pauline Yates
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