



Happy Hooping

Volume 4 Issue 5, September 2025 - Welcome to our latest edition of Happy Hooping, your newsletter that will give you regular updates on what is happening around your club.

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Colin Boxsell found it hard to play croquet on his recent trip around Australia

Captains Monthly Report

This month I can report that Gary won the Australian Gold Medal for the second time, beating young Queensland upstart Addison Matthews after brushing the best players from NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia aside.

Gary backed this up with a monumental Australian Men's single, charging into the finals where he met fellow West Australian Chris McWhirter. Gary dominated most hoops, patiently setting up in front of hoops time and again as Chris rocketed him away. He built up a strong position at four hoops, only to have Chris play a magnificent jump shot to steal the hoop. Normally Gary's steady hand and finesses would have carried the day but on this occasion Chris McWhirter's desperate brilliance triumphed.

On court two our Associate member from Busselton Robyn Dart, who dominated in her block on the first two days came up against Alison Sharp who has ruled Australian women's GC and AC for years, and so it was with unshakeable calm and deadly accuracy she relegated Robyn to second place. Still, Robyn had a marvelous tournament.

Marcus McGavock and Jude Nicholls played well enough in block play, winning half their games and picking up some index points. Jude was very unlucky not to make it to the knockout stage.

2025 GC Pennants

GC Pennants for B and C grade players will commence in September. Four clubs will contest the C grade, and three will contest the B grade, and Moorabinda will field teams in both events, though some C Graders may be asked to play in the B grade.

2025-26 Summertime Challenge Ladder

The Summertime Challenge Ladder will commence in the third week of September and will run to the end of February.

2025 Barbarians Match

The annual Barbarians match featured a select crew of nearly really good players take on the state GC Team. Gary Phipps of course featured for the State Team, and Bob James, Jude Nicholls and Marcus McGavock played for the Barbarians, picking up a few wins in the process.

GC Gold Medal

Gary pictured below receiving his gold medal. Congratulations on your excellent win Gary.





Captain Marcus McGavock in action in the Australian Singles



If you put a divot in the court – use this



In every shed we now have one of these hanging up, if you damage the court with a missed shot, please use this tool to repair the damage.

**I'M SO OLD, I REMEMBER
ONE BATHROOM FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY, A PHONE ON
THE WALL, NO INTERNET,
AND A TV WITH RABBIT EARS
AND JUST 3 CHANNELS. AND
WE STILL MADE IT**





More Shelter

Thanks to Rick and Brent we now have more cover from the weather in a few of our shelters.

Well done guys another great job done.