

VICTOR HARBOR CROQUET CLUB

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Happy New Year everyone !

2025 is already promising to be busy. The clubroom painting is starting soon and we can look forward to a brighter, refreshed building. Please be aware that there may be a need to be careful around court 1 and the immediate area around the building. More details later.

A small group of members will soon start approaching local businesses to seek donations of goods and vouchers to be used as prizes for the tournament raffles. Each tournament also has a hamper as one of the major prizes and so a box has been placed in the clubroom for your donations of non-perishable grocery items.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

LAWNS

The lawns are now looking very good and running smoothly.

The 25 plus people who played GC on Wednesday seemed very happy, especially as it wasn't 39c or too windy (for some). Or too cold!

Lawn care and upkeep is still a priority of course. **Please read any information which comes out pertaining to use of lawns at times outside of normal club play.** Thanks to members who continue to fix things, improve things and generally help the club thrive.



Maybe 2025 will be our best year yet! Shirley

OTHER ITEMS

The AC Tournament is being held from **February 23rd to the 28th** and is fully subscribed with 32 visiting players - and there is a healthy waiting list, including 5 visitors. The AC Tournament Manager is Shirley Howlett.

The GC Tournament. A flyer with the entry form attached went out in early December reminding players of the January 1 entry date for the GC tournament 2025, to be held in **April from the 2nd to the 6th.**

January 1 brought a flood of entries.

- ***The Home and Away Doubles to be held on the 2nd is full for visitors;***
- the Open Doubles has 1 space left
- and the Singles only 2 spaces.

I am confident that there will be a full draw by April. The tournament has entries from Tasmania, lots from Victoria and a couple from country SA. A good mix of players and abilities is anticipated.

There has also been discussion with our various club members about some of the major tasks to be undertaken over these tournaments and I'm sure that club members will volunteer when asked. The GC Tournament Manager is Kate Logan.

Request letters and thank you certificates to local businesses will be delivered soon by a small group of volunteers. These businesses donate goods and services used as prizes and in raffles during both tournaments. A big thank you to them.



But we also need your generosity **please assist with hamper goods or raffle prizes. Rhonda, Kate, and Brenda plan to allocate the goods into raffles and prizes the week before the AC Tournament. (There's a box in the clubroom for donations.)** Thank you all very much.

Diary Dates

January 2025 19th; Craven - privately organised group visit. 4pm start.

February 2025

Social Croquet. Sunday Games and BBQ

3pm start on Sunday 9th; bring your own food to BBQ; or food to share if you wish. At a small charge, drinks will be available in the clubhouse.

Tues 18th ; Thursday 20th; Friday 21st - Lawns closed. (Pre-tournament lawn preparation.)

- d/c Mow, spray, hoops set to standard position, lines remarked, surrounds cut, whipper snip pathways, etc.

Saturday 22nd. GC and AC - usual club play.

(pm. AC will set aside one court for Tournament Entrants to practice before their games on the 23rd)

SUNDAY 23rd – Friday 28th AC Tournament (8am – 6pm daily.)

Saturday March 1st: Usual club play.

*Some people
will go to
any lengths
to view our
beautiful lawns!!*



CLEANING ROSTERS - February



Clubroom

Group 1 - Leader: Rhonda Westcott
Logan; J Smith; H McQueen; P Romanis



Men's Toilet

Group 1 - Leader: N Cheshire
I Williams; N Franks;

CLUBROOM DUTIES: Ensure the clubrooms are clean and tidy: bins emptied, floors swept, tables and benchtops wiped down, washroom hand-bowl and the toilets cleaned, paper replenished. Wash and return tea-towels and hand towels, ensuring those on the rail are clean.

MEN'S: Ensure toilets are clean and tidy: the bins are emptied, floors swept, hand bowl and toilets cleaned. Toilet paper and paper towels available.

- You are responsible for organising swaps if you are unable to clean for the specified month; please advise the Leader of your Group.

May the weather stay beautiful and we all play like champions....

Enjoy!