

# VICTOR HARBOR CROQUET CLUB

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### *From the President, Shirley Howlett*

Give yourselves a pat on the back, Victor Harbor Croquet Club members! Our two tournaments have been completed, and competitors again gave good feedback. Your contributions in many different ways helped us raise over \$7000 for the Club. The money will be extremely useful, whether it goes into the bank to replenish money recently spent on painting, lawn maintenance etc, or whether we buy new competition balls. A recent quote was \$950 for three first or second colour balls. Another brand is cheaper at \$550, but you get the drift...

The termite activity is being watched carefully. Outside the building base (northern side) activity seems to have stopped, but inside on the middle bench the termites are still active. We are extremely thankful that the VH Council paid for the treatment.

Speaking of the Council, we have accepted their offer of a renewal of our lease for five years. Longer leases are not being offered owing to our sea front location.

The Easter Monday sausage sizzle at Bunnings raised over \$900 despite the weather being a bit ordinary. Thanks to everyone who helped, both behind the scene (Bernie, Beth, Rhonda, Anne, Birdie and Steve) plus those many members who cooked, served and handled the money on the day.

Rhonda deserves special mention for carrying on despite slicing her thumb as well as onions.. Nurse Fawkner treated her injury and assured her she would be able to holiday as planned.

Singled out for praise - Joan Thompson. Joan worked hard for both tournaments, cleaning, shopping and organizing beforehand, as well as running the kitchen most days. In her spare time she cooked extras like biscuits, fruit cake and jams for raffle prizes. And she could still smile and make a sandwich for players who forgot to order! Thanks from all of us, Joan, but especially tournament managers Shirley and Kate.

### CLUB CATCHUP

Another fabulously successful '**Sausage Sizzle**' !!! Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Get ready volunteers for **Sunday October 26th**. Please keep the date free and check the roster - if you can give a couple of hours? Your availability would be appreciated as the Club does well from these 'sizzles'. **If you have a preferred time and/or duty let us know and every effort will be made to accommodate you. You can be the cook, the money/order taker or the presenter of the order .... All good fun.** Rumour has it that we made over \$900 on the 21st. Congrats and thanks to those who volunteered.

## Tournaments....

With the annual tournaments finished, I would like to thank all the club members that helped make the tournaments such a success. The players came from 7 Victorian clubs, 2 Tassie clubs, 2 SA country clubs and 3 Adelaide city clubs. Many of the competitors are returning visitors and the reason that they return each year is that they enjoy playing on our superb lawns and enjoy the hospitality the club provides. This can only happen with the assistance of club members. We make a lot of money and we also make a lot of friends with our tournaments. The format of next year's tournament will probably stay the same but I will allow for more club members to be able to participate in the competition.

Kate Logan, Tournament Manager

Facebook comments were very positive .... *Heather made a comment, loved by many more .... "Thank you to absolutely everyone that made the last 5 days at Victor Harbor GC so enjoyable. From the catering, lawns, refereeing, managing and last but not least another group of friends. Thanks"*



**CONGRATULATIONS: Winners and Runners-up at the tournament: Karen Davidson (Mildura) and Margie Davies (Kadina). And Penny Morrison-McGill (Morwell} and Peter Binks (Queenscliff)**

Our Club Kitchen Manager, Joan Thompson, also wishes to add a special thank you to all the club members who temporarily became kitchen volunteers and gave up their time for these events, and continue to do so, time after time. Even those who considered themselves to be very unprepared for the tasks at hand did a marvellous job. May the future events also be happy and fun occasions.

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***Bring a Friend..... Coaching – how it works –***

- We provide the equipment and the coaches for both codes (AC & GC)
- All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes (joggers or walkers)
- We offer up to 2 free lessons each of approximately one hour duration
- If you wish to continue you pay \$20 for the next four (4) lessons.
- If you decide to go on, the coach will invite you to join the Club and give you an information folder. The \$20 fee for coaching will be deducted from your first year's membership.

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**DIARY DATES. 2025**

APRIL Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Shirley & friends 11am -1.00pm. 2 lawns

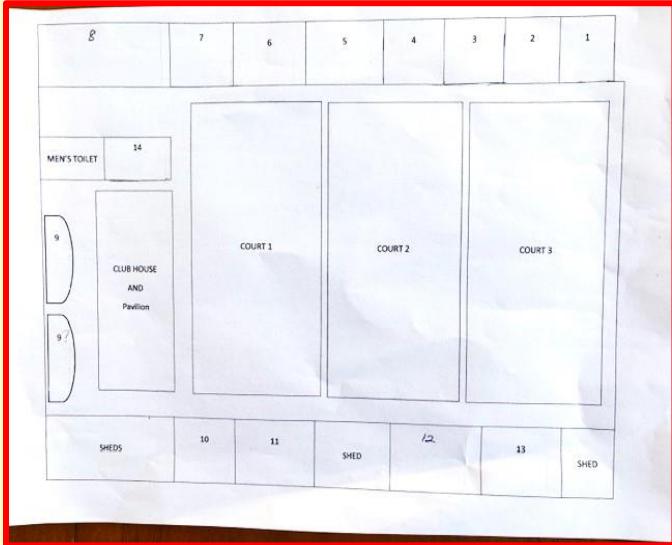
MAY Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Social Croquet

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**MAY. 2025 CLEANING ROSTERS:**

CLUBROOMS: H Martin- leader. J. Thompson, S. Howlett, B. O'Reilly, W. Wang.

MEN'S OUTDOOR ROSTER: D. Driver, S. Templeton, F. Markus, D. Hibbert.



Steve Templeton is the member who has oversite of this venture!

**CALL TO ALL  
GARDEN LOVERS – Help !**  
In the clubhouse, you'll find the paper where you can place your name against the patch of garden that you would prefer. Can you help?  
It involves keeping the patch tidy and given a little water now and then.



## CONGRATULATIONS STEVE!!

Steve Templeton was Runner-up in the S.A. A.C Hatwell Gold Medal event held at SACA recently.

Golf Croquet players please note, that by popular demand our start time on Club play days has been brought forward to **9.00am starting this Saturday 26/04/25.**  
Later in the year when it gets cooler, we may change it back to 9.30am?  
Frank Markus, *Golf Croquet Coordinator*

*Members are reminded to please pay closer attention to seeing that the premises are secured before leaving the club.  
On two occasions recently the clubrooms and an equipment shed have been left unlocked.*

## **NEW Course**

### **Golf Croquet Referee and Umpire Accreditation**

There is a referee course to start the accreditation process for new  
referees and umpires on

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 9:00am to 4:00pm.**

Future sessions will be planned at this session. This is due to the need to increase our reserves of referees as people retire, and accommodate interest being shown in becoming referees or umpires.

The umpire position is a new initiative in the planning stages of ACA. The course is a SA qualification only at this stage as the inclusion at this time will help in clubs and regions as well as support the referees in tournaments.

The outline of the two courses are such that they can be delivered at the same time. The structures of the two courses have the same elements but at different levels:

- must be 16 years of age or older
- must have been playing GC for at least 12 months
- must have an ACA register play with a valid ACA
- must hold a valid GC handicap

to successfully complete the ASC The community Officiating General Principles on-line course([sportaus.gov.au/coaches\\_andOfficials](http://sportaus.gov.au/coaches_andOfficials))

Step 1: Australian Sports Commission The community Officiating General Principles

Step 2: Golf Croquet referees Open-Home Exam

Step 3: Assessment of the Practical Techniques of GC refereeing/umpiring

Step 4: Assessment of knowledge and understanding of the rules

The ACA is developing two new levels of officials to come into line with England and New Zealand. This is currently a proposal yet to be approved by the ACA Board. It is proposed that there will be three levels of officials

Umpires: Introduced to overcome a lack of referees at club and regional level. They will be trained to rule only on matters of fact, such as offside balls, interference with a ball by a player or outside agency, playing a wrong ball, faults and overlapping play(Rules 8-12 with only parts 1 and 2 of 9)Umpires are not qualified to interpret the rules/relevant rules of Golf Croquet.

Referees are the current level of officials. They will become conversant with all rules and rulings, and be trained on the practical techniques. Instruction will be given in communication skills and the management of difficult situations on court.

Senior Referees: These are to undergo further and more difficult examination than for referees and is only by invitation of the National Referees Committee and will be restricted in number.

Players are encouraged to get involved such that they can improve their knowledge of the rules and educate club members, leading to better play and awareness of what can and cannot be done in the game. Golf Croquet players wishing to participate in either the referee or umpire courses can register by either email or phone call to John Arney

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