

# VICTOR HARBOR CROQUET CLUB

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### *From the President, Shirley Howlett*

The AC national competition, the Eire Cup is done and dusted for 2025. The SA team ended in 4th place, which was a little disappointing. The hot weather was debilitating, but of course affected each team equally.

Congratulations to Kate Logan who played for Tasmania. She had 3 wins from her 4 singles. I hope she will soon become a fixture in the SA state team.

I was happy with my performance, winning 4 out of 5 doubles with partner David Short, and 6 singles wins.

**Below** is a photo of the 4 women who represented SA and a team photo with the Governor. Captain Dwayne McCormick was absent as he was busy winning the Men's National Singles held prior to the Eire Cup.

*\*State Team  
Members \**



The **successful** AC Tournament held last month had the worthy Singles Winners presented with their prizes by Emily from See Optometry.



Group 1. Winner Mark Kobelt (Tumby Bay )Right. Runner- up G Rowberry (Norwood) Left

Group 2. Mary Marsland ( Norwood)

Group 3. Steve Templeton ( Victor Harbor)

Group 4. Linda Kinch( Kadina)



**\*\*\*STOP PRESS!! \*\*\***

From figures just in, the AC Tournament raised Approx. \$3,523.00.  
Well done and thankyou to all the volunteers, organisers and contributors  
for your efforts.

quick reminder that .....



### Annual GC Croquet tournament Victor Harbor 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

#### To Club Members

If you were fortunate to get out to see the AC tournament, there was some very good play. If the game interests you, talk to Shirley (after her current National competition).



Soon it will be time for the GC tournament. It will be held April 2 – 6, 3 days of Doubles and Singles on the weekend. There are players entered from all parts of Victoria, city and country SA and even Tassie this year.

As Tournament Manager, I am asking for club members to help out. The raffles, entries, and prizes are all organized. It's hospitality where volunteers are needed.

Because of the number of players, *we need 3 people each day for sandwich and salad plate preparation*, plus someone in charge of morning and afternoon. Biscuits and slices are a welcome treat for players (and managers). There are sign-up sheets on the kitchen bench. I will be at the club this week if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thanks, Kate Logan

'Kitchen Manager' Joan Thompson, with 'Meet & Greet' Rhonda Westcott. Thank you.



### CLUB CATCHUP

Two (2) dates have been reserved for **Bunnings 'Sausage Sizzle'**



Monday April 21st; Sunday October 26th. Please keep the dates 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.'

An email seeking volunteers to help on the 21<sup>st</sup> will be in your inbox soon. If you have a preferred time and or duty let us know and every effort will be made to accommodate you. Thanks.

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#### Diary Dates for April 2025

Wednesday 2nd to Sat 6th .....

**VHCC/ Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GC Tournament.**

Sunday 13th Social Croquet. 3pm start

Monday 21st Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.

## **From the AC Coordinator**

Well, the proof is in the pudding, or in our case the wonderful courts we have. There has been nothing but praise from visiting players in the AC tournament.

It was a monumental task getting the courts in prime condition after a miserable winter of cold and no rain. Trying to coordinate treatments of fertilisers, insecticides and minerals with a difficult watering regime has been quite stressful.

\*\*\*\*\* Simon and his faithful offsider Django and not forgetting Noel have done the job.

And the other unseen lawn hero is Beth. She constantly watches the weather, especially the wind strength, to find a window to get the required water on the courts without it being blown away. She waits for the little opportunities at any time of day or night when the wind drops below 12 km/hr. It is a miracle to see these green courts after such a very long time without rain.

Steve Templeton, Committee Member



Perfect for the famous Victor Harbor Roll.

I would like to express my gratitude to Simon (our green keeper) for putting his heart and soul into repairing our lawns and bringing them up to tournament standard. Anyone who is a keen gardener will be acutely aware of how difficult it has been, with drought like conditions for the last 14 months and an unusually cold dry spell thrown into the mix. Beth has struggled with watering due to windier than usual conditions and this also impacted on regular lawn treatments.

Steve helped Simon with transplanting lawn cores into bald areas and additional sprinkler watering on the courts and verges. Noel is always present to assist Simon when he is cutting the courts, so thanks are extended to the combined efforts of these club members for stepping up to help out.

Bridie O'Reilly, AC player and committee member

Just a couple of things from the Committee meeting ..... Importantly, both **North Adelaide Croquet club** and **Holdfast Bay Croquet club** are at risk of closing/downsizing. They are asking for letters of support. Holdfast Bay is [www.holdfast.sa.gov.au](http://www.holdfast.sa.gov.au). It would be a wonderful help if our members could write letters of support. Perhaps a letter of support for signatures could be in the Clubhouse, a Club response.

**GARDENS:** Such dry weather as we all know, and the plants are suffering as in all our gardens. Steve Templeton mentioned the idea of members having their own garden spots at the club which they would be responsible for, this used to be the case some years back and many of you will remember participating in this. The suggestion included the possibility of a name plaque .... Now that could be fun. Just thought, there could be an annual prize for the best kept (best performing?) garden.

*On Monday night ( March 3<sup>rd</sup>) we hosted 24 year 12 students from St Ignatius College to come & play croquet. We all had a terrific night, lots of cheering and booing and saw the sunset on some talented future players. Please come and join us again. Janeen.*



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Transformer Mallet Display during the GC Tournament.

Robert Brown from Adelaide will be playing in the GC Tournament. He has offered to put up a display of mallets and accessories; and will be available to discuss mallets, grips or issues related to your mallets.

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*The painters will return to complete their work once the termite treatment has been completed.*

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Drone Photo. Courtesy Bridie O'Reilly