

VICTOR HARBOR CROQUET CLUB

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*From the
President,
Shirley Howlett*



A number of topics were raised at our recent Management Committee meeting, and input from members would assist decision making.

Firstly, fund raising. We have spent quite a lot of money in recent weeks and although our finances remain reasonable, some more fundraising ideas should be discussed. Our best fundraisers at the moment are the two tournaments and the Bunnings Sausage sizzles. When I joined the club about 12 years ago quiz nights and soup lunches raised some money.

What ideas do you have? (The suggestion box is for your convenience.)

Secondly time slots for GC play. It has been suggested that **GC play start at 9am all year round.**

Perhaps if you live in Goolwa or Yankalilla this wouldn't be popular. What do you think?

Often, especially when it's a beautiful day, four or five players have to stand out during the 9am and 10am games. **The third time slot (10.55am) and fourth (11.40am) are seldom full. Maybe some of you could come later and play in the later sessions.** Frank will be happy to discuss this or other ideas with you.

Thirdly, the garden. A meeting is being held on **Wednesday 28th at 12 noon** to talk about planting of appropriate plants, disposal of green waste etc. Please attend if you've volunteered for one of the garden areas or if you would like some more information before committing.

Lastly club room cleaning. It appears that the monthly cleaning roster is not really working. Some people do their bit, but the bigger tasks don't seem to happen. Understandable, as not many of us are spring chickens.

If we employed someone each month our annual subscription would have to be a small increased.

If there is a member who is interested in doing the cleaning on a regular basis, talk to our secretary **Helen** or to any other committee member. Alternatively, a written suggestion in our club room Suggestion Box.

Looking forward to hearing ideas about these topics!

Shirley

VISITING GROUPS

- **May 27th** Howlett group 11am to 1pm. 2 Lawns
- **June 8th** Social croquet. Sunday afternoon (Bring your own food, bar open)
- **June 29th** Inglis group 10am

Upcoming dates:

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle!!! Get ready volunteers for **Sunday October 26th**. The day is great fun! Please keep the date free and check the roster - if you can give a couple of hours? Your availability would be appreciated as said, 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 A nice couple of hours.**



Bridie O'Reilly was- Runner-up in the A.C. Harvey Bronze Medal-Singles event played over 3 days at Hutt Road earlier this month.

Well done Bridie!!

Reminder AC Players

Winter playing times for AC club days during June, July and August start Monday 2nd June.

Names in at 1pm. Play starts at 1.15pm and ends @ 4pm .

Frank Markus (from Victor Harbor club) won this year's SILVER MEDAL SINGLES TOURNAMENT for 5+ Handicap players. It was held over 2 days at Hutt Road Croquet Centre with 12 competitors from South Australian clubs.



Congrats Frank – well done! With 9 wins from 11 games

A Reminder 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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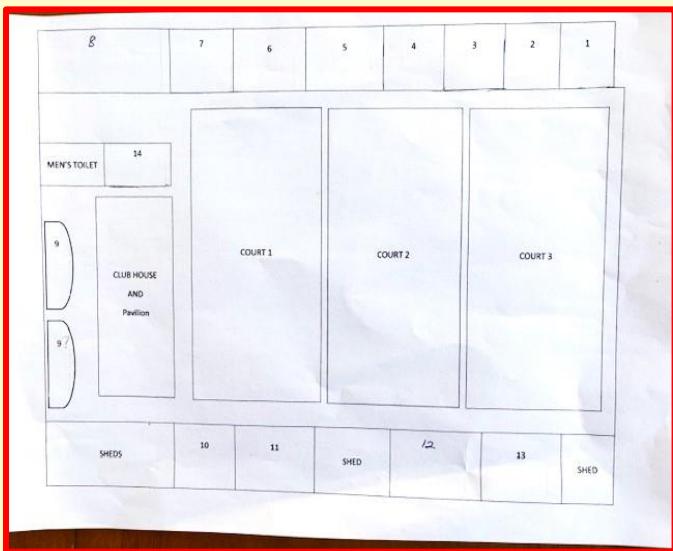
Mid- Year Winter Get-Together (some may enthusiastically call it a feast!). Planned to raise some money in July more details coming soon!

REMINDER

MAY: Cleaning Roster, Clubroom and Men's outdoor roster:

Members, please check the printed Roster in the clubhouse and be advised by the Group Leader nominated. Until we determine a professional cleaner is possible, the Team Leaders will be very grateful of your designated support. The Team Leader is always available to restructure if you are unable to attend. Thank you.

In case you have missed the information regarding the garden maintenance, please read that below, or speak with one of the Committee about a meeting to be held on the 28th.



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.**

All for now Feel free to use the suggestion Box in the clubroom.
There is paper left beside the box for your convenience. So have fun.