

# VICTOR HARBOR CROQUET CLUB

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### *From the President, Shirley Howlett*

Our AGM is a little more than a month away. In the club room on the Centre bench, is a notice board displaying the vacancies. Management committee positions are up for grabs. Please talk to each other about the available positions. All of us have skills and abilities which can be put to good use in the administration of our club. Please, if you're interested in a position, don't be shy! Get someone to nominate and second you and have a go!

Internal club positions such as AC Handicapper and Committees such as Repairs and Maintenance will be filled in a club meeting following the AGM.

### *Now for some club news*

Seabreeze cleaned the floor of the club room under Frank's watchful eye, and it was deemed a success. We will still need a monthly roster of willing members for general sweeping and tidying. More on cleaning will follow.

Bridie has done excellent work on investigating computer options for the club, and the final decision will be made soon. I would also like to acknowledge Helen's work as club secretary. She has taken on more responsibilities since Beth has not been well, and is doing a great job. **Shirley**

Hi Everyone,

### **our AGM LUNCH**

Our Annual General Meeting - **Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup>** at **10:30am** followed by a \$15 Soup and Desert luncheon to raise funds for the club, *if we have enough numbers!* The meal will be organised by the McQueens and the Colemans - thank you to them all. We don't often have an opportunity to enjoy a social catchup with other members, so if you would like to stay, please put your name on the attendance sheet located on the central bench in the club house. If you will be attending the AGM, please tick the column indicating that. Cheers and thank you,

**Helen**

**A reminder: Club Fee Increase in September:** Fees will go up, being linked to CPI, and we will also need to include any SACA increase, due to them raising their fees with the introduction of their new system, Revsport. This will be clearer later in the year. Members will be given notice of any increase as soon as possible.

**Cleaning:** Frank will be developing a new cleaning Roster with 3 men and 3 women doing cleaning duties each month. Following the successful trial of Seabreeze cleaning services last month, there will be clear guidelines as to what is expected related to cleaning of the club house and toilets. Only those willing to undertake a few minutes light cleaning will be put on the Roster.

Neil Franks has reported back to the committee on the state of the men's toilet block. Significant repairs are needed and the club is awaiting quotes. The fence behind the seaside sheds also needs repair. Frank Markus will be overseeing these works.

Significant moneys have been recently expended on upgrade works at the club; the exterior refurbishment, white ant/termite extermination; a new air conditioner and we await a quote on a new computer system.

## =====OUR AGM=====

### VICTOR HARBOR CROQUET CLUB COMMITTEE

Consider getting involved! Prior to the AGM, members need to nominate themselves, **or other club members**, to be on the committee filling the upcoming vacant positions.

**Information below sets out the positions becoming vacant.**

There is also a board on the central clubhouse bench with the required forms and vacant positions for nomination. **You just need to fill in the form and have it co-signed.**

Happy to answer any queries. Nominations close on **7<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Regards Helen (Secretary).

## MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION TIME

Prior to our Annual General Meeting being held on

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 at 10:30 am**

we need to identify and nominate members willing to undertake the following committee positions which will become vacant in August:

- President- 2-year position
- Vice President – 1 year position as currently vacant usually
- a 2-year position
- Treasurer- 2-year position
- AC Coordinator role- 2-year position
- 3 Committee members- 1-year positions.

The term of office for the office bearers shall be two years.

The President, Treasurer and AC Coordinator to retire in odd years.

The Vice-President, Secretary, GC Co-Ordinator to retire in even years.

The term for other Committee members to be one year.

Both office Bearers and Committee members are eligible to stand for re-election for a further term.

This is your opportunity to take a more active role in the running of the club and contribute new ideas and influence the future direction of the club over the coming years.

There is a noticeboard in the club house on the central bench with nomination forms for each role which need to be completed two weeks prior to the AGM.

Nomination forms need to be completed by 7th August 2025

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**Club Mallets-** There has been discussion lately about the use of club mallets. These are used by new learners, visitors and those club members who have not yet bought a mallet. One of the considerations is maintenance. Some of the mallets are used each session and are showing wear and tear.

After consideration, the Management Committee has said that there is an expectation that members will purchase a mallet for their own use.

So- there will be some mallets reserved for learners and visitors and are not for general use. There will also be some mallets available for purchase. **Depending on the ease of use for you personally**, they could need some alteration such as longer handles.

And there will be some mallets for use by club members, who do not yet have a mallet, for a **contribution** of \$1 per session, **payable into the labeled container, set beside the Green Fees container on the desk**. These **mallets** will be kept in shed 1.

**If** you are interested in purchasing a club mallet, **catch up with Kate** who will show you the selection and talk about customizing it for your use.



Steve **Templeton** was the Runner up at the South Australian Croquet Association (SACA) **Lewis Badge** held at Hutt Rd in Adelaide on 17-19 June. It was a very competitive tournament with the last game of the day determining final positions.

*Congrats Steve, and cheers, Bridie and all club members.*

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### **Member reminders:**

- Shoes without deep grip soles are advisable on the courts, i.e, not hiking boots but flat soles where possible; particularly in wet weather, when grass is soft.
- When games are near the starting time, check to ensure the gate from the carpark is closed; no string holding it open allowing people to wander in.
- All members are welcome to play the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 4<sup>th</sup> games (weather permitting) if that better suits their personal time clocks.
- Since we have experienced good rains lately, special care of the lawns is requested. Thank you

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***To help your on-court play ..... a few types of common faults set out below.... you may like to refresh your memory.***

## **WORLD CROQUET FEDERATION (WCF) GOLF CROQUET (GC) RULES 6<sup>th</sup> EDITION**

### **11.2 TYPES OF FAULT**

Subject to Rule 11.3, a fault is committed by a player who, during the striking period:

11.2.1 touches the mallet head with a hand (but see Rule 11.3.2); or

11.2.2 strikes a ball by kicking, hitting, dropping or throwing the mallet; or

11.2.3 strikes a ball with any part of the mallet other than an end-face of the head, either deliberately in any stroke or accidentally in a stroke that requires special care because of the proximity of a hoop or the peg or another ball; or

11.2.4 strikes a ball with the mallet more than once, or allows a ball to retouch the mallet; or

11.2.5 maintains contact between the mallet and a ball; or

11.2.6 causes a ball, while still in contact with the mallet, to touch a hoop, the peg or, unless the balls were in contact before the stroke, another ball; or

11.2.7 strikes a ball when it lies in contact with a hoop upright or the peg other than away therefrom; or

11.2.8 touches any ball, other than the ball that the player intended to strike, with the mallet, or touches any ball with the player's body; or

11.2.9 moves or shakes a stationary ball by hitting a hoop or the peg with the mallet or the player's body; or

11.2.10 causes damage to the court surface inside the boundary with the mallet that, before the court surface is repaired, is capable of significantly affecting a subsequent stroke played over the damaged area.

### **11.3 DECLARATION OF FAULTS**

11.3.1 A fault is to be declared if the player (or a referee or other observer asked to watch the stroke) believes that it is more likely than not that the relevant event occurred.

11.3.2 A fault under Rule 11.2.1 is committed only if the mallet head is touched during the final forward swing of the mallet.

Kind regards,  
Bernie

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*Below are two of our new trainees Denise Gillings and Robert McCreathe - being encouraged by our coaches, Janeen and Frank on a Friday training morning.*

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### **CALLING ALL MEMBERS ....**

We thought that each month we will write a little about the background of a member who is happy to talk about their past. Even though we each may think our past is not interesting, we know for a fact that many of our members have interesting family history; fascinating lives; enjoyed terrific careers; worked around the world and/or in wonderful places here at home; had lots of adventures..... and we others would like to hear about the highlights and your talents. Perhaps get to know each other .....

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