

VICTOR HARBOR CROQUET CLUB

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From the President, Shirley Howlett

Apparently it's good for those of us who are no longer young to learn something new. Such activities keep our brains active and help stave off memory loss,. Here are a couple of croquet related suggestions:

* in GC play try to hit the opponent ball away. Don't say "I'm no good at roqueting." Practise it ! Master a new skill!

* learn how to do a jump shot. But remember to practise over the court dividers, or put a hoop in the practice area between lawn 3 and the yacht club fence. Ask Steve Templeton if you're not sure where.

* investigate other Croquet Codes. Our member Janet Nisted is really keen to teach people Ricochet. Have a go !! And don't forget AC! Check out all croquet related things on You Tube.

* and lastly if you've not volunteered at a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle before you can try it out on Sunday 5th of July. The club has committed to a number of these excellent fund raisers so we need both the experienced and the new to make it work. Names to secretary Helen please.

Also a big thank you to member Von Lewis who spoke to the Management Committee about social media. We intend using her suggestions to tighten our Facebook pages and ensuring that we respect both member and non member privacy.

Building maintenance report

The renewal of shade cloth covers to five shade shelters is about to happen once the covers are manufactured by our supplier in Goolwa. Jackie and Mark Goldsmith are driving some clubroom internal works (a bar, a dishwasher! and a handbasin) with funding generously provided by Victor Harbor Rotary Club and all installed already. The Men's toilet building external and internal patch repairs and painting, are also on the to do list.....

Golf Croquet Report

A VHCC 5+ Pennants team continues to compete in this tough category with the team of Wendy Wang, Janeen Coleman, Ronnie McNab and Frank Markus unsuccessful vs Brighton on 16/04 losing by just one hoop (3 games all 29 hoops to 28 hoops). The next match is vs Norwood Croquet Club on Saturday 30th May 2.30am start time at the Hutt Road Croquet Centre.

A bit of Golf Croquet history including in South Australia – From Garden Lawns to Hutt Road and Beyond.

Croquet has become the regular game for members, but it hasn't always been that way. Croquet first arrived in Australia from England in the mid-1800s and quickly found a home in South Australia, where it was played mainly as a social pastime on private lawns before clubs and competitions took shape – and Association Croquet was its form.

Golf Croquet itself came a little later, developing in England around the turn of the 20th century as a simpler, faster version of the more complex Association Croquet. For many years it sat in the background, but over the past few decades it has surged in popularity.

In Adelaide, the central home of the game is the Hutt Road Croquet Centre, established in the Park Lands in the 1920s and still the hub of South Australian croquet. While Association Croquet once dominated there, Golf Croquet has steadily taken over the competition scene. Today, most pennant matches and tournaments played at Hutt Road are in the Golf Croquet format, often drawing a large and varied fields of players.

For Victor Harbor members, this shift has been significant. A few keen players head to Adelaide to compete at Hutt Road, testing themselves against a wider field and bringing that experience back to the Victor lawns.

Frank Markus GC Coordinator

Association Croquet Report

Please note that AC is changing to winter time at start of June ie. arrive at 1 pm for 1.15 start. Finish at 4pm

Kitchen Report

The kitchen now boasts a shiny new Stainless Steel dishwasher and adjacent hand washing basin thanks to a grant from Victor Harbor Rotary Club. A note to you from our Kitchen Manager Joan Thompson:

To all members as you maybe aware we now have a dishwasher and hand basin in the kitchen. This is to meet the required hygiene regulation for our club to reduce the risk of cross infection.

Please pour any left over coffee/tea liquid from your cup/mug into the kitchen Sink and place your cup/mug into the top shelf of the dishwasher. One of the kitchen crew will run the dishwasher once its full.

The new handbasin is for washing hands and we will be purchasing a paper towel dispenser this week.

We are aiming to keep you safer from infections colds, flu's etc.

Thanks for your support. Helen(secretary) and Joan(Kitchen Manager)



The new dishwasher and adjacent hand washing sink. The club thanks the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor for generously providing the funds to purchase and install these fittings.

Court Maintenance

Did you know? The hoop positions are changed at the start of every month to ensure the 'rabbit run' under the hoop doesn't develop. At Tournament times the central hoop position is used to better align the court hoop positions with Croquet Court layout rules.

Treasurers Message

Anyone with any ideas and plans to run a fund raising event please put your suggestion in the box to let the committee know.

Other Stuff

Golf Croquet play times Monday, Wednesday, Saturday first game of four starts at 9.00am (arrive by 8.45am to play in the first game) – AC play times commencing in June - Monday, Wednesday, Saturday play starts at 1.15pm (arrive by 1.00pm) – weather permitting.

A reminder to members to **walk around the courts before and after your games**. This avoids holding up play on Courts (if walking in front of players about to hit off) and also reduces the wear on the lawn surface.

Members should wear a name badge during games. These are available from Tonkins Sports Store on Ocean Street in Victor Harbor at minimal cost.

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HANDICAP COMMITTEE	AC Handicapper - M. Goldsmith	+AC Co-ord & one other
MATCH COMMITTEE	AC Co-ord (chair)	+Coach: Shirley Howlett & one other
AC TOURNAMENT MANAGER	Shirley Howlett	Assistant: Bridie O'Reilly
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HANDICAPPER	Bernie Pfitzner	
HANDICAP COMMITTEE	GC Handicapper B. Pfitzner (Chair)	+ GC Co-ord & one other
MATCH COMMITTEE	GC Co-ord. (Chair)	+Coach. Kate Logan & one other
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