



**VICTOR  
HARBOR  
CROQUET CLUB  
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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As most club members know I have been in Christchurch playing in the AC Women's World Championship, which is usually held every three years.

Forty women took part. England, Scotland, Ireland, USA, Australia and of course New Zealand were represented.

It has been great fun playing matches against new opponents. Competition has been strong, but every game has been played in a friendly atmosphere. The top women have minus handicaps and make the difficult look easy. While a lot of us were struggling to run the very tight hoops, these players sailed through with ease (most of the time anyway.) They play every shot thoughtfully and expect precise placement. Lessons for us all!!

Different croquet clubs have hosted the tournament, and all have a core of members who have looked after us very well. It has an air of familiarity despite being in a different country. I was billeted with a local player and that has made transport, meals and even laundry trouble-free.

Of course, our two tournaments are coming up and our skills will soon be on display. Thank goodness Kate and I don't have to arrange matches at three different venues with lots of referees!! Chris Clarke and his workers have been unflappable even with loss of playing time due to rain on day 1 and a Covid case later.

All in all, a fabulous experience, well worth the exorbitant air fare. Winning some matches was a bonus.

As we say in the South Island, I'll be back in Victor Harbor in a wee while.  
Shirley

## AC CO-ORDINATOR

We wish all the best to Shirley who is playing in the Women's A.C. World Championship in New Zealand, a huge competition with four blocks of ten players.

The Entry Form for the Welch/Rose Handicap Competition is on the bench in the clubhouse. Please enter as soon as possible.

Shirley is doing well in her games in New Zealand. C Durbridge



## G.C CO-ORDINATOR

Numbers have been excellent during the holiday period. Some days we have exceeded 24 players. Several visitors have joined us. We have made a change for publishing GC scores and are no longer sending scores to the "Times". "Fleurieu Sun" will now include scores in their sports section. We are very mindful of our Hot Weather Policy, and we follow the guidelines. If you are not feeling well due to heat – be wise and please do not play. P Willis

## AROUND THE CLUB

**VH CROQUET CLUB  
WORKING BEE** 

**9:00 AM THURSDAY  
19TH JANUARY**

"YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED...  
... **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK** ..."  
Yes ... we all know the catch-cries ....  
However there are so many little jobs to do  
before our ***Centenary Celebration day***  
***on 5th February***  
and our annual tournaments starting at the end of  
February.

**We need your help in any way.**  
Please bring your smiles, humour, enthusiasm  
and of course  
your own tools, gloves, bin liners, etc

 Jobs include:

- \*Gardening/weeding
- \*Small plumbing job for watering system for rose garden
- \*Paving a small area where the bins currently stand
- \*Many little jobs to be discussed on the day

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!** 

I hope all will attend the working bee, even for a short while and to do an easy task. We are all older citizens and have limited abilities, but I would hope that we can all do something. It's our club and we all like to use it and we always comment on how great it looks so please don't let the same few people do all the work to keep it that way.

For our **Centenary celebrations on February 5<sup>th</sup>** we have David Basham, Rebekah Sharkey, Deputy Mayor, councillors, the media, the radio stations, SACA officials, presidents of Adelaide croquet clubs, past members and of course, all of us attending!!!

So let's ALL showcase our great club. Jenn Mase

# People's Choice

COMMUNITY LOTTERY **STILL AVAILABLE!**

Tickets for The People's Choice Credit Union Lottery are on sale via the club's webpage.

To buy tickets go to the club web page, [victorcroquet.com](http://victorcroquet.com) and click on the front-page link.

Great prizes to be won. Let us see if we can sell a prize-winning ticket again this year. Remember!!! It is a great fundraiser, and the club keeps 100% of the ticket sales.

## CLEANING ROSTERS - FEBRUARY



### CLUBROOM

Leader: S.Howlett  
8522115

DUTIES: Ensure the clubrooms are clean & tidy, bins emptied, floors swept, tables and benchtops wiped down, hand-bowl and toilets cleaned. Wash and return tea-towels and hand towels.

You are responsible for organizing a swap of roster if unable to clean for the specified month, please also advise the Leader of your group.

TEAM: J. Goldsmith, C. Bing

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### MEN'S TOILET

Leader. M. Goldsmith 0403 064 222

TEAM: A. Lang, A. Usborne, R. McBride

## DIARY DATES 2023

January 19th Working Bee 9 am

Craven visit. (12.) 4.30pm start

25th Centenary Celebration meeting. 11.30am

28th AC Tournament prep meeting. 12 or 4.30- to be confirmed

## DIARY DATES 2023 continued

Feb 5th Centenary Celebration  
22nd. Lawns Closed pm  
24th Lawns closed. All day  
25th Usual club day play.  
26th Start AC Tournament end March 3rd.  
(No Club day play)  
March 4th Usual club day play resumes  
8th GC Tournament Prep Meeting. 10.45am

The A C and GC Tournament Preparation meetings for all club members are coming up AC Sat 28th Jan @4.30pm. Time to be confirmed.

GC Wed March 8th at 10.45am

Both tournaments are fully booked. There's much to arrange before these events.

Gaining Sponsorships from local businesses is the first task.

The various rosters for help and catering during the tournaments will be in the club rooms following each meeting.

Please try to volunteer and do your part in supporting these major fundraising events.

Centenary Celebration Meeting to be held at 11.30am on  
January 25th

Everyone welcome! Jen M

Lawns fees have been waived for Members playing matches/ games in intra club competitions/championships on non-Club Days.

Bookings essential.

### Clarification.

Practice remains free -to Members. - ie no lawn fees are payable.

### Visiting Group

A group of 12 who attend annually, will be visiting us after play on Thursday for a social hit about before heading off for a meal. Rhonda, Jen, Jackie, and Mark will supervise the group.

