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3WAY CHALLENGE Nola McRae and her team of helpers pulled out the stops to give us the “home ground advantage” complete with Helen Crouch’s home-made scones for our guests on arrival.

However the competition was tough (and more even given change of conditions – minimum handicap of 5) and for the third year in a row Albury blitzed the field. Walla Walla played very well and were runner-up.



TUMUT VISIT A great day was had at Tumut on Wednesday 30th April. Tumut turned on the beautiful autumn weather, morning tea and lunch, as well as giving our players the experience of playing on super slick lawns (bowling green).

BIGGEST MORNING TEA will be held on Wednesday 21st May commencing at 10am. The theme will be “Op Shop”. Head down to your local Op Shop and see what you can find. The green fees for the day will be the club’s contribution. Additional donations from members are very welcome.

“TO DO” LIST A number of items have been added to the club’s to do list.

First priority is to have a cleanup / cleanout of the clubhouse commencing with the kitchen. Janet Terry requires some helpers to complete this task. Please contact Janet (0438 244 120) to organise a date and time.

The committee will be obtaining some quotes to install a new kitchen in order to apply for a grant through Wagga Wagga City Council community grants.

THIRD LAWN & LICENCE RENEWAL The greenkeeper will soon be marking out 3 full courts which will utilise all of the newly developed area. Whilst it may be a little rough we are wanting to have some traffic (play) on the area to wear it in. Given the sluggish pace only golf croquet should be played on the new area.

Our licence (lease) with council has been reviewed and as anticipated there has been a small increase in the licence fee. The new fee will be ~\$4,000 per annum (plus CPI increases) which includes maintenance of the lawns, the surrounds and line marking.

Council will be inspecting the clubhouse in coming weeks to identify any capital maintenance requirements.



SCHOOLS ROSTER Ruth has drawn up a roster for our annual school program;

Date	Assistants	Date	Assistants
16 th May	Nola McRae & Len McCallum	6 th June	Ron Westman & Lola Westman
23 rd May	Margaret Priest & Isabel Taber	13 th June	Fran Brown & Janet Terry
30 th May	David Glastonbury & Aileen Munro	20 th June	Ruth Wilson & Anne McGregor

If you are unable to assist on the day it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement.

You will need to be at the clubhouse at 1pm to set up the courts. The first 2 weeks we have had 18 & 21 enthusiastic players. Please use the school mallets (currently 19) and the old balls in the second cupboard.

Please notify Ruth (6933 1704) of any changes in the roster as she is the primary contact for the school.

CLUB JACKETS To ensure you look your best on the lawns this winter, and get a tailor made fit (the correct size) please visit Creative Embroidery, 40 Tompson Street, Wagga Wagga. The cost of the jacket is ~\$40.00, which includes the embroidery. A sleeveless vest is also available. For further information please contact our fashion gurus: Jill Burmeister 6931 7057 and Wendy Lloyd 6922 6434.

CLUB MALLETS A reminder that the club mallets are for visitor / new player use only. We would encourage all members to purchase their own mallet. Currently Margaret Priest has a mallet for sale.

The club's policy is that members who regularly use the club mallets are to pay \$5 per day mallet fee.

2014/15 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE is due by 31st May 2014. Please pay your membership fee promptly to the treasurer (Ruth).

You have the choice of paying \$60 membership fee and then green fees (\$5) and practice fees (\$2) on a pay as you go basis, or \$300 upfront, which covers all play and practice throughout the year.

CLEANING ROSTER May - Jill Burmeister (6931 7057) & Marie Richards-Cochrane (6922 5011)

June - Margaret Priest (6931 2104) & Isabel Taber (6926 3529)

If you are unable to clean when rostered please organise to swap with someone else.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Saturday, 14th June 2014 at 11.45am at the clubhouse.

CROQUET COACHING – TRAINING, TACTICS AND MORE. <http://clarkecroquet.com/>

Chris & Jenny Clarke (current world #1 & #18 – and husband & wife) have developed a website that provides "courses" covering aspects of croquet (Association & Golf) such as Laws Training, Stroke-Play and Tactical Coaching, Lawn Care, and some fun stuff such as croquet trivia quizzes.



This site contains interactive training resources such as self-marking quizzes, video demonstrations, photo essays, coaching materials written by the site facilitators (Chris and Jenny Clarke) and other contributors, and resources to help tournament managers.

The site is very new, born in late March 2014, but will grow rapidly as it hosts existing material from the facilitators and as the number of quizzes proliferates.