

QUEENSLIFF CROQUET CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY, 16 APRIL 2015

GOLF CROQUET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

2014–2015 has been a year of growth with a significant increase in our membership to 38.

A big thank you to our members who successfully conducted the well attended October 2014 "Come and Try". Many of these participants requested coaching and as a result our club was pleased to welcome them as members.

Ten new members have been presented with a Welcome Pack which includes a name badge, Rules Book, a Bill Lawson book, court lay-out, membership list and current fixtures.

My thanks and gratitude to our experienced players who are mentoring our new members. This mentoring is a 'win-win' for all and contributes positively to our club in many ways.

Many successful social days have been held and good friendships have been created, and the use of the two bowling greens enabled us to provide four croquet courts.

- September 2014 - 24 players attended
- 18th March 2015 - at our club's invitation we welcomed 16 Sorrento club members. We all had a great day playing croquet, socializing and lunching in the bar/lounge.
- 10th April 2015 - 34 players attended with representation from Belmont, Drysdale, Eastern Park and Sorrento. It was good to have Kevin Bluff, GCA President join us during the morning and Jim Saunders, ACA Vice President participating in the games. At lunch time 40 people had a good time dining and chatting in the bar/lounge.
- 22nd April 2015 - at our club's invitation 12 members from Western CC, Ballarat, joined us for an enjoyable day. Lunch in the bar/lounge was a happy time chatting and socializing. It was good to catch up with a couple of their members who had visited us during the year.

We are very appreciative on two occasions the QBTC courtesy bus was made available to meet the Sorrento club members at the ferry. Many thanks to Rod Wayth, QBTC Manager, Noel Nelson, (QCC member) and John Anwyl for being available to drive the bus.

During the year we have also welcomed visitors from Ballarat, the Mornington Peninsula, Belmont, Eastern Park and Essendon.

On Wednesday, 11th February members spent an enjoyable morning being coached by Val and Jim Saunders, and on Wednesday, 13th May 17 members braved the cold weather and attended an informative and rewarding coaching/rules session conducted by Eric O'Donnell.

Searoad Ferries Competition

We are very pleased to announce an annual competition being sponsored by *Searoad Ferries* with the inaugural event to be held in August. New members with a handicap of '12' will be invited to compete in this year's competition.

My thanks and appreciation to Rod Wayth, QBTC Manager, Esther Bondin, Assistant Manager and their team; and Barry Orbis, Greens-keeper, for their on-going assistance and support in promoting our croquet club.

Thank you Gail, and our Executive Committee, for your support, assistance and encouragement.

Ann Drayton
12 May 2015