



SEMCA

SE METRO CROQUET

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Winter Snippets 2024

SEMCA Annual Presentation Dinner



The Village Glen Sports Centre was the very comfortable, and visually very pleasant venue, for our annual Presentation Dinner.

We thank the VG members and Terri Manwaring for their organisation, and all contributors to the event.

Congratulations to RNB, the winners of the 2023-24 SEMCA Challenge, and runners up Village Glen.

Director's Report

The first 2-day session of the Together More Active Coaching Program for Novice Players was held on June 15th and 16th. 12 participants, representing all 5 SEMCA clubs, are registered. The Leading Coach for the program is John van der Touw. Assisting coaches, Terry Walsh, Bill Manwaring, Terri Manwaring and on Day 1 - Jean Deacon, Day 2 – Deb Newbold.

Thank you to Mornington for providing a venue.



Participants left with a folder of notes and lots to practice. The next 2-day session has been organised for Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th August, 2024. (Terri Manwaring)



Interclub Social Days

Ringwood. Phillip Island. Village Glen. Traralgon. Rich River. WRB&CC have been spreading their wings. Our challenge against Ringwood saw the trophy return to WRB&CC, the first time the away team have been the winners. We then headed down to Phillip Island for social play. On a perfect day we had lots of laughs, some good (and not so-good) croquet and a delicious afternoon tea.



Bob M and Bob R returned to play the Phillip Island doubles tournament finishing in third place. The second round of the Rosebud Challenge was played at Village Glen with the home team holding the trophy until the next round in August.

Bob M, partnered with a Traralgon player to participate the Traralgon doubles tournament.

Finally, several club members and spouses are heading to Moama to enjoy a weekend on the Murray and play the Rich River tournament. Unfortunately, our trip to Queenscliff has been postponed as one of their courts is rested and repaired.

Meanwhile our court continues to improve. There are still a few bare patches but the grass cover is thickening. Looking good for the new season. Good croquet and lots of hoops to everyone.

(Marianne Punshon)



Hibernating Weather With very cold and wet days we have been experiencing our players happy to hibernate with a hot coffee at The Kitchen, where we are kept warm and dry.

RNB will have 3 players playing in the VCA Open and tournament soon to start in August at Cairnlea.



We are proud of our player, Paul Manwaring who has been invited to play in the Victorian Selector's tournament at Cairnlea. (Terri Manwaring)



The Rosebud Challenge The second round of the 'Rosebud Challenge' competition took place on Wednesday 12 June 2024 at VGCC. VGCC won 7 games to WRB&CC's 5, a reversal of the first-round result. The 'Rosebud Challenge' trophy is now proudly displayed in the VG Sports Building. This friendly competition is

open to all VGCC playing members. Why not take the opportunity to play against someone different in a fun and friendly environment. The next round of the challenge will be played on Wednesday 14 August 2024 at WRB&CC.



Novices no More. Two of our playing members, Ray Vallance and Chester Kyle, have taken the opportunity to sign up for a 'Novice Coaching' program provided by Croquet Victoria & SEMCA for players either new to the



game or with less than 2 years' experience. This will be held over approximately four months in

three two-day sessions with time to practice between sessions. The Club is happy to report that they will be sponsored for this as they will ultimately play in our SEMCA team, and represent VGCC in the 'SEMCA Challenge' our regional golf croquet competition. Welcome to the team gentlemen. (Bob Moir)



Winter Activities While it has been 'escaping the cold' time of year for many of our players, a number of activities have taken place.



(Pictured the hard-working set-up team) Although a poor weekend weather-wise, our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle held in July, was deemed a success.

As a result of the coaches training and testing day we now have 5 coaches, with Terry Walsh, Janine Sisson and John Carr achieving level 2 status. Also, congratulations to Janine and John for inclusion in the state training squad.

Mornington CC hosted the 1st weekend of the SEMCA organised coaching program for relatively new members. We also recognised those members who have been with the club for 10 years.



Pictured four of our 5 10-years of membership awardees; Lex, Pauline, Jan and Peter. (Lynn Loutit)



Challenging Weather With the weather cold and windy not much has been going on but we are still getting members down to play three days a week. Ian has been doing great work on the courts. A few members are heading north.

We should all be back by September and ready for our SEMCA turn in October. (Julene Hallo)

Player Success



Leongatha Open Doubles Tournament.
Ian Fasham and Bob Moir, section winners.

EVENT CALENDAR

SEMCA CHALLENGES

2024

October

Fri. Oct. 11

Venue: Sorrento

November

Fri. Nov. 8

Venue: Mornington

2025

February

Fri. Feb. 14

Venue: RnB

March

Fri. Mar. 14

Venue: West Rosebud

April

Fri. Apr. 4

Venue: Village Glen

Other SEMCA EVENTS:

2024

August

Fri. 30 SEMCA Season Open Day (Mornington)

September

Fri/Sat 28/29 Carnival of Croquet

(SEMCA trip to Cairnlea)

(Further information to come.)

SEMCA Committee Meetings

(Saturdays at 10:00am)

2024

September 21 Village Glen

November 23 Mornington

2025

February 8 RNB

April 12 West Rosebud

Open Events

2024

September

Sat. 14 MCC Invitational Novices Doubles Comp. (H. 10-12)

October

Sat. 5 MCC Croquet Hi-Lo Mix-up Doubles Social Day
Sat 19 Sun 20 RNB Odd Sock Dance Card Event

SEMCA Club Fundraiser Invitations

September

Date: Thur. 12th

Event: **Postie Fashions**

Club: Mornington CC

Time 2:00pm

Venue: Briarswood Cottage, 599 Esplanade Mt. Martha

Further details at 'morningtoncroquet.au'

Booking: 0417 034 207 (Ann)

October

Date: Sat. 19th & Sun 20th

Event: **Odd Sock Dance Card Event**

Venue: Truemans Rd Reserve, Tootgarook

Choose your own croquet event. Details to come.

Date: Sun. 27th (WRBCC)

Event: **'Elvis Is in the Building'**

Mike Cole (of international renown)

Time: 2-5pm

Venue: West Rosebud Bowling & Croquet Club

Charge: \$10 pp

(Bar will be open, BYO nibbles, Tea & coffee available)

Booking details:

Email info1.wrbcc@gmail.com

or Steve Bird 0403 017 793



Further details at westrosebud.bowls.com.au

 I have 6 eggs 


This is a test of grammar, not maths.

I broke 2. I fried 2.

If I **had** (past tense) 6 eggs then there would be none left. As I **have** 6 eggs (present tense) I must have had 12 eggs before I broke 2, fried 2 and ate 2).

 I ate 2. 

How many are left?

 99% get it wrong. 