

# East News

August 2022

## SEASON OPENING DAY - MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



Many years ago, the Club always had a special day in October to mark the start of the croquet season. Last year we revived that tradition and we will mark the start of the 2021-23 season on

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 - 11am START**

SOCIAL PLAY (DRAW FOR PARTNERS) AND A BBQ LUNCH

BYO - \$5 charge for lunch

We also have a number of new members and would like them to meet as many fellow members as possible. Please try to be there to make them feel welcome. The new members are Stan and Rebecca Gottschalk, Helen Green, Chris Hurford and Janet and Gary McCarthy.

Could as many members as possible wear the green club T shirts for our annual photo opportunity. Please RSVP either on the register in the clubhouse or to Sue on [eastlcc@gmail.com](mailto:eastlcc@gmail.com)

## WCF WORLD GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022



The World Gold Croquet Championships were played at the Sussex County Croquet Club earlier this month. The winner was 23 year old American player Matthew Essick. He beat Australia's Robert Fletcher in the semi final and went on to defeat England's Robert Fulford in the final. At one stage in the match against Fletcher, Essick hit a shot from the boundary which ran both Hoops 3 and 4 with one stroke. Great croquet to watch and it's all available on YouTube. Follow this link to see the first two games of the final.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHWi2UJAYsw>

Or to see some spectacular jump shots from Matthew Essick go to

<https://www.croquetnetwork.com/croquet-network-home/2022/8/8/essick-is-golf-croquet-world-champion>

## **PENNANTS TO START IN SEPTEMBER**

The Club will be entering at least one team in the Open, B and C Grade pennants. If you'd like to play either in a regular team or as a reserve, put your name on the register in the clubhouse.

## **ST HELENS WINTER WEEKEND**



Eight ELCC members travelled to St Helens for the twelfth annual St Helens Winter Weekend. 72 players from 11 clubs around Tasmania enjoyed the winter sunshine. East was represented by Sue and Tony Walker, Pam Claxton, Sue Cooper, Gerard Lyard, Bill Greenhill, Anne Hughes and the eventual winner, Chris Hurford. The format was four half-hour, half court doubles games with the greatest number of hoops scored the winner, so it made for some rapid fire croquet.



Chris Hurford amassed an amazing 41 hoops in four half-hour matches, setting a new record for the tournament. The awards were announced at an excellent dinner at the Parkside Bar and Kitchen on the Saturday night. Lee Turner, who has led the East contingent at every St Helens winter event was unable to attend this year and was greatly missed.

## **GET WELL SOON**

Lee Turner is home now recuperating after an operation in Adelaide which could not be performed in Tasmania. I'm sure all members will wish her a speedy recovery and a rapid return to croquet.

And very bad luck for Graeme Price, who recently contracted COVID and has had to withdraw from the Tasmanian State team to play in Adelaide in September on medical advice.

## **GARDEN WORKS**

As the soil starts to warm, progress resumes on the new garden and benches between the Club and the Bowling Club. The concrete bases for the seating will be poured next week and planting will begin soon after. Latest information from our lawn consultant, Andy Byard, is that the planned Spring shutdown of the lawn may not be necessary and a light scarification and over sow will be carried out in the Autumn.

An outdoor sink with hot and cold water will be installed in September.

AND FINALLY -A GREAT CARTOON

For anyone who missed it, this Kudelka cartoon from the Mercury is a classic.

