

East News

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WEATHER DELAYS LAWN REFURBISHMENT

The extended spell of wet weather has meant that our contractor could not get a start on the planned scarification, coring, topdressing and seeding and it will now be done in the autumn - March or April, which is actually a better time for fast regrowth. So we play on till then.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS PROGRESS

Before Paul and Janis took off for Europe, Paul installed our new outdoor sink (just waiting on the plumber) and unveiled our new scoreboard. The frame for the new shelter is up and the garden is doing nicely.



WATCH THE MACROBERTSON SHIELD



One of Australia's oldest international sporting contests comes to Victoria in November, when the Victorian Croquet Centre hosts the MacRobertson Shield.

The MacRobertson Shield began as an association croquet team contest between England and Australia in 1825.

Today the MacRobertson Shield, played every four years, is a four country contest, with six player teams

from Australia, England, United States and New Zealand fighting out a series of Test Matches.

Australia currently holds the Shield, won in New Zealand in 2017. This year's MacRobertson Shield will be played at the Victorian Croquet Centre, Cairnlea, from November 12 to 29 and will feature a star-studded lineup of the world's best croquet players.

The Shield is named after the man who originated the contest, Sir Macpherson Robertson, founder of MacRobertson Chocolates.

Robertson was a keen croquet player and vigorously promoted the sport, which he believed taught young people self discipline, risk management and other attributes necessary for business success.

In 1825 he took a four man Australian team to England and the competition he initiated has continued for almost 100 years.

For Association fans, you can watch the livestream here;

<https://livestream.com/mysportlive/events/10679699>

A PERFECT GAME



The current World GC Champion, 29 year old Matthew Essick is currently in Melbourne playing for the United States team in the AC MacRobertson Shield. He is an extraordinary player – Game 2 of the US GC Championship (which he won) has been described as close to a perfect game as you're likely to see. Definitely worth half an hour of your time – follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O64gKCKlllc>

DATE SET FOR CLUB DOUBLES COMPS

The B and C Grade Club Doubles Championships will be held at the Club on Friday, December 2. Get your entries in – forms are in the Clubhouse.

CLUB CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Your Committee was hoping to organise a catered Christmas dinner at the Bowls Club, but unfortunately, with several members away, we could not get the numbers to make that viable. So we've opted for a special Christmas function at the Club with a gourmet barbeque and of course all the Christmas extras (and of course croquet for those who want to play). Save the date: (details soon)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 - croquet from 5pm, BBQ from 6pm

MEDAL COMPETITIONS



In the Gold Medal comps at St Leonards, Paul Godard and Graeme Price both played well. Both went down to the eventual Gold Medal winner Phil Roach from Kingston, Graeme in the Quarter final and Paul in the semi final.

OUR SICK SECRETARY



Our usually robust Secretary Sue was rushed to hospital a week ago and has since had her gall bladder removed in one operation and several gall stones removed in a second. A week in hospital but now recovering at home and should be fit for the Christmas barbeque.

NEW WEB PAGE

The Club's page on the Croquet Tasmania web site has a new look – check it out here

<https://croquettas.com/venues/east-launceston/>

Any suggestions for additions or improvements welcomed.

MAYBE WE'RE NOT TRYING HARD ENOUGH.... A LESSON FROM THE PAST

BACK IN 1906.....

An enjoyable time was spent at the Cricket Ground croquet lawns last Saturday afternoon, when the Iris and Launceston clubs entertained the Deloraine and Longford clubs (clubs having been recently formed at those two places), the secretaries of the entertainment being Misses A. Miller and I. Collins. The competitions for the afternoon were a taking off and break competition. A string band discoursed sweet music, and afternoon tea was daintily served. For those wishing to look into the future a fortune teller was waiting, and a shooting gallery was also provided.