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Summary

1. *Men's State League season to commence on April 9.*
2. *Women's Round 3 to be played at Warrnambool on April 9.*
3. *National men's u19 + u17 and women's u17 and u21 at Eltham commencing April 17*
4. *Lax population appears (mentally) stable.*
5. *LV handbook to go PDF?*
6. *Referee training for u12 u14 parents during establishment rounds.*
7. *LV Board considering sanctions for recalcitrant Clubs*
8. *Vale: Mrs. Beryl Tillotson, Mr. George Larkin; Mr. Roy Freeman*

Tip of the month: Clubs should develop and maintain a "no dump and run policy". Nothing frightens or prevents a person from volunteering than the prospect of being dumped with a task without any help from others. Carry the can as a Club, not as individuals.

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1 .Round One of the State League season will held at Warnambool as part of the 'Classic' on April 9. The matches as drawn are: Surrey v Camberwell; Williamstown v Footscray; MCC V Eltham; Caulfield v Chadstone. Malvern Bye. Round 2 will be on 30 April so there is a three week break in between Rounds One to Round Two.

Note that all other fixtured Men's games as well as Junior Establishment Rounds will commence on April 30.

Round One of the Women's competition is scheduled for Sunday March 27 at Altona.

2. As part of LV's commitment to The Warrnambool Classic, Round 3 of the State League women's fixture will be held at Warrnambool on April 9.

3. The Eltham Lacrosse Club has successfully tendered for the hosting of the U19 and u17 National Men's Championships and the u21 and u17 Women's Championship. School holidays commence on April 9 with Easter in between and the finals are o be held April 22 and 23. There should be plenty of kids looking to volunteer during school holidays! We will post an itinerary as soon as it becomes available.

4. Judging by the team entries for 2011, the Lax player numbers will hopefully be similar to 2010. What is emerging is the ageing of the playing group and this is reflected in the diminishing number of Division One teams and an increase in Division 2 and 3 teams. A useful and necessary project will be ascertaining the median player age and plotting this figure each year will be a good indicator of the general health of the sport. I will oversee the exercise if a couple of high school kids will help collate the data! Volunteers please.

5. The LV Board, populated by well known environmentalists, is considering publishing the Annual Handbook in PDF (Printable Downloadable Form) on its website. This will prevent wastage. Please let your feelings be known, otherwise this years handbook could be a collectors item.

6. The flamboyant Duncan McKenzie has volunteered to organise referee training for parents during the Establishment Rounds. Getting parents involved at any level is a good thing. Similarly, all players –past and present – should head down to the Establishment Rounds and offer their experience. Go on don't be afraid – it will be great to see you!

7. Being compelled to do things is something the Lax community Is not that used to. It is not that surprising that some Clubs are reacting by threatening to boycott the first Round of State League at Warrnambool. Apparently, it is just too hard. Clubs should familiarize themselves with Rule 8.2 a, b, and c on page 19 of the Constitution. Recalcitrant Clubs will face fines – the Board is unwavering in its commitment.

8. The Lacrosse community is mourning the passing of three of its truly wonderful members. Mrs. Beryl Tillotson – the "mother" of Surrey Park, Mr. George Larkin, the MCC hard man; and Mr. Roy Freeman, the father of the Chadstone Freeman boys. Our condolences to the family, friends and Clubs of these remarkable Lacrosse folk.

   We invite those who knew these people to write a small biography to be published in these pages.

We are always grateful for feedback. News, which you may feel needs to be shared may be sent via the monthly bulletin.

Remember: the answer to most of our Lax problems is recruiting!

Coming up: .
NLL wash up!
Latest news on Warnambool Lax Classic.
News from LV AGM and Club Forum.

Do not forget the AGM on Saturday 19th February.

More importantly, do not forget the Women's Fund Raiser on Saturday Night. See Website

And you would be mad to miss the re-scheduled Golf Day on April 15.

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