



***The committee would like to wish all members and their families a happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019.***

- **Club Christmas Party** on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Judy is working hard to prepare our gourmet Christmas lunch. Numbers are now closed. Lunch will start at about 12 noon. You may play golf croquet before lunch.

***Don't forget to bring a present (\$5 - \$10) – male for male, female for female.***



- **Preventing falls**



A few of our members have had nasty falls recently. We wish them well in their recoveries.

Unfortunately, as you grow older falls can become more common and you are more likely to injure yourself. Can you identify with any of the pictures?

Slipping and tripping are fairly common. After a bad trip, I am very conscious of looking where I am walking!

A few things to think about are: wearing comfortable, firm-fitting, flat soled shoes; not wearing long clothes that may trip you; wiping up spills immediately; avoid slipping on fruit or vegetables that have fallen on the floor at the supermarket; ....



- **Calendar for 2019**

A calendar of events for 2019 will soon be circulated.

For those of you who like to compete, it includes the dates of all the MNCCC Inter-Club competitions and District Championships, club competitions and local carnivals.

Other events may be found on the Croquet NSW website.

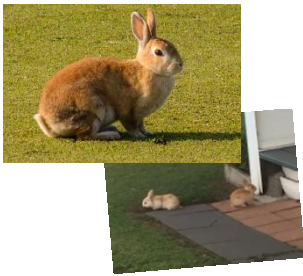
- **Congratulations** to Jenny Baker for winning the club 2018 Handicap Singles Competition.

The event was very well supported, with 12 players playing in two Round Robins. In the Semi-Finals Jenny Baker beat Erlinda Attwater 7-3 and Bob Collishaw beat Merv Clarke 6-3. In a closely fought Final Jenny beat Bob 6-4.

All games were refereed by qualified referees – thank you to Trevor Thornton, Jim Hicks, Peter Taylor, Greg Freeman, Paul Mitchell and Bridget Earle.

Thank you to Lesley Easton for recording, scoring and checking the Handicap cards.





- **‘Our family’**

Our family has grown in the last few weeks. Four young plovers can be seen running through our games and Akubra has added to her family.



- **Lawn Renovation**

As we plan to do significant lawn renovations next year we will probably just core the courts shortly. At present there is a general problem with contamination in top dressing soil. The courts may be out of action for about a week.

- **Our garden**

You will have noticed a significant difference in our gardens. Brian Hardy has been working very hard. Susan Klecka and Brian went to LandCare who have advised them of the native plants that would be suitable for us.

Some people have already donated money, others have inquired about donating a plant. If you would like to donate a plant see Brian or Susan, who will suggest an appropriate plant. The committee agreed to donate \$100 towards this project.

- **Golf Croquet Rules workshop**

John Hincks and Trevor Thornton ran a workshop on various aspects of the current rules – wrong ball play, faults (particularly crushes and double-taps), off-side balls, ...

This was in preparation for implementing the new rules, which will apply from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. These will gradually be introduced from the beginning of next year.

The workshop was followed by a sausage sizzle.

Barb Piggott, from Urunga, ran a new rules workshop on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. This was well attended, with 25 people present.

- **Mid North Coast Croquet Council (MNCCC)**

Our club performed well in MNCCC events this year. Many members represented the club in both Inter-Club competitions and the District Championships. The trophies were presented at the Christmas party, hosted by Port Macquarie. Thank you to Sue Shenton for organising the lunch.

The Ricochet Inter-Club competition was held for the first time – thank you to Eric Gadd for making the trophies for ricochet divisions 2, 3 and 4.

Congratulations to:

**Association croquet:**

Sue Shenton – winner of Division 3

The Port Macquarie team, for winning the Rogers Trophy for the Inter-Club competition.

**Ricochet:**

Sue Moss – winner of Division 1 (winning the Phil Sage Trophy)

Bridget Earle – winner of Division 2

Keith Dalton – winner of Division 4

The Port Macquarie team, for winning the Inter-Club competition.



- **2019 Seniors Expo**

We have booked a table at Panthers on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

Help will be needed on that day.

*Bridget Earle (Secretary)*