



December 2019 Monthly Report from the Committee

The committee would like to wish all members and their families a happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2020.

- **Christmas events**

MNCCC

Twelve of our members attended the Christmas event at Forster. At the delegates meeting the dates of the 2020 Inter-Club Competitions and District Championships were worked out. At the trophy presentation John Hincks and Eric Gadd won trophies for Divisions 2 and 3, in Association Croquet, respectively. Port Macquarie won the three Divisional Championships in Golf Croquet. This will be a hard act to follow next year – we will not be on home turf!



Our club Christmas lunch

About 30 people gathered for golf croquet (between showers) and our Christmas lunch. It was a very happy gathering. Thank you to the many members who helped, both in preparation and cleaning up. The salads were delicious. It was a good team effort.



- **Over 80s Golf Croquet Competition**

Five of our octogenarians took part in the handicap golf croquet round robin. It was hard fought and won by Bridget Earle on a count back from Bob Collishaw, both winning 3 games - Bridget had 2 more net hoops.



- **Lawn Renovations**

Courts 1 and 2 are being renovated separately, so that play can continue on the other one and a half courts. Each court will be out of action for about 4 weeks - Court 1 from Thursday 5th December and Court 2 in January.

There was a wonderful response with help from members. Thank you so much. Hopefully you will be able to help with Court 2 in January.

- **Hoop Setting**

At the end of play, after the hoops have been removed, please use a watering can to water the area around each hoop.
Thank you for your help in doing this.



- **Seniors Expo**



On Monday 17th February, during Seniors Week, our club will have a table at Panthers for the promotion of croquet. We have a couple of members who 'sell' the game very well. If you are prepared to help for a couple of hours, please put your name on the roster on the noticeboard.

- **Club Calendar for 2020**

A calendar of events for 2020 is attached to this email.
For those who like to compete, it includes dates for all of the MNCCC Inter-Club competitions and District Championships, club competitions and local carnivals.
Other events can be found on the Croquet NSW website.

- **Hydration**



The next few months are likely to be very hot. It is important to keep well hydrated. As the clubhouse is now locked during play, it would be a good idea to have your own named bottle for easy access to water.

A sun hat and sunscreen are also advisable.

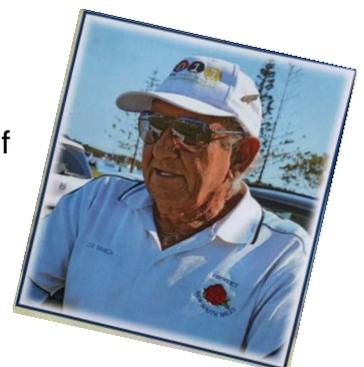


- **Croquet NSW Monthly Newsletter**

Croquet NSW now has an electronic monthly Newsletter. Please let Bridget know if you would like to have this Newsletter forwarded to you each month. It will be sent as a group email.

- **Vale Joe Dimech (Taree).**

Many of our member's enjoyed Joe's company, valued his friendship and admired both his play (he played golf croquet for New South Wales and Australia) and the quality of his sportsmanship.



Bridget Earle (Secretary)