



February 2019 Monthly Report from the Committee

- **Mobile phones**

Just a reminder that mobile phones are to be left in the clubhouse (preferably) or turned off whilst you are on the courts. In case of emergency, please explain to your playing group why you need to be able to be contacted. Social calls are not acceptable.



- **Our Garden**

Our native plant garden is developing well. Thank you to the members who have donated money for buying plants. The 'loose change' donations work well. Thank you to Brian, for his hard work and expertise, and to Susan for her advice and support. This is all much appreciated.



- **Help with lawn maintenance**

Sometime soon, on a Wednesday and part of the following day, we will be looking for help with some of the jobs involved in our lawn maintenance. Please put up your hand to help for an hour, a morning, an afternoon or a day. A notice will be put up on the board when we know the days concerned.

Your help would be appreciated.



- **Golf Croquet Rules workshop**

Jim Hicks ran a workshop for most of our referees on changes to the rules of golf croquet (implemented in Australia from 1st January 2019). These new rules will gradually be introduced into club play - they will apply to all competitions. The 2018 Rules of Golf Croquet are available on the Internet.

See Trevor if you are interested in becoming a golf croquet referee.

- **2019 Seniors Expo**

We have a table at Panthers on Monday 18th February. Many thanks to the members who have volunteered to help.

Just turn up in the auditorium, in uniform, and find the croquet table (#58). There will be hand-outs – try to encourage people who show interest to 'give it a go'.





- **Hydration**

During this very hot weather 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. A sun hat and sunscreen are also advisable.



- **No coins, please**

More people are using coins to pay their green fees.

Brian would be very grateful if you paid with notes.

If you need to get change *please ask another member to watch this process.*

Thank you.

- **MNCCC (Mid North Coast Croquet Council) Competitions for 2019**

The first Inter-Club events will be:

- a golf croquet competition against Gloucester, at Taree, on Friday 15th March
- a golf croquet competition against Forster, at Forster, on Wednesday 3rd April
- an association croquet competition against Gloucester, at Taree, on Wednesday 10th April.

Expressions of interest in playing sheets will be put on the board. As the Inter-Club games have handicap play, players on higher handicaps may have many extra strokes.

If you don't already have a golf croquet handicap, see Trevor.

- **Golf Croquet Club Competitions**

Our club golf croquet competitions will be starting shortly. Watch the noticeboard for entry into these competitions.

The first scheduled club event will be the Over 80s competition on Tuesday 26th March.

It is possible that, owing to repair to the lawns, this date may need to be changed.

- **Golf Croquet draw**

For a trial period, on the first Tuesday and Friday of each month, a seeded draw will take place. Trevor will organise this.

- **50 Club**

Congratulations to Olive Bowly for winning the latest \$50.

- **Would you like to become a golf croquet coach?**

John is a great golf croquet coach. He has an excellent, structured program. At times it would be good if he had a back-up coach.

If anyone is interested in becoming a golf croquet coach see Trevor, who will give you information about the procedure you will need to go through.

Bridget Earle (Secretary)