



March 2020 Monthly Report from the Committee

- **Lawn Renovations**

Because of months of dry weather, followed by a lengthy wet period, the lawn refurbishments have taken longer than expected.

The response of help from members on the critical days was wonderful. Thank you very much.

The lawn refurbishment costs were just over \$4,000. You will be pleased to hear that the money for this came from Westport Grants and profits made in our two annual carnivals.

Setting and removing hoops

- **When setting hoops** make sure that the top of the hoop carrot is not below the surface of the lawn. If it is, use lawn clippings (kept in a bucket) to build the hoop up to the correct level.
- **When removing hoops** do not remove by jiggling the hoop (this enlarges the hole). Use a hoop lifter to remove the hoops vertically.

- **Green fees – no IOUs**

IOUs are **not acceptable** for the paying of green fees. If you do not have the \$5 note, please borrow the money from another player and pay back that person.

Another request – **NO COINS PLEASE.**

- **Seniors Expo**

On Monday 17th February, during Seniors Week, our club had a table at Panthers. Thank you to those who volunteered to help promote the game of croquet. They did a wonderful job and 45 people have signed up have introductory lessons with John.



- **End of Daylight Saving**



Daylight Saving ends on Sunday 5th April.

Twilight golf croquet will stop after Tuesday 31st March and resume on Tuesday 6th October.

The twilight golf croquet attendance this summer has been excellent. We often had 12 or more players.

After Daylight Saving ends players are encouraged to play on Tuesday afternoons, starting at 1.30 p.m.

- **First Aid Session**

The 2 hour first aid session run by Jason Bryant was excellent. Thirty people attended. The content was appropriate for people of our ages and included CPR for adults and children, care of an unconscious person, treating cuts, actions for heart attacks, strokes, snake bites, seizures, ...

Thank you to Meredith for organising this.



- **Disposal of waste**

Please be careful to put your waste in the correct bin. See the notice on the door of the fridge for guidance.



- **Club Golf Croquet Competitions**

The first scheduled golf croquet competition will be the Over 80s Handicap Competition on Tuesday 12th May and Friday 15th May.

The Division 3 championship will be on Friday 23rd May and Tuesday 26th May.

Many of you will be encouraged to play in the club competitions.

- **Inter-Club Competitions for 2020**

The first inter-club events will be:

- A golf croquet competition against Gloucester, at Taree, on Friday 20th March;
- An association croquet competition against Forster, at Forster, on Thursday 2nd April;
- A golf croquet competition against Forster, at Port Macquarie, on Friday 17th April;
- A golf croquet competition against Taree, at Taree, on Friday 1st May.

Expressions of interest in playing are on the main noticeboard. As the Inter-Club games have handicap play, players on higher handicaps may have many bisques/extra strokes. Please put up your hand to be part of one or more of our teams.



- **Hydration**

The next few months may still 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.

- **Floodwater**

Don't even think about driving through floodwaters. As well as the risk of being washed away by fast-flowing water you have no idea of what lurks beneath the surface.



- **Accident and Incident Book**

In the vertical rack behind the green fee book is an Accident and Incidents Record book.

It is for recording an incident at the club which you consider needs to be reported.

The name(s) of person(s), date, time and details of the accident/incident must be written in the report. This is for insurance purposes.

- **Emergency Management Plan**

This plan is required by the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council for the Community Licence, which is needed for the renewal of our 5 year lease.

The plan is displayed on the main notice board, filed in our Club Policies folder which is kept on a filing cabinet at the eastern end of the clubhouse and is on the club website, under policies.

Note that the evacuation area in case of emergency, mainly fire, is near the shelter shed on lawn 3. A key to the door at the end of the veranda will be kept on a hook near that door.

- **New Format of the Croquet NSW Newsletter**

Peter Martin, from Coutts Crossing, has joined the CNSW Board and taken on the roll of Editor of the monthly Newsletter – 'Through Hoops'.

Unlike past Newsletters, which were printed and circulated to clubs, the new format is electronic. It will be emailed to club secretaries who can forward it to interested members. A few members expressed interest in receiving these Newsletters. In the future, all people on the CNSW database, who have email addresses, will be sent the Newsletter.

Bridget Earle (Secretary)