

Port Macquarie Croquet Club

March 2018 Monthly Report from the Committee

- **Re affiliation with the Westport Club**

The results of the voting were 44 for, 26 against and 1 informal vote for approving of negotiating affiliation with the Westport Club. Our President has since met with Jenny Edmunds, at the Westport Club, and a set of proposals will be submitted to the Westport Club Board. These proposals were accepted by the committee.

- **End of daylight saving**



Daylight Saving ends on Sunday 1st April. The golf croquet starting times will then be 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Twilight golf croquet will end on Tuesday 27th March and begin again on Tuesday 9th October.

- **The S.W Rocks 'Friendly' Day on Monday 23rd April**

South West Rocks Croquet Club now has two new courts close to the Country Club. This is very different from the 'paddock' courts of the past. They have invited a day of friendship and golf croquet. Morning tea and a BBQ lunch will be provided.

See the notice on the board – all members are welcome to attend.



- **Golf Croquet Club Competitions**

Our club golf croquet competitions for 2018 have already started. Watch the noticeboard for entry into these competitions. The next events are-

- Over 80s competition on Tuesday 27th March
- Handicap Doubles on Tuesdays 10th and 17th April

- **MNCCC (Mid North Coast Croquet Council) Competitions for 2018**

The MNCCC Inter-Club Competition dates are listed below.

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

Golf Croquet

- Friday 23rd March v Taree at Taree
- Friday 13th April v Forster at Port Macquarie
- Friday 25th May v Gloucester at Taree (Gloucester host)

Association croquet

- Friday 20th April v Gloucester at Taree (PM host)
- Saturday 28th April v Forster at Forster
- Wednesday 16th May v Taree at Port Macquarie

Ricochet Croquet

- Thursday 12th April v Forster at Port Macquarie
- Thursday 26th April v Gloucester at Taree (Gloucester host)
- Thursday 24th May v Taree at Taree

- **Seniors Expo**

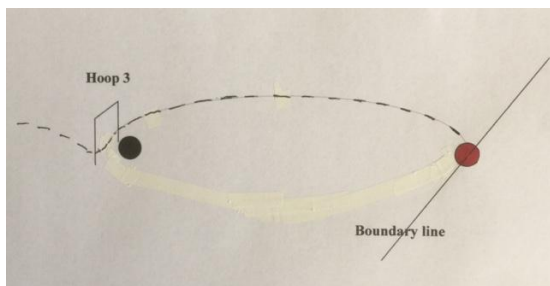
On Monday 9th April, during Seniors Week, our club will have a table for croquet and Brian Hardy's Koala Komfort cushions. If you are prepared to help for a couple of hours please let Brian or Bridget know.

- **Congratulations**

to Greg Freeman for winning the 2017 Handicap Singles Golf Croquet competition. This was postponed from November last year and has just been completed.

Both semi-finals, between Jenny Baker and Anne Freeman and Trevor Thornton and Greg Freeman, went to the 13th hoop.

Greg beat Anne 7 – 4 in the final. The veranda 'gallery' saw Greg's amazing jump shot, which was hit from the boundary and cleared Anne's blocking black ball.



- **Congratulations**

to Sue Moss and Bridget Earle for being the first club members to qualify as ricochet referees.



- **Golf Croquet Referees**

We are actively seeking players who are willing to become referees in golf croquet. Workshops will be run and help given to any interested player. We thank those who have already shown interest. Please speak to your Captain, Trevor, if you are willing to support your club in this way.

- **The golf croquet draw**

The committee reinforced the current procedure for conducting the draw for golf croquet.

- The draw is to be made 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time.
- Players are asked to have paid their green fee 10 minutes before the draw – ie 20 minutes before the starting time.
- The first 16 players, many of whom have set up the courts, set up the kitchen or collected and processed the green fee collection, will be put in a bag for the draw for play on courts 1 and 2.

- ***Vale Anna Walter.***

Bridget Earle
(Secretary)