



- **Starting Times**

At the November General Meeting it was decided to have a 9.00 a.m. starting time for all morning sessions throughout the year. This will start on Monday 11th November. It was also reinforced that the draw will take place at 8.45 a.m. for all players who have paid their green fees and registered their names.

- **Our family of plovers – the guardians of our courts**



Those who have spent hours brushing up duck poo will appreciate what an excellent job the plovers do in keeping the ducks off our courts.

Now that the eggs have hatched, after a four week incubation period, let's hope they return to looking after our interests. There are now two brush and dustpan sets in the equipment shed!

- **Club Croquet Competitions**

- **Over 80s Golf Croquet Competition**

This golf croquet handicap competition will be held on the afternoons of Wednesdays 20th and 27th November. Merv will email the draw to the players shortly before the event. He would appreciate volunteers to referee or time-keep.

- **Association Croquet Open Championship**

Only one game remains in the 9 player 36 game Round Robin. Sue Moss was declared the winner some time ago after winning all of her 8 games.

- **Association Croquet Handicap Singles Competition**

12 players have signed up to take part in this competition. The full Round Robin involves 66 games each of length 2 hours and 45 minutes. The winner is unlikely to be determined for some time.

- **First Aid Session**

Meredith is trying to organise a First Aid course at the clubhouse for all interested members. We hope to have a 2 hour session, probably on a Thursday, in January or February.

The session would include CPR for adults and children, care of an unconscious person, treating cuts, actions for heart attacks, strokes, snake bites, seizures and problems encountered by diabetics.



- **Lawn Renovations**

Our plans are to renovate courts 1 and 2 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 in December and Court 2 in January.

If you are prepared to help in any way, even if it is just to make tea or coffee, please speak to John or Merv.

- **Hoop Setting**

Hoop setters are asked to use grass clippings when necessary, from a bucket in the equipment shed, before they place hoops in the holes. This is to stop the hoops from sinking into the ground and making the holes too big.

At the end of play, after the hoops have been removed, please use a watering can to water the area around each hoop.



- **Congratulations** to Merv Clarke and Elsin Dilley (Forster) for winning the Forster Golf Croquet Handicap Doubles competition.



- **Christmas events**

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The District Christmas party will be held at Forster on Sunday 24th November. Croquet games and the delegates meeting will start at 10.00 a.m. This will be followed by lunch and the presentation of trophies.

The invitation from Forster is on the noticeboard and will be removed next Wednesday. All MNCCC players are invited to attend.

Our club Christmas lunch

This will be held on Sunday 1st December and will be for members only.

We are forming a group of about 4 people to organise this event. We already have 2 volunteers. If you would like to help please speak to a committee member.

Bridget Earle (Secretary)