



October 2019 Monthly Report from the Committee



- **November General Meeting**

The November General Meeting will be held at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 7th November. Please support your club by attending this event.

- **Golf Croquet 2019 Carnival**

So many club members contributed to the success of this event.

Without mentioning names, the committee thanks those who provided cakes and slices, helped to make sandwiches each day, provided the end of carnival dinner, helped to set up early each morning, provided gifts for the daily raffles (Meredith was able to make 14 raffle prizes), refereed and time-kept, recorded the results and entered results

of games on croquetscores.com (this enabled anyone around the world to see how each player performed!!)

It was a real team effort. Special thanks to John Hincks who managed the carnival.

The carnival report and photo are on the club website – portmacquarietroquet.com.au under 'Results'.



- **Beginning of Daylight Saving**

Daylight Saving Time started on Sunday 6th October and ends on Sunday 5th April 2020.

During Daylight Saving the golf croquet morning sessions will start at 8.30 a.m. The afternoon starting time remains at 1.30 p.m.

Twilight golf croquet will be held on Tuesdays, starting at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 8th October. Over the last few years, these late afternoon sessions have been popular during the hotter months.



- **Westport's 'Celebration of our Vision'**

was held on Friday 27th September. Their vision is to make a significant contribution to community life.

Del Hatton and Bridget Earle attended the evening. Donations were made to local charities, schools, clubs and sporting clubs.

The guest speaker was Pete Rudland who was critically injured in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan. He represented Australia in the 2016 and 2018 Invictus Games. It was a very special evening.

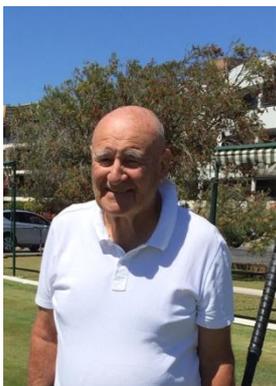




• **Club Croquet Competitions**

Golf Croquet Handicap Singles

Eight members competed in two four player blocks. The winning two players from each block played in the semi-finals – Christine Broad beat Kevin Attwater 6 – 5 and Merv Clarke beat Keith Dalton 6 – 4. In a very competitive final Merv beat Christine 7 – 6.



Association Croquet Open Championship

Even though the 36 games in the 9 player round robin have not yet been completed, Sue Moss is the 2019 Champion. She won her 8 games, pegging out in all but one game.

Association Croquet Division 2

Congratulations to John Hincks for winning the Division 2 competition.

Over 80s competition

This competition will now be held on the afternoons of Wednesdays 20th and 27th November. A new entry sheet is on the noticeboard.



• **The Kelsall Challenge**

The continuation of the Port Macquarie versus Urunga association croquet competition, after a 12 year break, was played at Port Macquarie on 18th September.

The games were keenly fought and Port Macquarie won 5 games to 1.



• **MNCCC District Championships**

Association Croquet

The Taree club hosted the event. We had players in the four divisions.

Congratulations to John Hincks for winning Division 2 and Eric Gadd for winning Division 3.



Ricochet

The Gloucester club hosted this event. We had players in 3 divisions. Unfortunately, Sue Moss was unable to compete in Division 1 as there were no competitors from the other clubs.

Neil Fuller from Forster won Division 2, Bruce Byatt also from Forster won Division 3 and Carol Dwyer from Gloucester won Division 4.

- **Introduction to Ricochet**

Sue Moss and Bridget Earle will run three introductory Ricochet sessions at 2.30 on Wednesday afternoons – 23rd and 30th October and 6th November.

We will start with the basic skills and knowledge needed and progress steadily. We hope to be able to continue with ricochet next year.

Please indicate on the notice on the noticeboard if you are interested in joining the group.

- **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, the first in December and the second in January.

- **Hoop Setting**

Hoop setters are asked to use grass clippings, 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.

- **Christmas events**



MNCCC

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 will be on the noticeboard shortly. All MNCCC players are encouraged to attend.

Our club Christmas lunch

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

Del Hatton is forming a small group to organise our lunch. Please get in touch with Del if you would like to help.

Bridget Earle (Secretary)