



- **Golf Croquet Carnival**

Held in beautiful, sunny weather our recent golf croquet carnival was a great success. Once again we had wonderful support from our members – thank you very much. Our visitors enjoyed all the cakes, slices, savouries and chocolate coated strawberries (provided by Susan).

Graeme Meers was at the courts by 6.30 each morning, for both carnivals, to help our green keeper, Shorty, set up for the day. Jane Martin was able to make up three daily raffle prizes from your generous donations.

Thank you to Judy Chapman and Helen Meers for organising the end of carnival dinner. Thank you also to the members who helped Judy in the kitchen.

It was a great team effort and was much appreciated by our visitors and our committee.

- **November General Meeting**

Our Constitution requires us to have three General Meetings a year – in May, July and November. The next meeting is at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 8th November. Please support your club by attending this short meeting.

- **'50 Club' raffle**

The latest winner of this 'pick a number' raffle is Paul Mitchell, who won \$50 – he had bought 4 tickets!

- **Green fees**

On the whole, the new system has worked well. However, it is important that the money is checked and processed.

In future **before the draw is done**, if no one has already started the job, a volunteer will be asked to count the money, check the entries in the book (to make sure that the amounts tally), fill in the Green Fee slip and post the money and slip in the black box in the corner cupboard. It is not a difficult task.

- **Twilight Golf Croquet**

Daylight Saving Time started on Sunday 7th October. The golf croquet starting time for the morning sessions is now 8.30 a.m.

Twilight golf croquet will be held on Tuesdays, starting at 5.30 p.m. This will continue until Daylight Saving ends on Sunday 7th April. Over the last few years, these late afternoon sessions have been very popular during the hotter months.

- **croquetscores.com**

Australian, Tim Murphy, is the owner and developer of this website. We now use it for our croquet carnivals, so that results of all games played can be seen both in a list and on grids.

It is used internationally and can be viewed by anyone. It is interesting to follow the progress of our club players when they compete in carnivals and events away from home.

- **The Croquet New South Wales website**

In the **News** section of this website, under **Latest Club News**, are reports and photos of our two recent club carnivals – Port Macquarie Association Croquet Carnival and Port Macquarie Golf Croquet Carnival.

When you enter the website you will find a photo of Herman's granddaughter, Lana, scrolling across the screen.

- **MNCCC District Championships**

Golf Croquet

These championships were played in bleak conditions at Gloucester. All day we coped with showers, rain and, at times, driving wind.

The winning teams were: Forster – Divisions 1 and 3, Gloucester – Division 2.

The day was well organised and run by the Gloucester Club.



Ricochet

Leaving home in the rain, we were pleased to start playing in fair weather at Taree. We thank Jan Sage for organising the competition.

The winners were:

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| Division 1 | Sue Moss (Port Macquarie) |
| Division 2 | Bridget Earle (Port Macquarie) |
| Division 3 | Janine Crellin (Taree) |
| Division 4 | Keith Dalton (Port Macquarie) |



- **Christmas Parties** In early December two Christmas Parties will be held at our club.



MNCCC Christmas Party and Trophy presentation on Sunday 2nd December
All members who have played in MNCCC competitions are invited to participate. Sue Shenton will organise the lunch. A notice will be put up shortly.

Our Croquet Club Christmas Party on Sunday 9th December

This party, **for members only**, will be a gourmet lunch catered by Judy Chapman and her daughter. There will be a choice of two dishes for the entrée, main course and dessert. A notice will be put up shortly for you to indicate your choice.

The meal will be free but **Bring Your Own** wine/beer/ ...

To add to the party festivities you are asked to bring a small gift (of value \$5 to \$10) - male for male, female for female for Santa to hand out.

The closing date will be **Friday 30th November**.

Bridget Earle (Secretary)