



## May 2022 Monthly Report from the Committee

- **Reconciliation of payments and court usage**

You can now find the value of your own lawn credit at **8:00 a.m. on the first day of each month**. If you disagree with the initial credit contact Tim by email on [tim@scherchen.com](mailto:tim@scherchen.com) or SMS on 0419 639 917.

**Procedure:**

- **Log in** to [croquetbooking.com](http://croquetbooking.com)
- Click on **Users** on the blue bar at the top
- Scroll down to and click on your name
- Scroll down to **Lawn Credit (\$)**.

Keep your own record on the sheet also attached with this report.

- **May General Meeting**

The next General Meeting will be held, in the clubhouse, at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday 12 May. Your attendance would be appreciated – a sheet for apologies and intention to attend will be placed on the table to the left of the clubhouse door.

- **Mid North Coast Croquet Council Delegates**

Forster, Gloucester, Port Macquarie and Taree croquet clubs each provide two delegates for the MNCCC. The positions of President and Secretary/Treasurer rotate between the clubs every three years. At the AGM in July Warren Miller will take over as the Secretary/Treasurer. Jill Drury will be our other delegate.

- **Club Hubs**

The committee has received draft documents concerning the running of Club Hubs. A Zoom meeting of clubs involved in the scheme is scheduled for the evening of 5 May. Tim and Bridget will attend this meeting. After this meeting Tim will convene a special committee meeting, to be held after the May General Meeting, to work out the club's strategy and schedule in moving forward. All of our decisions will have the interest of our club members foremost.

- **New Rules of Golf Croquet**

On 1 July the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Rules of Golf Croquet will be implemented in Australia. One small change that we will apply now is Rule 5.1.1 – at the start of the game the winner(s) of the toss may choose to go first or second. The ball sequence remains the same – Blue, Red, Black, Yellow or Green, Pink, Brown, White.

- **Court Bookings**

For scheduled **Club Croquet Play** 24 people are able to book at that particular time.

For **General Play** anyone may book to play or practise on a particular court.

When booked for a session the players may start early as long as no-one has booked a particular court at that time.

- **Golf Croquet Competitions in May and June**

- MNCCC match against Gloucester at Taree to be announced
- MNCCC match against Taree at Port Macquarie on Sunday 15 May
- Division 2 Singles Championship on Thursdays 19 and 26 May
- MNCCC match against Forster at Forster on Friday 3 June.

- **Association Croquet Competitions in May and June**

- Division 3 Championship – in progress
- Handicap Doubles Competition – in progress
- MNCCC match against Taree/Gloucester at Taree to be announced.

- **Ricochet in May and June**

- MNCCC match against Taree/Gloucester at Taree on Wednesday 11 May
- MNCCC match against Forster at Forster on Saturday 14 May.

- **Club Competitions**

### **Division 3 Golf Croquet Championship**

Seven players entered the competition, initially playing in two round robins. In the semi-finals Jill Drury beat Jill Sargeant 7 - 4 and Keith Dalton beat Mick Green 7 – 4. In a very closely fought final Jill was victorious winning 7 - 5.

### **Division 4 Association Croquet Championship**

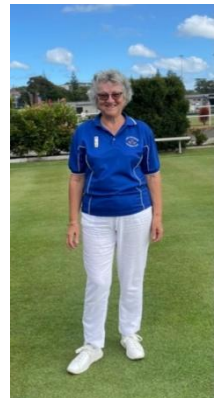
Jill also won the Division 4 Association Croquet Championship, beating Brian Hardy in the best of three games.

Congratulations, Jill.

### **Handicap Singles Association Croquet Competition**

Seven players entered this competition, which was played over a few months. The winner was Eric Gadd on a count-back from Bridget Earle – both had won 4 of their 6 games.

Congratulations, Eric.



- **Raffles at carnivals**

This year we plan to hold our Association Croquet Carnival, from 25 to 29 July, and our Golf Croquet Carnival, from 7 to 9 September.

Meredith has volunteered to arrange the raffles again.

These are good fund raisers for our club and members have always been very generous with their donations.

The gold box will soon be placed on the bench. Wine, biscuits, chocolates, savoury nibbles, ... allow Meredith to make up many raffle prizes.



- **Working Bee**



Last year there was a wonderful response of help from club members. This year the committee has planned a working bee to start at 12 noon on Saturday 18 June.

Just turn up with a bucket and cloths for cleaning. The inside of the clubhouse will be cleaned as well as the sheds.

- **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 2 July**



Warren Miller and Peter Drinkwater have arranged to hold a sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday 2 July. This is a good fundraiser for our club, but we need help from our members.

Volunteers from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will be needed, with only 5 people allowed at any specific time. Warren is organising the roster.

- **Introduction of Gateball to our club**

Gateball is a mallet sport similar to croquet.

It is a fun, fast-paced, non-contact and highly strategic team game that is relatively new in Australia but is played by millions of people throughout Asia and South America.

***WATCH THIS SPACE!***

- **Coaching committee - correction**

Last month, I omitted to include Brian Hardy on the coaching committee. Brian has started an 'Introduction to Croquet' as a U3A course for Term 2. The committee is Tim Woolford-Smith (coaching co-ordinator), John Hincks, Brian Hardy, Chris Cox and Bridget Earle.

- **WCF 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Rules of Golf Croquet**

The World Croquet Federation introduced the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Rules of Golf Croquet on 7 March 2022. They will be implemented in Australia on 1 July 2022.

You may download these and a detailed comparison with the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Rules from the WCF website.

From 1 July all golf croquet events will be run under the new rules.

- **Defibrillator**

The defibrillator will be kept inside the clubhouse. Before each session it is to be moved to the table on the verandah for the duration of that session. It will then be returned to the clubhouse.

This process has worked well – thank you for your co-operation.



- **Membership of the Westport Club**

For many years the Westport Club has supported our club.

Recently they have paid for the lopping of trees by an arborist and materials needed to refurbish the shade shelters. The balance of their \$2,500 donation, for equipment and maintenance, has been deposited into the club bank account. We encourage our members to become **social** members of the Westport Club, at minimal cost, and enjoy their facilities.

- **The Exercise Block**

Fifteen of our members attended the Celebration of Ollie's Life. It was wonderful to share her amazing life with so many people. Few, if any of us, realised that she had been awarded an OAM for long-time service to the community. In her four years at Port Macquarie she was an inspiration to all who knew her: her positive nature; her openness of mind; her friendliness; her sense of humour; her engagement in life and her tactics on the court.

I do remember being impressed when she told us that she had walked **twice around the block** – this block was given to the Croquet Club by one of her friends.



Stay safe.

Bridget Earle (President)