



Port Macquarie Croquet Club

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THE WESTPORT CLUB

August 2022 Monthly Report from the Committee

- **Your committee**

President:	Bridget Earle	Association Captain:	Sue Moss
Vice-President:	Jill Drury	Association Vice-Captain:	Tim Woolford-Smith
Secretary:	Jane Martin	Golf Captain:	Chris Cox
Treasurer:	Brian Hardy	Golf Vice-Captain:	Tony Holmes

If you have any concerns or suggestions please put them **in writing to the President and Secretary**. These will then be taken to the next committee meeting.

- **It is no longer necessary to sign in – you will have already registered to play.**

- **Uniform**

The committee has decided that:

- the wearing of the Port Macquarie Croquet Club uniform on Club member days is optional
- for representative play Club colours are worn, that is white/cream/royal blue.

- **Financial Reporting**

The committee discussed the current financial reporting methods, noting that for at least 25 years, and possibly 70 years, the club has used a cash accounting system, that is money in is recorded on the day it is received, and money out is recorded on the day spent. The system has satisfied previous accountants and current auditors.

The committee unanimously decided to continue with the cash accounting system.

- **Special General Meeting**

A Special General Meeting will be held at 9:00am on Thursday 15 September to inform members of the club's end of financial year statements.

If you wish to put an item on the agenda or submit a motion, please contact the secretary on secretary@portmacquarietroquet.com.au.

- **The Golf Croquet Draw**

The golf croquet draw, particularly for the 9:00am sessions, takes place 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time. Please be at the Club at least 20 minutes before this time.

This gives time for notices to be given or refereeing rules to be discussed. It is important that **everyone** is ready to play before the draw is made.

- **Care of our Courts**

Over the next couple of weeks experienced hoop setters will demonstrate how to correctly install and remove hoops, to help us maintain our lawns.

- **Proceeding with Gateball**

On Tuesday 9 August Ros Crowe the new National Coordinator of Gateball Australia, John Park the former National Coordinator of Gateball Australia, and Denis Pitkin will visit our club and help us to move forward in introducing Gateball to our club. Book in the usual way.



- **Club Championships and Competitions**

- **Golf Croquet Division 1 Championship**

Congratulations Sue Moss for winning this championship in a best of three competition. It was very closely fought with Sue beating Tim Woolford-Smith 7-6, 7-5.

- **Association Croquet carnival**

The carnival was a great success – no rain for five days!
John Piggott from Urunga was the winner of Block A, winning all his games. Seven of the 10 prize winners were from different clubs.
Thank you Sue Moss and her team for organising and running the carnival.



- **MNCCC District Championships**

Our players/teams for the District Championships are:

Association Croquet at Forster on Tuesday 20 September

Division 1 – Sue Moss, Division 2 - tba, Division 3 – Sue Shenton, Division 4 – Jill Drury

Golf Croquet at Gloucester on Sunday 11 September

Division 1: Sue Moss and Eric Gadd

Division 2: Bridget Earle, Robyn Clarke, Keith Dalton

Division 3: Jill Drury, Robyn Hehir, Kay Craig

Ricochet at Taree on Tuesday 13 September

Division 1 – Sue Moss, Division 2 – Bridget Earle, Division 3 – Kay Craig.

- **Club Competitions**

Golf Croquet Competitions in August and September

- Port Macquarie Golf Croquet Carnival – 7 to 9 September.

Association Croquet Competitions in August and September

- Handicap Doubles Competition – in progress
- Division 2 Championship – in progress.

Ricochet in August and September

- Handicap Singles.

• Preparing for Golf Croquet Carnival – Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 September

Your help is needed in many areas. Sheets are on the table inside the clubhouse.

- Expressions of Interest in playing in the carnival
- Providing cakes and slices for the 3 days
- Helping in the kitchen in 2 hour blocks
- Volunteering to referee or be a scorer

• Raffles at carnivals

Thank you all for your donations for the carnival raffles. Meredith was able to make 13 prize boxes and \$431 was made from ticket sales. The prize boxes were well received by the raffle winners. Three of the prizes were won by our members who bought tickets before the event.

The Golf Croquet Carnival will be from Wednesday 7 September to Friday 9 September.

The gold box is out again for more donations – wine, chocolates, biscuits, nuts



These raffles are the main fund-raisers for our club.

• The Westport Club



○ Christmas in August

On Wednesday 10 August our club will be holding a Christmas in August dinner in the River Room. Drinks can be bought from Jimmy's Bar.

○ Belated 70th Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday 16 October, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, our members can belatedly celebrate the 70th Anniversary of our Croquet Club in Jimmy's Bar. Finger food will be provided.

• Committee Minutes

The July committee meeting was cancelled because four committee members were unable to attend. The minutes of committee meetings, special meetings, and AGM are welcome to be read in the clubhouse.

The minutes of meetings are kept in a folder in the third drawer of the filing cabinet.

Stay safe.

Bridget Earle (President)