



September 2022 Monthly Report from the Committee

- **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 by Thursday 8 September. Only agenda items will be addressed in the meeting.

- 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.

- **The Golf Croquet Draw**

Before the draw takes place everyone present must be booked in to play.

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 the scheduled starting 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.

It is suggested that the Secondary game starts in corner 2 to avoid waiting at corner 4 for the Primary players to complete hoop 2 – this is optional..

Before the game starts check to find out if your partner wants advice. No comments are to be made after the shot has been made. Members are asked to wear name tags so that new members can communicate with them.



- **Association Croquet Handicap Doubles**

Congratulations Eric Gadd and Tim Woolford Smith for winning this Handicap Doubles Round Robin event. They won all of their games in a 4-pair round robin.

- **Association Croquet Open Championship**

Congratulations Sue Moss for winning all of her games in this 5 player Round Robin event.



- **Golf Croquet Carnival**

Our annual golf croquet carnival will be held next week, from Wednesday 7 September to Friday 9 September. Thank you for your support in donating goodies for the raffles, bringing in cakes and slices, volunteering to help in the kitchen, to referee or time-keep.

- **Lawn Maintenance**

After the golf croquet carnival the lawns will be groomed and fertilised. The effects of this will then determine the maintenance schedule.

- **Our plover family**

The plover's nest was slightly better placed this year – out of the way of flying balls. There is a noticeable difference in the playing surface when the plovers are in residence – no duck pool!



- **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 visited our club giving us more help to introduce Gateball to our club. They all have so much knowledge and are so enthusiastic about the game.



Ros will be with us again to play gateball at 9:00am on Monday 12 September. If you would like to join her, book to play on Court 3.

- **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 – John Hincks, Division 3 – Eric Gadd, Division 4 – Jill Drury

Golf Croquet at Gloucester on Sunday 11 September

Division 1: Sue Moss, Trevor Thornton, Tim Woolford-Smith

Division 2: Bridget Earle, Robyn Clarke, Keith Dalton

Division 3: Jill Drury, Jill Sargeant, 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
- Handicap Singles Competition - TBA

Association Croquet Competitions in August and September

- Division 2 Championship – in progress

Ricochet in August and September

- Handicap Singles – in progress.

- **The way we were before COVID**

At the end of sessions morning or afternoon tea/coffee and biscuits will be available for those who wish to socialise.

- **Committee Minutes**

The minutes of meetings are kept in a folder in the third drawer of the filing cabinet. They may be read in the clubhouse.



- **The Westport Club**

- **Christmas in August**

Twenty two of us enjoyed celebrating in the River Room – good setting, good company and good food.



- **Belated 70th Anniversary Celebration**

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

John Watson has recorded the history of our club. He plans to scroll photos from the 1950s on a screen during the afternoon.



Please write your name of the sheet inside the door of the clubhouse, by Monday 10 October, if you would like to attend.

- **Volunteers to help with Functions**

The committee is looking for volunteers to help with social functions – the first two functions being the MNCCC Christmas Party on Sunday 27 November and the Club Christmas Party on Sunday 4 December. It would be good to have new ideas.

If you would like to help please contact our secretary, Jane Martin, in person, by SMS on 0419 684 287 or by email on secretary@portmacquariercroquet.com.au.

- **New Club Signs**

The three new promotional signs, in a social media format, were designed to attract people's interest.

Designed by Brian Hardy, who always thinks 'out of the box', and paid for by Club Hubs, we hope that they will attract new members.

Stay safe.

Bridget Earle (President)

