



November 2022 Monthly Report from the Committee

- **Special Visitors next Monday**

Next Monday, 7 November, Kate McLoughlin, Chair of Croquet NSW, and Peter Freer from Canberra will be at our club.

Peter will conduct 3 workshops:

- 8:00 to 9:30 Golf Croquet Tactics
- 9:30 to 10:00 Morning tea
- 10:00 to 1:00 Taking and defending against extra strokes in handicap GC
Advanced golf croquet – mental preparation and practice
- 1:00 approx. Lunch in the Aqua Room at The Westport Club

Book on our booking sheet for every session you wish to attend.

It should be a very special day!

- **Christmas Parties**

- **MNCCC Christmas Party and Delegates Meeting at Port Macquarie on Sunday 27 November**

The Port Macquarie Club is hosting this annual event. You are encouraged to attend this event with players from Forster, Gloucester and Taree. The cost is \$10.

The format will be:

- 10:00am - Golf croquet on Courts 1 and 2, Novelty games on Court 3
- 10:00am – Delegates meeting
- 12:30pm – lunch
- After lunch – presentation of 2022 trophies
- More play after lunch.

Please bring sweet or savoury slices or biscuits for players to enjoy throughout the day.

Please write names on sheet by Friday 18 November.

- **Club Activities Day and Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 4 December**

After the very successful Activities Day last December, we plan to hold a similar day this year. There will be no cost.

The format will be:

- 10:00am - Pirates on Court 1, Hurry Skurry on Court 2, Novelty games on Court 3 (see attachment for details of games – recorders needed)
- 12:30pm – lunch (sausage sizzle organised by Peter Drinkwater)
- After lunch – presentation to winners of the events of the morning and presentation of club trophies for 2022
- More play after lunch.

Please bring sweet or savoury slices or biscuits for players to enjoy throughout the day.

Please write names on sheet by Friday 25 November.

- **November General Meeting**

The General Meeting will be held at 9:00am on Thursday 10 November. Please write your name on the notice sheet if you wish to attend.

- **South West Rocks Friendship Day on Friday 11 November**

Our two clubs have had a fairly long association. Many members will remember the Friendship Days when we played on a very rough football field. The SW Rocks Club has come a long way since then and now has 2 courts behind the South West Rocks Country Club. Names on list – wear club uniform please. 8:30am for a 9:00am start. Cost - \$10.



- **The Kelsall Shield Challenge**

In 1995 Mr and Mrs Frank Kelsall donated a trophy for an Association Croquet Teams Competition between Port Macquarie and Urunga. The location alternates and the format changes to accommodate the number of association players at the time.

This year the competition was held at Urunga and Urunga won 4 games to 2.



- **Gateball**

Court 3 is now marked out for both croquet and gateball. Regular gateball sessions will be held on Wednesday afternoons, starting at 2:30pm. We are gradually learning the tactics and terminology: hoops are called gates, mallets are called sticks, balls are numbered 1 to 10, the centre peg is called the goal-pole.

As well as Wednesday afternoons, Tony and I will sometimes play at 3:00pm on Thursdays and Sundays. Just check the booking sheets – you are welcome to sign in and join us. There are club sticks (mallets).

- **2022 Sutherland Intercept Carnival**

At the beginning of October, Chris Cox competed in a Golf Croquet Advantage Handicap Carnival at Sutherland.

He was very successful, winning Block A in the Singles and his Doubles Block with partner, David Woods from Sutherland.

Congratulations, Chris.



- **Golf Croquet Handicap Singles**

9 members competed in this event, which was played with Advantage Handicap Golf Croquet. The first day was played with a 4-player and a 5-player round robin.

The first 2 in each block played in semi-finals on the second day.

Mick Green beat Warren Miller 7-3 and Terry Waterhouse beat Tony Holmes 7-3.

In a closely fought final Terry Waterhouse won 7-4.

Congratulations, Terry.



- **Booking times**

On the booking sheet you are booking a period of time. It does not mean that you have to play for the whole time. In the 9:00am sessions players used to have tea or coffee at 10:30am and gather inside the clubhouse for a chat. We missed that with Covid. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available again.

2023 Port Macquarie Carnivals

Association Croquet carnival

Monday 24 July to Friday 28 July – a 5-day singles round robin tournament.

Carnival Manager: Sue Moss

Carnival Secretary: Bridget Earle

Golf Croquet carnival

Wednesday 6 September to Friday 8 September – a 3-day double round robin tournament with level and handicap play.

Carnival Manager: Jill Drury

Carnival Secretary: Bridget Earle

- **Lawn Maintenance**

Brian, as the Grounds Committee Coordinator, has prepared a Calendar for maintenance of courts and surrounds. This will be displayed in the clubhouse.

The main issue at present is the eradication of the winter grass. This will be attended to.

- **Hoop width**

The committee has decided to have the hoops set at 3 11/16 inches at all times.

- **NO JUMP SHOTS**

While the lawns remain soft no JUMP SHOTS will be permitted in social, club play until the courts have dried out. With the forecast of continued wet conditions this may not be for some time.

Please repair any divots that you make when mis-hitting a ball.



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- **Hydration**

During the warmer weather it is very important to keep well hydrated. It is good to see most members with their own water bottle. A hat and sunscreen are also advisable. A wet towel or neck-tie worn around the neck can help to keep you cool

The Club does have a heat policy that you can find on the club website under Policies.

- **The Westport Club - Belated 70th Anniversary Celebrations**



It was very interesting to see John Watson's PowerPoint presentation on the early history of our club at the Westport Club on Sunday 16 October. Jenny Edmunds, from The Westport club, apologises for the issues that arose because the supervisors of the day didn't manage the space properly.



For many years The Westport Club has supported our club with grants to help with purchasing new equipment, covering some maintenance costs and helping us to run carnivals of a high standard.

We really appreciate their generosity and encourage our members to become Social Members of The Westport Club and to use their facilities.

- **Vale Herman Camphuis**

Herman Camphuis RIP

When I spoke to Herman a few weeks ago he sounded very tired but was looking forward, as soon as his strength improved, to returning to croquet even if it was to run a few hoops or just to watch a few games and give a bit of cheek from the sidelines.

Sadly, he is no longer with us for those hoops but we will remember Herman as a skilled player and good croquet companion.

His enthusiasm for the game of croquet was inherited by his daughter, Lisa, his son, Paul, and his granddaughter, Lana.

Herman had a long and very interesting life, including living in Holland during its occupation in World War 2. I particularly enjoyed his stories of how he, as a little boy, would trade sweets for cigarettes with young German soldiers.

Herman was a good man; honest, loyal to his friends and a man of faith.

He will be fondly remembered by his croquet mates from all clubs where he played but particularly by the Tuesday and Friday afternoon group at our club. We will miss him.

Peter Taylor, Herman's friend.

Stay safe.

Bridget Earle (President)

