



December 2022 Monthly Report from the Committee

• MNCCC Christmas Party and Delegates Meeting



Thirty six croquet players from Forster, Gloucester, Taree and Port Macquarie gathered for the annual MNCCC Christmas party. Golf croquet was played and players enjoyed the challenge of 4 novelty events on Court 3.



The delegates met to discuss changes in policies and work out the program for 2023. Sue Moss and her helpers prepared a delicious lunch. Sue also organised the raffle. After lunch President Bev Murray presented trophies to the winners of the Inter-Club Competitions and District Championships in association, golf and ricochet croquet.



• Golf Croquet Workshop

Kate McLoughlin (Chair of Croquet NSW) and Peter Freer ran a golf croquet workshop on 7 November. Twenty three members attended.



The first session covered golf croquet tactics. After morning tea in the clubhouse the second session covered handicap play, with help in deciding when to take extra strokes and how to defend against extra strokes. Peter provided excellent notes that have been circulated to members. After lunch in the Aqua Room Kate and Peter held a Club Hubs meeting with the committee.





- **South West Rocks Friendship Day**

Twelve of our members were welcomed for a Friendship Day at South West Rocks. These days used to be held every year, with alternating hosts. Some of us have memories of the years when we played on a football field beside the Country Club – it was an interesting challenge.



We played competitive doubles golf croquet on a beautiful sunny day.

As usual the SW Rocks members were very hospitable, giving us delicious homemade cakes and slices, savouries and delicious sandwiches.



- **Gateball**

Our Wednesday gateball sessions are going well. We normally have about 10 players. Thank you Robin and Sue Shenton for guiding us on our gateball journey. Members are invited to join us on Wednesday at 3:00pm or on Thursday and Sunday when Tony and I have booked in on the Booking site.



- **Association Croquet**

At last the Division 2 Round Robin has been completed. Congratulations Tim Woolford-Smith on winning this competition.



- **Gloucester Inaugural Masters Games**

As part of the Gloucester Inaugural Masters Games the Gloucester Croquet Club hosted a day of Golf Croquet Doubles.

Chris Cox and Marg Mackie were winners of Block B. – congratulations!



- **New Club Golf Croquet Competition starting in 2023**

The club will be running a 19 point golf croquet competition next year. It will be **First to 10 Points** Advantage Golf Croquet. The games will be untimed and will be held at 11:00am on Fridays and 2:00pm on Saturdays. Watch this space for more details.

- **Session Times**

It has been suggested that we return to the pre-covid practices of play and socialisation in the clubhouse. Some sessions already have their times for tea/coffee breaks.

The booking times can be used to suit the group of players. For example, in the mornings there could be play from 9:00am to 10:30am, stop for morning tea from 10:30am to 11:00am, play again by booking to play from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

The green fee is \$7 for the day.

- **Dress Code**

Most members have chosen to continue wearing club uniform. Some wear the club shirt with dark coloured pants or shorts.

With uniform now optional for social club play, players are asked to be dressed in suitable sporting attire. If you are concerned about the appropriateness of dress speak to a committee member to have it addressed at the next committee meeting.

- **Farewell Jenny Edmunds**

Jenny Edmunds, the Community and Sports Manager at The Westport Club, is retiring next week. I have worked with Jenny, on behalf of our club, for about 15 years.

The Westport Club has been very generous to our club in so many ways. Their donations over the years have helped with the running of our carnivals and in buying and maintaining equipment. The tables and chairs inside the clubhouse and the seats and shade shelters around the courts were given to us when The Westport Club refurbished.

We are very grateful to Jenny's part in this – thank you, Jenny.

- **Gas bottle**

Recently the club bought a new basic barbecue. The old gas bottle fittings are not compatible with the new barbecue.

The club has a full 9kg LPG gas bottle for sale for \$50 – the cost of the gas was \$25.

If you are interested in buying this bottle please contact Brian, the Grounds Co-ordinator, on 0419 555 049.

- **Lawn Maintenance**

As well as mowing the lawns there is a considerable amount of work involved in looking after the lawns and grounds.

The club is looking for extra help with moving the hoops, marking the lines and rolling the courts. All of this is being done but there is a cost involved.

If you are willing to help, please contact Brian, the Grounds Co-ordinator, on 0419 555 049.



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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.

- **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.

- 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.

- **Unidentified Payment**

On 10 November \$50 was paid into the club account.
The reference was **DEPOSIT 0418400** – who are you?

Bridget Earle (President)