



August 2021 Monthly Report from the Committee

- **Fees for the 2021/2022 Financial Year**

Just a reminder that the green fees are \$6 per day.

Thank you for your prompt payment of membership fees. I still need to check the number of prepaid games remaining with a few people, and will contact each person concerned separately. Those who have not let me know, please text me the number of prepaid games remaining on 1 August (0412 923 232).

- **MNCCC Events –District Championships**

Players who performed well in the Club Divisional Championships qualified to represent our club in the District Championships. Your captains organise these teams.

Association croquet: Wednesday 6 October at Port Macquarie

- Division 1 Sue Moss
- Division 2 Tim Woolford-Smith
- Division 3 Eric Gadd
- Division 4 Tony Earle

Golf croquet: Friday 1 October at Taree

- Division 1 Sue Moss, Herman Camphuis, Paul Mitchell
- Division 2 Terry Waterhouse, Bridget Earle, Tony Earle
- Division 3 Jenny Macqueen, Warren Miller, Jill Drury

Ricochet: Saturday 18 September at Forster.

- Division 1 Sue Moss
- Division 2 Tim Woolford-Smith
- Division 3 Bridget Earle

- **MNCCC A.G.M**

Warren Miller and Bridget Earle, the club's delegates, attended the MNCCC A.G.M. on Zoom. This was far preferable to freezing in the Taree clubhouse in the middle of winter.

- **Golf Croquet competitions**

Division 3 Championship

Nine people took part in this competition. Peter Drinkwater is missing from the group photo. It was played in two round robins, followed by semi-finals and a final. The four semi-finalists were Chris Cox, Tony Holmes, Jenny Macqueen and Warren Miller. Congratulations to Chris Cox who beat Warren Miller 7–6 in the semi-final and Tony Holmes 7-6 in the final.



Handicap Singles

The Handicap Singles Competition will be held on Thursday 9 and Friday 10 September. If you wish to play write your name and handicap on the form just inside the clubhouse. Entries close on Thursday 26 August.

- **Carnivals**

The Association Croquet Carnival ran very successfully, inspite of seven people from the Sydney region having to withdraw because of the Sydney lockdown. Restrictions tightened during the carnival, with masks having to be worn at all times other than when playing on the court. The Division 1 winner was John Piggott from Urunga. Sue Moss managed the carnival in her usual professional way, with the help of Tim and Bridget.



- **Trolleys**

The club is planning to upgrade our trolleys. We will adapt a Bunnings trolley. The second photo shows a trolley used at Forster. We hope to use this design with a few modifications. If any of our members would like to take on this project, or know of someone who might be interested, please talk to Brian Hardy.



- **Golf Croquet Carnival**

The 2021 September Golf Croquet Carnival was cancelled a few weeks ago. This decision wasn't taken lightly and we now see that it was the responsible decision for our community.

- **Becoming a Golf Croquet Referee**

The club needs another batch of golf croquet referees.

There is a four step process to become a GC referee:

1. Complete the on-line course for Officials that can be found on www.sportaus.gov.au/coaches_and_officials/officials
Once you have completed this send a copy of your certificate number to the SDR-GC at gcreferee@croquet-nsw.org
2. For you to proceed to Step 2 the SDR-GC will contact an Examining/Tutor referee who will supply you with the Open Book exam and the Lawncraft details required for Step 3.
3. Once you have completed the Open Book Exam you will be ready to proceed to Step 3 which is the Lawncraft section and you will have a copy of what is involved in that section.
4. Bridget will help you with the Lawncraft section, as a Tutor Referee, before Barb Piggott will arrange a test for you.

Raffles



Thank you for your donations for the carnivals. Even though, due to covid, we only had 15 players for the association croquet carnival they were very supportive and we raised \$415 for the club.

As we have cancelled the golf croquet carnival there are items left. The committee has decided to make up 5 separate raffle prizes. If you would like tickets (3 for \$5) please pay by bank transfer or bank deposit (BSB: 032586, Acc: 249968) putting your **name and raffles** as the reference.

I will write your name in one or more of the raffle books. The raffles will be drawn in late September – all monies help with the club finances. Thank you for your support.

- **The guardians of our courts**

During the carnival one egg was broken by an errant ball that broke through our shield.

The new family – the photo shows one walking, one just hatched and one to go! Sadly, the third chick only survived a few days.



- **Towels for drying croquet balls**

The current covid trends mean that we will probably be washing balls and equipment at the end of sessions for some time to come.

Two requests:

1. More towels, preferably hand towels, are needed – just put them in the plastic container inside the equipment shed.
 2. The 'croquet fairies' have been washing the towels. It would be good to have a volunteer to take over this weekly job!
- Thank you.



- **Membership of the Westport Club**

For many years the Westport Club has supported our club. As well as financial donations most of our indoor and outdoor furniture was donated when they upgraded their club. Recently they paid for an extra 3 phase power outlet. We encourage our members to become social members of the Westport Club, at minimal cost, and enjoy their facilities.



- **Vale Jim Hicks**

Jim will be missed by the croquet community, especially in Urunga and Port Macquarie, where he gave of his time so generously – as a coach, a referee and a player. His referee workshops were invaluable and he was always willing to share his knowledge and skills.

Stay safe.
Bridget Earle (President)

