



April 2023 Monthly Report from the Committee

- **Results of Club Competitions**

- **Division 3 Golf Croquet Championship**

In the semi-finals Robyn Clarke beat Tony Holmes 7-4 and Mick Green beat Jill Drury 7-5. In the final Robyn came out the winner against Mick 7-4. Congratulations Robyn.

- **Results of MNCCC Competitions**

- **Association Croquet Inter-Club match**



The format was 2 handicap Singles and 2 handicap doubles games in the morning and afternoon sessions. At the end of the competition both clubs had 4 wins. Forster won on a countback, running 140 hoops to Port Macquarie's 133.



- **Nowra Golf Croquet Carnival**

Chris Cox had another very successful Advantage Handicap carnival. He won the Blue Block winning 6 of his 7 games. On the final day they played in 38°C conditions. Well done Chris.



- **Competitions in April and May**

Golf Croquet

- ***Saturday 1 April: MNCCC v Taree at Taree**
- Friday 21 April: Over 80s competition
- ***Friday 28 April: MNCCC v Forster and Port Macquarie**
- ***Friday 12 May: MNCCC v Gloucester at Taree (Gloucester to host)**
- Fridays 19 and 26 May: Division 2 Championship.

Association Croquet

Games are played on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

- Handicap Singles
- Handicap Doubles
- Division 3 Championships.

Ricochet

- ***Wednesday 10 May: MNCCC v Forster at Port Macquarie.**

***Captains will ask for Expressions of Interest in playing in the MNCCC competitions. If you need a handicap for golf croquet contact Chris Cox.**

Sheets for entry into competitions are placed on the tables just inside the clubhouse.

Entering the Club Championships or volunteering to play in an MNCCC team is a commitment to play. Your Captain puts considerable time and effort into working out the draw.

- **Golf Croquet Rules Workshop on Friday 14 April**

Barb Piggott, from Urunga, will be holding a Golf Croquet Rules workshop for local clubs in our clubhouse. We have invited players from Forster, Gloucester and Taree and have one from S.W. Rocks.

The format will be:

- 9:30am morning tea
- 10:00am Q & A on the Rules of Golf Croquet
- 12 noon sausage sizzle*
- After lunch lawn work on faults.

In preparation for this you will need to be familiar with the 6th Edition Rules of Golf Croquet. You may read these online or buy a rule book @ \$7.50.

The costs of the day will be paid for from Club Hub funds.

*Peter Drinkwater is organising the sausage sizzle – he is looking for volunteers to do the barbecuing. Sue Moss would like help with setting the tables, salads and dessert.

Members attending are asked to bring biscuits or slices.

- **Golf Croquet Coaching by Pam Wiemers**

Pam has fairly recently moved to Port Macquarie from Toronto. She is a Level 2 Golf Croquet Coach and has very generously offered to run some coaching clinics. Initially, the first of 3 clinics will be from 9:00am to 11:00am on Mondays, starting on Monday 24 April. These clinics will be on Court 3: Clinic 1. Grip, Stalk, Stance, Swing; Clinic 2. Roquet, Stun shots; Clinic 3. Hoop running.

Pam envisages spending one hour on drills and finishing with a game that emphasises the skills practised.

Sign on sheets are on the tables beside the clubhouse door. The maximum number per course of 3 clinics is 6.

- **May General Meeting**

The next General Meeting will be held in the clubhouse at 9:00am on Thursday 11 May. Your attendance would be appreciated. A sheet for apologies and intention to attend will be placed on the table to the right of the clubhouse door.

There will be two resolutions for those present to vote on. These resolutions, recommended by the committee, will be circulated to all members by mid-April.

They are in regard to:

1. the Annual fee and the Green fee for the next financial year
2. the uniform code.

- **Constitution**

The club's current Constitution and By Laws were written in 2013. In October 2022 a new Model Constitution was released by NSW Fair Trading. Changes accommodate changes in technology.

Jill Drury, Sue Moss and John Watson are updating our club Constitution and By Laws. Draft 1 was presented to the committee at the April committee meeting. A number of changes were recommended.

- **Club Booking System - Top-up facility**

Last month you were given full instructions for using the Top-Up facility after you have transferred or deposited money for green fees into the club's bank account.

This is working well. Thank you all for keeping abreast of the changes.

- **Identifying your deposits**

When making deposits, when you may only use numbers, please use your date of birth as the reference number - **use 031039 for 3 October 1939.**

- **Daylight Saving Ends on Sunday 2 April**

Twilight Golf Croquet will start at 3:00pm from Tuesday 4 April until 1 October.



- **Buying provisions**



Dawn and Denis Lane have volunteered to buy provisions for the club. Dawn also keeps the First Aid kits up-to-date. Thank you both very much for your valuable contribution to the smooth and efficient running of the club.

- **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.

- **The Westport Club**

- **Christmas in June**



Last year we held a very happy “Christmas in August” at Westport. This year we are planning a similar event on Wednesday 7 June. This dinner will be in the River Room. The In-kind sponsorship from The Westport Club will cover the room hire cost. At the end of this report is an invitation for this event.



Promotional video

Last Monday Karen Faichney, Rachel Bell and Olive Schultheis visited the club to interview some members, take photos and videos for promotional material for our club. The video will be shown on the Community Wall at the entrance to The Westport Club.

We are very grateful for the support given by The Westport Club and encourage all of our members to be Social Members of the Club, at minimal cost.



Bridget Earle (President)



**You and your companion are invited to the
Croquet Club 'Christmas in June'
at The Westport Club**

Date: Wednesday 7 June

Time: 6:00pm for 6:30pm

Location: The River Room at The Westport Club

Drinks: Available for purchase from the Jimmy's Bar

Menu: **Main:**

Bread rolls followed by

Honey baked ham, roast turkey, seasonal vegetables, peas,
gluten free (GF) gravy and cranberry sauce

Dessert: (alternate drop)

Christmas pudding, brandy custard and ice-cream or
Pavlova (GF) with chantilly cream and seasonal fruits

Cost: \$40

Dress: a touch of Christmas

Payment: Bank transfer or bank deposit
Port Macquarie Croquet Club
BSB: 032-586, Acc: 249968
Reference:
Bank transfer - Xmas followed by your name
Bank deposit – date of birth (eg 030845 for 3 August 1945)

Closing date: Friday 26 May

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