



**Port Macquarie Croquet Club**  
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## September 2023 Monthly Report from the Committee

- **Port Macquarie Golf Croquet Carnival - Wednesday 6 to Friday 8 September**

The carnival committee has been overwhelmed by your generosity in supporting our golf croquet carnival. We will be able to make up three raffle prizes, each containing red and white wine and chocolates, each day. On Wednesday and Thursday there will also be a \$50 Westport Club voucher. The extra prize on Friday will be a knitted rug.

Tickets may be bought before the carnival - \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

***Court 3 will be available for play during the carnival – just book online.***



- **President's Message**



How fortunate are we to belong to a club that plays 3 codes of croquet, association, golf and ricochet. I love playing all codes. Croquet is a game that we can continue to play for as long as we are fit enough to do so. How good is that, on courts facing north alongside the Hastings River. Please ask if you would ever like to try a different code to what you currently play. A member of the code would be happy to introduce you to a different form of the game.

As the GC carnival manager this year, I want to say again a big thank you to the support you have given in many varied ways. It's tremendous. Without your backing the carnival will not be the success I know it will be. Please drop in for a cuppa next Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. You will see some great golf croquet played, you can also cheer on our 2 club members, Tony Croft and Stewart Sinclair who are playing in the carnival.  
Jill Drury

- **Daylight Savings Afternoon Starting Times**

Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday 1 October and ends on Sunday 7 April 2024.

During the warmer months, when we change to Daylight Savings Time, we move to later afternoon starting times. The new starting times will be:

on Tuesday afternoons the Twilight session will start at 4:00pm.

on Wednesday afternoons ricochet will start at 3:30pm

on Friday afternoons the GC Singles session will start at 3:00pm.



- **Mid North Coast Croquet Council (MNCCC)**

Our club will be well represented in the District Championships.

**Ricochet at Gloucester on Thursday 28 September**

**Division 2 – Tony Croft**

**Division 3 – Pam Wiemers**

**Association Croquet at Taree on Wednesday 4 October**

**Division 1 – Sue Moss**

**Division 2 – Robert Kemp**

**Division 3 – John Hincks**

**Division 4 – Jill Drury**

**Golf Croquet at Port Macquarie on Sunday 15 October**

**Division 1 – Sue Moss and Trevor Thornton**

**Division 2 – Chris Cox, Tony Croft and Tony Earle**

**Division 3 – Robyn Clarke, Jill Drury and Eric Drury**

- **MNCCC Golf Croquet District Championship in 2006**



In the early days of golf croquet competitions the format was very different. In the Golf Croquet District Championships three players represented the club to compete against teams of 3 from Forster, Gloucester and Taree in level play singles and doubles games. The event was played at Forster. The 2006 Singles Championship was won by the Port Macquarie team of Muriel Biggs, Susan Klecka and Bridget Earle.

- **Golf Croquet Singles Play**

Following a request for Singles play, the committee decided to dedicate 1:00 to 3:00pm on Fridays for Singles play. 8 places will be available to book on Courts 1 and 2. Court 3 may also be used. This has been working very well, with play now continuing for 3 or 4 hours and opponents changed after each game.

- **Golf Croquet Coaching with Pam Wiemers**

Pam will run another coaching clinic, covering the very important skills needed to improve your game. The three sessions will be held on Court 3 from 9:00am to 11:00am on Mondays 30 October, 6 and 13 November. Please write your name on the sheet if you would like to attend.

- **Grounds team report**

The grounds crew has worked very hard this month to try to recover from the problems of the dry season and the damage that has been done to the holes. 3D printed frames have been used to repair the sides of the holes.

Thursday mornings are the main work time when, as well as repairs being done, the lines are marked and the courts are rolled.

Jill Sargeant is away for a few months. Volunteers to do occasional weeding would be appreciated.

- **Noticeboard**

Please check the noticeboard for messages. Before locking the clubhouse door, ***please put the noticeboard inside and sign the locking up sheet before locking up.*** Check the noticeboard for messages from the President, entry to competitions, social events and general club information.



- **August Visit from Willing and Able**

Despite the wild wind, Tony Croft and Bridget Earle had fun playing golf croquet with a group from Willing and Able. This is a second group – one group plays on Tuesdays, this one on Fridays. The group enjoys this interlude of activity between morning tea and a barbecue lunch.

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

Don't forget to use the Top-Up facility after you have transferred or deposited money for green fees into the club's bank account. Thank you all for keeping abreast of the changes.

- **Please register to play whenever you go to the lawns**

This is essential for insurance purposes. If only one person is registered on a lawn for a session this is interpreted as practice and there is no lawn fee.

- **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 ([president@portmacquariercroquet.com.au](mailto:president@portmacquariercroquet.com.au)) and Secretary ([secretary@portmacquariercroquet.com.au](mailto:secretary@portmacquariercroquet.com.au))**. These will then be taken to the next committee meeting.

- **Post covid socialising**

It's so good to see the post covid socialising!



- **Purchasing Croquet Socks**

Many people have asked about buying croquet socks. John Hincks will organise this. After the carnival he will put up a notice asking you to fill in a form giving the size and style that you wish to purchase. There will be:

4 sizes: 3-7, 7-10, 9-12, 11-14 and

3 styles: sockette (cuff 3 cm), bike (cuff 6 cm), athletic (length 14 cm).

All styles will be priced at \$9.00 per pair.

- **The Westport Club**



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

Recently we have been given Westport vouchers to include in our raffle prizes.

Our President, Secretary and Treasurer have been invited to The Westport Club's Celebration of Vision, where grants will be announced showing The Westport Club's significant contribution to the quality of community life.

### **Hoop Placement and Removal**

Our aim is to have the hoops vertical and firmly placed in the ground.

1. Place the hoop so that the top of the carrot is above the ground.
2. The hoop legs must be vertical. To do this check using a spirit level to the side and back and front of the hoop-leg.
3. Tap the crown to adjust.
4. If the top of the carrot is too far into the ground, or if the hoop is not firm, raise the hoop so the carrot is above the ground. Dry sphagnum moss may be placed evenly around the top of the inside of the hoop hole.
5. To remove the hoop:
  - lift vertically, with no wriggling or
  - if it is too tightly in the ground, break the grip with upward strokes of the rubber mallet on the underside of the crown of the hoop.
6. In dry weather, after the hoops have been removed, use a watering can, kept inside the clubhouse, to thoroughly soak the area around the hoop.

Bridget Earle (Secretary)