



Port Macquarie Croquet Club
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August 2024 Report from the Committee

- Golf Croquet Carnival**

Tuesday 3 to Friday 6 September

Carnival Manager – Stewart Sinclair, Carnival Secretary – Pam Wiemers.



An enormous amount of time and energy goes into organising a Tournament. Our event takes place over 4 days, with more than 150 games of golf croquet to be played.

The email sent to all members on Wednesday listed the areas where help is needed. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Write your name on the sheets at the club or contact Pam Wiemers by SMS on 0403 412 284 or email on pampaw48@gmail.com

Don't forget to buy raffle tickets (\$5 each or 3 for \$10) for Gloria's "wagga" quilt. The draw will take place at the Golf Croquet Carnival.



- Club lunch at The Westport Club**

Thank you Donna and the SoFun group for organising this lunch. Using money raised by "Lucky Numbers" and "Hit the Peg", together with a donation from The Westport Club, the lunch only cost members \$5. The food was good and it was great to catch up with friends in the social setting. The lucky door prize was won by Julie Bullivant.



- Blokes Notes**



Blokes Notes, a community choir from Port Macquarie, took out a bronze award in the World Choir Games in Auckland, New Zealand. Congratulations Geoffrey Chessor and Ian Richardson.



- **Sawtell GC Carnival**



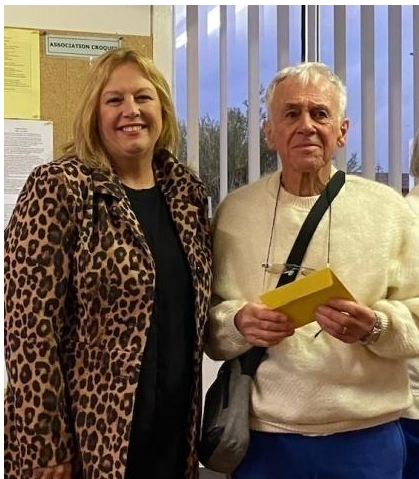
Four of our members played in the 4 day Sawtell GC Carnival – Robyn Clarke, Tony Croft, Donna and Stewart Sinclair. They all played very well. Stewart and Tony both won their blocks, Stewart winning 11 of the 12 games he played.

Well done team Port!

In his speech at the end of the carnival the President, Derek Burrows, said, "Croquet is a game that proves competition can be both gentle and fierce, where the wisdom of age often outwits the vigour of youth".



- **Association Croquet Carnival – Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August**



In spite of the cold weather and fierce winds the carnival went well. Sue Moss and I would like to thank members for their donations for the raffles, and the delicious soups, slices and biscuits made for the players.

Robert Kemp played well to come second in the top block. It was inspiring to watch the game between the two 92 year olds, Eric and Ron. After time was called Eric came from 3 hoops behind to win the game.

Peta Pinson, the retiring Mayor of Port Macquarie Hastings Council and Patron of our club, presented the prizes.



- **MNCCC GC Inter-Club Match against Gloucester**

On Sunday 11 August the happy travellers from PMCC went to Taree for the yearly MNCCC match against Gloucester Croquet Club.

The Port side (not a nautical reference) was too strong for Gloucester and won the event 13 games to 7. All games were played in good spirits with lots friendly rivalry.

We tried using scoring clips instead of people and it appeared to work well, once we got our heads around it.

I would like to encourage more of our newer players to sign up for this event next year as it is a great way to meet new people and get a taste of competition in a friendly and supportive environment.

Stewart Sinclair
PMCC Golf Captain



- **Two extra playing sessions**

Two designated playing sessions have been added. They are:

- **Wednesday** - Ricochet from 2:00pm to 4:00pm (3:00pm to 5:00pm EDST)
- **Saturday** – Golf Croquet from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

- **MNCCC District Championships**

- Association Croquet at Gloucester on Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 September
- Golf Croquet at Forster on Sunday 13 October
- Ricochet at Port Macquarie on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October.

The teams for these championships will be announced soon.

- **Competitions in September and October**

Golf Croquet Open Championship – Friday 18 October and, if necessary, Tuesday 22 October.



- **PMCC information Pamphlet**

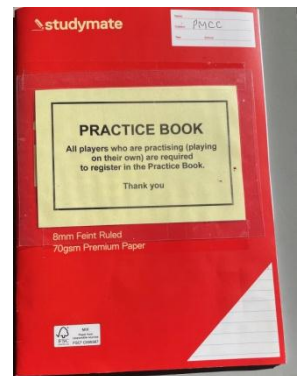
Pam Wiemers has prepared an information pamphlet to hand out to visitors or people watching over the fence. It gives information about the club and a brief description about the 3 games that we play.

These pamphlets will be kept in holders in the clubhouse and the small shelter sheds on courts 2 and 3.

If you are willing to volunteer to organise the printing of these pamphlets in future, please contact Pam.

- **PRACTICE – a change in procedure**

You are asked to register in the Practice Book whenever you practice - you are no longer required to book in on the booking site. It is free when you are practising on your own. When playing with 2 or more people the normal lawn fee applies and you need to book in.



- **Club uniform** to be worn by members at all sessions – sporting clothes in any colour combination of royal blue, white and cream.

- **Port Macquarie Croquet Club Facebook Page**

This page is going well and we have 28 followers already. Tony and I have made many posts, both on the club site and the Croquet NSW site. If you would like material posted on the PMCC website send it to: Tony Croft on SMS - 0401 558 585 or email to tonycroft42@gmail.com

- **Come and Try**

Do you know someone who is interested in learning to play croquet? If so, contact Jill Drury, on 0408 381 195, to arrange a free lesson. Please give Jill the name, mobile number and email address.



- **New members**

We are a caring community. Please try to make all new members feel welcome and help to make them feel comfortable in the club.

- **Welfare**

Please notify Judy Wallis by SMS on 0417 135 115 or email on jewallis77@gmail.com if you know of anyone who is unwell or bereaved.

- **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.

- **Communicating with the Committee**

The minutes of meetings are kept in a folder in the third drawer of the filing cabinet. They may be read in the clubhouse.

Concerns or suggestions can be emailed to the:

President (president@portmacquariacroquet.com.au) and
Secretary (secretary@portmacquariacroquet.com.au).

These will then be taken to the next committee meeting.

Bridget Earle (17.8.2024)