



September 2024 Newsletter

• Golf Croquet Carnival Report



Our 17th annual golf croquet carnival was a resounding success. Thanks to our members who answered our call for help in donating raffle prizes, cakes, and soup and the many volunteers who came and set up each day, the timekeepers, the catering group and the marshals and recorders. It was a big effort by all. We had positive feedback from our visiting players and they voiced their appreciation for the efforts of our club in holding a carnival and the fine weather. We offered two raffles each day and raised over \$500. We also ran two 50s numbers for SoFun with \$100 going into the SoFun funds. The total money raised for the club was \$1725.60.

Unfortunately some players withdrew in the last week and thanks to Marg Mackie, Robyn Clarke, Jill Sargeant, Catherine Whitbourne, Geoffrey Chessor and Tony Croft for playing.

At the end of play on Friday afternoon the players and volunteers gathered on the verandah when Stewart thanked Elizabeth Woods for travelling down from South West Rocks each day to referee. This was followed by a novelty lucky dip door prize and the presentation to winners and runners up before we all enjoyed a bowl of soup.

Winners and Runners Up

- Block A Doubles Robyn Sim (Jamberoo) and Janelle Brown (Jamberoo)
- Block B Doubles Tony Croft (Port Macquarie) and Carolyn McNamara (EDSACC)
- Block A Singles Tony Croft (Port Macquarie) - Pam Gentle (Maitland)
- Block B Singles Brenda-Lee Peet (Maitland) – Janine Crellin (Taree)
- Block C Singles Margaret Carwood (Maitland) – Georgia Knight (Leura)
- Block D Singles Carolyn McNamara (EDSACC) – Annabelle Geddes (Woolgoolga)

Pam and Stewart



• Nowra Golf Croquet Carnival

Jill and Eric Drury played in the 4 day Golf Croquet Carnival at Nowra. The club had planned to play on their new courts. Unfortunately they had to play on the 2 existing croquet courts and a bowling green at Bomaderry. The club hope to play on their new courts at the carnival next year.

There were 4 blocks of 8 player Singles and 4 blocks of 4 pair Doubles round robins. Both of them won their Singles blocks This is a great achievement – well done Jill and Eric!



- **Taree Golf Croquet Carnival**

Last week seven PMCC members travelled to Taree to compete in the Taree on Manning Carnival. They were a mix of players ranging from first time carnival players to old hands and everything in between. Over the four days of the carnival they managed to win thirty five games between them finishing with 2 firsts, 1 second and 1 third. A sterling performance from our little club. The players were Kay Craig, Robyn Clarke, Geoffrey Chessor, Donna Sinclair, Catherine Whitbourne, Tony Croft and Stewart Sinclair. Tony Croft continued on his winning streak, being the Carnival Champion in Singles and winning his doubles block with Greg Carter from Sawtell.

Stewart Sinclair

PMCC Golf Captain



- **Association Croquet Division 1 Championship**

This championship was contested between Sue Moss and Robert Kemp in a best of 3 game competition. Robert won the first game 19 – 18 and Sue won both of the next 2 games 26 – 14, to become the 2024 champion. Well done, Sue.

- **Sunday Family Fun Day**

11:00am to 2:00pm on Sunday 10 November – put this date on your calendar. There will be more details next month.



- **Starting Times During Daylight Savings**

From Sunday 6 October to Sunday 6 April 2025 NSW has Daylight Savings Time. Some session times will change. They are:

Sunday	GC	9:00am to 11:00am changes to 8:00am to 10:00am
Tuesday	GC	3:00pm to 5:00pm changes to 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Wednesday	Ricochet	2:00pm to 4:00pm changes to 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Thursday	Ricochet	2:00pm to 4:00pm changes to 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Friday	GC	2:00pm to 5:00pm changes to 3:00pm to 6:00pm
Saturday	GC	1:00pm to 3:00pm.

- **Wagga Quilt**

The *wagga* quilt raffle, drawn at the Golf Croquet Carnival, was won by Tracey Croft. Thank you Gloria for making and donating this beautiful quilt.



- **From the committee**

Over the past couple of months, the committee has spent time in considering how to best address the dry rot problem in our clubhouse. This has involved acquiring quotes for:

- Repair and replace rotted timber and painting
- Removing of entire timber and painting

At our last committee meeting it was decided to ask the grant working group to apply for a grant from the NSW State Gov Sports infrastructure. If successful, this grant would cover the cost of the removal of existing cladding boards and the installation and painting of James Hardie Linea 180mm fibre cement weather boards.

Cladding options for the clubhouse are completely dependent on a successful grant. Further deterioration will be a consequence for an indefinite time. A temporary solution to arrest the declining condition and to improve the general appearance and protection of the existing timber is with “bog”, patch painting and “band-aid” coverings over the worst affected areas. These measures are not intended as a long-term solution to this situation, but merely as a stop-gap measure until a more substantial grant can be secured. Mark and Julie Bullivant are prepared to finance and undertake a “band-aid, patch and paint” remedial endeavour. This offer is greatly appreciated.

Our club is fortunate to have an active grants working group. This group is diligent in seeking further grants to assist the club and its members.

Jill Drury

On behalf of the Management Committee



- **Two extra playing sessions**

Two designated playing sessions have been added recently. 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**

Winners of Club Divisional Championships from the four clubs compete against one-another in the District Championships. Association croquet and ricochet round robins are played by one person in each division. In golf croquet a team of 3 usually represents the club in each division in Singles and Doubles round robins.

- Association Croquet at Gloucester on Wednesday 25 September
 - Division 3 Tony Croft
 - Division 4 Jill Drury
- Golf Croquet at Forster on Sunday 13 October
 - All teams are yet to be announced (see noticeboard)
- Ricochet at Port Macquarie on Saturday 26 and possibly Sunday 27 October
 - Division 2 Sue Moss
 - Division 3 qualifying round robin is yet to be completed.

- **Club Competitions in October and November**

- Golf Croquet Open Championship – Friday 18 October and, if necessary, Tuesday 22 October
- Golf Croquet Handicap Singles Competition – Friday 1 November and, if necessary, Friday 8 November.

- **District Croquet – a brief history**

The Hastings-Manning Croquet group was formed between the Taree, Wingham, Wauchope and Port Macquarie clubs, for competitions and social interaction, over 60 years ago. After the Wauchope and Wingham clubs closed the Mid North Coast Croquet Council was formed when Forster and Gloucester joined the Taree and Port Macquarie clubs, For more than 40 years the only game played was association croquet. The photo shows the silver trophy that was first awarded to the Division 1 champion in 1958. It often sits on top of our trophy cabinet. Now there are competitions in association croquet, golf croquet and ricochet. Each year a team competition is held against Urunga in golf and association croquet, and a Friendship Day is held with South West Rocks.



- **Farewell Paul Mitchell**

Paul was a talented player and valued member of our club for 17 years. For health reasons he has been unable to play for a couple of years. He played association and golf croquet and was the 2020 Golf Croquet Champion. He called in to say “Farewell”, as he is relocating to Ballina.

- **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 are kept in holders in the clubhouse and the small shelter sheds on courts 2 and 3.

Sue Moss has volunteered to print and supply replacement brochures. Please hand out to people showing interest.



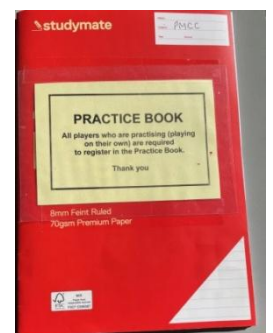
- **Thank you**

Thank you to the anonymous donor of the pedestal fan. It will be greatly appreciated by members during the hot and humid summer months.

- **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** is to be worn by members at all designated playing sessions – this includes weekend sessions (PMCC By-Laws 1) a) Uniform). Sporting clothes in any colour combination of royal blue, white and cream are acceptable.



- **PMCC Facebook Page**

This page is going well and we have 35 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:

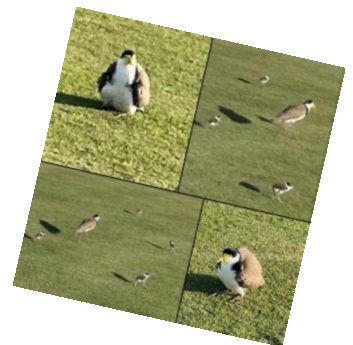
President (president@portmacquariercroquet.com.au) and

Secretary (secretary@portmacquariercroquet.com.au).

These will then be taken to the next committee meeting.

- **Vale Bob Collishaw**

Bridget Earle (21.9.2024)



Our latest plover family