



Port Macquarie Croquet Club
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THE WESTPORT CLUB

October 2024 Newsletter

- **From the committee**

1. **Christmas Party and Presentation High Morning Tea**

Thursday 5 December, 10.30 am

Entertainment

Lucky Door Prizes

Special Visitor

\$5 pp (to be paid at the door)

Flyer will be on noticeboard next month to add names if attending.

2. Mallets: if you have a mallet that you no longer use, you might like to donate it to the club for beginners/visitors to use.

3 Remind members to look at the noticeboard at the back of the Clubhouse for:

- . Croquet results
- . Monthly newsletter
- . Calendar
- . Committee names and contacts.

4. The Committee has moved that Weekend Golf Croquet is now uniform optional. The booking system will be updated to reflect this.

5. Golf Carnival 2025. The Committee is asking for nominations for manager and secretary for this carnival. It is held in September. Unfortunately, if there are no volunteers we will not be able to proceed. Please see or contact Stewart Sinclair for more details on 0405 082 300.

- **From the President**

It is very important that, before the last person leaves the club, everything is put away and the equipment shed and toilets are locked. The person who does the draw is asked to make sure that this is done and that all the listed checks are carried out. Before dead-locking the door please sign the locking-up sheet, indicating that all things have been done. Thank you.

- **SoFun (Coordinator Donna Sinclair)**

- **Sunday Family Fun Day**
- **New Years Eve**

There will be a members and family picnic night on New Years Eve (9pm fireworks) - more details in the November Newsletter.

Port Macquarie Croquet Club Family and Friends Sunday Fun Day



Sunday November 10th
10am-3pm
\$10per person
\$25 family (2 adults 2 children)

Price includes build a burger lunch
Novelty games
Croquet

Lucky dip for children
BYO Drinks, Tea /coffee supplied
Soft drink available for purchase

Please add names to list in club house for catering purposes

- **Grants (Coordinator Robyn Richardson)**

- On September 24, The Grants work group submitted a grant application to Pycon. The grant application was for lining and insulating the verandah of the clubhouse and adding 3 ceiling fans. Sadly, the submission was not successful.
- The club received a \$300 grant from Bunnings for the refurbishment of the gardens on the Buller Street side of the property.
- The Grants working group will be making a Grant application to the NSW State Government Sport and Clubs infrastructure grant which we expect to open on 4 November. This will be in accordance with the quote for repair and recladding with Hardie fibre cement and painting, as received from R J Macereth.
- If you know of a need in the club or have ideas about how to meet that need there is a process that we all need to follow. That process involves either speaking to a committee member or writing down the idea and submitting it to a committee member. The committee will then discuss the submission. If the committee believes it's workable, this will then be passed to the Grants working group.

- **Grounds and Gardening Working Group (Coordinator Eric Drury)**

- **Donations for Buller Street Garden upgrade:**
Our Club has recently received vouchers to the amount of \$300 from Bunnings to be spent on upgrading the Buller Street Garden. This amount plus anonymous donations from Club members amounting to \$550 are greatly appreciated. The Grounds and Gardening Working Group will keep members informed as to when the project will commence.
- **Grooming of Courts:**
Plans are underway for the Grounds Working Group to be assisting Shorty, our Greenkeeper, with grooming/scarifying the courts on a couple of Thursdays. This work will not interrupt play on other days, but should improve conditions of play.
- **Rolling of Courts:**
Players have probably noticed the improvements of the courts now that they are again being regularly rolled. We thank Tony Croft for offering to do this.



- **MNCCC AC District Championship**

Jill Drury and Tony Croft travelled to Gloucester to compete in 3 player round robins in Divisions 4 and 3 respectively. Both played well to win their 2 games and thus their divisional Championship, Well done Jill and Tony!





- **PMCC Ricochet – Division 3**

In a 3 player Division 3 round robin Jill Drury won both of her games, beating Jill Sargeant and Bridget Earle 10 – 9 and 18 – 10 respectively. Jill will represent our club in the MNCCC District Championships at Port Macquarie on Saturday 26 October.

- **Forster Golf Croquet Doubles Challenge**



Seven of our players competed in this carnival at Forster. They all performed well, playing 9 games with Advantage Handicap play over the 3 days. Jill and Eric Drury came first in Block A, winning 7 of their 9 games. Robyn Clarke and Tony Croft were 3rd in Block A.



- **MNCCC Golf Croquet District Championships**



Nine of our players played in the divisional championships at Forster. There was tough competition in all Singles and Doubles games. Congratulations, Robyn Clarke, Donna Stewart and Eric Drury for winning Division 3.



- **Change in Friday Afternoon Singles Bookings**

There are now two 2 hour Singles sessions on Friday afternoons: 2:00 to 4:00 and 4:00 to 6:00. Some people prefer to play 2 games, others more.

- **PMCC information Pamphlet**

An information pamphlet is available to hand out to visitors or people watching over the fence. These pamphlets are kept in holders in the clubhouse and the small shelter sheds on courts 2 and 3.

Please hand out to people showing interest.



- **PRACTICE**

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.

- **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 Facebook page send it to Tony Croft:

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 their 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.

- **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 (18.10.2024)