

PORT MACQUARIE CROQUET CLUB



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December 2024 Newsletter

- **From the President**

On behalf of myself and the PMCC Management Committee I want to wish all our members, their families and loved ones a very merry Christmas and a happy 2025. Thank you ALL for the many ways you have contributed to our club this year. It is a welcoming friendly club, thanks to your attitude and goodwill that make it so. It is an honour to be the president of your club. We can all look forward to next year's croquet calendar of social play, competition play, fun activities, celebrations and much more.

Jill

- **SoFun (Coordinator Donna Sinclair)**

New Year Eve

- Members and family
- Between 6-9pm
- No games, flat shoes
- BYO food and drink
- Bring picnic rug – no chairs
- \$5

Donna will create a flyer for the clubhouse.

- **New members**

We welcome Anne and Graeme Whyte, Kate and Hans Bohlscheid and Janene Luff as members of our club. Please make all new members feel welcome and help to make them feel comfortable in the club.



Christmas and Presentation High Tea

This new celebration of Christmas was very well received. Members brought an amazing assortment of sweet and savoury bites, set off beautifully on tiered cake stands.

Following the welcome by President, Jill Drury, Geoffrey Chessor and Ian Richardson treated us to a Christmas sing-along to lyrics written by Geoffrey.

The trophies and certificates were presented to the event winners - some with more than one.

Then Santa arrived with gifts for all – Christmas socks for the men and bag clips for the women.

It was a great morning of friendship and sharing.



BBQ Business Group Visit

The croquet bbq business event was a fun time with 3 generations playing together. DONE Coffee team and families who had never played croquet before, after some coaching from our experienced members, were soon off on their way with lots of laughter, while keen to win. Lucky door prizes were Christmas socks and Santa shorts.

Julie Bullivant



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

The money donated and the Bunnings vouchers for gardening will be held until a decision has been made for our clubhouse timber replacement. If the gardening is done now, it may be damaged when the building repairs are done, so it was thought better to hold back until we hear about the grant money.

- **PMCC Golf Croquet Singles Open Championship**



In this last competition of the year Tony Croft, Trevor Thornton, Sue Moss and Robyn Clarke played a 4 player round robin. Tony won his 3 games 7 – 3, 7 – 5 and 7 – 4 and after the last game triggered to a handicap of 1. Sue Moss was the runner-up with 2 wins. Congratulations, Tony – a good way to end a year of successes.



- **2024 NSW Golf Croquet Champions Tournament**

Tony Croft represented our club in this challenge between 13 of the best golf croquet players from clubs in NSW and ACT. On the first day, in spite of incessant rain, Tony won 5 of his 7 games. After a disappointing second day he only missed out on a place in the championship final on a countback. Refocussing, he won the 3 games in the Y knockout, and ended up 5th overall. What a great performance, showing Tony's talents, determination and endurance. Well done, Tony.



- **MNCCC Christmas Party and Trophy Presentation**

Members from Forster, Gloucester, Taree and Port Macquarie clubs met for the final District event for 2024. In the morning the delegates met to discuss policies and work out the program for 2025, whilst others enjoyed playing social games of golf croquet.

The Taree members were great hosts, providing us with tasty slices and a delicious lunch.

Trophies were presented to the winners of the Inter-Club competitions and the District Championships. It was a great day of friendship and Taree's hospitality greatly appreciated.



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- **Coaching**

If you would like to improve your game and feel some coaching would help contact Pam Wiemers on 0403 412 284 to arrange a time convenient to both



- **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.



- **Payment of Green Fees and Top-up facility**

This is a two step process:

1. deposit the money into our bank account (BSB 032 586 Account 249 968) either by direct deposit with G/Fees and your name as the reference or at the Westpac branch with your date of birth as the reference
2. log onto the Club Booking System and top up with the amount you banked and save the transaction.

If you have booked in and for some reason do not play then it is your responsibility to delete the booking prior to midnight otherwise you will be charged green fees for that day.

Bank deposits are reconciled with the top up record each month
Any queries please contact Treasurer Pam.

- **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 43 followers already. Tony Croft 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.



- **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.

- **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@portmacquarietroquet.com.au) and
Secretary (secretary@portmacquarietroquet.com.au)

These will then be taken to the next committee meeting.

Bridget Earle (13.12.2024)