

PORT MACQUARIE CROQUET CLUB



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January 2025 Newsletter

- **From the President/Committee**

Although it's already over halfway through the first month of the year, on behalf of myself and the committee we wish all PMCC members a very happy New Year.

At our recent monthly meeting the committee gladly endorsed the application of 4 new members to our club. They are Steve Scrimgeour, Les Sloan, Derry Crisp and Lynette Easton. Please make yourself known and make them welcome to our club.

This year our committee is focusing on attracting new members to our club. We, who already play croquet, know the benefits of playing and being a member of this club; physically, socially and mentally. Undoubtedly the club will benefit financially by having new members, enabling the club to not only meet annual expenses but to also provide further benefits to our members.

Please help the club with this important venture by interesting family, friends and any member of groups you belong to, in trying the game of croquet. Anyone interested can contact me, (Jill Drury) on 0408 381 195.

Working Groups

The club has 5 significant working groups. These groups have become pivotal to the future of the club. The groups, their coordinators and contacts are below. Please contact a coordinator if you are interested in contributing in any way. It will be greatly appreciated.

- **Grants** – Robyn Richardson – 0414 391 250
- **Grounds** – Eric Drury – 0419 325 54
- **New Members** – Geoffrey Chessor – 0410 456 355 or Jill Drury – 0408 381 195
- **SOFUN (social, fund raising)** – Donna Sinclair – 0416 202 936
- **Welfare** – Judith Wallis – 0417 135 115

For special events, the club also calls on volunteers to provide food. Please let me know if you would like to have your name added to the volunteer list.

Calendar

On the notice board in the club house is a yearly calendar with dates of upcoming events. As dates become available, they will be added to the calendar. Please keep informed about upcoming events.

Removal of non- working refrigerator

The committee greatly appreciates the work of those concerned in removing the refrigerator. Thank you.

Change of Session Time

The committee agreed to the request of changing the Saturday GC session from 1-3pm to 3-5pm during daylight saving time.



NYE Picnic on the Lawn

A great afternoon was had for New Year's Eve twilight croquet with 12 members enjoying the mild afternoon conditions with the cooling breeze. Most members continued to stay on for refreshments, with families arriving to share the picnic on the lawn.

Approximately 30 members and family enjoyed conversation, feasting, laughter, music and balloon-twisting, followed by the finale, of the 9pm fireworks, an awesome display.

Thank you to everyone that came along. Looking forward to a repeat event next New Year's Eve.

SoFun.



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

- Weed spraying has recommenced and will be conducted every Sunday (or alternative day) commencing at 17:00. Only one lawn will be sprayed each week, alternating between courts 1 and 2. Court 3 sprayed where needed.
- Scarifying will continue every few months to improve lawn condition. This will be done on a Thursday so as to not interrupt play.
- Weeding of gardens continues, dependent on weather and volunteer numbers.

- **Golf Croquet Captain's Report**

We are currently working on the 2025 Golf Croquet Carnival. Members will be advised when this has been done.

Stewart Sinclair (GC Captain)

- **Willing and Able Croquet Play Assistance**

Can you help here please? Five players, with Staff from Willing and Able will play Croquet on our greens on Tuesday the 4th of February and again on Friday the 28th of February. Both days have an 11am start. Play is the usual two hours, till 1pm.

They come each month, so there's an opportunity to assist every month. Please consider and contact me if this has your name on it!

The time spent encouraging and guiding these young men is most rewarding. If you are free and keen to assist, please contact me, Geoffrey Chessor. (Phone: 0410 456 355 or by Email: gchessor@gmail.com)

We hope to have some of the young women also playing soon.

- **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 45 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 (18.1.2025)