

# PORT MACQUARIE CROQUET CLUB



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## February 2025 Newsletter

- **From the Committee**

- **Etiquette:**

- 1) Players should not keep talking too much, as it becomes a distraction to other players
  - 2) Talking strategy with your playing partner is acceptable, but the game is not for uninvited coaching. It is ok if help is asked for
  - 3) Please walk around at the side of the courts, not across the court, especially when games are in play.
  - 4) Refrain from hitting balls across a court at the end of your game, when another game is still in progress
  - 5) Be aware and considerate of others generally.
- The applications for membership from Jenny Licence, Fran Smith and Pat Every were accepted. Please make them welcome.

- **SoFun Working Group (Coordinator Donna Sinclair)**

Come and Try Croquet on Thursday 13 March - the flyer is on the noticeboard.

- **Grounds and Gardening Working Group**

The Working Group continues to meet 8 a.m. on Thursday mornings to maintain the regular rotating of the hoops and, as needed, to freshen up the lines.

Further to these tasks:

Stewart Sinclair is spraying the weeds each Sunday afternoon (weather permitting).

The shrubs on the western side of the lawns are being pruned as needed.

Rolling of the lawns by Tony Croft weekly (weather permitting)

Recent repairs to the Buller Street gate, the Hoops Shed door

and to the western upright of Buller Street Shelter (thanks to Mark Bullivant).

General weeding of gardens.

Eric Drury (on behalf of the G & G Working Group)

SENIORS WEEK

**Time to Shine** 

Do you have a friend or relative that is looking for a new interest?

**Great for your head, heart and soul.**  
bring them along to:

Come and Try Croquet  
Thursday March 13  
9-11 am

Morning Tea provided  
Gold coin donation

Port Macquarie Croquet Club, Buller Street



- **Golf Croquet Captain's Report**

GC doubles round robin event for players who have not played in championships, carnivals or MNCCC before. It will be held, starting at 9:00am at the club on the March 3 and, if required, March 4 2025.

There is a flyer on the notice board for players to nominate, for this event.

There are two MNCCC events coming up:

16 March against Gloucester at Taree

28 March against Forster at Port Macquarie.

There are notices for both of these MNCCC events on the notice board for players to nominate.

I recommend the Gloucester event for all our newer players, as it is a great way to ease into competition play.

Stewart

### Calendar dates for month of March

Wed, Sat		AC	Division 4 Championship
Wed, Sat		AC	Division 3 Championship
Wed, Sat		AC	Division 2 Championship
Wed, Sat		AC	Handicap Doubles
Monday	3	GC Round Robin Doubles	Port Macquarie
Tuesday	4	GC Round Robin Doubles	Port Macquarie
Thursday	13	Come and Try Day	Port Macquarie
Fri - Sun	14-16	Ricochet	Sawtell Carnival
Sunday	16	GC	MNCCC v Gloucester at Taree (Gloucester host)
Tues	18	Willing & Able	7 people – Port Macquarie
Fri	21	Willing & Able	5 people – Port Macquarie
Tue - Fri	18 - 21	GC	Forster Autumn Carnival
Friday	28	GC	MNCCC v Forster at Port Macquarie

- **Willing & Able**

On Tuesday 4 February, 11-12pm, 10 people, including 3 carers played for 1 hour. Marg Mackie, Donna Sinclair and Eric Drury welcomed and helped the visitors enjoy a game. Geoffrey Chessor who normally organises these events is away overseas for 2 months. Jill Drury has volunteered to do this until he returns in May. Please contact Jill on 0408 381 195 if you would like to assist on these occasions.

The times scheduled up until May are:

- Friday 28 February - 4 people
- Tuesday, 18 March – 7 people
- Friday, 21 March – 5 people
- Tuesday, 15 April – 7 people
- Friday, 18 April – 5 people

Jill Drury

- **U3A Introduction to Croquet**

In recent years we have got valuable new members from the U3A courses. This term the 4 sessions are scheduled on Thursday afternoons on 13, 20 and 27 February and 6 March.

- **Golf Croquet Coaching**

Our coaching team is Tony Croft, Bridget Earle, John Hincks and Pam Wiemers. We have recently introduced a few new people to golf croquet. Most of these have already become members. If you know of anyone who would like to learn the basics of the game of croquet please contact Bridget Earle by SMS on 0412 923 232 or email [bridget@earles-paradise.com](mailto:bridget@earles-paradise.com).

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.

- **Skills Practice**

There were 12 participants in a group session. Each person was handed a sheet of drills to practice and a sheet to keep a record. Anyone is welcome to speak to a coach and get help if they are not achieving the desired result.

- **Bookings on [croquetbooking.com](http://croquetbooking.com)**

It is good to see the increased numbers playing, particularly on Monday and Tuesday mornings. If there are already 16 people booked on courts 1 and 2 you may book on court 3. When the draw is done there are usually people who are happy to play on court 3. If not, those booked on court 3 will play there. If there is a withdrawal from courts 1 and 2 you may change your booking – add to courts 1 and 2 and delete your name from court 3.

- **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 a game 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 47 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](mailto: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@portmacquariercroquet.com.au) and

Secretary (secretary@portmacquariercroquet.com.au)

These will then be taken to the next committee meeting.

Bridget Earle (22.2.2025)