



**PORT MACQUARIE CROQUET CLUB**

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### **April Newsletter 2025**

Welcome to the April Newsletter and what a wonderful month it has been. Among a host of special events, successes and amazing feats the club has experienced throughout the month, one of the highlights has to be the amazing winning jump shots performed by Barb Evans and Kate Bohlscheid resulting in 7-6 wins in two separate games. On that matter I'd like to thank Stewart Sinclair and Tony Croft for coaching club members in two methods of jump shots. I've noticed a lot more people attempting these tricky maneuvers over the last few weeks with varying degrees of success, particularly yours truly, and the unfortunate occasional divot.



Left: Kate and Barb after their winning jump shots. Right: Jump shot practice with Tony and Stewart.

It was a shame that weather and traffic resulted in cancellation of games against Forster and Gloucester, however, plans have been put in place to reschedule these in the near future. As new club members, I'd like to express how much Kate and I are enjoying getting to know people and playing our regular social games on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Now down to business and thank you to the Executive and other members for this month's newsletter contributions.

Regards

Hans

### **From the Committee**

#### **New Members**

The committee welcomes 2 new members to our club, Suzanne Dietrich and Mary Waring. Welcome ladies, we look forward to sharing both friendship and the playing of croquet with you.

#### **Keys**

The cost of a key to the clubhouse is \$10

#### **Washing of hands**

Weed spraying has recommenced. Please remember to wash your hands after playing.

#### **Special General Meeting**

A Special General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 15 May at 9.30am. All members are invited. This meeting is to ratify the fee structure for 2025/26 as recommended by the committee.

Jill Birdy

### **Grounds and Gardening Working Group**

#### **Spare Tip Vouchers**

As the Grounds and Gardening Working Group have rubbish to deliver to the Tip from time to time, it would be most helpful to the Club's finances if there are members who have spare current Tip Vouchers for use when we visit. If you can assist, could you please bring your spare Tip Voucher to the Clubhouse in an envelope marked Eric Drury Tip Voucher.

## Used Pavers

Recently the Grounds and Gardening Group used some spare pavers to provide a flooring where the bins are kept. We need approximately 20 to complete the job. If anyone knows of, or has some spare pavers that could be used to complete this work, please contact me on (0419 325 354).

Eric Drury

## Coaching Availability

### Beginners

See below names, contact details and availability of coaches. Select a time that suits you and contact the coach to organize a session. Please note that your first coaching lesson is free. Coaches will determine how many lessons are required.

### Existing Members

Coaching sessions for existing members are free.

### Bridget Earle

Mobile: 0412 923 232 Email: [bridget@earles-paradise.com](mailto:bridget@earles-paradise.com)

Day	Thursday	Sunday
Time	1-3pm	1-3pm

### John Hincks

Mobile: 0401 314 928 Email: [johnhincks587@gmail.com](mailto:johnhincks587@gmail.com)

Day	Friday
Time	11am-1pm

### Pam Wiemers

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Wednesday 30 April, 1-3pm – Grip, Stalk, Stance, Swing and Hoop Running
Wednesday 14 May, 1-3pm - Positioning, Rocquet, Stun Shots
Tuesday 20 May, 1-3pm – Grip, Stalk, stance, Swing and Hoop Running
Tuesday 27 May, 1-3pm – Positioning, Rocquet, Stun Shots

### **MNCCC Golf Croquet Match against Taree**

Our golf croquet players travelled to Taree to play 10 Singles and 10 Doubles games of Advantage Handicap play. Player's handicaps determined the starting scores, the most challenging for us being -4 to 0 – thus having to make 11 hoops to win. All games were hard fought with 8 of the games going to 7 – 6. We won the match with 14 games to 6.

After so much rain and wind recently, it was good to have a beautiful fine day. The Taree members were great hosts and treated us to many delicious slices and biscuits. Thanks to Janine Crellin for organizing the day.



Image: The club members who travelled to Taree. (Hans and Stewart are hiding in the shadows.)

You can view a few more photos on our Facebook page: [Club Facebook Page](#).

### **Easter Funday**

So many different hat decorations!! From Easter bunnies, bunny ears, eggs, chicks, a yellow sloth, hot-cross buns to a carrot-bladed windmill! Congratulations to Maree and Eric for being chosen for the Best Hat Awards.

We all enjoyed several games of golf croquet and it was lovely to see some of our newest players joining in. Thank you to the generous donation of many members allowing us to put together a number of great raffle prizes. Barb won the lucky door prize and was overcome with emotion having never won a door before.

Everyone gave Donna and the SoFun Group a warm thank you for organizing a most enjoyable afternoon. Check out all the other photos on our [Club Facebook Page](#).





Left: Prize-winners Maree and Eric. Right: Club members enjoying Easter Funday.

### NSW GC Open Singles Championship

Congratulations to our Tony Croft for his very commendable performance in the recent NSW GC Open Singles Championship. Held over four days at the Lake Macquarie Croquet Centre in Glendale earlier this month, the event attracted 36 of NSW's top GC players and involved qualifying blocks followed by 'best of 3' knockouts. Tony had some extremely close games to end up 10<sup>th</sup> overall.



Image: Tony in his innocent school boy pose.