



**PORT MACQUARIE CROQUET CLUB**

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## **June Newsletter 2025**

### **From the President**

Dear Members

Firstly, I would like to welcome all new members to our club. Please know that you are a valued member. We look forward to your friendship and your contribution to our club. In the last 12 months there have been approximately 22 new members making a total of over 80 club members.

Secondly, I wish to bring to your attention the need the club has for committee members for the following year. Loyal long-term members have in the past carried the responsibility of management. It is now time for other members to fill these positions. All positions are vacant and please note that the secretary, treasurer and association golf captain will not be re-nominating. The **need** is great. We do not want this growing club to fold because of not being able to fill the management committee. **Please** consider nomination or consider approaching someone you think might be willing to be nominated. Nomination slips can be obtained from an envelope on the notice board, completed nomination slips are to be placed in an envelope in the secretary's (Julie) file, second draw of the filing cabinet in the clubhouse. **Nominations close on Thursday 17 July.** If there are no nominations for any of the positions, it will be necessary to call for nominations at the AGM. If the positions of secretary and treasurer still cannot be filled the club will not be able to function.

Do not hesitate to speak to me or other committee members if you have any questions. They are Julie Bullivant, Pam Wiemers, Geoffrey Chessor, Eric Gadd and Stewart Sinclair.

Thirdly, I am writing to invite all members to our AGM. This meeting will be held on **Thursday, 24 July at 9am in the clubhouse.** Besides the election of committee members there will be

several reports read that will help us understand and appreciate the club's happenings in the past 12 months.

### **Working Bee – inside clubhouse**

At 9.00am on Thursday 10 July we are cleaning inside the clubhouse. We would appreciate your help for an hour or two.

Thank you

**Jill Drury**

President

0408 381 195

### **PMCC Carnivals**

Two annual tournaments have been run by our club for many years. This year will be the 69<sup>th</sup> carnival for Association Croquet and the 18<sup>th</sup> for Golf Croquet. These carnivals are run by most croquet clubs and draw players from all over the state, and sometimes inter-state, for friendly, but competitive, rivalry.

The 2025 Association Croquet Carnival will be played over 5 days, from Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August. The 2025 Golf Croquet Carnival will be played over 3 days, from Monday 13 October to Wednesday 15 October. During these periods there will be no ordinary club play.

The carnivals are very good fund-raisers for our club. We are known for our country hospitality, thanks to the great support from our members. Your donations for our daily raffles, contributions of cakes and slices and help in the kitchen are much appreciated.

**Help Needed** For the first carnival, Jill Drury (0408 381 195) will be collecting names of those who are willing to help. We would like 3 different cakes or slices each day and ask for help in the kitchen from 11:00am to 1:00pm each day and for a couple of hours during Friday afternoon.

A few of our members will be playing in each carnival. They would appreciate your support – just turn up at the club at any time during the carnival.

Thank you for your support.

**Bridget Earle**

## **PMCC Game Session Times**

Participants are asked to please arrive at least 20 minutes before session times are scheduled to start. Even earlier to assist with setting up hoops would be greatly appreciated. Also please note that on the Tuesday morning session there is a redraw of names after 50 minutes of play. This is to allow people to play with other members of the club.

Regards

**Tony Croft**

Monday	GC	9:00am to 11am, 11am to 1:00pm
Tuesday	GC	9:00am to 12pm
	GC	3:00pm to 5:00pm (4:00pm to 6:00pm EDST)
Wednesday	AC	9:00am to 12 noon
Thursday	RC	2:00pm to 4:00pm (3:00pm to 5:00pm EDST)
Friday	GC	9:00am to 11:00am, 11:00am to 1:00pm
	GC	Singles - 1:00pm to 3:00pm, 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Saturday	AC	9:00am to 12 noon
	GC	1:00pm to 3:00pm
Sundays	GC	9:00am to 11:00am (8:00am to 10:00am EDST)

Please contact Jill Drury by SMS on 0408 381 195 or [jillbirdy@gmail.com](mailto:jillbirdy@gmail.com) for bookings

## **Coaching Availability**

### **Beginners**

See below names, contact details and availability of coaches, but please note that sometimes times and dates may vary. Select a time that suits you and contact the coach to organize a session. Remember that your first coaching lesson is free. Coaches will determine how many lessons you may require.

### **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	
Time	11:00am – 1:00pm	

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

Day	Friday
Time	11am-1pm

**Pam Wiemers** Mobile : 0403 412 284Email: [pmcctreasurer53@gmail.com](mailto:pmcctreasurer53@gmail.com)

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

### **Grounds Working Group**

Thank you to all players for your understanding and cooperation during the recent flood period whilst the lawns needed to be kept closed for ten days.

A further thank you to the small group of members who helped wash-down the exterior of the Clubhouse at our working bee on May29. Work will continue at the internal Club Cleaning Bee on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Congratulations to **Nathan Day**, who, following his three-month review, is now our permanent Groundskeeper.

Arrangements for mowing of lawns through winter will be once a week on a Monday afternoon. The twice a week mowing arrangement will re-commence in September.

Maintaining the lawns and gardens requires regular effort by the Grounds and Gardening Working Group. The current team is doing a great job, but there's need for further helpers – even if occasionally, with marking of lines on the lawns, moving of hoops, spraying of weeds, weeding of gardens, improving sections of the gardens, trimming of hedges, general maintenance of equipment and buildings and so on.

On that note, a special thank you to Eric Gadd who recently painted the surround boards. 92 and still a wonderful volunteer!



If you feel you could contribute in some way or have ideas for improvement of the lawns and gardens, please contact me on 0419325354 or [ericndrury@gmail.com](mailto:ericndrury@gmail.com)

Thank you

**Eric Drury**

### **Recent Club Events**

#### **GC**

#### **Over 80s**

This year the over 80's game was played between Bridget and Eric. Congratulations Bridget on a 10-4 result



#### **Division 1 GC Championship**

The competition came down to Sue Moss and Tony Earle. A very close game which resulted in a 10-8 victory for Tony. Congratulations to both players.



## AC

### **Handicap Singles Competition**

This has now been completed, with the original 10 entries reduced to 8.

All players played 7 games, making a total of 28 games. Congratulations to Robin Shenton who won 5 games. Sue Moss was the runner-up with 4 wins.



## 2025 34<sup>th</sup> Annual AC Carnival

Congratulations to Jill winning 6 out of 9 games at the recent 34<sup>th</sup> Annual AC Carnival held over 5 days at Urunga. You can check out details at [Urunga's 34th Annual AC Carnival - Croquet Scores](#)



## AC Workshop Sawtell

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 13 players including members of PMCC attended a two hours workshop on various aspects of AC. Held at the Sawtell Croquet Club, the workshop was a mixture of theory and practice with a focus on skills, law and tactics. It was the first of a monthly education program with the next workshop scheduled for July 9 at Sawtell.



### **Good News re Willing and Able players**

With encouragement, the players from Willing and Able now come to our greens ONCE A WEEK to enjoy playing Croquet. That's very beneficial to them! In previous times the frequency has been about once each month. Court 3 will be where they are listed on our Club 'Lawn Booking System' and will be their regular green on which to play. Being on the lawn booking system will enable all members to see their playing details. When either Green 1 or 2 may be available, they will be moved to that green to give them a full court experience. Club members, of course, have priority play on Greens 1 and 2. More players from Willing and Able are now benefiting, gaining skills, enjoying our playing environment and benefiting socially.

Can you assist by being a MENTOR while they play? If you would like to be involved, be part of a group of mentors, then, we can assist to ensure their croquet play continues to be worthwhile, a fun experience and a place to learn skills. As you probably know, various Club members have assisted in previous years, passing on so much to players from Willing and Able. Is this your time? By having a 'pool' of players, we can share it and still have time to take holidays, etc. Please tell myself or a Committee Member of your willingness. Thank you for considering this.

Thank you

**Geoffrey Chessor**

### **Winter Solstice Fun Day June 21**

The Club's Winter Solstice afternoon of croquet was welcomed with beautiful weather and kicked off with a delicious sausage sizzle. It was great seeing our new and existing members enjoying the day. The lucky door prizes were won by Geoffrey and Robin. On behalf of the Club I would like to sincerely thank The Little Shack and Bakers Delight for their generous donation of gift vouchers which were used for our prizes.

Regards

**Julie Bullivant**



## Terry's Morning Tea June 5

Terry's morning tea was a great success. He was quite emotional at seeing so many of his friends and flitted about chatting to everyone. He told us all to not hold back from paying him a visit and having a cuppa in the café.



**Some events that took place after the May Newsletter was sent to members**

29<sup>th</sup> May

**External Cleaning of our Clubhouse** – mentioned in Eric's Grounds Report earlier.

30<sup>th</sup> May

**Linked Services Come and Try Day**

A big thanks to Jill and Eric for organizing a 'Come and Try' day with Linked Services. From all accounts it was a very enjoyable day for all.



**Croquet Australia Newsletter Link**

For those interested, here is the web link for Croquet Australia's June Newsletter

[Newsletter - Croquet Australia](#)