

Port Macquarie Croquet Club

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August 2025 Newsletter

Some snippets from the minutes of the last committee meeting. The full reports are attached to the Minutes of the meeting and are on the large notice board inside the clubhouse. All members are invited to read them.

- Approval for
 - 4 sets of new croquet balls to be purchased
 - Welfare team to invite ex members to events to keep them involved and remembered
 - PMCC website to be updated
 - Verandah floor and seats to be oiled
 - Upgrade of poisons storage area
- Discussion and further investigation of
 - Making working groups and “other positions” into subcommittees
 - Possible pennants team to play northern clubs
 - Better interest rate for investment bank account
 - Option for more signage
 - Further community involvement
 - Quarterly general meetings
- New members will start on a GC handicap of 12

A note from Eric Drury (On behalf of the Grounds and Gardening Subcommittee)

- Verandah facelift: On the mornings of this Friday and next (22nd and 29th August) the Clubhouse verandah will be given a facelift. Mark Bullivant has volunteered to oil the verandah on these days (weather permitting). Due to the way he plans to do this work, access to the clubhouse will still be possible and play can continue as normal. Our sincere thanks to Mark!
- Buller Street Garden: Work is well underway on this project. The next phase will be from mid-September with the aim of having the work completed before the end of October. Our appreciation to Graeme and Anne Whyte for their leadership in this work and our thanks to those who have made donations towards its cost. A further

notice will be given of dates when VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED to help with planting, etc.

It is pleasing to see that again our club is represented at a national level. The Australian Men's and Women's Golf Croquet championships start on September 6 in in the Hunter area. Tony has entered and you can follow his progress on croquetscores.com. Run those hoops Tony and enjoy the experience. The finals are often on YouTube if you want to watch them.

Another big event which follows the Australian championships in the croquet arena is the Interstate Shield where state versus state in a round robin golf event.

Members should consider submitting a Medical Records form to the club. The forms are in a folder on the desk and can be completed and placed in a sealed envelope and placed in the box in alphabetical order. Envelopes are in the back of the box, write your name and the date submitted and the name and telephone number of a contact person. If there is an



incident at the courts it will save the other members anguish in knowing who to contact for assistance. If it is necessary to call an ambulance the sealed envelope will be given to the ambulance attendants. While it is not compulsory to submit a Medical Record it is recommended. To those members who have already submitted a form now is a good time to review and update it if necessary. Don't forget if there is an incident at the club you are required to fill in an Incident Report Form, these are located in a folder on the desk.

July Association Croquet Carnival

Our Carnival from Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August was a great 5 days of play. We hosted 22 players from 9 other clubs in NSW and 4 of our own. The weather held off until the skies opened on Friday night and made the lawns unplayable on Saturday.



Deputy Mayor, Lauren Edwards presented the prizes. The locals, who are relatively new to AC, acquitted themselves very well indeed with Jill Drury winning her Block E, Steve Scrimgeour winning some games and coming very close in his other games and Tony Croft being the runner-up in Block C. I had a very successful carnival, winning Block A.

A pleasing result all round. Club members didn't stint in their efforts to provide the players with food and raffle prizes - giving our visitors an enjoyable Carnival. Well done everyone and thank you on behalf of Bridget and myself. Sue Moss. Carnival Manager.

Jill continued her excellent form by winning her block in the GC carnival at Sawtell the following week.



Raffles at AC Carnival Thank you for your raffle donations that allowed us to make up 11 raffle prizes over the 5 days. Kay Craig's decorated bags were well received. We took \$588 for the club from the raffles.

Sunday December 7 has been decided as the date for the club Christmas celebration. Please note this date in your diary, calendar, phone or memory. Further details will be made available in the coming months.



Once again the organisers will be asking club members for **help during our GC carnival 13 to 15 October**. We need helpers to set up the lawns and seats each morning; catering supplies and workers in the kitchen; marshals; timekeepers/scorers; record keepers. Roster sheets will be put on the notice board in early October for you to put your name down for any of these tasks. Keep in mind that "many hands make light work". Donations for raffle prizes can be left in the box. Talk to Pam, Stewart or Tony C if you have any questions. It is a great opportunity for members to get involved, meet players from other clubs and watch some games, we have 24 players coming from 12 different clubs within NSW.

SoFun have donated \$100 to the garden project. Sofun is supported by members in raising money from the 50 numbers draw, hit the peg and book sales. This hardworking group of ladies also organise various croquet related fun activities throughout the year, raising more funds for the club with raffles.



We have baby plover's again, may they have a long life and stay out of the way of croquet balls.

COACHING/PRACTICE

The first and third Tuesdays from 1-3 pm have been set aside during August, September and October for members to come and practice drills. Come for any length of time during this 2 hour block and there is no need to register although a text to Pam on 0403 412 284 would be useful. A coach will be available to assist you if necessary.

COURT ETIQUETTE (some more)

If we all take that little bit of extra care to ensure that our court etiquette is maintained, we will continue to have enjoyable croquet games.

- If both games need the same hoop, first game through the hoop should, mark their balls and then the other game plays down as soon as they run their hoop, and then allow the first game to play away from the hoop.

- Always carry your ball markers when playing.
- If your ball leaves the court, retrieve it as soon as possible, after first checking that you're not walking across the line of another player about to strike their ball.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Sunday 17 August MNCCC Golf Croquet against Gloucester at Taree (washed out again due to the rain)

Wednesday 20 August AC Kelsall Shield against Urunga at Port Macquarie

Saturday 23 MNCCC Ricochet District Championship at Forster

Wednesday 27 MNCCC AC District Championship at Port Macquarie

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Sunday 5 MNCCC GC at Taree

Monday 13 to Wednesday 15 GC Carnival at Port Macquarie

NOVEMBER

Sunday 30 MNCCC presentation of trophies and Christmas Lunch at Gloucester

DECEMBER

Sunday 7 Club Christmas celebration



To all members having a birthday in September, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

and if you are not in the best of health, get well wishes go to you



FROM ALL OF US

Happy Hooping from Pam