

Port Macquarie Croquet Club

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November 2025 Newsletter

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Snippets from the minutes of the November 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:-
 - Building Sub-committee to be formed
 - Recruit members to make personal contact with our local member and local council
 - No committee meeting in January
 - Major repairs to the lawn mower
 - Assessment for repairs to aerator
 - Purchase repair kit for fertilizer spreader

Over the last couple of months, you may have noticed some changes within and without our Clubhouse, predominately:

- New refrigerator
- New stove
- New garden
- Renovation of courts

These whitegoods and improvement of surrounds and courts are making and will continue to make a positive difference to us all.

We are grateful for approximately \$1500 that has been donated towards these projects. Thank you.

A general meeting was held on Monday 10 November prior to the committee meeting. Minutes of this meeting have been forwarded to all club members.

The 2025 Hoops on the Hastings GC Carnival was a success.



We had 24 players playing in four pools of six, playing one round level and one round handicap singles, 12 games over three days. Players came from South West Rocks, Mt. Sugarloaf, Taree, Nelson Bay, Toronto, Maitland, Woolgoolga, Blue Mountains, Sawtell and EDSACC. Feedback from the players was very positive with many thanks going to the club, organisers and volunteers. One comment from a player was "I had so much fun and it was wonderful to be involved in such a friendly carnival"

The winners and runners up were

Block A Rob Batho (Nelson Bay) Brenda Wild (Mt Sugarloaf)

Block B Sue Bryan (Woolgoolga) Greg Carter (Sawtell)

Block C Robyn Clarke (Port Macquarie) Alysa Janssen (South West Rocks)

Block D Steve Evans (Port Macquarie) David Conallin (Woolgoolga) both playing in their first competition.



We had a busy team of volunteers doing everything from preparing the lawns, refereeing, timekeeping, recording, marshalling players and very importantly keeping everyone well fed and hydrated. There was more than seventy sandwiches made and sold along with \$395 worth of raffle tickets sold. A profit of just over \$2000 was made. We finished off the week with the presentation of prizes for the winners and runners-up and a sausage sizzle to send everyone on their way with full stomachs and smiles on their faces.



The GC Open Singles was contested on Sunday 3 November with 6 players competing Jill, Tony C, Tony E, Steve, Bridget and Sue M. The last game between Tony C and Steve was a thriller. Steve had won 4 games and Tony 3. Steve won the first 4 hoops and it looked like his name was going up on the GC Club Champion Honour Board BUT Tony won the next 5 hoops before time out was called giving Tony the win for that game. Resulting in 4 wins each. It was then time to tally up the net hoops i.e. hoops scored less the number of hoops scored against with the result being Steve winning with a nett 13 hoops and Tony runner up with a nett of 12 hoops.





Congratulations Steve. Steve is also eligible to represent our club at the NSW Champion of Champions held at Tempe on 21-23 November which each club champion is invited to play. There was some very good croquet played throughout the day by all players and it was the first outing for the new balls but they don't do as they are told either. Well done.



The Monthly Mingle on Sunday 26 October organised by the SoFun group attracted around 30 players and it was a fun afternoon of friendship and croquet. One of the fun games was a game of golf croquet with 3 players in a team rotating turns with 2 balls. Once we sorted out who followed who and which ball to play and ignored the sledging it was deemed an option to overcome the restrictions placed on players during the lawn maintenance period. We finished off the afternoon with a sausage sizzle very capably cooked by Mark.

A massive thankyou to Eric and his helpers for all the work carried out so far in the lawn restoration work. Eric's helpers appreciated the lunch and refreshments provided by some of our lady members. The work carried out over 3 days involved – coring the lawns removing the soil and taking it to the dump, scarifying the lawns, mowing to pick up the grass, covering the lawns with sand and levelling, fertilize and spray for weeds. Lawns 1 and 3 are looking good and the process is going to be repeated again for lawn 2 from 1 December.



A message from Patsy-Anne Dodds from the Willing and Able Leadership Team to Geoffrey.

I just want to thank yourself and your team for a wonderful year of croquet.

You have all been so kind to us. May you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families and we look forward to seeing you again next year. Please be sure to let us know when we can come back.

Kind regards

Patsy-Anne Dodds



To all members having a birthday in November, HAPPY BIRTHDAY
and if you are not in the best of health, get well wishes go to you

FROM ALL OF US



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Sunday 16 & Tuesday 18 GC Handicap Singles Championship
Sunday 23 GC Handicap Doubles Championship
Sunday 23 Sunday Mingle and Sausage Sizzle (3-5pm)
Sunday 30 MNCCC presentation of trophies and Christmas Lunch at Gloucester

DECEMBER

Sunday 7 Club Christmas celebration
Wednesday 31 New Year's Eve picnic dinner and watch the fireworks

Happy Hooping from Pam