

Port Macquarie Croquet Club

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May 2026 Newsletter

Please note the following official email addresses for PMCC

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A few snippets from the committee meeting held on 11 May 2026. The complete minutes are on the notice board.

- The Building Fire Safety Inspection has been completed
- Ongoing contact negotiations with PMHC to arrange meeting to discuss Licence Agreement and the Facility Officer to assess the state of the clubhouse.
- The club will donate old balls and hoops to former member Brian Hardy for use by his group of low vision friends.
- The Annual General Meeting to be held on 13 July 2026
- A Special General Meeting will be held on 25 May at 9:00 am to ratify fees as agreed by the committee.
- Discussion regarding options if the grounds coordinator position is not filled

National Volunteer Week 18 - 24 May 2026

During this week it is a timely opportunity to recognise and thank our club members who have volunteered their time, skills and energy for the benefit of our club. The committee and non-committee members all provide the ongoing running of the club and this is very much appreciated. There is also the many people who have helped raise funds, donated money and items for raffles and provided help at the various activities held throughout the year.

We say a big thank you to every one of you.

The AGM is due to be held on 13 July and all committee and non-committee positions become vacant. We probably have all been part of a committee at some stage in our lives but please give consideration to using your knowledge and experience to becoming a PMCC committee or non-committee person.

Nomination forms are available from Secretary Kay and need to be returned to Secretary Kay at least 7 days before the AGM.

The positions, as per the Club's Constitution are:-

Composition of Committee

1. President
2. Vice-president
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Golf croquet captain
6. Association croquet captain

Other Positions (Non Committee)

- a) The club must, at the annual general meeting, elect:
 - i) 2 vice captains
 - ii) 1 delegate to Croquet NSW Inc.
 - iii) 2 delegates to MNCCC b)
- b) The committee may further assign specific responsibilities under clause 20 to cover:
 - i) Coaching of members,
 - ii) Coordinating maintenance of greens and other facilities,
 - iii) Provisioning of the clubhouse,
 - iv) Corresponding with and facilitating the induction of new members,
 - v) Publicity,
 - vi) Editing regular newsletters,
 - vii) Maintaining the website,
 - viii) Managing events such as the carnivals,
 - ix) Welfare,
 - x) Any other duty identified by the committee.
- c) The following restrictions apply:
 - i) The holders of these positions may report orally or in writing to the committee but are not entitled to vote at committee meetings unless they are also a committee member, and
 - ii) Any action of manifest impact on the club being considered by a subcommittee must be submitted to the committee for approval.

At a recent practice session we were discussing tactics at each hoop. At hoop 5 red was directly in front of the hoop, blue was in a hoop running position, black was around near hoop 1 and yellow was on the base line in a hoop running position to hoop 5. Yellow was next to play – Barb stalked the ball, took up her stance and sent yellow flying which bumped red from in front of the hoop and yellow continued on through the hoop – WOW but wait there is more – yellow passed the centre peg and came to rest in a hoop running position in front of hoop 6. After a lot of 'high fives', laughter and congratulations we continued with the practice session. Practice is a great way to improve your croquet skills and to maintain consistency.

Grounds and Garden Co-ordinator



Eric has indicated that he will not be continuing in this roll and it is time to hand over the reins to someone else. Eric has done a marvellous job coordinating all the volunteers in the usual tasks e.g. line marking; hoop moving; lawn rolling; chemical and fertilizer spraying; gardening; painting etc. On top of these usual tasks Eric also coordinated the lawn refurbishment, and the new garden along Buller Street. While Eric was the coordinator he did not stand aside and just 'crack the whip' but raked, shovelled, and did more than his share of the work alongside his helpers. We also recognise the countless hours he must have spent on the phone and meeting with people to get advice on grounds maintenance which he passed on to the mowing contractor and the volunteers he worked with. Thank you Eric for a job well done for providing our members a much improved playing surface and surrounds. Enjoy your extra spare time playing croquet.

Association Croquet News – Bridget AC Captain



7 players contested the Handicap Singles competition over 21 games. Steve Scrimgeour was the winner, winning all 6 of his games. Bridget was runner up with 4 wins.

Gary O'Dell will be conducted a second coaching session on Wednesday 20 May. This will cover croquet strokes and Law 55 – Responsibility for Conduct of the Game.

The 70th Annual Association Croquet Carnival to be held from Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July has attracted 21 entries so far. Sue Moss the carnival manager will be asking for raffle donations and helpers for this event. It is amazing that this is the 70th time this event has been held and hopefully will showcase our club and croquet in general. Bridget AC Captain

Golf Croquet News – Stewart GC Captain

We completed our Division 2 Club Championships this month and we had 12 players which was great to see, there were some very close games and as far as I know everyone had a goodtime. The winner of Block A was Stewart Sinclair and the winner of Block B was Chris Ward. We played the final on Sunday May 3 and the winner was Stewart Sinclair in a hard fought 19 point game. I would like to thank Greg Carter for refereeing and Tony Croft and Bridget Earle for Timekeeping and Scoring.



Our 2026 GC Carnival is full we have 24 positions filled and have four players on the wait list. I will be looking for some helpers when the time comes to assist with running the carnival.

Our Div 2 pennants team has finished their matches and come fourth overall. We had some very close games but could not close out all of them. I would like to thank all our players for giving it their all and hope so them and others playing next year. Please keep an eye out for Pennants Information near the end of the year

Nominations for Div 1 Club Championships have been called and should be played in June.

Nominations for the MNCCC match against Gloucester have been called this match should take place at Taree on Sunday 24 May.

Ricochet News – Tony RC Captain

10 players attended on Thursday 14th for a beautiful sunny day to play ricochet. Games were 14 points over 1 ½ hours with a second game held after a quick morning tea. Sunday morning at 11:00am is booked for ricochet and new players are encouraged to come and try this form of croquet.

MNCCC is holding a graded round robin competition at Forster on Tuesday 26 May.



World Croquet Day

19 members celebrated World Croquet Day on Saturday 2 May organised by the SoFun group. Delicious ham, cheese and tomato toasties started off the afternoon followed by enjoyable games of golf croquet.

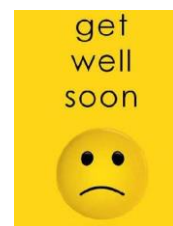
Tony competed in the recent NSW GC Open Singles Championship and after coming 2nd in his block moved into the finals. The 33 competitors initially played in 4 qualifying blocks. The top 2 in each block played a best of 3 games knockout to determine the winners. Tony finished a credible 5th. Congratulations Tony.



Happy Birthday to May babies



Get well wishes also



Thanks to members who send in contributions for the newsletter.

Happy hooping Pam