

Port Macquarie Croquet Club

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July 2026 Newsletter

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Meet the new committee for 2026/27



President
Tony Croft



Vice President
Sue Dietrich



Secretary
Pam Wiemers



Treasurer –
Graeme Whyte



Captain Association
Steve Scrimgeour



Captain Golf
Stewart Sinclair

Snippets from the AGM reports. The minutes and 18 pages of the reports of the AGM are on the notice board for your perusal.

President Jill

Membership at 30 June was 90 of which 18 new members joined in the financial year. For various reasons a small number of members have resigned from the club. Thanked the committee, sub-committee coordinators and their teams and members who held non committee positions as well as the many volunteers who made the club successful by supporting, encouraging and the willingness and dedication of these members. Croquet offers so much to our wellbeing whether we like to play socially or in competitions, it gives us the opportunity to socialise, to be physically active in the open air and to be mentally active as we work out tactics. Most importantly I believe what contributes most to our club being a friendly inclusive club that we enjoy is the ATTITUDE we bring each time we come.

Treasurer Graeme

Income for the year \$57,086 of which \$11,757 was from carnivals, grants and donations. Expenses of \$55,505 including extraordinary expenses of \$2,532 for mower refurbishment, mower shed door and capital expenses of \$10,234 for new competition balls, new stove and fridge, garden and greens refurbishment. The bank balance at 30 June was \$39,189.07.

Captains – AC, GC and RC

Association Captain Bridget and Golf Captain Stewart outlined the results of club championships and the results of MNCCC and Coffs Coast pennants. Ricochet Captain Tony C advised that ricochet is still strong and club championships will commence shortly.

Grounds Sub-committee Coordinator Eric

Thanked the members of the sub-committee for their generous efforts and Nathan Day for his work. Renovating the lawns from October to December could not have been achieved without the exceptional efforts of the many volunteers including the catering.

SoFun Sub-committee Coordinator Donna

Outlined the 9 social gatherings organised by the group during the year. There was 6 lucky number draws during the year and book and raffle sales contributed to the fund raising efforts. The group was initially called Social and Fund Raising and shortened to SoFun and Donna thanked her team and members for supporting the activities.

Grants Sub-committee Coordinator Robyn

Grant applications submitted for NSW Seniors Festival; Pycon Homes Community grant; Club grants through the Westport Club; NSW Community Building Partnership; PMHC Small Events. The PMHC application was successful and the Club Grants and NSW Community Building Partnership are still being assessed.

Willing and Able Program Coordinator Lyn

The program is continuing with 2 visits each month much to the enjoyment of the participants.

On-line Booking Officer – Tony

Some members not doing the 2 part process of topping up after they have deposited their lawn fees into the bank and don't forget to cancel your booking if you don't play.

Vote of thanks on behalf of the members – Geoffrey

Thanked Jill for her 5 years of service to the committee including 3 as president and outlined her achievements during that term

*Congratulations to Chris Ward
Winner of
Division 3 GC Club Championship*

12 players in 3 blocks of 4 contested this championship in a round robin. The winner of each block played a round robin to determine the overall winner.

Chris Ward, Jill Sargeant and Donna Sinclair were the winners of each block. Chris was the eventual winner with 5 wins from 5 games.

Congratulations to all players and commiserations to Lyn for losing out on her block with a win of 2 games but a shortfall on a count back of net hoops.

A great day and lots of fun for the players. GC Captain Stewart was happy that there were many players playing in their first competition.

Division 1 GC Club Champion for 2026
Congratulations to Tony Croft
And to Sue Moss, Steve Scrimgeour and
Peter Long for a great competition

MNCCC PORT MACQUARIE V GLOUCESTER in GC



The final match in the Inter-club golf croquet competitions between Forster, Gloucester, Port Macquarie and Taree was played between Gloucester and Port Macquarie today.

10 Singles and 10 Doubles Advantage Handicap Games were played. Gloucester won 13 games to 7.

Port Macquarie were the hosts. They provided delicious slices and biscuits for us to graze on this much colder (and wet at times) day.

Thank you Tony Croft and Robyn Richardson for scoring and time-keeping throughout the day. Thank you also to the Taree Club for allowing us to play on their courts - the halfway point.

Members representing our club at Carnivals – Congratulations and well done to:-

- Steve Scrimgeour – first place in AC Gold Coast Tweed Region Carnival
- Donna and Stewart Sinclair – first place in GC Advantage Doubles at Coutts Crossing
- Donna and Stewart Sinclair – first place in CNSW GC Advantage Doubles at Ballina



Happy belated birthday wishes to members celebrating a birthday in July

And Happy Happy Birthday to members born in August.

Get well wishes also to those members who are not feeling well, we miss you at croquet so hope you are back soon.

REFEREEING NEWS - GC

Trevor Thornton



On medical advice, Trevor Thornton from Port Macquarie Croquet Club has retired from all things croquet. Apart from playing Golf Croquet (GC), Trevor volunteered as a Referee and Examining Referee, devoting many years to mentoring and/or assessing new GC Referees.

Thank you, Trevor, GC has benefited, and will continue to do so, from your involvement.

Stewart Sinclair



The Board of Croquet NSW has recently appointed Stewart Sinclair from Port Macquarie Croquet Club as a Golf Croquet Examining Referee.

Stewart is excited by the challenge and looks forward to continuing Trevor's legacy.

Many thanks Stewart.

David Scott

State Coordinator of Refereeing GC

Thank you and best wishes

Four members have resigned from the club after many years of working in various capacities for the benefit and enjoyment of all members past and current

John Watson - Public Officer and served on the committee for many years,

Trevor Thornton - Golf Captain, GC referee and Secretary of the GC carnival

Jenny Baker – Treasurer and GC carnival helper

Delwyn Hatton – Welfare Officer



SoFun organised an afternoon of croquet to celebrate the shortest day of sunlight in the year. People enjoyed the sunshine with plenty of croquet and lots of goodies to share. Thanks everyone for supporting the afternoon. Lucky door prize won by Pam. The club is so grateful to the members who support these functions. 🍌🍌 A big thanks to the SoFun team. The raffle drawn

at the AGM was won by Lyn Easton and raised around \$200

The new committee held its first meeting on Monday 20 July and following are snippets from the meeting:-

- GC Rule books are available for purchase
- Approval for court 3 to be used on Mondays from 9am for coaching
- The grants sub-committee has been disbanded with the full committee taking on the responsibility of applying for grants
- Committee members contact details will be placed on the notice board
- Non-committee position details will be placed on the notice board
- The first aid box is to be placed with the defibrillator on the outside table for each playing session
- Friday and Sunday GC sessions will be expanded to 3 hours from 9:00 to midday commencing on 2 August
- Sunday ricochet sessions will be from 2pm to 4pm commencing Sunday 2 August
- All members are to report any items requiring maintenance to a committee member

I would like someone to take on the role of producing the newsletter as I think the Secretary's job is going to take up much of my time. Please contact me if you are interested.

Happy hooping Pam

