



April 2022 Monthly Report from the Committee

- **Club Hubs**

The committee is delighted that our club has been chosen as a Club Hub for Croquet NSW together with the Canberra, Coutts Crossing, Strathfield and Toronto Croquet Clubs. The main aim is to increase the exposure of croquet and to improve the enjoyment of all members.

Tim prepared an excellent submission and, after being short-listed, Tim and I had an on-line meeting with three CNSW members.

It is hoped that the program will begin in May 2022. Before that there will be orientation and training.

- **Reconciliation of payments and court usage**

Tim has been working on tracking payments (from bank statements) and court usage (from on-line bookings).

For each person to have their individual balance of play days at the beginning of each month we ask everyone to make separate payments for each person (not as a couple).

When making a bank deposit, when it is not possible to give a name, please send me an SMS on 0412 923 232 stating your name, the date and the amount deposited.

If you decide not to play, please remove your name from the booking as soon as possible so that the place is available for another member – this applies particularly at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays.

If you don't delete your name by midnight of the day concerned you will be charged for that day.

Information about payments and green fees is required by the auditor.

- **End of Daylight Saving**



Daylight saving ends on Sunday 3 April.

Twilight golf croquet on Tuesday afternoons will then start at 3:30 p.m.

- **Donation to the Lismore and Casino Croquet Clubs**

We all feel desperately sorry for the thousands of people affected by the recent floods. The committee decided to donate \$250 each to the Lismore and Casino Croquet clubs.

- **May General Meeting**

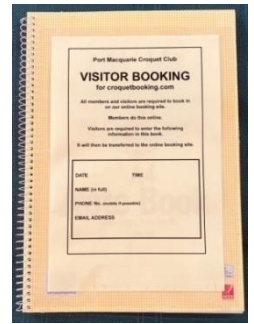
The next General Meeting will be held, in the clubhouse, at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday 12 May. Your attendance would be appreciated – a sheet for apologies and intention to attend will be placed on the table to the left of the clubhouse door.

- **Registering Visitors to the Club**

Tim needs to register visitors to the club – ie **all** non-members. The book for entering information on visitors, when they first visit the club, will be kept with the blue sign-on book.

Information required:

- Date and time
- Name in full
- Phone number (mobile preferred)
- Email address



- **Over 80s Handicap Competition**

Four players competed in the Round Robin using the Advantage Golf Croquet option for handicap play for the first time. This option was a great success. Congratulations to Tony Earle who won the determining match against me!



- **Golf Croquet Competitions in April and May**

- MNCCC match against Forster at Forster on Friday 1 April (**postponed**)
- * MNCCC match against Gloucester at Taree on Sunday 10 April (**postponed**)
- Division 3 Singles Championship on Thursdays **21** and **28** April
- MNCCC match against Taree at Port Macquarie on 1 May
- Division 2 Singles Championship on Thursdays 19 and 26 May

- **Association Croquet Competitions in April and May**

- Handicap Singles - in progress.
- Division 4 Championship will start in April
- Division 3 Championship will start in April/May
- Handicap Doubles Competition – in progress
- *MNCCC match against Taree/Gloucester at Taree on Friday 8 April (**postponed**)
- MNCCC match against Forster at Port Macquarie on Wednesday 27 April

- **Ricochet in April and May**

- MNCCC match against Taree/Gloucester at Taree on Sunday 3 April (**postponed**)
- MNCCC match against Forster at Forster on Saturday 14 May

*when we are the host club our players provide morning and afternoon tea (sweet or savoury cakes and slices). The captain takes tea, coffee, sugar and milk when we are the host club at Taree. Players provide their own lunch.

The **postponed** matches, mostly to be played at Taree, have been postponed because of the water-logged condition of their courts.

- **Introduction of Gateball to our club**

Gateball is a mallet sport similar to croquet.

It is a fun, fast-paced, non-contact and highly strategic team game that is relatively new in Australia but is played by millions of people throughout Asia and South America.

WATCH THIS SPACE!



- **Coaching committee**

John Hincks has coached beginners for many years. All beginners have had a very thorough introduction to the game and the club appreciates the work that John has done. To share the load, the committee has decided to have a coaching committee with Tim Woolford-Smith as the co-ordinator. The committee is Tim, John Hincks, Chris Cox and Bridget Earle.

- **WCF 6th Edition Rules of Golf Croquet**

The World Croquet Federation introduced the 6th Edition Rules of Golf Croquet on 7 March 2022. They will be implemented in Australia on 1 July 2022.

You may download these and a detailed comparison with the 5th Edition Rules from the WCF website.

From 1 July all golf croquet events will be run under the new rules.

- **Introducing croquet to students**

The future of croquet lies with the younger generations. At present, the average age of our members is 74.

Tim is approaching local schools, TAFE and universities about having croquet as a sports option. The suggestion is that we have groups with no more than 8 students when the lawns are otherwise free.

- **Preparation for Commonwealth Games**

Natasha and Genevieve have been selected in the Australian Jackeroos Women's Lawn Bowling Squad for the May Tour of the UK, in preparation for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in June.

You will probably see them practising on our lawns leading up to these events. We congratulate them and wish them well.

- **Defibrillator**

The defibrillator will be kept inside the clubhouse. Before each session it is to be moved to the table on the verandah for the duration of that session. It will then be returned to the clubhouse.

This process has worked well – thank you for your co-operation.



- **Membership of the Westport Club**



For many years the Westport Club has supported our club. Recently the club paid for the lopping, by arborist, of the trees on the Buller Street side of the club. They also paid for the material to refurbish the shade shelters. The balance of their \$2,500 donation, for equipment and maintenance, has been deposited into the club account.

We encourage our members to become **social** members of the Westport Club, at minimal cost, and enjoy their facilities.



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- **Celebration of the Life of Olive Bowly**

All of Olive's friends are invited to a Celebration of Life at 3:00 P.M. on Friday 22 April in the River Room at the Westport Club.

For catering purposes, please let me know, by Thursday 7 April, if you will be attending.

Wearing croquet club uniform is optional – Ollie's daughter said that her mother loved bright colours!



- **Vale** Joan Watson

Stay safe.

Bridget Earle (President)