



## January 2022 Monthly Report from the Committee



*Wishing you a happy and healthy 2022*



- **A new Golf Croquet Referee**

Congratulations Jill Drury on passing the final stage of the golf croquet referee's exam. The process is very rigorous – Open Book test, challenging Lawncraft test and Oral exam.

Thank you Trevor Thornton and Barb Piggott for examining Jill and thank you Trevor for preparing Jill for the exam.



- **Golf Croquet Handicap Singles Competition**

The preliminary rounds were played in two Round Robins. In the semi-finals, Robyn Clarke defeated Jill Drury and Tim Woolford-Smith had a win over Keith Dalton. Tim was the overall winner. Well done Tim!

- **Ricochet**

A few people have expressed interest in learning to play ricochet. It is a very popular game in many clubs and is played at all other MNCCC clubs.

We will start playing ricochet at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesdays, starting with introductory lessons. The first session will be on Wednesday 2 February.

I have a couple of articles suitable for beginners. Please let me know if you are interested in learning to play ricochet - I will send you those articles.

- **2022 Calendar**

The club 2022 calendar has:

- The dates of club meetings and competitions in AC and GC
- The dates of MNCCC events
- The dates of local carnivals (Port Macquarie, Forster, Taree, Urunga, Sawtell).

Croquet NSW and other club events may be found on the CNSW website.

Other events will be posted in the monthly Reports from the Committee.

- **Addition to club website**

Members will continue to book in via Covid-19.

A new feature has been added – **Visitor Session Availability** for visitors to view the session booking numbers. They will still need to book in before they can play.

- **Sunday mornings**

On most Sunday mornings Frank and Peter can be found plying their skills on the croquet courts. They would welcome other players – just book in to play at 9:00 a.m.



- **Lawn Maintenance**

At present Shorty is waiting for grass to grow over the bare patches before he grooms the lawns. In future, we will endeavour to groom the courts in October and April.

- **Defibrillator**

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



- **Hydration**

During the warmer weather it is very important to keep well hydrated. It is good to see most members with their own water bottle. A hat and sunscreen are also advisable.

- **Membership of the Westport Club**

For many years the Westport Club has supported our club. As well as financial donations most of our indoor and outdoor furniture was donated when they upgraded their club. We encourage our members to become social members of the Westport Club, at minimal cost, and enjoy their facilities.

- **Moving forward**

Covid-19 is likely to be with us for some time. We need to move forward with common sense and responsibility. Remember to social distance, wear masks where appropriate and sign in using the QR code.

Non-members will not be allowed to play unless they have arranged to have a coaching session with a club coach or have been registered to play, and booked in, by Tim.

- **Vale Sylvia Andrews**

Stay safe.

Bridget Earle (President)