



## July 2022 Monthly Report from the Committee

### Your new committee since the AGM

President:	Bridget Earle
Vice-President:	Jill Drury
Secretary:	Jane Martin
Treasurer:	Brian Hardy
Association Captain:	Sue Moss
Association Vice-Captain:	Tim Woolford-Smith
Golf Captain:	Chris Cox
Golf Vice-Captain:	Tony Holmes



### Working Bee



Another great team effort - thanks to the members who washed, hosed down, cleaned, tidied, pruned bushes and helped to almost fill a large skip bin.



### Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 2 July

Thank you Warren Miller and Peter Drinkwater for arranging the sausage sizzle. Fifteen members helped on the very wet day. About \$400 was made. Less than two weeks after this, Bunnings increased the price of a sausage sandwich from \$2.50 to \$3.50.

In his report, Warren suggested that there should be an increase in price. We just missed out on about \$400.



- **Introducing Gateball**

On Saturday 16 July Marion Davies, Helen Chalmers, Ruth Mulvaney and Jenny Willsher from Toronto Croquet Club introduced us to gateball – a very different mallet team sport. See attachment 2.

- **Online booking and recording green fee prepayments**

Tim never ceases to amaze us with the refinements in our online Booking System. Tim sent everyone an email describing how to find your lawn credit and how update your credit when you prepay green fees.

If you want to keep a monthly record see attachment 3.

- **Club Championships and Competitions**

### **Golf Croquet Division 2 Championship**

In a 3 player round robin the winner was Bridget Earle with Keith Dalton the runner-up.



### **Ricochet Division 3 Championship**

This championship was won by Bridget Earle, with Kay Craig the runner-up in a 4 player round robin.



### **Association Croquet Division 3 Championship**

In a 4 player round robin the winner was Sue Shenton, with Eric Gadd the runner-up.

- **MNCCC Inter-Club Competition Results**

### **Golf Croquet against Gloucester at Taree**

This very closely fought match was the last of the golf croquet Inter-Club matches for 2022.

The Port Macquarie team was victorious, winning 14 games to 10.

Thank you to all the players, some playing in MNCCC matches for the first time, for being part of the golf croquet team.



- **Association Croquet against a combined Gloucester/Taree team at Taree**

Another very close match – 3 games each to Taree/Gloucester and Port Macquarie. On a count-back the combined Taree/Gloucester team won with 75 hoops to 68.



- **MNCCC – a brief history**

- In 1958 the Hastings & Manning District Croquet Council (HMDCC) was formed by the Port Macquarie, Wauchope, Taree and Wingham croquet clubs.
- Forster joined in 1972.
- Wingham left in 1976 because of declining membership.
- Gloucester joined in 1990.
- Wauchope left in 1992 because of declining membership and Kempsey joined briefly.
- In 1995 the name changed to Mid North Coast Croquet Council (MNCCC) with the Forster, Gloucester, Port Macquarie and Taree clubs.

For 64 years the Port Macquarie club has competed and socially interacted with people from local croquet clubs.

The current format is: Inter-Club handicap matches and District Championships, in golf croquet, association croquet and ricochet, and an annual Christmas party.

There is a strong connection between the clubs which we strive to keep.

- **Golf Croquet Competitions in July and August**

- Division 1 Championship in July/August

- **Association Croquet Competitions in July and August**

- Handicap Doubles Competition – in progress
- Port Macquarie Carnival on 25 to 29 July.

- **Ricochet in July and August**

- Handicap Singles

Ricochet is played from 2:30 to 4:30 on Wednesday afternoons. If anyone is interested in learning this game please contact the Ricochet Captain, Jill Drury, on 0408 381 195



- **Our new trolleys**

Thanks, Tim.

- **Raffles at carnivals**

Thank you for your donations for the carnival raffles. We still need more please. Meredith suggests that you bring something that you would like to win yourself – red and white wines, chocolates, biscuits, shortbreads, bags of licorice, nuts.



Raffle tickets will be for sale to club members during the week before the carnival – from Sunday 17 July to Saturday 23 July. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, with raffles being drawn on each of the 5 days of the carnival. These raffles are the main fund-raisers for our club.

- **Cakes and Slices during the Carnival (25 to 29 July)**



Our club is known for its country hospitality. Part of this is providing cakes and slices for the competitors during the carnival. Our members have always been very generous with this – just bring them in at any time. I will be there from 7:00am to 5:00pm each day.

***Court 3 will be available for play during the carnival – just book online.***

- **Commonwealth Games**

Congratulations to Natasha Van Eldik for being selected as a member of the Australian Lawn Bowling Team for the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. The bowling competition will be held at Leamington Spa from 29 July to 6 August.

Tash already has 2 Commonwealth Games gold medals. Australia has never won a gold medal in England, Scotland or Wales. Let's hope that practising on our croquet courts has helped Tash in her preparation for playing on the English greens.



- **The Westport Club**

- **Promotional Material**

Thank you Rachel Bell, graphic designer of the Westport Club, for finalising and printing promotional material that was designed by Warren Miller.





- **Christmas in August**

On Wednesday 10 August our club will be holding a Christmas in August dinner in the Hastings Room. We hope that many of our members and their partners will attend. See Attachment 1.

- **Belated 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

On Sunday 16 October, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, our members can belatedly celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Croquet Club in Jimmy's Bar. Finger food will be provided.

- **Committee Minutes**

The minutes of meetings are kept in a folder in the third drawer of the filing cabinet. The July committee meeting was cancelled. Four committee members were unable to attend. The minutes of committee meetings, special meetings, and AGM are welcome to be read in the clubhouse.

- **Club Hubs update**

The Club Hub complements other club activities. Today we were able to use some of our funds to support the introduction to gateball. See attachment 2.

Stay safe.

Bridget Earle (President)