



## June 2022 Monthly Report from the Committee

### • Annual General Meeting

The AGM and July General Meeting will be held, in the clubhouse, at 9:00am on Thursday 14 July.

Notices of Motion must be received by Thursday 23 June.

Nominations for committee members must be received by Thursday 7 July – see Appendix 1 at the end of this report.

Please write your name on the AGM notice if you are able to attend. You may also register an apology.

### ▪ Membership Fee and Green Fees

The membership fee for the next financial year is \$160, and the daily green fee is \$7.

Please pay your membership fee by 30 June by Bank Transfer or Bank Deposit.

Bank account details: Westpac Bank; Port Macquarie Croquet Club; BSB – 032586;

Account – 249968; Reference - your surname and initial. If you are unable to identify

yourself by name when making a bank deposit, please advise me of your name and date of payment.

**Please pay green fees individually – not as a couple.**

### ▪ Fees for new players to our mallet sports

The following applies to people learning to play golf croquet, association croquet, ricochet and gateball:

- First lesson free
- Subsequent lessons/play pay green fee of \$6 (\$7 from 1 July)
- Cash fee paid to session coordinator who will give the money to the Treasurer
- Maximum of 4 sessions before applying for membership of PMCC.

### • Working Bee



Last year there was a wonderful response of help from club members. This year the committee has planned a working bee to start at **12 noon on Saturday 18 June.**

Just turn up with a bucket, brush and cloths for cleaning. The inside of the clubhouse will be cleaned as well as the sheds.

There are a lot of things that need to be taken to the tip. **If you have a trailer that you are willing to use please let Brian or me know.**



- **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 2 July**



Warren Miller and Peter Drinkwater have arranged to hold a sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday 2 July. This is a good fundraiser for our club, but we need help from our members.

Volunteers for 3 sessions from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will be needed, with only 5 people allowed at any specific time. Warren is organising the roster – more help is needed.

- **New trolleys**



The photos show the first of three new trolleys. It was custom designed and constructed by Wal Wallington from Forster, using a basic trolley from Bunnings.



- **Club Championships and Competitions**

Formats of competitions in golf croquet, association croquet and ricochet:

- with 3 or more players – one round robin or two or more round robins followed by finals
- with 2 players – the best of three games.

- **MNCCC Inter-Club Competition Results**

**Ricochet against a combined Taree and Gloucester team at Taree**

This was the first ricochet competition for Jill Drury, Kate Collier and Kay Craig. The team played well, winning 5 of the 6 Singles and Doubles games.



**Ricochet against Forster at Forster**

It was a new experience for Jill and Kay playing on the beautiful lawns at Forster on the first sunny day for a while. Most games were closely contested with Forster winning 4 of the 6 games.





## Golf Croquet against Taree at Port Macquarie

Warren sent you all a detailed description of the day. It was a great team effort, with a nail biting finish – we just scraped in, winning 13 games to 11.

- **Court Bookings**

For scheduled **Club Croquet Play** 24 people are able to book at that particular time.

For **General Play** anyone may book to play or practise on a particular court.

When booked for a session the players may start early as long as no-one has booked a particular court at that time.

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

- MNCCC match against Forster at Forster on Friday 3 June
- Handicap Doubles competition on 9 and 16 June
- MNCCC match against Gloucester at Taree on Sunday 19 June
- Division 2 Club Championship – to be announced
- Division 1 Championship on Thursday 7 July.

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

- Division 3 Championship – in progress
- Division 1 Championship – in progress
- Handicap Doubles Competition – in progress
- MNCCC match against Taree/Gloucester at Taree on Wednesday 15 July
- Port Macquarie Carnival on 25 to 29 July.

- **Ricochet in June and July**

- Divisional 3 Championship - in progress.

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

- **Raffles at carnivals**

Meredith will arrange the raffles again. These are good fund raisers for our club and members have always been very generous with their donations.

A new gold box has now been placed on the bench or table. Meredith suggests that you bring something that you would like to win yourself – red and white wines, chocolates, biscuits, shortbreads, bags of licorice, nuts.



- **Introduction of Gateball to our club**

**On Saturday 16 July two players from Toronto/Newcastle National Park Croquet Clubs will conduct a gateball demonstration and organise games. Helen and Ruth are experienced gateball players and coaches. All members are encouraged to participate or just watch. We will invite members from the Coutts Crossing Club to join us.**

**The session will be run between 10:00 and 2:00. A sausage sizzle will be held. Warren will keep you informed.**

Robin Shenton, a former President of our club, was very involved in the game. He played for Canberra in State and National competitions and refereed at State competitions. It will be good to have his expertise when we introduce gateball.



- **WCF 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Rules of Golf Croquet**

The new rules will be implemented in Australia on 1 July 2022.

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

A good 20 minute YouTube version can be seen on <https://youtu.be/qWkgEpgShvo>

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

- **Membership of The Westport Club**

For many years the Westport Club has supported our club.

The balance of their \$2,500 donation for 2021/2022, for equipment and maintenance, has been deposited into the club bank account. We encourage our members to become **social** members of the Westport Club, at minimal cost, and enjoy their facilities.

- **Committee Minutes**

The minutes of the committee meetings are kept in a folder in the third drawer of the filing cabinet. Any member is welcome to read these in the clubhouse.

- **Club Hubs update**

The Club Hub complements other club activities.

As a Club Hub we liaise with Croquet NSW and other Hubs to program activities such as coaching sessions, workshops, activities days, holding information sessions and running State events that can be held on two courts.

Shortly, the first of 4 payments of \$2,500 will be deposited in a dedicated Club Hub account. We plan to purchase a television to be mounted on the noticeboard wall. This can be used to complement coaching sessions. We have coaches in both golf and association

qcroquet who are able to use the excellent resource material produced by the Australian Croquet Academy.

The new Rules of Golf Croquet come into force in Australia on 1 July. We plan to use the video through the television (Warren sent the link to all members), together with referees and a whiteboard to explain the law changes.

Our first event will be introducing gateball. We will also invite members of the Coutts Crossing Croquet Club, another Club Hub, to join us for this event, which includes a sausage sizzle. Later we plan to run a similar day for the other MNCCC clubs. We can use money from our special account to cover the costs.

Tim Woolford-Smith is the co-ordinator of our Club Hub.

Stay safe.

Bridget Earle (President)

## **Appendix 1**

### **Office Bearers for the 2022/2023 Committee**

The AGM will be held in the clubhouse at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 14 July.

All committee positions have been declared vacant.

Nominations are required for the following positions on the 2022/2023 committee.

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Association Croquet Captain

Association Vice-Captain

Golf Croquet Captain

Golf Croquet Vice-Captain

Delegates for the MNCCC are appointed by the committee.

All nominations of Office Bearers shall be proposed and seconded, by financial members, on the form provided. The nominee must endorse the nomination.

Nominations should be received at least 7 days before the AGM (7 July). Nomination forms are on the table inside the clubhouse.

The complete list of nominees will be posted on the noticeboard after nominations close.