



## October 2022 Monthly Report from the Committee

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



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

John Watson has recorded the history of our club. He plans to scroll photos from the 1950s on a screen during the afternoon.

**You and your partner are invited to join in with this celebration.**

Please write your name on the sheet inside the door of the clubhouse, by Saturday 8 October, or send an SMS to Bridget on 0412 923 232.



- **Golf Croquet Carnival**



Our annual golf croquet carnival was a great success – it was a good team effort. Thank you for your support in donating goodies for the raffles, bringing in cakes and slices, volunteering to help in the kitchen, to referee or time-keep.

The Carnival winner was Peter Waters from Urunga. Congratulations Robyn Clarke for winning Block D.



- **Daylight Saving**

Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday 2 October. The Tuesday afternoon Twilight Golf Croquet session will start at 3:30pm.

- **Gateball**

Ros Crowe, the National Director of Gateball Australia, and her daughter helped us with our Gateball journey, on Monday 12 September. We plan to hold Gateball sessions on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30pm, starting on Wednesday 12 October.

You may book in online. The length of a game is 30 minutes. It is a fun, team game. Give it a try!



- **Christmas Parties**

- **MNCCC Christmas Party and Delegates Meeting at Port Macquarie on Sunday 27 November**

Members who represented our club in any MNCCC events this year are encouraged to join in with the end of year celebrations with players from Forster, Gloucester and Taree.

Names on sheet by Friday 18 November.

We need a group of people to help organize the lunch – please let Jill (0408 381 195) or me (0412 923 232) know if you are prepared to help. Thank you.

- **Club Activities Day and Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 4 December**

After the very successful Activities Day last December, we plan to hold a similar day this year. There will be more information about the activities in the November report. Peter Drinkwater has volunteered to organise the sausage sizzle – contact him if you are prepared to help.

- **MNCCC District Championships**

The winners of the 2022 District Championships are:

**Association Croquet (at Forster)**

Division 1: Sue Moss (Port Macquarie)  
Division 2: John Hincks (Port Macquarie)  
Division 3: Eric Gadd (Port Macquarie)  
Division 4: Jill Roberts (Forster).

**Golf Croquet (at Gloucester)**

Division 1: Forster    Division 2: Taree  
Division 3: Gloucester.

**Ricochet (at Taree)**

Division 1:    Barb McTiernan (Forster)    Division 2:    Peter Pittard (Forster)  
Division 3:    Aileen Matlawski (Forster).

- **Club Competitions**

**Golf Croquet Competitions in October and November**

- Handicap Singles Competition – 11:00am on Fridays 28 October and 4 November.

**Association Croquet Competitions in October and November**

- Kelsall Shield Competition, between Port Macquarie and Urunga, on Wednesday 26 October
- Division 2 Championship – in progress.



- **It's good to be part of a team**

There are two types of district competitions – handicap and level.

The recent competitions were the District Championships in Association Croquet, Golf Croquet and Ricochet.

It's good to be part of the club teams – think about joining in next year and becoming part of the Mid North Coast Croquet Community.

Two of our members played in the three District Championships – Sue Moss and Jill Drury.



- **Golf Croquet – reinforcing some existing practices and adding some new ones**

The following 4 motions were proposed by Bridget Earle, seconded by Chris Cox and passed by the committee.

**Motion 1 - that when the games are double-banked primary and secondary play start at corners 4 and 2 respectively.**

**Motion 2 - that a 5 minute rule be imposed when both double-banked games are playing for the same hoop – the players holding up the other game are to be asked to mark their balls to allow the other game to play through.**

**Motion 3 - that the length of the Advantage Golf Croquet Handicap games be 1 hour and 'Stop on the Bell'(19.1.4) is imposed – if the score is even play continues until the next point is scored.**

**Motion 4 - that in the MNCCC Inter-Club Competitions, which will use Advantage GC Handicap play in 2023, there be five 1 hour sessions to allow for the extra game length.**

- **Lawn Maintenance**

Shorty and our maintenance team have faced an uphill battle with the almost continuous wet weather. We thank all the members for helping in these challenging conditions.

During September all lawns were fertilised. Last week Court 1 was groomed and rolled.

This has already made a significant difference to the playing surface. It is planned to do the same to Court 2 next Thursday. All lawns will be fertilised again in the next two weeks.

- **NO JUMP SHOTS**

While the lawns remain soft no JUMP SHOTS will be permitted in social, club play until the courts have dried out. With the forecast of continued wet conditions this may not be for some time.

Please repair any divots that you make when mis-hitting a ball.

- **November General Meeting**

The General Meeting will be held at 9:00am on Thursday 10 November. Please write your name on the notice sheet if you wish to attend.

- **Committee Minutes**

The minutes of meetings are kept in a folder in the third drawer of the filing cabinet. They may be read in the clubhouse.

- If you have any concerns or suggestions please put them **in writing to the President and Secretary**. These will then be taken to the next committee meeting.

- **The Westport Club**

For many years The Westport Club has supported our club with grants to help with purchasing new equipment, covering some maintenance costs and helping us to run carnivals of a high standard.

We really appreciate their generosity and encourage our members to become Social Members of The Westport Club and to use their facilities.

Stay safe.

Bridget Earle (President)