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# Sawtell Croquet



August 2025

## From the President's Desk

Hello Everyone

What a day! Monday we had our General Meeting followed by our AGM. We managed to get a couple of games of Golf Croquet in before the meetings. Most of it was general business with a few questions from members.

Then came the AGM where all positions became vacant. It looks like the old team is back together with a couple of additions. I would like to welcome Jenny Arnold as Secretary, Janelle McDermid as Treasurer, Greg Kenny as our new Vice President, Wendy Forbes as Club Captain, Gaylene Humphries as Committee member and Debbie Nealand as Committee member and Jan Marshall as Committee member.

Thank you for your confidence by appointing me as your President for the next year.

As always, Jamie

**Coming up.... social event**

**Step into Spring**  
**Monday 1st September**



Come and play croquet and enjoy a BBQ lunch.

**\$10** (includes green fees)

Suitable for gluten free diet.

**Win \$150** 'Beauty on the Promenade' voucher

**\$1 per ticket**

or

**3 tickets for \$5**

Drawn 1st September

**Coming up....**

**social event**

Sawtell's **Golf Croquet Friendly Day**

Thursday 18th September

Come and play croquet with players from other clubs and enjoy a BBQ lunch.



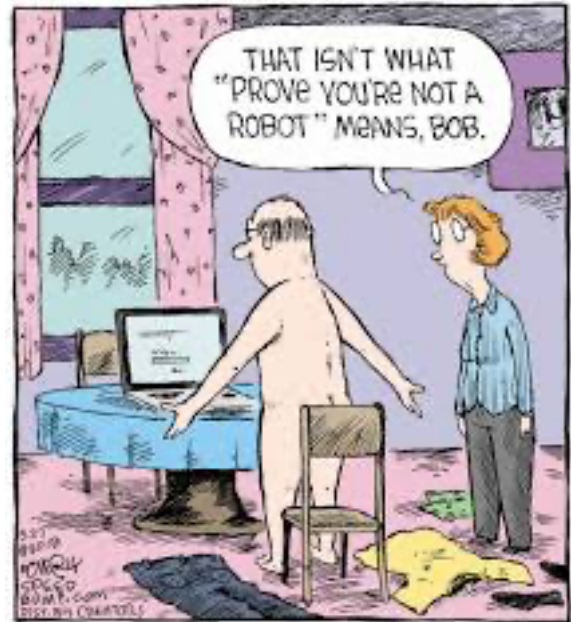
**\$10 includes green fees.**

*Suitable for gluten free diets.*

*Welcome* to our new member

**Cliff Elliott**

Enjoy your croquet and the friendships the club has to offer.



"My doctor told me to avoid any unnecessary stress, so I didn't open his bill."



## Talking To....

Carol Marks

Where were you born and where have you lived?

Marrickville, Waverley, Blaxland and Nowra

Tell us about your working life.

G J Coles, Kmart, Shoalhaven Hospital and Baringa Private Hospital

What other sports have you played?

Tennis

Do you have a hobby?

Walking dogs

Where is your favourite holiday destination?

Brisbane

What book or movie have you enjoyed?

Criminal movies

## Talking To....

Greg Humphries

Where were you born and where have you lived?

Yea (Vic), Georgetown (Tas), Dalby (Qld), Grafton, Tamworth, Newcastle, Coffs Harbour, Nowra, Berwick (Vic) and a 5 year stint back to Tasmania before returning to Coffs in 2022.

Tell us about your working life.

Self employed in retail before I started a very successful career with Westfarmers and Kleenheat Gas. Hence all our moves.

What other sports have you played?

Rowing, hockey, judo, karate, bowls and now enjoying croquet.

Do you have a hobby?

Gardening and I enjoy a good book.

Where is your favourite holiday destination?

Visiting our son and family in Canada.

What book or movie have you enjoyed?

Game of Thrones

## July Monthly Mallet Winners

Golf croquet - **Ellis Nicholson**

Ricochet - **Lyn Dalziel**

Association Croquet - **Brenda Burrows**

*Congratulations!*

# Important

**Please check that your emergency contact details are listed correctly.**

Members' names and contacts are on the noticeboard. Please check your details.

Notification forms (if needed)  
are on the board as well.



June meat raffle winner - Kerry Crooks

July meat raffle winner - Derek Burrows



The monthly meat raffle is sponsored by Big Country Meats, Coffs Harbour.

They support us. Please support them.

# Aussie Facts



If you visited one new beach in Australia every day, it would take over 27 years to see them all.

**Kangaroos and emus can't walk backwards.**

The Sydney Opera House has 1000 rooms, is 185 m long and 120 m wide. The roof has 2,194 pre-cast concrete sections, weighing up to 15 tons.

The roof sections are held together by 350 km of tensioned steel cables. The roof comprises of more than 1,000,000 tiles. There are 6,225 square metres of glass and 645 km of electric cable.



Did you know that there is a birthday book at the club house?

All are invited to add your name to the list.



# **FOR SALE**

## **at the clubhouse**

**1 white Ladies size 8 club shirt \$35**

Money to be paid to the captain of the day.

**1 red size 14 club shirt \$40**

Money to be paid to the captain of the day.

**Pockets (sew on) with logo \$5**

Money to be paid to the captain of the day.

**Name badges \$10**

Organise with Jenny Arnold.

**Cans of cordial \$2**

Honesty system - place your money in the jar. No IOUs.

**Bead counters \$3**

Money to be paid to the captain of the day.

**Ball markers 20c**

Money to be paid to the captain of the day.

Nominate a fellow club member to receive the Captain's **HAPPY HOOPER AWARD**.

Place your nomination in the red suggestion box. A Happy Hooper Award will be presented on the first Monday of each month.



Captain's  
**HAPPY HOOPER**  
AWARD



*presented to*

.....  
in displaying sportsmanship, outstanding  
play and/or contribution to the club.

Date ..... Signature .....

June inaugural recipient - **Janelle McDermid**  
July recipient - **Les Gartrell**

*Congratulations*



Thank you to **Jan Marshall** for the photo collages that you contribute to the newsletter.

# Association Croquet Workshop

Report by Garry O'Dell

On 9th July, the second workshop on Association Croquet was held at Sawtell Croquet Club through the CNSW Hub by Coutts Crossing Hub Coordinator, Simon Cook. 10 players attended from Port Macquarie, Queanbeyan, Warrnambool, and Sawtell Croquet Clubs.

Croquet educator, Garry O'Dell, followed the same workshop format, namely skills, laws and tactics, specifically addressing croquet strokes, namely straight drives, faults and openings. Additional information was emailed to the workshop participants as a refresher for the day's activities. Based on the enthusiastic response to this level of coaching, further monthly workshops are planned, with the next Hub regional workshop planned for August 13 at Sawtell. Workshop 3 will focus on other croquet strokes, critical and hampered shots and break building.



Coutts Crossing CNSW Regional Hub is continuing

**Association Croquet Workshops**

**August 13th 12.30pm - 2.30pm**

at Sawtell Croquet Club

email: [garry5751@gmail.com](mailto:garry5751@gmail.com)

**Registration essential**



## **PACE Workshop for Golf Croquet Wednesday 9th July**

**The foundation level coaching workshop  
was facilitated by Kate McLaughlin and  
Peter Freer and funded by Croquet NSW.**



## **PACE Workshop for Golf Croquet Wednesday 29th July**

**The coaching workshop was facilitated by  
Simon Cook and funded by Croquet NSW.**

**Participants' green fees on the  
day were paid for by Croquet NSW.**

**More coaching workshops are being planned.**



## Pauline's Murray River Silver Service Experience

Pauline had a 3 night / 4 day cruise on the 'Murray Princess'.

“We boarded at Mannum.

The trip was fantastic. All the crew were great. We had three course meals for both lunch and dinner. Silver service standard - wait staff used white gloves for serving, with one hand behind their back.

The entertainment on board was fantastic.

During the trip the 'Murray Princess' passed through a lock twice, once along the way, then again on the return trip to Mannum. England has many locks, so I really enjoyed the experience of passing through the lock.

After disembarking, our trip continued on to Kangaroo Island. We caught the ferry to and from the island and spent two days exploring Kangaroo Island.

A great trip - one I had been wanting to do for a long time.”



# **AC Carnival**

## **Port Macquarie 2025 Carnival**

President Jill, Bridget and Sue and Club members warmly welcomed 26 players from 10 NSW Clubs contesting Port Macquarie's 69th Annual Carnival.

To a keen Croquet enthusiast, there is nothing better than to sit on the sunny verandah, watching great games and experience the friendly hospitality and catering extended by Port Macquarie.

We are so proud of our Sawtell players Kay Munro and Terry Regan, winning their respective blocks, resulting in handicap reductions for both.

Special mention should be made of Bridget Earl's tireless attention to detail and refereeing, President Jill Dury's first major win, and Sue Moss winning the top block with net hoops of 58 against the top 3 men! Sue also managing the kitchen and beautiful dinner in the Club House for the presentations.

Past friends were remembered, new friendships made, memories extending back over 30 years were exchanged about this wonderful sport.

The weather was kind before the torrential down pour on the Saturday - we were so lucky.

So in 2026 - the place to be is Port Macquarie for their 70th Birthday Carnival 27th - 31st July.

See you there!

**Report by Carol Cate**

# **Bob & Helen Chambers' Scottish Holiday**

Despite not having any Scottish heritage and not liking whiskey, Bob & I decided that we would like to go to Scotland again and have time to relax and enjoy the country. Our trip was organised from Australia using a Scottish tour company and it was very well arranged.

We started with four days in Edinburgh, which included a walking tour of the Royal Mile, visited Edinburgh Castle, the Palace of Holyroodhouse and HMY Britannia, which is a great museum to luxury cruising, along with stuffed corgi dogs in every room!

Over the next couple of weeks we drove along the west coast, enjoying the lochs and highlands, then along the north coast with sandy beaches, then along the east coast back to Edinburgh. The Isle of Skye was beautiful, however it was freezing cold and the wind nearly blew us off the ground there. We enjoyed the variety of scenery, from the ruggedness of the west coast to the fertile lands on the east, with plenty of barley growing for their whisky, and potatoes which seem to accompany every meal, even breakfast.

We visited many castles and grand country homes and stayed in a lot of them. The experiences make for the best memories, talking with local people and unexpected delights, such as listening to and watching about 40 children from Gordonstoun School playing the bagpipes in the forecourt of Dunrobin Castle. They play there once a year – and we had the pleasure of listening to them!

Scotland is a beautiful country, with stone houses in the villages with doors opening straight onto the street, carriage ways between the terrace houses which invite me to look behind to see what is there, beautiful gardens to wander around, roads so narrow that passing places are every 100 yards or so, and weather that can change several times a day.

If you have the opportunity – go and have a look at Scotland - but leave plenty of time because there is a lot to see.

Bob with an owl at  
a falconry display



Tobermory on the Isle of Mull

**Coming up....**

**PACE coaching workshop  
for Golf Croquet at Woolgoolga**

**Thursday 7th August 9am - 11am**

**Coaching funded by Croquet NSW.**

**Coming up....**

**PACE coaching workshop**

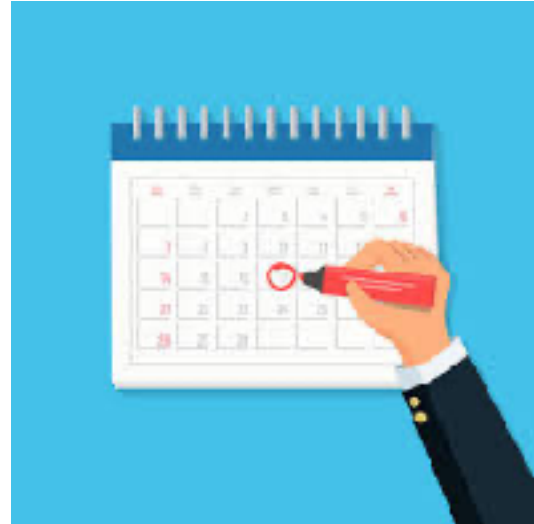
**for Golf Croquet at Sawtell**

**Thursday 14th August 10.30am - 12.30pm**



**When you attend the coaching, your daily green fee will be paid for by Croquet NSW.**

# *Mark your Calendar*



PACE Golf Croquet Workshop  
9am Thursday 7th August  
Woolgoolga

Association Workshop  
12.30pm Wednesday 13th August  
Sawtell

PACE Golf Croquet Workshop  
10.30am Thursday 14th August  
Sawtell

Step into Spring  
Monday 1st September

GC Friendly at Sawtell  
Thursday 18th September