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Sawtell Croquet

November/December 2025

From the President's Desk



Hello all,

Our Christmas Luncheon and Presentation Day was a success. Thanks to all involved. Congratulations to members who were acknowledged in the award ceremony. Thanks to all club members who tally statistics during the year to make it all happen.

Other club news is that we have sourced a replacement green keeper and he will be working for a trial 3 month period.

I would like to thank the committee members who have supported me and the club in general over the last 12 months. I will finish the year with wishing all a happy Christmas period and stay safe.

As always, Jamie



Regional Golf Tournament

Coffs Coast Regional Golf Croquet Carnival

The Sawtell Croquet Club proudly hosted the **3rd Annual Coffs Coast Regional Golf Croquet Carnival** on the 9th, 10th and 11th November, welcoming players from across the region—from South West Rocks in the south to Coutts Crossing in the north.

The carnival featured both **doubles and singles competitions**, showcasing skill, strategy, and plenty of friendly rivalry.

The Doubles Event played on Sunday saw twelve teams battle it out in a round robin format, ensuring every pair had the chance to test themselves against a wide range of opponents. The atmosphere was lively, with spectators enjoying close finishes and impressive shotmaking throughout the day. Eventual winners of Block A were Peter and Cath Waters from the Sawtell Club. Runners up Cliff and Kay Elliott, also from Sawtell. Block B winners were James Hassett and Bill Bradshaw from South West Rocks Club with Alysa Janssen (SWR and Jenny Charnock (Woolgoolga) runner up.

Players then shifted focus to individual play, where consistency and tactical awareness proved key. The singles matches highlighted the depth of talent across the region, with newcomers and seasoned competitors alike making their mark.

In some close fought games, some of the results went to a countback. Singles winners in Block A were Gary Urquhart, with Greg Kenny runner up, both players from Sawtell. Block B went to South West Rocks players – James Hassett winner and Kevin Mainey, runner up. Block C was a Woolgoolga affair with David Conallin winning from Graeme King.

The carnival not only celebrated competitive croquet but also strengthened community ties, with clubs across the Coffs Coast coming together in the spirit of sportsmanship.

Jenny Arnold

Tournament Manager



Cath & Peter Waters
Winners
Block A
Doubles



Kay & Cliff Elliott
Runners-up
Block A
Doubles



Gary Urquhart
Winner
Block A
Singles

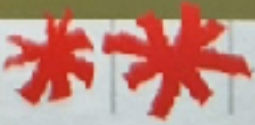
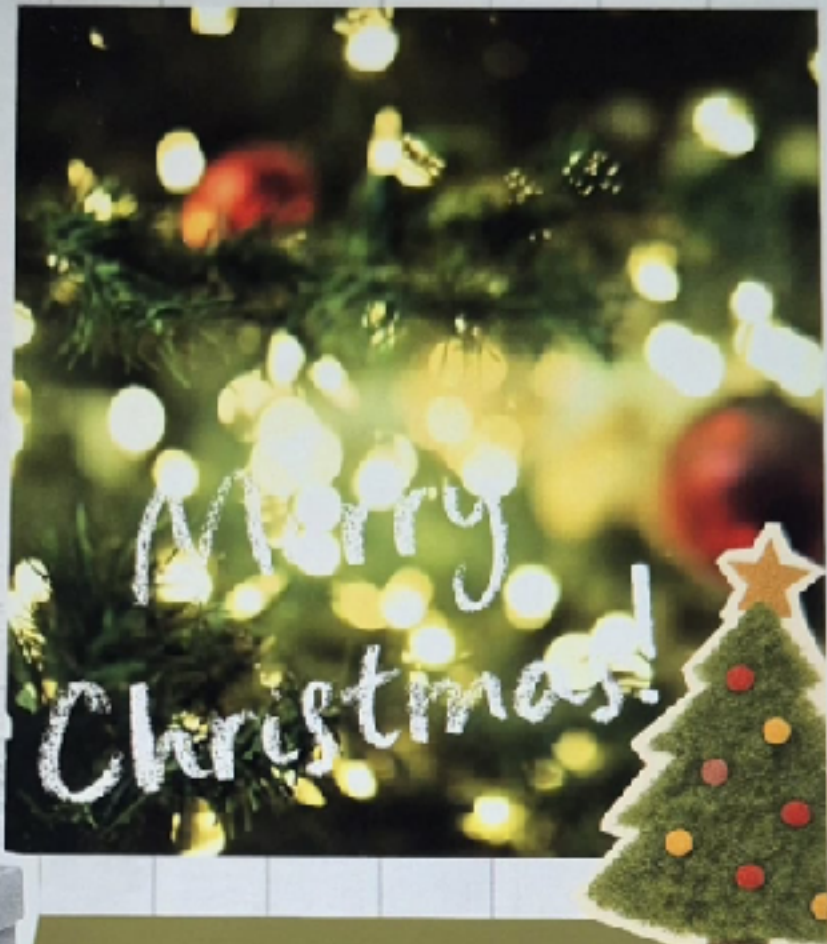


David Conallin
Winner
Block C
Singles

Greg Kenny
Runner-up

Graeme King
Runner-up

Merry Christmas!





A very happy Christmas and Presentation Day on Tuesday 18th November. Different venue this year was the Sawtell community hall. The social committee coordinated the whole thing with help from many members. The Men's Shed Band provided the music which was enjoyed by all. Feet were tapping and members singing. Well done to all including our award winners.

John McKeough
Perpetual Trophy
for most consistent.

AC Kay Munro

GC Greg Kenny

AC Gaylene Humphries



2025 Annual Golf Croquet Awards



GOLD DIVISION

Doubles
Winners: Greg Kenny
& Wendy Forbes



GOLD DIVISION

Doubles
Runner-ups: Michael Nealand
& Maree Grant



SILVER DIVISION

Doubles
Winners: Bill Lidster
& Liz Croker



SILVER DIVISION

Doubles
Runner-ups: Trish Mair &
Bruce Hamilton

2025 Annual Golf Croquet Awards



Perpetual Beth Pike Shield

Singles - Division 1
Winner: Greg Kenny



Singles - Division 1
Runner-up: Gaylene
Humphries



Singles - Division 2
Winner: John
Veness



Singles - Division 2
Runner-up: Michael
Nealand



Singles - Division 3
Winner: Graeme King
Runner-up: Nerida King

2025 Annual Association Croquet Awards



Division 1- Singles
Winner: Kay Munro



Division 2 - Singles
Winner: Carol Cate



Division 3 - Singles
Winner: Wendy Forbes



Division 1 - Singles Handicap
Winner: Wendy Forbes
Runner-up: Gary Urquhart



Doubles Handicap
Winners: Brenda Burrows
and Jenny Arnold



Doubles Handicap
Runners-up: Carol Cate
Absent: Terry Regan

2025 Annual Ricochet Croquet Awards



Singles Division 1
Winner: Gary Urquhart



Singles Division 1
Runner-up: Wendy Forbes



Singles Division 2
Winner: Elaine Hulbert

2025 Annual Ricochet Croquet Awards



Singles Division 2
Runner-up: Helen Chambers



Doubles
Winners: Helen Chambers
& Graeme King



Doubles
Runners-up: Jenny Arnold
& Lee Stewart

Sawtell Croquet Club G C Pennants Team



Division 2

Greg Kenny, Wendy Forbes,
Jamie Mair.

Absent: Gaylene Humphries
& Greg Carter

Division 3

Kerry Crooks, Maree Grant,
Marguerite Hackett, Trish
Mair, Michael Nealand

Absent: John Veness



ANNUAL HAPPY HOOPER AWARD



Michael Nealand

Rudolph the Viking

One night a viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain."

His wife asked, "How do you know?"

"Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

The Christmas Dinner

Young Jessica always wanted a dog for Christmas. She asked Santa at the mall and even put it on her wish list. When Christmas came, her mum handed her a huge box with holes. Excited, Jessica ripped it open only to be disappointed to find a pig. Then she asked her mum, "Why did Santa get me a pig?" From the kitchen her dad yelled, "Oh, that's my fault." "Why?" Jessica asked. Her father replied, "I asked Santa for a Christmas ham!"

The Four Stages of Life

Your relationship with Santa exists in 4 stages.

1. You believe in Santa who gives you presents.
2. You grow up and stop believing in Santa.
3. You have children and now you are Santa.
4. You age and finally you look like Santa.

The Detective

Why does Frosty the Snowman like solving mysteries?

Because he has a nose for cold cases!

Coming up....

social event

December Ham/Lamb Giveaway

3 lucky weekly winners

Play croquet in December for your chance to win a ham or leg of lamb.



Winners drawn:

Monday 8th

Monday 15th

Monday 22nd

Sponsored by Big Country Meats, Coffs Harbour.

Congratulations to Wendy Forbes who has gained her Referee Certificate for RC. Wendy successfully completed the online component plus an oral and on court exam with Ray Chapman, the director of RC Refereeing for croquet NSW.

Congratulations Wendy!



Referees and Coaches

Penned by Wendy Forbes, Club Captain

If you aspire to become a referee or coach in GC, RC or AC, we have members who can support you through this process.

If you would like to improve your GC, RC or AC game, we can provide you with suitable coaching programs to ensure you gain knowledge, skills and expertise in your particular code of play. Time slots can be arranged to help or mentor your development in the areas you require.

Below is a list of our current qualified support team. We also have several players who have let their qualifications expire and are still happy to share their knowledge and experience.

Referees

GC Jenny Arnold, Derek Burrows, Wendy Forbes, Alan Mashman

RC Jenny Arnold, Wendy Forbes

AC Jenny Arnold, Garry O'Dell

Coaches

GC Lyn Hastings, Michael Hastings, Jenny Arnold (expired), Wendy Forbes (expired)

RC Jenny Arnold

AC Garry O'Dell (level 2)

We currently have two members pursuing the necessary modules to become GC referees. Jamie & Maree are mentored and supported by Jenny Arnold and Wendy Forbes.

For more information you can contact, Garry O'Dell, Jenny Arnold or Wendy Forbes.

**Birthday wishes to our members
celebrating birthdays in December.**



Ellen Puxty-Johansen
Rodney Simpson
Paulene Way
Carol Marks
Carol Cate
Robert Roycroft
Greg Humphries
Jenny Charnock
Catherine Waters

Talking To....

Gary Urquhart

Where were you born and where have you lived?

Blacktown, Sydney

Tell us about your working life.

Family earth moving business for 38 years. Travelled Australia working for 18 years. Retired 2016 and returned to Coffs.

What other sports have you played?

Tennis - NSW Country Tournaments, rugby league, soccer - North Coast Rep Team, Squash - North Coast Rep Team.

Professional Tennis Re-stringer for Tennis Australia - Satellites

Do you have a hobby?

Making croquet mallets and repairing mallets

Where is your favourite holiday destination?

Coffs Harbour and Broome



November meat raffle winner is
Helen Chambers

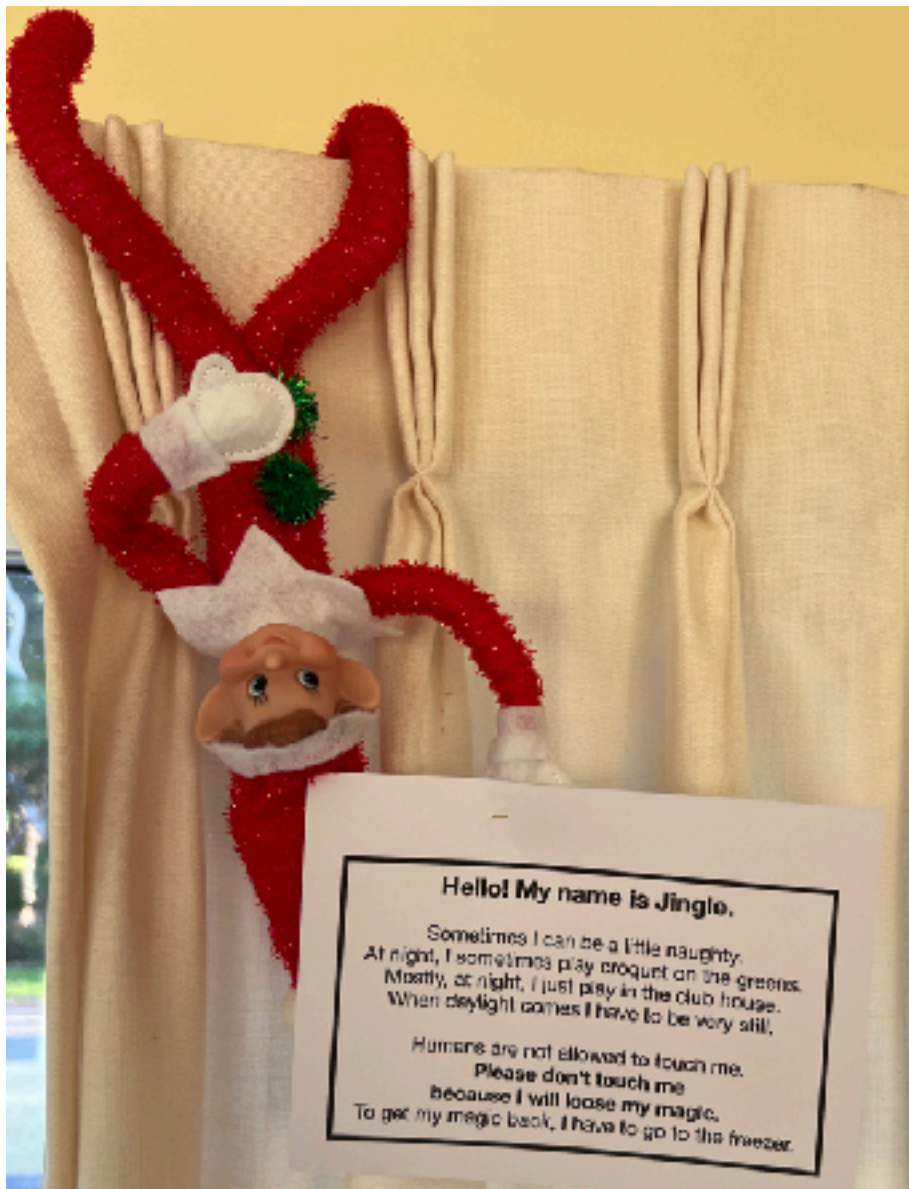
Note: There will be no monthly meat raffle during December.



Big Country Meats, Coffs Harbour, sponsor our monthly meat raffle and are generous donors for sausage sizzles throughout the year.

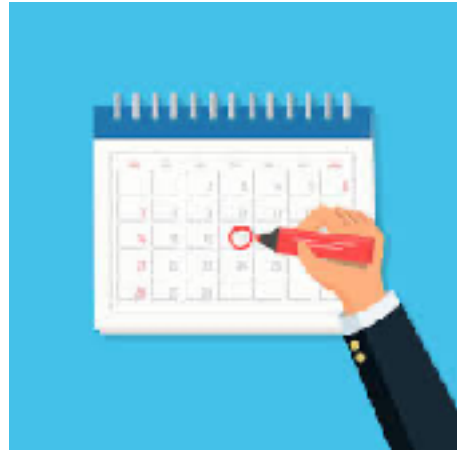
They support us. Please support them.
They are located diagonally opposite Coles, Coffs Harbour.

Thank you Big Country Meats.



Looks like we have a naughty elf visiting this December!

Mark your Calendar



Monday 8th December
Winner of ham announced.

Monday 15th December
Winner of ham announced.

Monday 22nd December
Winner of ham announced.

Christmas Day - greens available for play.

Thursday 1st January
Sawtell SUPER Fun Day

FREE croquet for members to play.

Portion of our fence will be removed to
facilitate the Fun Day Sprint Event.

The presence of club members on the day
will ensure no damage is done to our facilities.

So come and have a free game, or come for a chat.