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Sawtell Croquet

February/March 2026

From the President's Desk



Hello Everyone,

As we come into cooler months the days will become shorter and our lawns will not grow as fast.

We are now in the Pennants season with teams coming this year from Port Macquarie. If you can help with time keeping or kitchen help it will be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget St Patrick's Day coming up on 17th March.

As always, Jamie



HAPPY HOOPER

FEBRUARY WINNER - DEBBIE NEALAND

Tickets on sale now



Special Olympics

Fundraising Raffle

All proceeds to local athletes.

\$2 per ticket

or

3 for \$5

New date: Fundraising event to be held at the club in May.

Talking To....

Ellis Nicholson

Where were you born and where have you lived?

Born in Sydney. Have lived in (all NSW): Tarana, Lawson, Faulconbridge, Hill End, Barham and Blackheath whilst at school. Worked in Sydney, Canberra (ACT), Oberon, Kendall, Eden, Glen Innes, Lapstone (Sydney) and Sawtell.

Tell us about your working life.

All working life with Forestry Commission of NSW managing State Forests. Oberon - managing pine plantations and native hardwood; Kendall - managing native hardwood; Eden - managing native hardwood; Glen Innes - pine plantations, native hardwood and cypress pine; Sydney - all forests and nurseries; Coffs Harbour - managing native hardwood and pine plantations.

What other sports have you played?

Cricket, rugby union, squash and golf.

Do you have a hobby?

Bushwalking, reading, family history and gardening.

Where is your favourite holiday destination?

The great outdoors anywhere in Australia including the outback. African wildlife is amazing - RSA, Namibia, Zimbabwe. NZ is pretty good. Most amazing sight - Iguaza Falls in South America.

What book or movie have you enjoyed?

Authors: Bill Bryson, Ken Follett. Movies: Song Sung Blue, Nuremberg.



"The last thing I remember is being thrown into the dryer."



Thank You

Sawtell Cinema have generously donated 2 gift cards with complimentary passes, as well as numerous “2 for the price of 1” tickets.

Support our sponsors who support us.

Visit their website to see what they are showing now and what is coming soon at

<https://sawtellcinema.com.au/home>

“2 for 1” tickets available for \$5

February Monthly Mallet

Golf Croquet Red Group
Michael Nealand



Golf Croquet White Group
Noel Davis



Ricochet Croquet
Jenny Arnold



Association Croquet
Garry O'Dell



**The meat raffle winner
for February was Jenny Arnold.**

Thank you to Big Country Meats for ongoing support.

Division 1 Pennants

Report by Jenny Arnold



For the first time in this region Division 1 Pennants has been played and won. Three clubs competed in a home-and-away format across three Sundays in February at Sawtell. Each week featured two matches, so every club played both home and away fixtures over the series. The competition ran smoothly. Many of our members came to watch or to help with time keeping etc. We thank them.

Sawtell players included Derek Burrows, Greg Kenny and Peter Waters playing singles. Gaylene Humphries, Kay Elliott and Cath Waters teamed up for the doubles.

Sawtell won 1 match, Port Macquarie won 2 matches and Coutts Crossing won 3 of their matches.



L-R Derek Burrows, Gaylene Humphries, Kay Elliott, Greg Kenny (Absent: Peter and Cath Waters)

**Come & Try Day
Sunday 14th February**



Potential new members were welcomed to our club to “have a go” at croquet. Seven curious locals braved the poor weather conditions and regardless of intermittent showers, thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Follow-up lessons will continue in the coming weeks.



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

Norma Anderson
Tom Maginnity
Derek Burrows
Joe Sandurski
Jenny Burgess

PENNANTS

Division 2 and 3 Calendar

Golf Croquet

Thursday 12th March

Division 2 & 3

Sawtell v Woolgoolga played at Sawtell
Port Macquarie v Coutts Crossing played at Sawtell

Thursday 26th March

Division 2 & 3

Coutts Crossing v **Sawtell** played at Coutts Crossing
Port Macquarie v Woolgoolga played at Sawtell

Thursday 2nd April

Division 2

Sawtell v Port Macquarie played at Sawtell
Woolgoolga v Port Macquarie played at Sawtell
Division 3 Bye

Thursday 9th April

Division 2

Sawtell v Port Macquarie played at Sawtell

Thursday 16th April

Division 2 & 3

Woolgoolga v **Sawtell** played at Woolgoolga
Division 2
Coutts Crossing v Port Macquarie played at Sawtell



**Spectators and time keepers very welcome.
Are you available to assist the club?**

Coming up....

social event

St Patrick's Day



Tuesday 17th March

Cost - \$14

(includes green fees)

**Lunch: Shepherd's pie with mushy peas
and all things green.**

**Optional: green mufti dress code.
Prize for best dressed leprechaun.**



Lunch served approximately 11.30am.

Coming up....

social event

Hot Cross Buns



Easter Monday 6th April

Cost - \$10

(includes green fees)

Golf Croquet and Ricochet Croquet
players can enjoy an early lunch
of Hot Cross buns at
approximately 11.30am.

Mufti day.

Prize for the best Easter hat
and try your luck in Rabbit Lotto.

Mark your Calendar



Thursday 12th March
Pennants

Tuesday 17th March
St Patrick's Day

Thursday 26th March
Pennants

Thursday 2nd April
Pennants

Sunday 5th April
Daylight Savings ends

Easter Monday 6th April
Hot Cross Bun Day

Thursday 9th April
Pennants

Fri 13th, Sat 14th, Sun 15th April
3 Days of Ricochet

Thursday 16th April
Pennants

May
Special Olympics