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GROW YOU BUGGARS, GROW!



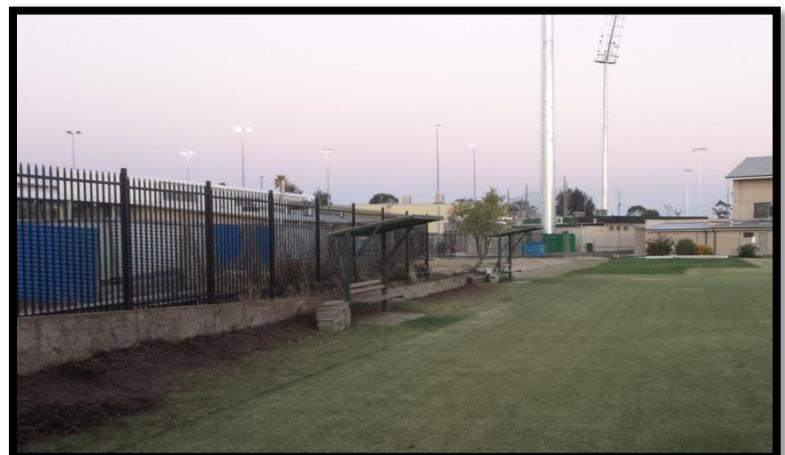
THIRD LAWN PROGRESS Things are taking shape with the Third Lawn, thanks to some willing hands over the past 2 months. The list is not exhaustive (although the work certainly has been in the heat);

- Area has been weeded, re-levelled and seeded,
- Additional runners have been planted to supplement seeding,
- Irrigation finally connected to main sprinkler system,
- The old fence and vine has been removed at council expense, and
- The remainder of the fencing will be installed in coming weeks.

There is still some work required to get the surface to playing standard. Additional sand will be ordered to level off the "long grass" area and fill in the area in the North East Corner.

As the main sprinkler system is activated only 2 days a week the daily soaker hose will continue for another 2 – 3 weeks, especially in the current heat wave conditions.

BUT WE ARE GETTING CLOSER!!!



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



A WORKING BEE is scheduled for Sunday 2nd March 2014 commencing at 5pm

Jobs on the list include;

- Tidying up the front garden, vine and along the northern boundary fence,
- Lacquering the seats,
- Re-installing the sign on the Clubhouse
- Positioning of ball barriers around the perimeter fence.
- Plus a couple more... (let us know if you think of any)

It would be great to have as many members help with this in order to have the club looking in “ship shape” for the up-coming carnival. Yep a BBQ will be on afterwards to provide sustenance.

2014 GOLF CROQUET CARNIVAL Whilst Robyn and Jim have the overall management and draw under control, assistance will be required during the carnival (20th – 23rd March). To ensure all bases are covered and the workload is spread around a roster will be drawn up.

Areas to volunteer include;

- Marshalling of players to get games underway (Robyn’s right hand)
- Morning and Afternoon Teas
- Lunches – cooking a BBQ on Saturday and Sunday

Please put your name on the roster, even if it is for only a couple of hours, it will be much appreciated.

GATEBALL Joshua & Jenny Willsher are undertaking a recruitment drive as Will & Tjanna have headed off to the big smoke to further their studies. If you would like to learn Gateball, play in a Wagga team (all skill levels welcome) and / or assist with a “Come n Try” on the 27th February for CSU students please contact Joshua on 6933 4907 or email Joshua.willsher@bigpond.com



CLEANING ROSTER: February – David Glastonbury (5908 3014) & Ian Hayes (6971 2078)
If you are unable to clean when rostered please organise to swap with someone else.

GOLF CROQUET RULES BOOKLETS The GC laws have been updated. If you would like an updated version of the GC Laws, please contact Jim ASAP so numbers can be finalised.

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

In light of the recent / current hot weather the club has adopted an Extreme Weather Policy. Whilst broad in nature, it provides guidelines for the Club Captain and Tournament Managers, in accordance with Croquet NSW Health & Safety policies, to ensure all participants health is protected. The policy is attached in the newsletter email and also on the notice board.

SUMMER PLAYING TIMES Due to the hot weather the playing times for February have been amended

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
AM	AC – 9am	##	GC- 8.30		##	AC – 9am	
PM		##			##		
Evening	GC – 6.30pm onwards						

Our groundskeeper, Brian, requires 2 days each week to maintain our lawns.

2014 CLUB EVENTS The club’s events schedule has been finalised for 2014 and is available on the notice board. Further details will be forwarded throughout the year.

Of note is the club’s GC Doubles competition in April prior to the 3WAY Challenge – will sharpen our skills to knock the others off!

HOOP CARE Len has made a device to place on top of hoops when they require hitting into the ground, to ensure the hoops are not damaged Please ensure ONLY the correct equipment is be used when setting and removing hoops. Ie Rubber Mallet and Hoop Lifter, not using other hoops as hammers or shaking hoops back and forth (this makes holes bigger and looser).

WAGGA WAGGA CROQUET CLUB – Annual General Meeting

The AGM has been scheduled for Saturday 15 March 2014 at 11.15am at the clubhouse.

This is an important time in the club as all members get the opportunity to determine the club's committee, discuss the club's financial position and set the fees for the year ahead.

Committee

Peter Lloyd, has admirably served three years as President, will be ineligible to continue in that role, although will be providing valuable support as Immediate Vice President to whomever takes up the role of President.

It is healthy that the club's committee has good representation for all members of the club. Please consider contributing to the club and your fellow members by taking on an executive role.

Financial Report

Nola Scott has agreed to audit the books. A full report will be tabled at the meeting.

2014/15 Fees

The committee has discussed the club's fee structure and will propose the following fees for 2014/2015;

Type	Current	Proposed
Annual Membership Fee	\$60	\$60
Green Fee	\$5 / day	\$5 / day
Practice Fee	\$2 / day	\$2 / day
Inclusive Membership, Green & Practice Fee	\$400 / annum	\$300 / annum
Joining Fee	\$25	\$25
Lesson Fees (Association / Golf)	\$60 / \$30	\$60 / \$30
Visitor Fee	\$10 per head	\$10 per head
Group Booking – schools	\$5 per head	\$5 per head
Group Booking – non school	\$10 per head	Facility Fee \$50 + \$5 head (FF at committee discretion)
Student Joining & Membership Fee	n/a	\$40 only (includes CNSW affiliation)

Rational

Inclusive Membership, Green & Practice Fee (optional)

1. Current fee of \$400 is expensive when compared to other clubs, eg Canberra \$250.
2. Current revenue of Membership & Green fees generated is ~\$10,500 per annum (3 year ave). In theory, if all current members (60) paid \$300 this would generate \$18,000 in revenue.
3. If a member currently pays membership \$60 and plays once a week (50 x \$5) – outlay is \$310. If a member currently pays membership \$60 and plays twice a week (50 x \$10) – outlay is \$560.
4. \$300 is more attractive to current membership, maintains similar revenue for the club, ease of management for the treasurer and encourages members to be more active participants.

Group Booking – non school

Having a Facility Fee is an easier “sell” to hirees, (as other venues / clubs have a facility fee) covers use of non-playing equipment and amenities. The fee can be waived at the committee's discretion.

Student Joining & Membership Fee

As Gateball will be promoted into the schools and CSU, the committee recognises that students are “cash poor” and that their participation on a weekly basis may be limited. Having a reduced fee will cover CNSW affiliation should they participate in organised competitions.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Saturday, 1st March 2014 at 11.15am at the clubhouse.