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GATEBALL CARNIVAL 36 participants competed in the Riverina Gateball Championships. It was great to see our lawns full of players from Melbourne, Canberra, Blue Mountains and the Gold Coast of all ages and experience. The field included 8 players who will be competing in the World Championships in Japan later this year. The weather started on the damp side however the sun soon shone through and provided wonderful autumn weather that Wagga is renowned for.

The teams event was won by Kew/Essendon in a closely fought final against Tamborine Mountain Raptors 9 points to 7. Canberra, who had been the previous winner of the championships since it began in 2012 had to be satisfied coming 3rd defeating Blue mountains in the playoff 16 – 10.

Sunday was a mixed triples event which enabled players to play with different people from different clubs and with different levels of experience. Special mention to Andy who played his first game of gateball ever having never played any form of croquet in his life!

The winning triples team was Philip (Essendon), Kerry (Blue Mountains) and our very own Josh.

Congratulations and a big **“Well Done”** to Joshua and Jennifer Willsher for organising a fantastic event.



Team Winner:
Kew/Essendon

Triples Winner:
Josh, Kerry, Philip



TUMUT VISIT Further to previous visits to and from the Tumut Croquet Club, A group of players will be travelling to Tumut on Wednesday 30th April for a day of golf croquet. If you would like to be part of the day contact Peter Lloyd on 6922 6434.

3WAY CHALLENGE Wagga Wagga will be hosting the 3WAY challenge on Sunday 4th May. As both Walla Walla & Wagga Wagga do not have experienced GC players, in order to even out the competition, Wodonga, Albury and Young may only enter players with handicaps of 5 and higher. Nola McRae and Janet Terry will be managing the event. Please contact Nola & Janet if you are able to assist with in any way.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA will be held on Wednesday 21st May commencing at 10am.

The theme will be **“Op Shop”**. Head down to your local Op Shop and see what you can find. The green fees for the day will be the club’s contribution. Additional donations from members are very welcome.

GOLF CROQUET RULES BOOKLETS The GC laws have been updated and consequently the club has received 5 GC laws booklets. If you would like to purchase a copy \$7.00 please contact Ruth.

CLUB FINANCES We are currently negotiating with the Wagga Wagga City Council terms for renewing our lease/licence. The previous review was completed in 2008. It is likely that the annual licence fee will increase to ~\$4,000 per annum (with CPI increases).

The club remains in a financially healthy position; and the recent carnivals (\$1,614 profit) and the annual schools program (~\$1,000 + grants money ~\$200) continue to keep the overall costs for members down.

It is vitally important we continue to host events; not only for financial reasons, but to promote croquet within our community (Thanks to the Daily Advertiser and ABC Radio) and to learn and gain experience from other players. Of course it also provides loads of fun and the development of great friendships.

With a number of our regular event managers heading off for holidays we require other members to 'pick up the baton' and take on the role of managing events. The best place to start is help organising local club events.

SCHOOLS ROSTER Ruth has drawn up a roster for our annual school program;

Date	Assistants	Date	Assistants
2 nd May	Ruth Wilson & Wendy Halford	30 th May	David Glastonbury & Aileen Munro
9 th May	Peter Lloyd & Wendy Lloyd	6 th June	Ron Westman & Lola Westman
16 th May	Nola McRae & Len McCallum	13 th June	Fran Brown & Janet Terry
23 rd May	Margaret Priest & Isabel Taber	20 th June	Ruth Wilson & Anne McGregor

If you are unable to assist on the day it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement.

Please notify Ruth (6933 1704) any changes in the roster to Ruth as she is the primary contact for the school.

CLEANING ROSTER April – Anne McGregor (6971 8646) & Maureen Doig.

May - Jill Burmeister (6931 7057) & Marie Richards-Cochrane (6922 5011)

If you are unable to clean when rostered please organise to swap with someone else.



ESTABLISHING A "TO DO" LIST The committee want your input into what things do we need to do around the club. Obviously much of the attention in the past 12 months has been on establishing the 3rd lawn. If you have any ideas and / or suggestions please add them to the list at the clubhouse or email them to Jim at secretary@waggacroquetclub.org The committee will then prioritise them and 'make it happen'. Already on the list: Additional Shelters, BBQ area, clip stands.

PLAYING TIMES for the winter months are as follows.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
AM	AC – 9.30am	##			10am GC	AC & Gateball 9.30am	
PM	GC – 3pm	## AC – 5.00pm	GC – 1pm GC – 3pm	GC – 3pm	1pm SCHOOL 3pm GC	1pm GC	1pm GC

Weekly maintenance continues to be carried out on Tuesdays.

2014/15 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE Please pay your membership fee promptly to the treasurer (Ruth).

You have the choice of paying \$60 membership fee and then green fees (\$5) and practice fees (\$2) on a pay as you go basis, or \$300 upfront, which covers all play and practice throughout the year.

The \$300 option is great value for regular uses, ie if you play or practice more than once a week, and makes life a little easier for Ruth.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Saturday, 10th May 2014 at 11.45am at the clubhouse.

WAGGA WAGGA CROQUET CLUB – Fashion Exclusive



Following her gruelling schedule at the recent Australian Fashion Week Catwalk, our very own Jill Burmeister is parading the latest fashion which should prove very popular with members of the Wagga Wagga Croquet Club.

Jill & Wendy enterprises, in association with Local Wagga firm “Creative Embroidery” have organised a re-splendid bright blue jacket complete with the club’s logo.

To ensure you look your best on the lawns this winter, and get a tailor made fit (the correct size) please visit Creative Embroidery, 40 Tompson Street, Wagga Wagga.

The cost of the jacket is ~\$40.00, which includes the embroidery.

A sleeveless vest is also available. For further information please contact our fashion gurus:

- Jill Burmeister 6931 7057
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