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VALE KATH BLACK Sadly Life Member Kath Black passed away during the week age 99.

Kath loved her sport. An accomplished tennis player she took up croquet in 1985. Kath had the canny knack of running a hoop from 3 – 4 yards out, which enabled her to win a number of Club championships, and be one of the nominees for the Wagga Wagga sports person of the year in 2003.

Kath was made a life member in 2004, and played up until her 95 birthday, often against her fellow octogenarian / nonagenarian Effie Bickley.

IMPROVE YOUR GAME Barb Piggott conducted 2 sessions covering both Association and Golf Croquet, both of which we very much appreciated by all who attended. As a follow up to the sessions Barb will be providing feedback to identify skills and / or tactics she has identified that we need to work on. A number of coaching afternoons will then be scheduled to concentrate on these areas.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA A very successful morning tea was held on Wednesday 21st May and raised \$211.00 for cancer research.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Peter Lloyd won both the Full Court and Half Court handicap Association Croquet club championships, with Nola Scott as runner up. The GC Doubles Club Championships will be held in July. Please organise your doubles pairing and put your names down on the entry form at the clubhouse. Janet Terry & Anne McGregor will be organising details of date and draw. If you want to compete in the Club's Open Association Championship please contact Peter by Saturday 21st June to register your interest.

NEIGHBOURING CLUB EVENTS If you would like to be on an email list to receive notifications of neighbouring club events, ie Walla Walla, Young, Canberra please forward an email request to secretary@waggacroquetclub.org

BUSINESS HOUSE CROQUET As part of promoting croquet in Wagga Wagga and attracting potential new members, a Business House competition will be held on weekends during August.

It is hoped that we will be able to organise 8 teams of 4 (reserves are allowed) which may include 1 current club member. Teams will play 3 test matches against other teams, each test comprising of doubles and singles games, ensuring each player will have 3 games each day.

Entry Fee will be \$80 per team, part of which will be contributed as prizes for the winning team (dependant on entries).



We will be promoting through the local business chamber and current business contacts. If you would to assist in helping with managing the event or “coaching” a team please contact Jim.

“TO DO” LIST Janet Terry and her team of volunteers have been doing a fantastic job going through the kitchen and cupboards cleaning out some of the “lesser used” or “past the used by date” items. There have also been some treasures uncovered as well!

A quote has been obtained to install a new kitchen and a grant submitted to the Wagga Wagga City Council. Fingers crossed we get some positive news in September.

THIRD LAWN The greenkeeper will be marking out 3 full courts which will utilise all of the newly developed area. Whilst it may be a little rough we are wanting to have some traffic (play) on the area to wear it in. Given the sluggish pace only golf croquet should be played on the new area.

ADDITIONAL HOOPS & EQUIPMENT CUPBOARD A set of competition hoops (2nd hand) will be purchased from the Canberra Croquet Club so that we have 3 uniform sets of hoops for the 3 full size lawns. The equipment cupboard will be re-organised once we have the equipment and 3 courts operational, with the view of having the majority of play on full courts. (including schools croquet)

The Hoop Lifter should not be stored on top of the centre pegs in the bottom of the equipment cupboard as it is damaging the centre pegs. Please store it on the top or 2nd shelf in the interim until the cupboard is re-organised.

SCHOOLS ROSTER has been drawn up for the coming term;

Date	Assistants	Date	Assistants
18 July	Ruth Wilson & Robyn Willis	22 August	Len McCallum & Aileen Munro
25 July	Wendy Halford & Nola McRae	29 August	Jill Burmeister & Carolle Pratt
1 August	Janet Terry & Eileen Zurbo	5 September	Maureen Doig & Helen Crouch
8 August	Margaret Priest & Isabel Taber	12 September	Ruth Wilson & Fran Brown
15 August	Wanda Giddings & Merryn Craft	19 September	Robyn Willis & Anne McGregor

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

You will need to be at the clubhouse at 1pm to set up the courts. Unless Joshua Willsher is attending to introduce Gateball all 3 Full size courts should be set up.

The first 2 weeks we have had 18 & 21 enthusiastic players. Please use the school mallets (currently 19) and the old balls in the second cupboard.

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

MISSING SCHOOL MALLETS & HOOPS A We are currently unable to locate 4 school mallets (2 long handle and 2 short handle) plus a set of hoops. The hoops have previously been used on the old “5th court” and had round washers at the top of the carrots.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of this equipment please contact the secretary and / or organise it's return to the club.

2014/15 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE were **due by 31st May 2014.** 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.

CLEANING ROSTER June - Margaret Priest (6931 2104) & Isabel Taber (6926 3529)
July – Helen Crouch (6922 6667) & Jan Barton

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

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Saturday, 5th July 2014 at 11.45am at the clubhouse.

