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CNSW SELECTOR'S 6 Wagga Wagga Croquet Club hosted this event on the 29th & 30th of August. 6 players, 5 from Sydney and Tony Hall from Canberra, braved the cool foggy mornings, which turned into lovely sunny afternoons, perfect for croquet.

Overall it was a very close competition; going into the last round of the block play there was the potential for a 5 way tie, which thankfully for the manager didn't eventuate. To maximise the number of games for the weekend there were playoffs 1 v 2, 3 v 4 and 5 v 6.

Mike Hughes (Cammeray – pictured right) was the eventual winner, losing only 1 game for the weekend to runner up Robert Elliott (Coggee – pictured left).

Tony Hall completed the only Triple Peel for the weekend. The players were very appreciative of the effort that the club and council had put into getting the lawns prepared and enjoyed the challenge on the new lawn, as quote "makes it more interesting".

SPRING INTO ACTION - UPCOMING EVENTS

With the weather starting to warm up, not only will the new groundsman will be kept busy mowing the lawn trim and keeping the weeds at bay, there will be increased activity on the lawns.

Sunday 13 September at 2pm will be the first **Come and Try** session for the season. We encourage you to bring others along to learn about croquet.

Tuesday 22 September Wodonga is holding a Gala Day for both AC & GC commencing at 9am. Entries are to be in by 11 September. See notice board for details.

Wednesday 23 September we will be hosting the **Tumut Friendship day**. The Tumut players will be arriving at 9.30am to commence the friendly rivalry at 10am. Contact Nola McRae for further details.

CORPORATE EVENTS

Already we have received 4 bookings between now and February, and the expectation is that there will be increased interest for corporate functions from local businesses. If you are willing to assist in running these please contact Jim Nicholls.

PAINT THE CLUBHOUSE

The grant received from Wagga Wagga City Council is only for the exterior of the building and work will commence soon. The committee is considering a working bee to paint parts of the interior.



GATEBALL

Josh Willscher successfully applied for a grant through Charles Sturt University's Community-University Partnership (CUP) Rural and Regional Sports Development Program to play in the Australian Nationals. Fingers crossed all goes well and you bring home some silverware.

SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The final two weeks of the roster for Term 3 are;

Date	Assistants	Date	Assistants
11 Sept	Aileen Munro & Carolle Pratt	18 Sept	Peter & Wendy Lloyd

We have been averaging over 20 children per week for the schools program, giving them a taste of croquet, and being of financial benefit to the club. A big thankyou to all members who have volunteered during the past 4 months, and special thanks to Ruth for liaising with TRAC and members.

CROQUET NSW – AGM NEWS

Voting for changing the Croquet NSW constitution went to plan at the AGM last weekend, effectively changing the executive to a board of directors to align the organisation with modern day governance. Jim Nicholls was elected as one of the directors to the board, so will be travelling more frequently to Sydney and to other croquet clubs.

LIGHTS

The committee will be considering the installation of lights. Preliminary discussions have been had with council and local electricians, and quotes obtained for a number of variations.

1. Lighting 1 or all lawns to competitive play standard.
2. Basic floodlighting to enable casual play.

Lighting to competitive standard is costly (~\$45,000) and would require significant club funding as well as a successful grant application. Basic floodlighting is just that - basic, as in 1 or 2 floodlights attached to the top of the clubhouse, however this would be well within the club’s budget (~\$2,100).

The committee members would encourage you to discuss with them the “pros and cons” of the club having lights.



CLUBHOUSE KEEPING

- ✓ The sink should be wiped out each time it is used, as the water sediment seems to stain it.
- ✓ The heaters, lights and the urn are all switched off
- ✓ The mat is placed inside the door when you leave the clubhouse.

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

September Fay Mowbray and Merryn Craft

October N McRae and W Giddings

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday’s meeting didn’t have a quorum as many of the committee are making their journey back home from warmer regions. A committee meeting will be held at earliest convenient time of the executive, at which they will confirm the scheduling of the Committee Meeting for Saturday, 3 October 2015 at 11.45am.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year’s Christmas Party has been scheduled for Sunday 29 November. Be good, and Santa will forward more details soon.

