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## March 2016 Newsletter No. 220

**WELCOME** New member, Carol Studdert. Please make her welcome when you see her around the Club.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** By now you will have received an email with the Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 12 March 2016 which informed you all that happened at that meeting, including:

- Presidents Report
- Treasurers Report
- Election of Office bearers and committee. The executive are listed above. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President is Peter Lloyd. AC Co-ordinator is Wendy Lloyd, GC Co-ordinator is Dorothy Munro and Gateball Co-ordinator is Joshua Willsher. Committee members are Dorothy Munro, Wanda Giddings, Lola Westman, Ian Hayes, Fran Brown and Ron Westman. Robyn Willis remains on the Committee as Immediate Past President. The Handicap Committee is Wendy Lloyd and Len McCallum, House/Cleaning Committee is Wendy Halford, Publicity & Promotion Committee is Margaret Priest and Nola McRae, Newsletter remains Jim Nicholls, who is also the Assistant Treasurer and Public Officer and Assistant Secretary is Robyn Willis.
- Fees for 2016/2017
- Lights & Storage shed

We welcome the new Committee and thank them for taking on the commitment that these roles entail and likewise thank the outgoing Committee members for their contributions during their tenure.

If you have not received the above email it may be because your contact details need updating. Please contact the Secretary if you need to do this.

**ASSOCIATION NEWS** Entries are being taken for the Association Handicap Championships in Full & Half Court to be played in March and April. Twilight croquet continues to be played on Monday evenings. Jim Nicholls played in the Association Dixon Tournament in Cammeray on the first weekend of the month. He reached the semi-finals where he was beaten by the World Champion, Robert Fletcher 26-9. Robert Fletcher went on to win the Tournament, winning the final game 26-0. Well done Jim.

Last weekend Jim was a member of the New South Wales team competing in the Eire Cup, held in Melbourne. New South Wales were not the winners but Jim managed to improve his world ranking to 31 from 37. Again, well done Jim.



**GATEBALL** The South West Sliders, a team comprised of the David, Jenny and Joshua Willsher and the McCoys from Young, competed in Lismore recently. They managed a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> in the block stage but lost in their semi-final. Congratulations on such a good result. Joshua is undergoing the process to become a qualified Gateball referee and coach. There has also been some interest expressed by university students to play and this will be followed up when the weather becomes milder.

**GOLF CROQUET** has been getting good attendances. It will not be played this Friday due to the Good Friday holiday. Until 6-8 April it is

to be played on Wednesdays at 9.30am and Fridays at 5.00pm. Play will revert to 1pm Wednesdays and 10am Fridays once Daylight Saving finishes. The friendship day with Tumut is planned for Tuesday 26 April. Any Club member is welcome to come along.

**FROM THE MARCH 4 COMMITTEE MEETING:** Some items discussed at this recent meeting were:

- Riverina Gateball Championship to be held here on 3 – 4 September 2016
- CNSW Silver Brooch (AC for handicap 7 – 10) to be held here on 10 – 12 September 2016
- Wagga Wagga Croquet Club will host a 24 hour croquet fundraiser event in January 2017 supporting the Leisure Centre
- NSW Gateball Championship will be held here in October / November 2017

### **CLUB CALENDAR 2016**

- Association Handicap Championships, Full & Half Court, in March and April.
- Friendly competition at Tumut Croquet Club on 26 April. Any Club member welcome
- 3WAY Carnival to be held on 1 May
- A small team competition on Friday evenings is still being held.

**SCHOOL CROQUET LESSONS** Ruth has drawn up a new roster for the next school term's school croquet lessons (1.30-2.45pm) with TRAC. Please find a replacement if you are unable to attend when rostered on and let Ruth know on 69331704 or 0450 044 740.

29 April - Ruth Wilson & Margaret Priest

6 May – Jill Burmeister & Carole Pratt

13 May – David Glastonbury & Merran Craft

20 May – Dorothy Munro & Maureen Doig

27 May- Lola & Ron Westman

3 June – Janet Terry & Eileen Zurbo

10 June – Wendy Halford & Anne McGregor

17 June – Wanda Giddings & Fran Brown

24 June – Nola McRae & Aileen Munro

**CLEANING ROSTER** A new cleaning roster has been placed on the noticeboard. If you are unable to clean when rostered please swap with someone else.

**March:** Eileen Zurbo & Jill Burmeister.

**April:** David Glastonbury & Bill Blowes

### **GOLF CROQUET CARNIVAL 17-20 MARCH 2016**

Thirty two players from Wollongong, Port Hacking, Mosman, Sutherland, Canberra, Blue Mountains, Deniliquin, Jamberoo, Toronto, Young, Walla Walla and Wagga Wagga competed for \$500 in prizemoney our recent Wagga Wagga Golf Croquet Carnival.

Although it rained on the second day, the weather was extremely pleasant and exciting croquet was played over the four days.

Doubles was tied with Peter Freer (Canberra) and Merwyn Newton (Walla Walla) and Doug Leabeater (Young) and Gail Siccardi (Blue Mountains) sharing the prizemoney.

Our very own Peter Lloyd survived a very close game to claim victory against Pat Moroney from Jamberoo in the final of the singles. Peter played very well throughout the Carnival and is to be congratulated on his success. Len McCallum also played well with 4 wins in the singles section of the Carnival.

Tournament Referee Peter Freer held a very informative rules session on the Wednesday before the Carnival and it was great to see so many Wagga club members attend.

Thank you very much to all those members, and spouses of members, who assisted to make this Carnival a great success. Your assistance was very much appreciated.



**NEWSLETTER** Jim Nicholls is unavailable to write and distribute the Newsletter for the next couple of months due to his hectic schedule – he is due to fly overseas shortly to compete at the World Cup. Maureen Doig has tried to throw this edition together but would appreciate it if someone else is willing to give it a go until Jim gets back. Anyone interested, please contact Maureen 6921 4271 or 0439 587 878.

**SPORT DEVELOPMENT FORUM** Learn about the latest industry and compliance advancements and develop your management skills at the 2016 Sport Development Forum. As well as an expo of industry specialists, there will be four workshops covering:

- Child Protection Strategies and the New Working With Children Check
- Social Media and Sports
- Modern Sporting Club Management
- Grant Writing

Date: Saturday 2 April 2016

- Venue: Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre, 1980 Sturt Highway
- Cost: \$25
- Program number: 0072710
- Bookings close: 30 March 2016

Book online <https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/sport-development-forum-2016> or call 13 13 02

**The Croquet Club Committee will pay the enrolment cost of this forum for any Club member who attends. Booking into the forum is your own responsibility. Please contact a Committee member for further information.**