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WINNERS ARE GRINNERS (and mainly dry)

The Riverina Gateball Championship was on the first weekend of Spring, however no-one told the weather man. 32mm of rain the night before resulted in the lawns being a tad soggy underfoot. This provided challenges on the lawn, and the evacuation of most of the visiting players from their accommodation due to fear of rising flood waters from the swollen Murrumbidgee River. Ah the challenges of gateball/croquet.

The championship was a very close competition, with numerous games over the weekend decided by a single point, countback or sudden death shoot out.



Congratulations to the South West Sliders on their first ever Championship title.

TEAMS EVENT

- 1st South West Sliders (3 wins 2 net points)
- 2nd Jamberoo (2 wins 1 net point)
- 3rd Newcastle (1 win -4 net points)

TRIPLES EVENT

- 1st Judy Squelch, Glenda Gutierrez and Sharlene Subbi
- 2nd Manuel Gutierrez, Gai Bathe and David Willsher

A big thankyou to the Willsher family for organising a wonderful Gateball event.

ON THE RISE – 601 AND COUNTING

Bill Blowes has been competing in a number of events and the regular time on the lawn (plus practice back home) has produced some fantastic results. Bill blitzed the field in Forster Spring Carnival winning all of his 5 games. He continued his winning way in the CNSW Selector's Second 8 making it to the final, only to go down 11-26 to Ted Griffin (Cammeray) after previously beating him in the black play 25-19. Now on the world ranking list at 601 (Australian ranking 142) it won't be long before he is in the top 100 players in Australia.



LOCAL COMPETITION

The third and final round of the Sixers competition will be on Friday 16th September. After a slow start the Green team came back in contention with a strong win in round 2. Current standings are;

Yellow – 12 points, Green – 10 points, Blue – 8 points, Red – 5 points.

The winners will be receiving a small trophy (it is a surprise). Overall the format has worked well, with different players subbing in as people have been away chasing the sunshine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The CNSW AC Silver Brooch will be held on 10-11 September. Bill, Peter and Robyn will be joined by David Stanton from Cammeray.

The Club AC Championships will commence shortly for both half and full court.

The Singles GC Championship will be held in September with a Doubles Championship planned for October.

Please ensure you put your name on the entry list as soon as possible to get play underway.

A '**Come and Try**' afternoon is scheduled for Sunday 25 September, commencing at 2pm. Now is a great time to get your friends and acquaintances involved in croquet with daylight saving commencing on 2nd October.

A Thirsty Croquet afternoon will be held on Saturday 8 October, with another planned for late November.

FURTHER AFIELD

The Young Cherry Blossom Spring Golf Croquet Carnival will be held on 6-9 October – further information is on the noticeboard.

A return visit from Tumut is likely to occur during October. Keep an ear out for more details.

SCHOOL CROQUET LESSONS: The remainder of the term 3 roster is detailed below and also on the noticeboard. Please find a replacement if you are unable to attend when rostered on and let Ruth know on 69331704 or 0450 044 740 so that she can let you know if the school cancels for any reason.

9 th Sept	Peter & Wendy Lloyd
16 th Sept	Janet Terry & Nellie Nash
23 rd Sept	Ruth Wilson & Robyn Willis

Thanks to everyone who has assisted with the school program this year.

CLEANING ROSTER: If you are unable to clean when rostered please swap with someone else. Please check the roster on the noticeboard for your dates.

September: Fay Mowbray & Merran Craft

October: Carol Studdert & Wanda Giddings

NEWS FROM COMMITTEE A number of items were agreed upon at the recent meeting;

1. Wagga Wagga CC will host the 2017 CNSW GC Silver Brooch event in Sept 2017 (for players on handicap 5 – 8)
2. Club mallets are to be used by senior students (year 10 and higher) for school croquet.
3. Ian Hayes to fixed the western shelter – it leans forward when people are sitting on it.
4. To develop a strategic plan for the club
5. To respond to the PCYC submission for developing the old South Wagga Bowling Club site.

Maureen Doig attended the **Wagga Wagga City Council Community Grants** presentation evening with other grant recipients. The final grant amount was \$1,618, reducing the net cost of our new hoops to \$2,370. Thank you Peter for your work in putting forward a successful submission.



Next committee meeting will be held on Saturday 8 October at 11.45am.