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PRESENTATIONS Our end of year Presentations were held on the evening of Sunday 4 December. It was a lovely night of celebration and social enjoyment. Our Patron, Mayor of Wagga Wagga, Councillor Greg Conkey accepted our invitation and attended to congratulate our winners, as shown in the photos below.



GC Doubles Champions, David Glastonbury and Jill Burmeister Runners-up, Gerry Arbuckle and Eileen Zurbo,



GC Singles Champ Eileen Zurbo



Runner-up Nola McRae



Gateball Runners-up
Josh Willsher (& Margaret Priest)



Gateball Champs David & Jenny Willsher (& Jim Nicholls)



One very delighted Bess Webster winner, Ron Westman



Some of our members enjoying the evening.

Association Croquet Champions

Open: Jim Nicholls & RU Bill Blowes

Half Court: Peter Lloyd & RU Nola Scott

Bess Webster Award – Ron Westman.

GOLF CROQUET RULES WORKSHOP & INTRODUCTION TO RICHOCHET

Bev Smith (Director of GC Refereeing) and Jacky McDonald (Coach U 21's Richochet Squad) from CNSW, along with Jacky's husband Geof, will be visiting Wagga Wagga for the afternoon of Wednesday, 18th January 2017 and have offered to run sessions at Wagga Wagga Croquet Club to update players on the amendments to the GC rules and to do some coaching in the game of Richochet.

The programme will be a BBQ lunch at 1.30pm followed by the Rules session 2.30-4.30pm, the Richochet session being 5-7pm.

If you are interested in either/both of these sessions please let us know ASAP. The afternoon will cost \$10, which includes the green fees and you are asked to bring your copy of the GC Rule book (the latest amendments to the rules can be downloaded from the CNSW website).

This invitation is open to members of the Croquet Clubs of Wagga Wagga, Albury, Wodonga, Walla Walla and Young.

RSVP to the Secretary, Maureen Doig: Mobile 0439 587 878 or Email secretary@waggacroquetclub.org

Jacky and her husband, Geof, have also volunteered to run a Golf Croquet training session on the next morning, Thursday 19 January 2017 for our members. This would only cost the normal \$5 green fee (or nothing for our members who pay the higher annual membership. If there are any particular techniques you would like covered please let Maureen know.

BEST WISHES: After a long battle, Jim Nicholls' mother recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with him at this difficult time.

On a brighter note, Jim is about to take up a great opportunity to be a professional at a new Croquet Club in Florida, USA. We look forward to hearing about his time over there and wish him all the very best.

PCYC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION has this week been approved. On street parking will remain as it is but it remains to be seen what will happen with the minibus and traffic in the laneway.

PARKING The Wagga Wagga City Council has recently completed line marking for car parking in the adjacent laneway, as requested by the Club. Hopefully these spaces will not be filled by workers.

One 3P Mobility Parking (Disabled Parking) space has also been approved by Council for outside the Club, between the current parking and the Club driveway. This should be marked out and signposted early in the New Year.

The only response the Club has had from Council regarding our request for access to the area behind the Cricket Nets and the Oasis (adjacent to the lawns) has been that it has been forwarded to the appropriate department.

FROM THE DECEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING:

- A quote has been obtained for laser levelling of the lawns. The Committee will apply for grants for this work next year.
- Council has completed the maintenance of the lawns again this year at a minimal level. The Committee will be taking this up with Council to try and get a better standard of works undertaken annually.
- Ian Hayes has planted some grass runners in the bare patches on the northern side of Court 3 and has been watering them regularly to get them growing. Well done and thank you Ian.
- The Club has decided to withdraw from next year's Masters Games as we already have a hectic calendar planned.

REMINDER: A light was left on in the clubrooms recently. Please ensure that all lights are turned off when you lock up and leave so that our expenses are not higher than necessary.

GOLF CROQUET HANDICAP GAMES: David Glastonbury continues to hold games to give players experience in using their GC handicaps on Thursday mornings. All members welcome.

CLEANING ROSTER

December: Janet Terry and Val Chapman.

January: Robyn Willis & Wendy Lloyd

A new roster will be on the noticeboard early in the New Year.

GOLF CROQUET PLAYING TIMES: The heat of summer means that GC will start promptly at 8.30am with players asked to be there from 8am so that the draw can be completed and lawns set up. This is for both Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Other times remain the same and play will continue uninterrupted for those that remain around.

Finally, may you all have a healthy, safe and happy festive season spent with the people you love and doing the things you enjoy. We look forward to seeing everyone safely back at the Club in 2017 and playing good Croquet.