

## The Range Croquet Club, Maleny Report 210319

There was a bit more excitement than usual on Thursday when Rick Vickers came down to present the shade cloth made possible by a grant from the Rotary Club of Maleny. Rotary has been a great friend of our club over the years and this latest grant is greatly appreciated. Thank you. The attached photograph is of Rick, Bev Sockhill and Kath Smith looking cool beneath the new shade cloth.

Frances Harper and Gillian Bradley then teamed up to beat Kath 6 -2 in a game of Association. Donna Manning 6 defeated Ken Barker 3. On lawn 2, two games of six ball golf were played among Brenda and Gary Winter and Bev. The results vectors were 3, 2, 7 for the first game and 3, 2, 4 for the second; good wins for Bev in both games.

On Sunday Val and Vince Carbery, played in the annual St. Patrick's Day, golf croquet event at Nambour. Unfortunately heavy rain intervened as they came off for lunch after three games, with three to go. Play was abandoned much to the disappointment of the participants. The format of this event was as follows: The 32 players were divided into four teams, Shillelaghs, Leprechauns, Shamrocks and Limericks. It is doubles and you and partner play against a couple from each of the other teams. The Leprechauns, of which Vince was part, were the overall winners. His partner was Cher Boyd of Noosa and they were declared the winners with maximum points, twenty-one. Runner up went to Theo Kleiberg and Joy Rule with twenty points. Val partnered Sue Osbourne from Bribie. It was a most enjoyable day and Nambour's hospitality, as usual, was fantastic.

Meanwhile Sarah Widin, Nick Cram, Donna and Ken arrived at the lawn between 2 and 2.30. There was a bit of rain about so discussion centred around whether or not the hoops should be put in. Eventually this was done, and a shower moved in. Would it pass? Ken said that it would, so they waited. The new shade cloth was admired. The recent showgrounds committee meeting was discussed. Some balls were hit around the lawn with Nick making a comment along the lines of "mad dogs and Englishmen" but referring to "rain" instead of the "noonday sun". The up and coming Sunshine Coast tournament was mentioned and the fact that the division 2 section will be fought out in Maleny. The rain proceeded to come down heavier. Hoops were pulled. No play occurred.

Coaching for beginners and others is available on the lawn from 8 am to 10 am on Saturdays. These are popular sessions in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

Play days on the picturesque lawns at the bottom of the showground are, it being summer, 2.10 pm for 2.30 pm on Thursdays and Sundays.

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A thorn between two roses, Rick Vickers on behalf of Rotary Maleny with Bev Sockhill and Kath Smith under the new shade cloth.

