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Happy New Year to everyone.

Changes in Office Bearers, holiday festivities and trips away will, no doubt, give us plenty of news items. Hope everyone is refreshed and ready for a great year ahead.

Welcome to our Toombul contributor, Hedi Trask and Megan Stuart (Eildon). A big thanks to June Hutton (Bundaberg) who has provided so many lovely newsletter articles and photos over the years. Lesley Kavanagh will be taking over from the next issue.

Please continue to send in old photos from days gone by. Sepia ones are also welcome and will be of interest to everyone.

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Welcome to all new members. May you enjoy all your games and the camaraderie of the clubs you have joined.

Photos and news items for next issue are due by **Friday 22 MARCH**

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Calendar of Events

March

1-3	Southport Shield Division 4 Hep Singles, Southport	AC
2-3	Steve Jones Cup Singles C/ships, Bribie Island	AC
2-10	Darling Downs Regional Croquet Tournament, Toowoomba.	AC,GC,RC
	Please check CAQ calendar for further info.	
6-8	Margaret Mitchell Memorial Dbls H'cap, Murwillumbah	AC
17	Doubles Level Play, Graceville	GC
17	St Patrick's Gala Day Championship, Nambour	GC
17	St Patrick's Day, Tweed Heads	GC
24	Gala Day Handicap Doubles, Wynnum	GC
27	Gala Day, Southport	AC,GB,GC,RC
30-31	McIlwraith Challenge Tournament, McIlwraith (Teams and Doubles)	GB

April

6-7	CAQ Men's & Women's Open Singles Championship (Men's Wynnum Women's McIlwraith)	GC
14	Gala Day Doubles, Eildon	GC
20-22	Stephens Easter Tournament, Advanced H'cap Singles	AC
20-22	Egyptian Doubles, Stephens	GC
26	Regional Doubles Ricochet, Hervey Bay	RC
27-28	CAQ Open Doubles Championship, Eildon	GC
28	Gateball Triples, Southport	GB

May

4th WORLD CROQUET DAY - All Codes/All Clubs

*It makes all the difference whether you hear an insect in
the bedroom or in the garden.*

Robert Lynd

***** CLUB NEWS *****

Bribie Island

ANNUAL CHARITY DAY

December opened with a great moment for Bribie Island Club when we were able to present a cheque for **\$2,300** to Bribie Island and District Neighbourhood Centre following our annual fundraising day on November 24th. The Centre is a not-for-profit organisation that relies heavily on the support of our local community and its volunteers to maintain its service delivery to individuals and families facing challenges in their daily lives.

Using the Gateball balls and sticks to play Golf plus using club mallets rather than our own “faithfuls” provided a challenge for participants in the morning events! Players were able to buy free shot cards (pay for someone else to make that jump shot for you!?) so it was great to have Greg Bury demonstrating his expertise for those people.

The afternoon Community Cup Challenge competition was a great success with 18 four-person teams from across the Island competing, with Bribie Island Rotary Club being the 2018 winner.

A delicious sausage sizzle meant lunch was sorted, the craft and plant stalls were a huge success and many people were able to go home with a smile on their face after having won one of the many raffles. The day would not have been possible without the support of our local businesses who provided raffle prizes and monetary donations, the organisations who entered teams and most importantly the club members who assisted in the organisation of the event and on the day.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH A BLAST!

This year’s Christmas Luncheon was again held at Woorim Golf Club on 13th December with a great 3-course menu. Clever variations on Australian classic songs (including “We are Croquet Players”, with apologies to The Seekers), and what really happened on the 12 days leading up to Xmas were all enunciated, concluding with our usual rowdy piece to get everyone’s vocal chords and bodies moving!!



Gwen Connolly (**at left**), was presented with an arrangement of flowers by President Dick Byres, to thank her for her wonderful work as Vice President and then Honorary Secretary over the last seven years.

THE ISLAND CHALLENGE

Entries are coming in rapidly for our annual Island Challenge events which is great to see. The first event is the Mary Masters Memorial AC on 23rd and 24th February closely followed by

the Steve Jones AC on 3rd and 4th March - Steve Jones himself is travelling from NZ to compete in his own Tournament! There are interstate entries as well as **entrants already signed up for the June Golf events**. Bribie's own Greg Whymark and Dennis Green have entered the Association events. *Golfers get your names in NOW!!!*

Some of our members are enjoying a **Sunrise Competition** over January - play Golf before it gets too hot, 5.30am for 6.00am start, finish at 8.00am. The free coffee and raisin toast may be an incentive (!?) to play the 7-point games within an Egyptian format (so one doesn't have to play every game, every day).

Sue Green-Acting Secretary



Broadbeach

Greetings from Broadbeach and what a great start to the beginning of the year. Yes we are back playing on our own court. Our members are very enthusiastic and are making the most of being back home. Association Croquet which is played on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:30am during the summer months is getting a good attendance with a few extra people joining their ranks. They have extended their hours to enable new comers to hone their skills following the games.

Broadbeach (Cont.)



Jenny, Edna, Maria, Bill. Association Players

Gateball players are as keen as ever and have to be congratulated for keeping their group of players together during our lockout. They were the first people able to play at the court because of how their game is structured which doesn't use the complete court and they are able to alternate their placement each time. As this is a quiet time of the year I haven't any competition news to share. However I am sure our Gateball players are honing their skills waiting for the opportunity to challenge their opponents from other clubs. Gateball is played on a Wednesday and Friday morning from 8:30am.

**Right- Gateball Christmas party
Below -Golf Croquet players**



Golf Croquet players were the last of our members to be able to use the court. However they are readying themselves for the year ahead for pennants and the many competition events on offer throughout the South East Region in

particular. Wednesday evening from 3pm still seems to be a popular time slot for play as is Saturday afternoon from 1:30pm. Monday

morning from 8:30am has a steady group of players coming along as well.

The management committee has been busy sorting out the business we have had to do on the trot so to speak however it is all coming together and as secretary-treasurer this year I am finally getting that end of the business sorted. Our Gold Coast Tweed Region (GCTR) delegate for this year is Margaret Barnard and hopefully Merle Neate is continuing her position as the GCTR Regional Delegate to Croquet Queensland.

Remember if you are passing by Broadbeach (and you are lucky enough to find a spot to park) please drop in and say hello. Parking is an issue with all the construction taking place around our domain. The street parking on Chelsea Avenue, Surf Parade (Bowls Club side) and Armrick Avenue is 4 hours. There are 2 unrestricted parking areas at the back of the soccer club and adjacent to the park and our club and one at the back of our club. The tradies who start work at 6am certainly take up these prime positions.



Our new lawns. Morning play at Broadbeach.

My message for our players this month in our club newsletter is to look at the lovely green grass at the front of your shoes when you are striking the ball. Much nicer than “keep your head down”. Enjoy your time on the court and catching up with your mallet sport family following the break.

Edrae Damrow - Photos courtesy of Barrie and Maria

Bundaberg

Greetings and a Happy New Year to all our Mallet Sports friends.
Good food and company was had at our Christmas celebrations and
Trophy presentations at the Spotted Dog Tavern on 8 December, 2018.



*Assn Doubles Winners
Cal Toft & Judy Bowman*



*Ricochet Champ -Don MacGillivray -
Wilma Palmer, Captain & Life Member
Beth Toft*



*Trophy winners L to R: Don Newport, Don MacGillivray, Judy
Bowman, Geoff Dickie, Chris Pohle, Gordon Cooper.*

Our new Assistant Secretary and keen association player, Vicki Cooper has organised a Summer Association Croquet Competition for 8 Division 3 & 4 players being played over four Tuesdays in January. To escape the heat, play begins at 5pm with singles, a break for refreshments followed by doubles under lights. The players are loving it and already Vicki has been asked, "Can we do this again next year?"



Summer Comp players, L to R Back: Gordon Cooper, Chris Pohle, Vicki Cooper, Don Newport. Front L to R: Judy Bowman, Ann McLennan, Jocelyn Glover, Del Smith

A new busy season opened on January 16 on an extremely hot day. Thursday January 17 saw a small but hardworking group at Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, followed on Friday 18 with our usual twice monthly cards and croquet afternoon. Bundaberg Club is responsible for the next 2 years to fill the executive positions on the Wide Bay Burnett Region Croquet Assn. Cal Toft is Chairman, Secretary is Beth Toft and Lesley Kavanagh is Activities Officer.



***Life Member Pamela Donnelly, 91 years young Don Newport 3rd Div
Championship Singles winner & June Hutton, Captain.***

June Hutton



Burleigh Heads/Palm Beach

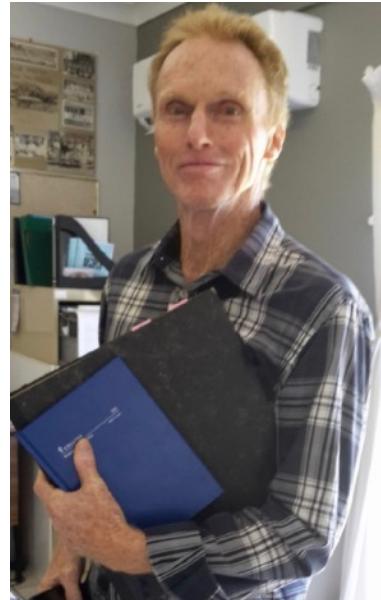
At the AGM held in December retiring president Robert Spinks handed over the baton to Dave Luxmore. The new president is keen to continue the club's expansion programme by attracting new members, extending club house facilities and acquiring an improved mower and mower shed. To this end fund raising is a priority as well as publicity for club activities.

The next function is Australia Day celebration on Sunday 27th January.

There will be traditional sausage sizzle, pavlova for lunch as well as fun croquet.

Best wishes to our sister clubs for a successful 2019.

Photo: President Dave Luxmore with diary and minutes.



Heather Little



Caloundra Mallet Sports Club

The holiday season has been a relatively quiet period for the CMSC. Thanks to the efforts of our Vice President, Cathy McBrien, and her band of happy elves, members and guests enjoyed a successful Christmas luncheon at the club house on the 6th December. At this function, President, Howard, presented 10 year membership badges to five members; and received the 2018 Most Improved Player Award from Club Captain, Murray Tinker.

Photo- Murray presents Howard with his trophy





Members enjoying our Christmas luncheon

Our Club's Maintenance Officer, Don Helmrich, has been busy project managing the construction of a shelter for our new courts. We anticipate that the shelter will be erected by "Steel Post and Rail" in early February. A local firm, "Aussie Outdoor Creations" has been engaged to construct the large awning that will be attached to the mower shed. This is all part of the grant we received from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. ***Photo above - Don in the site he prepared for our new shelter***



On Saturday, "Australia Day", Murray Tinker has organised a morning of "Aussie Croquet", and members will be tucking into hot pies for lunch. Despite the hot weather, it has been pleasing to see the large numbers of members turning up to play. This continuing hot dry spell is certainly wearing for our courts. To make matters worse we have had problems with our irrigation system. Some piping has been replaced and our new bore water pump is still in transit. The club recently paid for a water audit which the committee will be working through this year.

On a more pleasant note, we wish club stalwarts, Mike and Sue Bertram, happy travels as they spend this year travelling around our great country. **Howard Williams**

Capricorn Coast

Our 2019 season commenced with a group of enthusiasts on Wednesday, 16 January. All were eager to play after a pleasant festive season with some welcome rain and not so hot days. The Gateballers enjoyed their first practice session preparing for more competitions during 2019 whilst other club members played Croquet Golf and Ricochet.

In early December, CCMSC held the AGM for 2018 and the following members were elected; some continued from previous years, whilst much to our pleasure, some of our newer members accepted positions. Sadly, due to ill health, our competent and much appreciated Grants Officer, Vince Hagen, has resigned from the club.

Election of Management Committee members for 2019

President – Kath Hayes

Secretary – Lyn Christiansen

Treasurer – Judy Sinclair

Election of Non Committee members for 2018

Assistant Secretary – Chris Love Assistant Treasurer – Robyn Lyon

Club Captain – Barb Fitchen Greens Director – Robyn Lyon

Gateball Captain – Greg Featherstone Coach – Sandra Bird

Assistant Green Keeper – George Budd Providore – Carmel Parker

Our Christmas breakup began with fun games of Bocce and Boule as we had a set of each. We finally learned the difference between the two thanks to Google! This was followed by quizzes and light entertainment. Unfortunately, the local Belly Dance group had to cancel due to the inclement weather. Some of our invited guests were disappointed.

Photo- left

Andrew Christiansen and Lyn Hanlon reading instructions for Bocce.



Our hard-working captain, Barb Fitchen then presented the winners of the 2018 club competitions. These included: Open Association winner– Greg Featherstone, Runner-Up – Barb Fitchen; Division 4 Association winner– Lyn Christiansen, Runner-Up - Carmel Parker; Association Doubles winners– Greg and Lyn, Runners-Up – Carmel Parker and Sandra Bird; Ricochet winner– Robyn Lyon, Runner-Up -Lyn Christiansen; Croquet Golf winner – Carmel Parker, Runner-Up – Dot Budd; Gateball Doubles winners - Greg Featherstone and Col Parker, Runners-up – Robyn Lyon and Carmel Parker.

Other trophies were presented to: Greg Featherstone for the highest break throughout the year; Sally Park for the Most Improved throughout the year; Malcolm Love for the Encouragement Award and to Judy Sinclair for Most Improved with Pre – Match Practice (a task that Sandra introduced at the beginning of 2017 which we still all faithfully undertook during 2018 each play day.) Greg and Col - Gateball winners



Greg & Col - Gateball winners Sandra & Carmel Runners-up Assn

We look forward to an enjoyable, social and eventful year and wish all other clubs the same.

Lyn Christiansen



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Gracemere

We commenced play again on the 13 January. During the break we conducted a very successful sausage sizzle which greatly helps our funds. We have had some good rain and this has helped with the courts leaving them in beautiful condition. Of course, as always, our courts would not be in such good condition if it was not for the dedicated work of our Greenskeeper Peter Kajewski.

We have very little to report, as we are just getting into the swing of things. Very best wishes to all Clubs for a successful year. Enjoy your croquet.

RoseAnne Mathewson.



Headland/Buderim

VALE: Malcolm James 1920 – 2018

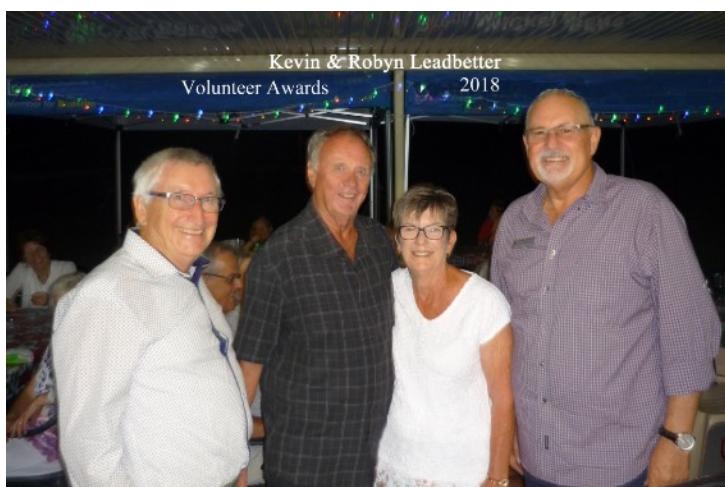


Malcolm passed away on 17th November in Buderim. An active member of our club from 2006 until 2015, he helped to coach new players and served as Convenor. When he moved into RSL Aged Care he gave his TV plus a substantial cash donation to the club. At that time he wrote to us “membership of the club has been, from the very beginning, a pleasure and delight, giving me not only the skills to play and enjoy croquet, but friendly companionship which has kept me going through the difficulties of ageing.”

New Committee notably changes. We are very grateful to Carmel for taking on the very taxing position of Secretary. To offset some of the pressure, Sally is now Minutes Secretary. Code Captains- the only change is now Carolyn for Association.

Lawn 4 was scarified and top dressed in December and is now back in action looking and playing great. Again, all due to the wonderful volunteers and their hard work under the guidance of our Greens Director Kevin. **Hoops** are being powdered coated. Besides the constant gardening we also had a big working bee on **Bathurst Garden** under the guidance of Robyn & Kevin. So, we're looking good!

Christmas & Presentation Party on 7th Dec was a lovely and successful evening. The meal, entertainment and, except for a mild/moderate wind blowing most of the evening, everyone appeared to enjoy



all on offer and comfort in the alfresco setting. **Left John Tusler (President)-Kevin & Robyn Leadbetter Greens Director & Provedore) - Mike Liddlelow (President Maroochy RSL**

Headland Buderim (Cont.)

All this was due to our wonderful volunteers again who worked so hard under the guidance of our Provedore Robyn. Again our thanks to RSL President Mike Liddlelow who attended representing our sponsor, Maroochydore RSL and helped with presentation of trophies and vouchers.

Player of the Series for Queensland in the Australian Golf Croquet Inter State Series 2018 held in The Hunter was our member Ross Rillie. Murray Tinker, Captain of the team, presented the trophy.



Right- Ross Rillie being presented 2018 GC State Team ‘Player of the Series’ trophy by Murray Tinker

GC New Rules. Love or hate them they’re here now. Golf Croquet Captain Mike organised a New Rules Seminar in December for our members, with Ross as Presenter using a PowerPoint presentation. Ross has also been using morning tea breaks to bring us up to speed. Another Seminar for the club has also been arranged. The club has been very lucky to have Gordon Matthews as a member of the WCF New Rules Committee, keeping us informed and up to date.

New Year’s Eve Party was celebrated with playing ‘Croquet by Headlamp’ for the 3rd time, proving a very successful evening with everyone seeming to enjoy themselves. The weather was perfect. A couple of new features were included to add to the entertainment. Play came to a brief stop with the 8.30pm (children’s) Mooloolaba fireworks which provided us with a lovely show of lights. Proving we’re never too old to appreciate this magical spectacle especially without the noise!

Helen Rillie

Ipswich

2019 brings to Ipswich club a 38 strong membership, and excitement surrounding the upgrade of the lawns. Grateful thanks to Ipswich City Council for its continuing support and co-operation with the club's management committee. The lawns will be ready for use by February. Ipswich has entered the Brisbane Metropolitan Golf Croquet Pennants , the first match being played at Queens Park on 30 March. Watch this space for some great results!

The Club Championships were conducted early in 2018 and the presentations were made at functions held later in the year.



Eithner O'Gallagher GC shield winners -Veronica Thomas and Bruce McAlister. Left Veronica Thomas with Trish Noble, President. Right is Bruce McAlister. Bruce also won the Cath Barnes Shield [Assn Div1]



Association Div 3 and 4 winners Annie Wise [left] and Barbara Flower



After receiving her induction into the CAQ Hall of Recognition in 2018, Daphne Savage was nominated for Senior Citizen of the Year in the Ipswich City Council Australia Day Awards.

Daphne was the only woman in the final list of nine candidates, and finished in the top 3.

Ipswich Croquet Club is indebted to Daphne for her 38 years of tireless service to Croquet, and very proud of her 60 years of community service in the city of Ipswich .

Left -Congratulations Daphne.

A number of Ipswich Players responded to invitations from Stephens Club and enjoyed golf and Association while Ipswich lawns were unavailable.

Pictured below: John and Jannene Wall from Ipswich with Julie Clark, Dorothea Mulherrin, Louise Johnston, Julie Upton, Ces Crispigni and Maude Berry.



Written by Maree Woodward and Trish Noble.

Stephens

Play has continued through the heat of summer at Stephens with good turnouts at most sessions. We are trying 7-hoop games from 4pm on Fridays as well as the usual start times for those who revel in the heat!

Over the past few weeks we have very much enjoyed meeting and playing with members of Ipswich Croquet Club. Some adventurous members have made the trip along Ipswich Rd to play with us while renovations keep them off the lawns at Ipswich. Visitors are always warmly welcomed.

Life Membership –Ernie Melville

We joined in celebration of Ernie Melville's achievements and commitment to croquet before our AGM. Every club needs an Ernie, who continues to tend to the hoops and lawns and contribute to the Management committee. Many thanks and warm congratulations, Ernie.



This is very well-deserved recognition of Ernie's long list of Croquet achievements including representing Queensland, Club Champion, Club Coach, Greens Director and Captain for Association Croquet. He also introduced Golf Croquet to the club.

Photo: Stephen's President, Val Layne, Life member, Ernie Melville, and Local Councillor, Nicole Johnston

Late news:

Congratulations to Geraldine Trivett and partner Stephen O'Hare on their great win in the Queensland Golf Croquet Mixed Doubles on Sunday 20 January at Wynnum. ***Julie Clark***

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Southport



At the Christmas Party for the Gold Coast Tweed Region held at Burleigh Heads / Palm Beach Croquet Club in late November, the winners of the regional pennant teams were presented with their rewards. Southport won the Golf Croquet pennants for 2018.

Photo-left is Alan Edwards (Regional Co-ordinator of Golf Croquet) and Beryl Turner (Club Captain of Southport)

At the party, a demonstration game of Gateball was held. Players from Broadbeach, Tamborine Mt and Southport showed the audience how the game was played with Jim Northcott providing the commentary and Margaret Barnard refereeing the game. As a result, Coolangatta have started a Gateball session of three hours on a Monday afternoon. Players from all clubs have been welcomed and there was an enthusiastic group from Coolangatta, BH / PB Murwillumbah clubs that discovered the joys of the game.

Photo L-R Barbara and Jim Barbey from Tamborine Mt, Beryl Phillips from Southport and David Luxmoore in the background.



There have been busy days for Golf Croquet players with the 3rd Sunday afternoon in each month added to the playing days. Colin Jolly has taken on the role of Golf Captain for the club. At the CAQ Mixed Doubles Championship held at Wynnum in January, it was pleasing that Hisham Elkomy competed in his first tournament along with Beryl Turner. They secured 5th place. Other members are also entering in some competitions. This is encouraging since there will be two teams entering from the club in the Regional Pennants Tournament for 2019 and now divided into Division 1 and 2 to cope with the wide range in golf handicaps throughout the region.

Southport (Cont.)

The divisions are structured so those with a handicap of 7 or below will be playing in Division 1 teams. Those on handicaps from 8-10 will be playing in Division 2. Alan Edwards, Golf Croquet Co-ordinator for the Region, has done this in consultation with all of the clubs in the region.

Association Croquet players are continuing to play their games despite the heat. Fortunately, our club is situated close to the Broadwater at Southport so it receives very welcome, cool breezes throughout most of the day. There are players who are planning to travel to the annual Darling Downs Competition and to the Bribie Island Tournaments. We wish them good games in pleasant weather. There will be just one team representing Southport in the Regional Pennants for Association Croquet. The Vice-Captain, Glenda Chaplyn, is planning coaching time for all involved.

The Southport Shield is the big event that is coming up 1-3rd March. (see the advertisement). This annual Tournament has proved the ideal introduction to competition for many players who have gone on to greater heights in this code of croquet. It is for 4th Division players and always there has been a friendly atmosphere amongst the participants. Many of the players have never experienced a Tournament beforehand.

The Ricochet players are always keen. They are planning to welcome some of the Golf Croquet players who have expressed interest in learning that code. Garry Purcell is the Ricochet Vice Captain and will be requesting nominations for the Ricochet pennant team for the GCTR Pennants in the next few weeks.

Southport Gateball players are fortunate that they have cooler afternoons late on a Tuesday to practice their skills and their tactics in games of doubles, triples as well as team games. Everyone is very pleased that Southport has won the Suzuki Cup for 2018 for the fourth time. The club's Red Team has been the most successful and consistent team in QLD throughout last year. It was provided with tough competition by another team from Southport - the White Team. With 15 players we have been able to form a 3rd team as well so that is good for our code. John Chen has returned to Taiwan for a few months but we will welcome him back in May. ***Barbara Northcott***

THE SOUTHPORT SHIELD, 2019



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Sunnyside

2018 has drawn to a close in what has been a busy year for our club. On the 25th November, Sunnyside held their annual Christmas themed get together and a good time was had by all. Members and their guests enjoyed some games of ‘half court’ golf croquet where prizes, made and donated by Sara Green, were randomly given out. This was followed by delicious finger food and drinks in the club house. Thanks must go to everyone who helped, but especially Provedore Sara Green, Gay McKay and Margie Rudd who catered the event.

The AGM was held on the 8th December and we welcomed in the newly elected management committee which comprised a new Vice President, Ian Johnson, a new Treasurer, Brian Walsh and a new Secretary, Carol Russell. President Rae Canniffe has returned for

another year. Our patron, Janet Tallon, chaired the election of the committee, and then presented the awards for the club championships.

Stuart De Courcy was the winner of the Division 3 singles association club championships. Runner up was Jocelyn Glover. The association advanced doubles handicap was won by Brian Walsh and Jocelyn Glover with runners up Joyce Cross and Del Smith.

The ricochet singles championship was played in Divison 2 only and was won by Jocelyn Glover who defeated Monica Wex. The winners of the ricochet doubles handicap were Jocelyn Glover and Robyn Poulsen, with Ian Johnson and Rae Canniffe runners up.

The Wellborne Memorial Trophy for the Division 3 Golf singles was awarded to Sara Green, who defeated Graham Rudd. The Wellborne Memorial Trophy for golf handicap doubles was won by Margie Rudd and Jocelyn Glover, who beat Robyn Poulson and Sara Green. The Janet Tallon trophy for the most improved player was won by Carol Russell.

Our lawns were then closed for play for several weeks as the new automated sprinkler system was installed. It is now up and running and should be a great time saver for our green keepers. Wellborne



Memorial - Trophies presented by Janet Tallon Left - Jocelyn Glover, Janet Tallon Right - Janet with Sara Margie Rudd Green

Carol Russell

The Range-Maleny

The past couple of months have been fairly quiet up here in the hill country. During December some soaking, much needed rain was recorded and greatly appreciated, not just by the croquet players I might add. The heat of January has deterred a few players but they are gradually getting the mallets back in working order.

This year The Sunshine Coast Tournament will be held at several venues. Nambour and The Range Maleny will host the association. At this stage we are not sure as to which divisions will be playing where. Numbers will help decide this. If you are a caravaner and drawn to play here you can park within a few hundred metres of the lawns. There is also a wide choice of accommodation, many with spectacular views and most within close proximity. The town also boasts renowned dining venues.

Once again we will be part of the Australia Day celebration to be held at the Maleny Showgrounds. The day kicks off with the Apex Club cooking breakfast, followed by the ceremony to welcome our new citizens. Well in excess of fifty organisations will be participating and we have windows of opportunity to bring our sport into the public view. Last year was a successful event with many of those in attendance having a go.

Wishing you all a great 2019.

Vince Carbery



Toombul

Toombul Croquet club celebrated its 90th birthday in November. Carmel Donley gave a talk on the history of the club. Roy and Carmel Donley were presented with a lawn, which cheered them no end. Members of several clubs gave a congratulatory speech, including Cynthia from Windsor, who also spoke for Merthyr, Fran from Eildon, and Sandy from McIlwraith. We had a very nice afternoon tea, supplied by club members. Thanks to all who came and made it a lovely afternoon.

Toombul (Cont.)



The council planted a tree for us. One of our club members who passed away 2 years ago was a Man of the Trees, so we thought it was a nice idea to plant a tree for Aubrey Doherty. Neville his brother is looking after it. He drives up in his car; he can park right

next to the tree, so he brings the water with him, and then waters. Great idea. Saves carting it from the clubhouse.

We had our Christmas party on the 1st December. We played club fixtures this past year, so the trophies etc were presented in between lunch and the trifle! Thanks to all the club members who took part and hopefully we will continue with the competitions this year.

AC singles H'cp Wayne Appleby won, Hedi, runner up.

May Lockie Memorial Trophy Neville Doherty won, Bob Dawson, runner up

AC Singles Championship Hedi Trask won, Wayne Appleby, runner up.

GC Neville & Elaine Doherty Trophy Wayne Appleby winner, Glen Hombsch R.U

GC Singles Hedi Trask won, Susan Whitaker, runner up

GC Doubles Susan & Hedi won, Barbara & Don Brown runners up.

We've finished the year with a few parties, adding to the club coffers. Wayne Appleby our green keeper is doing a great job, refurbishing 2 lawns in December. He does such a lot of work around the club apart from the lawns. Thanks, Wayne. The gardens are looking a treat. Caroline does a lot of propagating of the plants. Thanks Caroline. Thanks to Helen David for the beautiful broms.

Here's wishing everyone a very Happy New Year. **Hedi Trask**

West Toowoomba



Happy New Year from West Toowoomba. We hope you all have a fantastic croqueting year. With the warmer weather we have continued to enjoy our Wednesday evening play with our morning play now recommencing. We look forward to new players having a try at this great game and welcome visiting players from around the country (and the world) having hosted players from as far away as Britain last year.

The highlight of the first part of the year for us is our annual tournament in March held in conjunction with Toowoomba Croquet Club. We host Association (Divisions 1-4) and enjoy two evenings of social ricochet doubles, with Golf Croquet finishing off the week long event at Toowoomba Club. Last year we had record numbers for Golf Croquet and had many players competing in Association and Ricochet for the first time. Please feel free to contact us if you would like more information about these events.

Our club looks forward to turning 95 in 2020 with only five years until our centenary. Here is an extract from our history:

“Our club started on a lawn at the West Toowoomba Bowls Club in Rome Street in 1925, remaining there until 1941 when they moved to Newtown Park, Taylor Street. Work began with levelling of two lawns and planting the grass.

The war then started and the American Army took over the park and our club house was one of their office huts, which was obtained and transported to its present site.

Pennants and the Darling Downs Tournament were first held in March 1936, with both Toowoomba and West Toowoomba Clubs alternating as managers. For a short time, Toowoomba Club was not affiliated so Wests ran the tournament on their own but we have returned to co-hosting this great event.

The third lawn was established in August 1959 (and we look forward to establishing our fourth lawn before our Centenary celebrations).

From the early 60's West Toowoomba and Ipswich clubs visited each other on alternating years for the Melbourne Cup. This continued until the turn of the century.

The club became Incorporated in 1990. Over the years many members have brought honours to our club either by winning at Tournaments, playing in medal games, but most of all with having members play and represent Queensland in the Interstate Carnivals or playing in the Australian teams.

Since 1968 we are proud to have had six members play in the Queensland team and two in an Australian team.

Over the years a lot of work has been carried out in the club house, on the lawns and with the purchasing of new equipment."

None of this would have been possible without our founding members and early players some of whom are pictured.

Happy croquetting until next time

Frances Wright



Joy, Frances and Timothy Wright

Wynnum

History – the beginning

In the mid-1920s ladies met to play croquet at the invitation of Mrs. Joe Sands on the lawns of the Shire Cottage, Tingal Rd, Wynnum, her husband, Joe Sands, being the Shire Clerk and Engineer for Wynnum. As membership grew, the Club was formed on 17 February 1925, and a lease arranged with Wynnum Town Council for a portion of Kitchener Park where lawns and a pavilion were opened on 12 June 1926. This is still the club venue with the original pavilion incorporated into the clubhouse.

In December we were pleased to welcome some members of the Sands family who were visiting their ancestral home from as far afield as Melbourne and Montana, USA.



IRENE SANDS playing on the FIRST CROQUET LAWN in WYNNUM
(Croquet Lawn adjacent to Shire Clerks Historic Cottage – Circa 1925)

Wynnum (Cont.)



Grandson of Mrs joe Sands (rear left) with his son & daughter (front) and his grandchildren (rear) in December 2018

CAQ GC Mixed Doubles – Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 January

Wynnum Croquet Club welcomed 28 players from 9 clubs to compete for the CAQ Mixed Doubles Trophy. It was a tough competition playing 13 games over 2 days in very hot conditions, but all players survived and most were still smiling at the end, although some more than others.



The winners were Geraldine Trivett (Stephens) and Stephen O'Hare (McIlwraith) with 11 wins, 2 losses and +15 hoops. Runners up were

Kevin & Nuran Melksham (McIlwraith) with 10 wins, 3 losses and +13 hoops who just pipped Leslie Watson & Megan Stuart (Eildon) with 10 wins, 3 losses and 11 hoops.

Our thanks to all the players who made it an excellent two days of croquet with several very tight games; Thanks also to Tournament Manager, Bruce Fleming, the Tournament Referees, and, as always, to the many volunteers who helped on the day with setting up courts and providing sustenance to the players.



***CAQ Mixed Doubles Winners
Geraldine Trivett &
Stephen O'Hare***



***Runners-up Kevin & Nuran
Melksham***

2018 Wrap Up - Christmas Party Saturday 15 December

We rounded off the year with our club Christmas party on Saturday 15 December, and a wonderful day was enjoyed by around forty members and guests, including Sandra & Ron Blinco, Therese Prebble from George Hartnett-Metropolitan Funerals, GiGi Huxley from Go See Touring and our Club Patron, Councillor Peter Cumming.

The excellent lunch was organised by providore, Aina Johns and several helpers, and what a spread was served thanks to the generosity of our club members who contributed a great variety of dishes. This was followed by another of Aina's general knowledge tests won by the red team led by Councillor Cumming

Wynnum (Cont.)

The lunch was followed by the presentation of the 2018 Club Trophies; however most had to be awarded in absentia apart from the winner of our Metropolitan Golf Croquet Open Singles, Gordon Giles, who was presented with the trophy and medallion by Therese Prebble.



Who's Who at Wynnum CC- the following were elected at our AGM in November:

Management Committee:

President: Elizabeth Fleming

Vice President: Bill Howell

Secretary: Bruce Fleming

Treasurer: John van Barneveld

Member: Deirdre Giles

Club Officers:

Club Captain: Deirdre Giles

Tournament Manager: Deirdre Giles

Head Coach: Gordon Giles

BSR Delegate: Cec Bardell

Upcoming Events at Wynnum

- Sat 2 & Sun 3 March – CAQ GC Open Singles , entries close 4 February**
- Sat 24 March – GC Gala Day Handicap Doubles, entries close 19 March**
- Sat 6 & Sun 7 April – CAQ GC Men's Open Singles Championship, entries close 11 March**

Mike Fordyce



GATEBALL STUFF by 'GBer'



Introduction

It is most unfortunate that so many centres around Australia are experiencing natural disasters of one sort or another. I am quite sure that all GBers feel concern for all folks affected by these disasters. Even so, I hope that some of you were able to practice some GB during the Holiday Season.

What happens if... When sparking, you hit the ground and not your ball?

Rule says that... Ineffective play. You can still try again, within the original 10 second limit. (GB Q & A 48)

What happens if... When sparking, you hit both your foot and your ball?

Rule says that... It can still count as an effective spark. (GB Q & A 54)

What happens if... You gained the right to spark but instead you just stroke your ball?

Rule says that... End of turn. Your ball is placed in the Chokinggai. (Rule 16.1.1.1)

What happens if... When sparking, you change your mind about the direction to aim. Do you lift the Touched ball, or your foot, or both, in order to re-set?

Rule says that... If you cannot change aim simply by twisting your foot, you must lift the Touched ball. You may also lift your foot and start again to re-set the balls. Just remember the 10 second limit. (Rule 16.2.2.2)

What happens if... For many fouls, the ball is placed at the Chokinggai. Where is this?

Rule says that... The penalty point, or Chokinggai, is 10 cm outside the line, nearest to where the foul took place. (Rule 17.2.1.1)

Conclusion

Keep up your Rule Book reading. I understand there may be two opportunities this year to undertake a Referee Examination.



See you soon - 'GBer'



RICOCHET Q & A



Q.1 In a recent game, my opponent played his first ball close to the second corner. I attempted my first hoop, but did not succeed. When my opponent had his next turn, he played from B baulk. Is this allowed?

A.1 Yes, he is entitled to play his balls from either baulk. **Law 8 (b)**

Q.2 I have recently begun Ricochet and didn't know what to do when the following happened. My Red ball roqueted Yellow and I took my first free

stroke to Blue and Black on the boundary across the court. Red left the court. Am I entitled to play my second free stroke?

A.2 No. Your turn is finished unless you made a roquet or ran a hoop before your ball left the court. **Law 18**

Q.3 Playing Red, I roqueted the Yellow which went off the court. Red was not quite on the yard-line. When I tried to measure Yellow in, I found that I could not do so because of the Red ball. Where should I place my Yellow ball?

A.3 Yellow is placed on the yard-line, as the striker chooses, in contact with any ball that directly or indirectly interferes with its placement. Yellow must therefore be in contact with Red. **Law 12 (b)**

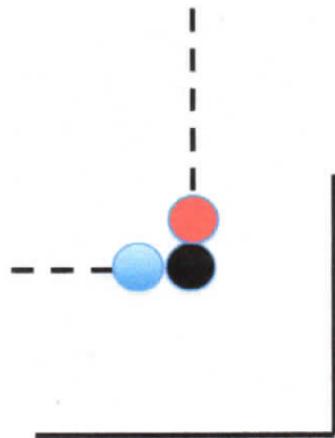
Q.4 While attempting an awkward shot to hit my ball towards my partner ball, I missed with the front of my mallet, but hit my ball with the side of my mallet. My opponent said that this was a fault. Is he correct and what happens to the ball?

A.4 Yes, he was correct. **Law 26(a) (6)** strikes the strikers ball with any part of the mallet other than the end face of the head **Law 28(b)(1)** If the striker commits a fault and it is discovered before 2 further strokes, any points scored are cancelled and turn ends. The striker must ask the adversary if he requires rectification. (For the ball to remain where it is or to go back to where it came to rest)

Ricochet – Three Balls in the Corner - More

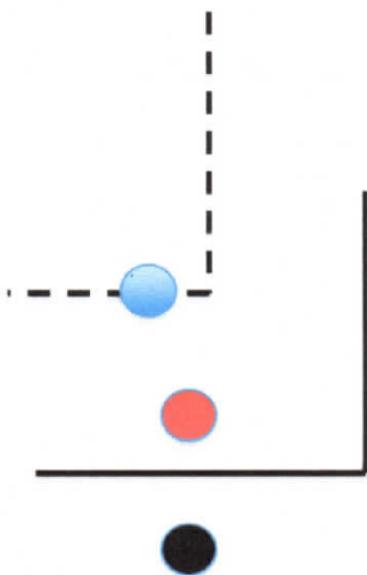
New turn. Red and Yellow to play. Yellow is out of the play, so Red is the Striker's Ball.

What to do? A roquet on Black is assumed and Red has two continuation strokes.

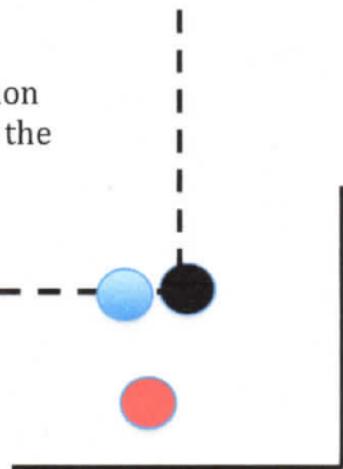


One answer.

In the first continuation stroke, Red drives black out over the border and ensures a position as shown



Black is marked in and Red has one continuation stroke in which to roquet Blue, sending it into the lawn



Lynda Davis, State Director Ricochet Referee



GOLF CROQUET Q & A



Question 1 In a singles game Player A plays their black ball instead of their blue and in so doing hits away Player B's red ball which had been in a good position to run a hoop. Player B calls for **Ball Swap** and the wrongly played black ball is swapped for the blue. Player B also asks Player A to bring back the knocked away red ball. Player A refuses to do so. Who is right?

Answer 1: *Player A. When Ball Swap is called for, only the balls are swapped (in this case black for blue). Any other balls moved remain where they came to rest. Note if Player B had called for Replace and Replay all balls moved would come back and Player A would then play their blue ball.* **Rule 10.3.2**

Question 2 In a doubles game Player A, the player of blue plays an opponents red ball. The opponent looking to get their yellow ball into a good position calls for **Ball Swap**. Can the opposing side ask for the wrongly played red by their opponent to be swapped for their yellow?

Answer 2 *No. If the striker plays any opponent ball, only Replace and Replay applies. All balls are returned and the striker now plays their correct ball, in this case blue.* **Rule 10.3.3**

Question 3 In a handicap doubles game Side A (with the higher handicaps) after the usual calculations are made (by subtracting the lowest on one side from the highest on the other, then the next lowest from the second highest) ends up with Player A on 3.5 extra strokes and Players A's partner on 2.5 extra strokes. Do both players now go up to the next whole number i.e. 4 and 3?

Answer 3: *No. Only one player may go up and the other stays down. Which one does should be decided on and notified to any event organiser before the match or game starts.* **Rule 19.3.6**

Note: **Extra Turns** are now called **Extra Strokes**.

Question 4 The next striker assumes their stance to play their ball. The striker then decides to stalk their ball and moves back to do so. But as they walk backwards they accidentally move an opponent ball with their foot. Is this a fault?

Answer 4: *No. Assuming the striker moved away from their stance under control, it is an **Interference**, simply replace the moved ball and the striker resumes stalking, then again takes up their stance. However, if the striker stumbled out of their stance either when casting or playing their shot and in so doing moved another ball, it would be a fault.*

Rules 6.2.1, 6.2.2 and 9.1.3

Andy Hallinan, State Director Golf Croquet Referees

Photos from Toombul's 90th Birthday Party



New and retired members of Toombul CC in front of the R&C Donley shelter shed on their lawn.



Carmel Donley cuts the birthday cake. Afternoon tea in the club house



Chris Timms, President of Toombul CC, Roy and Carmel Donley and Leanne Linard, M.P. for Nudgee stand in front of the shelter shed named in honour of the Donleys.





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