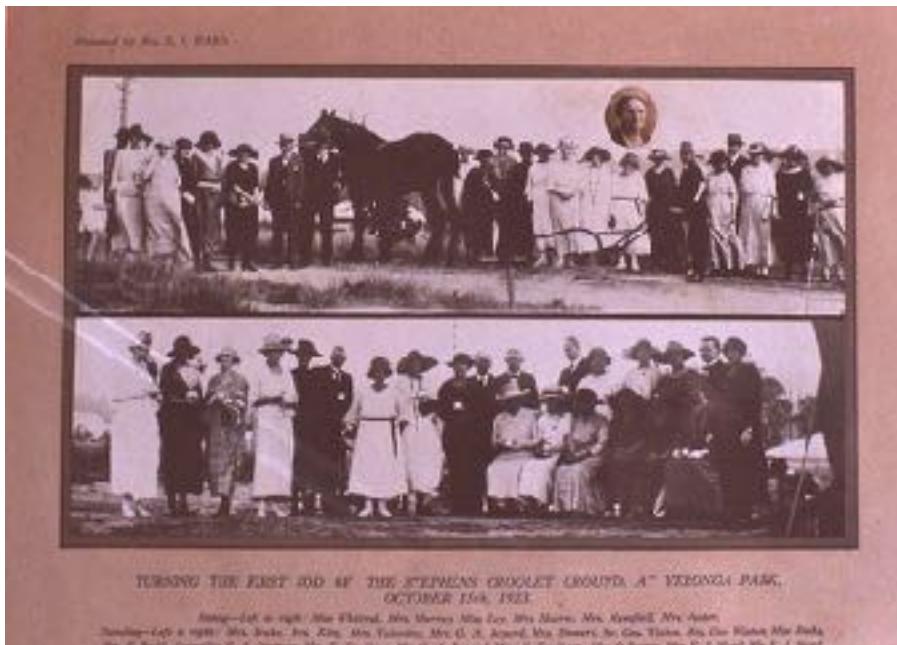


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Merry Christmas

Thank you for all the lovely photos that have been sent in for this end of year issue, especially the Melbourne Cup celebration hats!

I wish to thank the ever busy Barbara for all the editing, fixing and postage help she has given me over the past 12 months.

Best wishes to everyone for the Christmas festive season. Please keep safe and return in 2019 refreshed and ready to “play ball.”

Two news items from Coolangatta (Lyn Lebihan) and Tweed (Jan Curtis).

Once again “THANK YOU” to our sponsors who have continued to support us. For any purchases such as travel requirements, currency conversion, banking, aged care accommodation, equipment, health care and ride on mowers, please support our sponsors.

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 18th January**

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Croquet Queensland

Calendar of Events

January

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|--------------|---|--------------------|-----------|
| 19-20 | CAQ Mixed Doubles | Venue TBA | GC |
| 26th | Australia Day Function Breakfast and Lunch | AC, GC, | |
| RC | | | |
| | Toombul | | |
| 26th | Australia Day (BYO Lunch) | Tweed Heads | GC |

February

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| 3rd | Metropolitan Cup Doubles Level Play | GC |
| Wynnum | | |
| 9th | Inter Club Gala Day, Bribie Island | GC |
| 16-17 | Gibson Memorial Medal (QLD Players only) | AC |
| | BHPB & Coolangatta | |
| 23-24 | Mary Masters Singles C'ship (Handicap 3-9) | AC |
| | Bribie Island | |

March

- | | | |
|------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1-3 | Southport Shield Division 4 | |
| | Handicap Singles, Southport | |
| | | AC |

Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.
R L Stevenson

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

Bribie Island

Our wonderful grounds committee worked hard on court maintenance on 8th and 11th October giving the lawns some much needed grooming and scarifying. Special thanks to our supporters at Pacific Harbour Golf Course and to President Dick and his hard workers. The subsequent week or two of rain has been a blessing for the courts' recovery. The big guns in action:



U3A GALA DAY -



Nine U3A players and 15 BICC players participated in a Gala Afternoon on 20th October. The U3A players participated fully and saw what the "real" game was like, which was the purpose of the afternoon. Thanks to

Joy who promoted the event, Sue for administering the day, and of course our providore, Kathe, who ensured the usual Bribie high-standard afternoon tea. Thanks also to the cooks for their afternoon tea "donations".

ANNUAL CHARITY DAY – SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER - 2018 beneficiary will be Bribie Island & District Neighbourhood Centre. Jan Rees and Lyn Beh report good progress from their visits to various businesses around the Island. Donations for fund raising are generous. Many members are distributing flyers etc to encourage other participants. The Community Service Challenge will again be a feature on Saturday afternoon – Probus have already advised they will enter three teams to defend their title! Sandstone Point Lions will have two teams and so will Traditional Funerals, also Dragons Abreast. You can see all about the event on community radio 101.5 Facebook page: <http://1015fm.com.au/event/bribie-island-croquet-club-fun-day-fundraiser-24-november/>

LAST GALA DAY FOR THE YEAR – Players gathered from Toowoomba West, Nambour, Buderim, Caloundra, Stephens, Southport and Twin Rivers for another very successful day on 3rd November. The weather was kind and the competition was fierce; and the afternoon tea was wonderful..... as usual!! Thanks to Lynne for again doing a marvellous job with the organising, scoring, etc, etc and to all our willing volunteers who make these fun (and fund-raising!!) days possible.

NEW GOLF CROQUET LAWS - On Sunday 4th November Lynda Davis, as CAQ Director of Coaching, and Andy Hallinon (Burleigh Heads / Palm Beach),

as CAQ Director of Golf Refereeing, conducted a workshop at BICC for all Sunshine Coast Golf Referees on the new GC Laws effective from 1st January 2019. All referees present passed the set of open-book exam questions, which serves as re-accreditation.



Andy explaining some possibilities with the new penalty area

Bribie Island (Cont.)

We look forward to receiving our copy of this great Power Point presentation to allow follow-up presentations for all our members. We anticipate clothing some “volunteers” in blue, red, black and yellow t-shirts in an effort to explain the new concepts of Replace and Replay or Ball Swap!! We look forward to receiving the new rule books shortly.

Sue Green-Acting Secretary



Broadbeach

On behalf of the Broadbeach Croquet Club members I would like to wish all Mallet Sport Enthusiasts a Safe, Healthy and Happy Holiday Season however you celebrate this special time of the year.

On behalf of our club members a big thank you to Margaret F. and Barbara N. for the time given to sharing the news from our club and others throughout the year. (**Acknowledged, thank you**)

As this issue goes to publication we should be back at our court. However not playing at our court has not deterred many of our players in partaking in our preferred mallet sport.

Association Croquet players have enjoyed their time at Burleigh Heads-Palm Beach on a Tuesday. However they haven't been able to take the opportunity to play at Southport due to extended holidays and other commitments mallet sport players like to enjoy. Grahame Litchfield is back from his around the world trip and has recently travelled to New South Wales to play in some competition. They will be back playing at Broadbeach regularly soon playing on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from about 8:30am. We have had some new interest in Association Croquet this year and also a couple of people who are joining our ranks following a move from the south.

Gateball players have continued on a Wednesday and Friday morning regularly throughout our closure at a private court. Some of them have also enjoyed Saturday afternoon with the Southport Club Gateball players.



Our resident Gateball referee, Margaret Barnard, recently presented certificates of attainment to a group of new referees at the Southport Club. Margaret has been busy at many of the tournaments this year coaching prospective referees. If you want to join our Gateball players for a contest they usually play on Wednesday and Friday morning from about 8:30am.

Golf Croquet players are keen as ever and have been participating in many events. They have had their club championships with three events occurring level play singles, handicap singles and doubles. The level play was won by Mary McMahon; handicap singles Bob Neate and doubles Annette Gatland and Leigh Bosward. Five of our players recently played at Wynnum in their gala day Wolf Fettig, Barbara Hill, Val Knigge, Annette Gatland & Mary McMahon. Broadbeach also won the first perpetual challenge with Southport Club our competitors were Cynthia Edwards, Susan Wason, Pam Michael, Annette Gatland, Val Knigge, Barbara Hill, Mary McMahon and Bob Neate. The Melbourne Cup was also celebrated at Tweed Heads Club with Sylvia Duffy winning fashion of the field (hats).



(See above our Fashionistas)

As I mentioned above we are almost back home. It has been a big undertaking from around March 2017 when we first started negotiations until now. However we have done it and between us feel a sense of pride in our dealings both positive and negative during this phase. We are fortunate to have a great negotiator as our President – Mary McMahon and a dedicated bunch of committee members pulling their weight.

I believe the success that we are enjoying is through **constant communication** with our club members and keeping them updated with progress as well as the other information that is a constant via our email in regard to what, when and where competition is being held throughout the Queensland Region and beyond. (Methinks they get a bit sick of the constant news cycle from Broadbeach in their inbox.)

We have made some very good friends in our Croquet circle especially in our Region and I am sure the camaraderie will continue into the future with sharing many play days.



***Mary McMahon, Bob Neate, Pam Michael,
Annette Gatland, Barbara Hill, Cynthia Edwards,
Val Knigge & Susan Wason***



***Alan Edwards
(S'Port) and
Annette Gatland***



***Incoming Committee: Val Knigge, Pam Michael, Barbara Hill,
Edrae Damrow, Margaret Barnard, Mary McMahon and Annette
Gatland
Edrae Damrow***

Bundaberg

Greetings to all from beautiful Bundaberg. We are fortunate to have received a few nice showers of rain of late and our lawns are most appreciative. Five members played in the Maryborough Masters Tournament and brought home five medals. Troy McCallum won Gold in Division 1, with Don MacGillivray taking the Silver. Geoff Dickie won Gold in Division 2, Gordon Cooper gained Gold and Vicki Cooper took the Bronze in Division 3.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday November 17. Judy Bowman was re-elected President, as was Cal Toft as Treasurer. Beth Toft was elected Secretary to be assisted by Vicki Cooper. Wilma Palmer was re-elected Golf/Ricochet Captain, with Lesley Kavanagh elected as the new Association Captain. Geoff and Deltry Dickie were sincerely thanked for their 6 years as Secretary and Assistant. Life Member Beth Toft presented the badges of office. The Christmas Party and Presentation of Trophies will be held at the Spotted Dog Tavern on December 8.

One of our lawns is already top dressed. Greens Director, Don MacGillivray, is keen to get started on the remaining three lawns. Congratulations to Troy McCallum who, for the third time, will represent Queensland in the Eire Cup to be played in Perth in 2019.



***President Judy Bowman with
Beth Toft at the AGM***



***Beth with new Association
Captain Lesley Kavanagh***

Bundaberg (Cont.)



Left: Golf/Ricochet Captain Wilma Palmer with Beth Right: Don MacGillivray, Greens Director with Beth



2019 Club Officers: Back - Troy, Gordon, Don, Wilma, Cal, Lesley, Vicki. Front - Deltry, Judy, Beth

Season's Greetings to all mallet sports players, and enjoy your games in 2019.
June Hutton

Burleigh Heads/Palm Beach



October was a very eventful month for the club. From Friday 12th to Monday 15th our member and vice-president Dave Luxmore competed in the President's 8's Association competition held at Croquet Victoria lawns at Cairnlea. There were three sets of 8 players and Dave finished first in the second set winning 12 of 14 games played.
Congratulations Dave!
(Left - David Luxmore)

On Saturday 20th a keen group of GC players from a number of clubs on the Southern Gold Coast and Northern NSW region met to hear our member Andy Hallinan brief us on the new rules for golf which are to come into effect on January 1st 2019. Using a PowerPoint display as well as an "on court" demonstration Andy explained the rules as well as the logic behind the changes. Afternoon tea followed and members of the different clubs were able to socialise and discuss the pros and cons of the new rules. There are more such gatherings planned for other clubs. Thanks Andy.

Sadly our long standing member, Birthe Sirronen, was farewelled on Sunday 28th prior to her departure for a new life in Port Stephens. A plaque dedicated to the memory of her late husband Kaino was placed on a seat adjacent to courts 2 and 3.

Heather Little



I was always taught to respect my elders,
But it keeps getting harder to find one.

Caloundra Mallet Sports Club

The club provided a luncheon which attracted good turn out to our successful AGM on the 25 October. We had nominations for all positions prior to the meeting and the new executive includes: Howard Williams (President), Cathy McBrien (V President), Terry Kirkland (Secretary), John Nealer (Treasurer), along with committee members, Don Helmrich, Sue Dixon and Carole Atkinson. At this meeting president, Howard, thanked former president, Sue Bertram, for her outstanding achievements for the club during her five years as president.



Sue receiving her floral gift from the club

November has been a busy month for the club. We had a second “Bunning’s Sausage Sizzle” on Sunday 4 November. Despite the short notice, Coordinator Cathy McBrien was able to rally the troops and the club was able to raise approximately \$1100. We thank Cathy and all the helpers.

On the 6 November the Mahjong group organised a combined

Melbourne Cup luncheon with the croquet players at our club house. There were plenty of sweeps, food and drink as well as the “Fashion on the Field” competition. Everyone present really enjoyed the afternoon and the club thanks the Mahjong group, in particular, Lorraine Singleton, for organising this event. ***Left -Some***

Fashion on the Field entrants with the two winners holding their prizes



From the Saturday 10th till Monday 12th November, Caloundra hosted the Gateball Teams and Doubles events. There were nine entrants in the teams event and eight entrants in the doubles. Caloundra thanks the players from Deception Bay, Redcliffe and Brisbane who participated in these events. We especially acknowledge those players who were willing to travel considerable distances to be part of this carnival- Capricorn Coast, Rockhampton, Southport and Toowoomba.

In the teams event three teams had six wins each, so the result was determined by net hoops. This resulted in the following: 1st Redcliffe, 2nd Southport Red and 3rd Southport White. Congratulations Redcliffe and Southport. The doubles event was won by the pairing of Bruce McAlister (Ipswich CC) and Peter Sweet (Southport). Lynne Farry and Margaret Gall from Rockhampton were second, with Francis Wregg and Helen Donaldson from McIlwraith third.

The club sincerely thanks Glenda Windust for her efforts as Tournament Director of this successful event. We also thank Kerry Helmrich, who supervised the catering for the three days of this event, and our sponsor, Brian Dreves from Caloundra Eyewear, who has generously supported this event for a number of years.



Gateball players ready for action

Caloundra (Cont.)



Second and first doubles pairs (L-R, Lynne, Margaret, Bruce and Peter)

CMSC recently received notification that our grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund was successful. We have received \$14905 to assist in the construction of two shelters on our new courts as well as an awning from the adjacent shed. Hopefully by our next report these will be constructed.

At the present time club competitions are underway in Golf Croquet and Association, and the winners will receive their rewards at our Christmas function scheduled for the 6th December.

I wish all a Merry Christmas and the very best in 2019.

Howard Williams



Capricorn Coast

Capricorn Coast held the annual Pinefest in October to celebrate the history of growing sweet pineapples in this region. Various activities are held including a colourful street parade. Our Mallet Sports' Club supports this weekend by hosting an informal competition for croquet enthusiasts in the region. As last year's format was successful, it was decided to present the same program again for 2018 with the focus being on having fun. Association, Ricochet, Croquet Golf and also this year, Gateball, were played but with a twist. ***Photo: Sally Park, Vicky Murphy, Lyn Christiansen, Robyn Lyon at Pinefest***



Players came from Rockhampton, Gracemere and Gladstone and rotated around the four disciplines in groups of four but the composition of the groups also was changed at each rotation. Scoring was done individually and as a club. Three of the four planned activities were completed but the competition ended prematurely due to heavy rain. However, results were able to be calculated on the play that had occurred. The winner of the Pinefest trophy was decided based on the number of hoops scored by each player and averaged for each club by the number of players who participated from each club. Cap Coast was the winner of the trophy with an average of 16.6 while Gladstone, Gracemere and Rockhampton each averaged 15. Prizes were awarded to individual players judged on the total number of hoops they scored. First was Greg Featherstone (CCMSC) with 23 hoops; second was Victoria Murphy (Gladstone) with 21 hoops and third was Peter Kajewski (Gracemere) with 20 hoops. Luckily the welcome rain did not ruin our day.

This time last year we were introduced to Gateball by Greg Featherstone who has been patiently coaching us to improve our knowledge and skills of the game. So far this year we have participated in two teams' competitions held in Rockhampton. Our next venture was the 'Masters and Apprentices' teams' and doubles' competition in Caloundra. We were a little apprehensive but were happy to win five games out of eight in the teams' competition so now hope to hone our skills further before the next teams' competition in 2019.

Team photo to the right.



Our final play day and presentations is planned for Saturday 15 December. The club will go into recess over the festive season and official play days commence at the end of January. Nevertheless, some members continue to play during the break very early in the mornings to beat the heat as long as there are no cyclones threatening!

I wish all members of all croquet clubs a very happy and joyous Christmas and a great 2019. ***Lyn Christiansen***

Coolangatta



Coolangatta Croquet club had a great celebration for Melbourne Cup day. Great lunch of chargrilled eye fillet steak with pepper corn sauce, accompanied by scrumptious salads and cheese plates, great company, a few drinks and a magic time with the members of our club. We may be small, but we are fun.

Lyn Lebihan

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Eildon

Eildon Croquet Club held their annual Melbourne Cup Charity lunch. The club raises money for our local charity, which is Woody Point Special School. This year our goal is \$1500, or as near as possible, for a pool wheelchair for disabled students to use the hydro pool. Our members are very generous in supporting this cause.

The AGM date has been decided and nominations are now in for management positions at the club.

The Christmas break-up date has been decided as well. Another year almost over and a new one starting soon.

Eildon has been busy this year with several tasks accomplished, a new mower shed, 2 lawns upgraded, a water bubbler purchased, and a grant awarded for a defibrillator. We hope to extend these accomplishments next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our friends in croquet and hope to see many of you at Eildon next year.



Teachers at Woody Point Special School.

Right: Lawrie Simpson & Pam Campbell explaining how valuable the pool wheelchair is to students.

Louise Riding



Gracemere

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and our Club competitions are now finished. We have been experiencing some particularly hot weather and where possible games have been played as 14 pointers to allow more time for breaks during the games.

A few members of our Club attended the Pinefest competition in Yeppoon hosted by the Capricorn Coast Croquet Club. As always, a fun day was had by all and it was great to have the company of all the Clubs in our immediate vicinity. Gracemere Club travelled to Gladstone for the Gladstone Memorial Trophy and this year Gracemere were the winners. A great day of fellowship and play was enjoyed by all who were in attendance.

We will be conducting two Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings in December, one on the 1 December and one on the 29 December. They will be busy days but will be the source of valuable funds to help in the maintenance of our Club and facilities.

Friday night games have resumed again, and it is great to see that we have a few members of the public coming along. They are all enjoying it and we can only hope that they will eventually like playing croquet so much that they will join our Club.

We will be having our Annual presentation of trophies and Club break-up on Sunday 9 December and then be in recess until the middle of January. The Gracemere Croquet Club would like to wish all



Clubs a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to catching up with all the news from others Clubs in 2019.

RoseAnne Mathewson.



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Graceville

Greetings to all Croquet players. I am happy to report that our club house refurbishment is more or less complete - the kitchen and new bathrooms look almost too sparkling, but no doubt time will take care of this.

The Metropolitan Pennants are still in limbo due to quite unforeseen weather conditions at the scheduled times and the ensuing forfeits.



We are fortunate to have Hazel Hewlett-Smith amongst our active players who is also an accomplished photographer. Currently we are awaiting the outcome of the CAQ photographic competition of which Hazel's photo is among the four finalists. Winner to be announced December.

'I warned you about crushes', photo by Hazel Hewlett-Smith announced on 1st December.



Early October saw two of our members at a Vintage/Veteran Motorcycle Rally in the Lennox Head area. During a run to a farm with a large collection of old farm machinery Karen Cusack took a liking to a fast car that was also there. (***Photo at left***)

At Stephens CC Gala Day late October, Hazel and Aileen Potts emerged winners of day - Graceville is proud of you! Danni Dettmar won the Plate Prize (a set of Swarovski earrings) at Wynnum's Crystal Ladies GC Singles on November 15.

Graceville (Cont.) Early October four Brisbane Probus Clubs competed in the Inaugural Probus Golf Croquet Challenge at our Club. We are proud of the Taringa Probus Club contingent who won the day. Seven medals (*photo at right*) were donated by our member Laurie Webb, who with assistance from other Probus and Graceville Club members, organised the day, ending with BBQ and happiness all round.



L-R Clive Bell, Bob Fitzwilliam, Linda Girle, Ian Nave, John Forrest, Esron Nave, Brian Vandersee

Our GC Club competitions are finalised for the year and awards will be made at the Christmas Party on December 1st:

- Level Play Champion: Randall Whyte; r-up Danni Dettmar
- Handicap Champion: Laurie Webb, r-up Ken Fitton
- Graceville Cup : Ken Fitton
- Most Improved Player: Won jointly by Aileen Potts and Hazel Hewlett-Smith, on 10/9 handicaps respectively.

May Santa put a new mallet and lots of luxury sunscreen in your stocking!

Danni Dettmar

Headland/Buderim

Success for members. Kathleen Colclough won the CAQ AC Gold Medal Div 1 tournament on Oct 20-21st winning the Past Presidents Shield for the 2nd time. Kathleen won 26-9 in the final against Lindsay David. Ross Rillie won the CAQ GC Div 1 Gold Medal and Helen Rillie won the CAQ GC Women's Singles for the 2nd time back to back earlier in the year. These 3 also played for Qld in their respective code team events. The players thank everyone who wished them well and supported their endeavours.



*L-R Don Close -CAQ President,
Kathleen Colclough and Lindsay David*

Vale: Graham Chandler.

A sad loss of a wonderful member, who passed away on 26th October. Graham brightened up everyone's day with his cheery nature and wonderful smile. Just prior to passing, Graham said he would dearly love to have one last game. Alas, this was not to be, but showed the level of enjoyment he derived from golf croquet. We look forward to Graham's wife Marion continuing on with the game.

New Rules Workshop: Five members, John Tusler, Sally & Martin Atkins along with Helen & Ross Rillie attended the workshop at Bribie Island CC on 4th Nov. A great presentation by Andy Hallinan but think there will be much head scratching over 'ball swap' for quite some time!

Recycling Scheme coordinator Don Murray (along with his helpers) has done a great job in putting this easy revenue raiser into action by encouraging club members to get behind this scheme to not only improve the environment but help club finances also.

New Come & Try signs have been erected welcoming the public to have a go on regular basis rather than just our two Come & Try days a year.

Headland Buderim (Cont.)

Armistice Day was observed on Sunday 11th Nov by all players reminding us all how lucky we are to live in this wonderful country made possible by so many courageous men and women.

The club AGM was held on 16th Nov. There are many new faces on the committee for 2019 which is good to see. Special thanks must go to outgoing secretary, Philip Thow who did a wonderful job over the last 2 years in this very time consuming and complex position. Not easy when you are new to the sport. We thank and wish Carmel Davies easy times ahead as incoming secretary. ***Outgoing Secretary Philip Thow accepting thank you gift from President, John Tusler.***



Our trademark gardens which beautify our surrounds always require new volunteers to help share some of the workload. We hope the ‘Adopt a Garden’ flyers will seek out more members willing to help in this area.

By time of print, all Christmas Party plans for 7th Dec will have come to fruition. Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy 2019.

Helen Rillie



Ipswich

At the final General Meeting of the year, awards were presented to the winners of the 2018 club championships.

Association: Division 2 : Bruce McAlister

Division 3 : Annie Wise

Division 4 : Barbara Flower.

Cath Barnes Shield: Bruce McAlister

Golf : Eithne O Gallagher Shield : Bruce McAlister and Veronica Thomas
With the lawns and surrounds developing beautifully, We are hoping for an excellent 2019 season.

Past President and long time Ipswich Croquet Club Member Daphne



Savage was recently inducted into the CAQ Hall of Recognition for her tireless work and dedication to Croquet over many years. Congratulations, Daphne: player of Association and Golf, State reserve Player, Australian Referee and all round excellent club member. Your award is justly deserved. Daphne joined Terry Ericson and Margaret Melville in receiving the awards this year.

There has been a welcome influx of new players this year, twelve learning Golf croquet and one learning Association. The new Golf Croquet players were fortunate to enjoy a coaching session with Terry Ericson recently, and all are practising regularly.



New Golf croquet members were happy to pose with Daphne and on the lawn.

Written by Maree Woodward and Trish Noble.



Lismore

LISMORE'S SPRING TOURNAMENT A PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

Like bees attracted to blossoming Sweet Daphne twenty-four players of enthusiasm converged on leisurely lovely late-spring Lismore bringing with them their mallets, friendly goodwill and a steely determination to win. And, like fully laden bees, they left weary and happy after a joyfully busy time.

Lismore Club's Golf Tournament was played over four days during early November in unseasonal heat, occasionally experiencing a refreshing afternoon nor-easters from the Byron coast. The twenty-four players came from many clubs - Young, Wollongong, Mt Sugarloaf, Toronto, Forster, Port Macquarie, Casino, Ballina and Ballina Cherry Street. Players competed in a remarkable 115 games on only two lawns. A triumph of planning, organisation and execution by Lismore Club and a proof of the stamina of visiting croquet players.

The standard of play was quite competitive, with the challenging ambiance of the tournament bringing out unsuspected talents - many players performed well above the levels of their handicaps. Spectators and opponents were treated to a catalogue of croquet styles in strokes, strategies and tactics, all of which had their moments of success.

The Croquet Gremlin was well in evidence, turning certain hoops into disasters fairly even-handedly and (very) occasionally giving a bonus lucky stroke to a deserving player. It's probably fair to say that both the bad luck and the good fortune were fairly evenly, but not equally, distributed.

After four days of uncompromising competition the results were:

Doubles	Winners	Fred Moss and Neville King (Lismore/Ballina)
	Second	Brenda Wild and Bernadette Ryan (Mt Sugarloaf/Lismore)

Singles Block A Winner	Graham Innocent (Young)	
	Second	Ray Chapman (Ballina Cherry Street)
Singles Block B Winner	Fred Moss (Lismore)	
	Second	Mary Grieg (Forster)
Singles Block C Winner	Keith Dalton (Port Macquarie)	
	Second	Glenda Yardy (Mt Sugarloaf)

While these players justly earned their victories, no winners came off the field without knowing they had been in a fight. Every hoop had to be hard-won, and games were won against a 3-6 lead. Lazurus' recovery would not have been newsworthy at Lismore Spring Tournament compared to the recovery of some players.

Noticeable among the players, Mary Ayshford (Casino) played a resolutely determined game that kept her opponents under constant pressure. Bernie McAlary (Wollongong) used Thor's hammer to send thunderbolts streaking across the lawn. Edna Kelly (Young) played an intelligent game that was admired by opponents as well as spectators and Bill Munns (Toronto) matched the crafty cunning of experience with meticulous stroke play; there is no truth in the rumour that Bill's croquet training regime includes wrestling with lions, but it is believable.

Singles Block C winner Keith Dalton, took up croquet in only January 2017. Old rugby chaps will remember Keith as a distinguished wing in the 1950s, and he is again excelling in a very different game. Or is it? The two great games have the same traditional values of hard play on the field and gentle camaraderie off the field.

The success of the tournament was, in large part, due to the plethora of goodwill amongst the guests. When needed they readily substituted on the lawns and as Referees and Scorers, while in the kitchen tea towels were used to good effect by visiting hands. In his closing address Lismore Club President Barry Waters said the presence of so many happy people was testimony to the success of the tournament and a heart-warming reward for the efforts of his members. He paid particular tribute to the catering and housekeeping team who finished each day with a polite surplus of goodwill, and kept the house in a condition of social acceptability. Lawns manager Bruce Ross, he said, had done a wonderful job – despite four days of double-banked play the lawns were, like their manager, running straight and true at a nice even pace.

Tournament Manager, Fay Ross, was high in her praise for the standards of play and the good sportsmanship that was abundantly evident throughout the four days. She also thanked the whole team who had worked together for months to bring this tournament into being. Every Lismore Club member had contributed in some way to the tournament.

Lismore (Cont.)

When they departed Lismore Club's Golf Tournament visitors left behind them a mighty lot of goodwill and an equal lot of thanks for some demanding croquet. Most of them said they will be back in 2019 and we will be disappointed if any one of them is unable to join us.



Jim Yeo



Murwillumbah

The busy season of pennants and other tournaments is finally coming to an end for 2018.

I'm afraid our club didn't fare very well in pennants this year, but we enjoyed the play as well as introducing a new player to our pennants team.

Beryl Walters celebrated her 90th Birthday. Many members of our club joined Beryl and her family to celebrate this milestone at her daughters residence in Limpinwood.



As a club we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Val Smith



“Have you heard of Murphy’s Law?”

“Yeah.”

“What is it?”

“If something can go wrong, it will go wrong.”

“Right. Have you heard of Cole’s Law?”

“No, what is it?”

“Thinly sliced cabbage.”

Point Lookout

Greetings to all croquet players, and - given the rapidly approaching silly season - “Merry Xmas!!” from us here at Point Lookout, to you all out there around the clubs in Queensland... and beyond!

Busy, busy time of year with club comps drawing to a close, regional events settled and regional AGM held added to the rather warm temperatures we’re experiencing at the moment!!

Our knockout comps are done with the Bev Jeppson Memorial shield being won by Nev Nitz, who beat Gloria Endres, and the Bradshaw Shield being toughed out and won by Gloria from Wayne Lusk. At the moment, the ricochet comps are unfinished and may not be finished as people have gone away, or are ill which is a shame!

The Wide Bay/Burnett Region had its AGM last weekend, and stewardship of the Region passed from Sunnyside, who have done a wonderful job or the last 2 years, to Bundaberg, whom I’m sure will do equally as well.

The Regional Chairman is Cal Toft, Regional Secretary is Beth Toft, Treasurer is Vicki Cooper and the Activities Officer is Lesley Kavanagh so a good team in place!

As we often do after the regional bunfights, we take to the lawns and have a hit; well, some of us do - Wayne Lusk, my fellow Point Lookout delegate and I, took on Cal Toft and Troy McCallum from Bundaberg respectively, with the result of my game being pretty much taken as read, and Wayne giving Cal a torrid time! My goodness, when you see how the game is played by the likes of Troy, you wonder if you shouldn’t take up tiddlywinks....

Well, that’s about it from me... please, if you find yourself up this way on your holidays, call in and make yourself known and perhaps have a game; we like to think we’re the friendliest club in the Wide Bay!!

John Stokes



Rockhampton

Hello everyone - last Newsletter for 2018. Some of our players went to Capricorn Coast to play in their Pinefest Competition. We were lucky to get 3 of the scheduled 4 games in before the rain came. All 4 codes were played, Capricorn Coast were the winners on 16.5 points averaged out over the number of players participating, and Gladstone, Gracemere and Rockhampton all tied for second position with 15 points.

Three club members Coral, Margaret and Lynne went to Caloundra Masters and Apprentices Gate ball Tournament last weekend. Teams and doubles were played. Marg Gall and I won all our games in our doubles block and then played Bruce McAlister and Peter Sweet in the final. They were too good for us in the final, we were runners up. A really good weekend, thanks to all members of Caloundra who were there, and especially Howard who filled in to play gateball when asked, and his hospitality and character were great.



Cap Coast playing Rockettes at Caloundra.

Forty days to Xmas. As you get older you wonder where the year has gone. We break up on the 9th December with lunch at Allenstown Hotel, then back to Club for presentation of Trophies. We wish all Clubs and members a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year look forward to seeing you at tournaments throughout 2019.

Lynne Farry

Southport

The club is managing to attract more and more new players and recently has rewritten its schedule of playing hours to better cope with the numbers. Having 32 players turn up to play golf croquet when you only have 3 lawns makes for a difficult day. However, I'm pleased to report that all four codes have embraced the new schedule. The club is endeavouring to encourage all players to at least try playing one of the codes other than golf and that effort appears to be paying off.

The club had a splendid win in the Gold Coast Tweed Regional Golf Pennants on the last day of August. In fact, Southport had to win as both teams in the finals were Southport teams. The Red Devils consisting of Alan and Sandra Edwards, Ian and Michelle Reed and Brian Richardson were triumphant over the White Knights, consisting of Beryl and John Turner and Shona Cowley. There can be no doubt that golf croquet is thriving within the club.



Golf pennant teams of Red Devils and White Knights

There was a big turnout for the Intra Club Golf Singles Competition and necessitated some playoff matches in the week leading up to match just to get a position on the day. For some of the players, this was their first competition. Players were allotted to three pools rated to their handicaps. The winner of Pool A was Colin Jolly with 1 loss with Ian Reed runner up

with 2 losses. Pool B winner was Glenda Chaplyn with one loss, and Pool C, Ethan Chilton going through undefeated.

The final was between Colin Jolly from group A and young Ethan Chilton a group C player. That final could have gone either way. It was so close, but age and experience won the day with Colin walking away with the title. For thirteen-year-old Ethan to get into the final was quite remarkable



Ethan Chilton, Glenda Chaplyn, Alan Edwards, Colin Jolly and Ian Reed

At the Caloundra Masters and Apprentices Gateball Tournament held 10-12th November Southport Gateball teams played very well. Both the Red and the White team won 6 games as well as one other team from Redcliffe. But based on a countback, Southport scored a second and a third place. The club has had a very successful year with both teams playing good Gateball. In addition Peter Sweet partnered with Bruce McAlister to win the Doubles Competition.



Bruce and Peter with Howard Williams and Southport White Gateball Team

David Housden, President



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Stephens



Our club turned 95 in October and we celebrated with the fifth ‘turning the first sod’ dinner. It was held at the Yeronga Services & Community Club (the sponsor of this year’s Easter Tournaments) and dance music was provided by our own Cesare and his musical friends.

The Stephens celebration cake by Crumbs of Comfort Cake Design at Fairfield

Our Club Patron, Cr. Nicole Johnston attended and Margaret and Ernie Melville cut the cake. Margaret has just been inducted into the CAQ Hall of Recognition and Ernie is our longest serving member.



Afternoon tea for Margaret Melville - CAQ Hall of Recognition

To celebrate Margaret's Croquet achievements, the club invited her family to afternoon tea. Margaret has always been a keen sportswoman. She was a sprinter as a teenager and has played hockey, squash and soccer, all competitively. During a twenty-one year Croquet career, Margaret won many top level events, all of which started from the Runner- Up award in the 1994 Division 4 Singles Championship (Association Croquet). She went on to represent Queensland and Australia and played in the Women's World Championships all both for both Association Croquet and Golf Croquet. When asked for advice, she suggested two points:
“PRACTICE and LISTEN. Listen to all then form your game.”

Earlier in October, players from several clubs joined us to hear Terry Ericson run through the changes to the Golf Croquet rules that come into effect on 1st January 2019. Some games were squeezed in before it was time to set up for the twilight concert by Mango Jam Big Band. (The band rehearses in our clubhouse.)



Golf Croquet rules update with Terry Ericson

Stephens (Cont.)



As usual, Stephens members have continued to enter local (Pennants, Gala Days, Windsor Cup), CAQ (Medal events, Ricochet) and ACA (GC Open Singles, Interstate Cup, AC President's Eights) events.

Left- Bibbie Island Golf Croquet Gala Day Maude, Jim and Julie C.

After her return from the World Over 50 Golf Croquet in Cairo, Geraldine Trivett took out the Association Croquet CAQ Medal for Division 3/4 and now has her name on the Nell McConachie Perpetual Trophy. Geraldine has also won the Division 3 Club Championship Singles. Ernie Melville won the Division 1 Championship. In the Golf Croquet Club Championships, Geraldine had more success in the Division 1 Singles, Jim Noskoff won Division 2 and Jenny Irving took out Division 3. The Doubles was a handicap event so developing players had practice using free shots and there were many hard fought games. David Hesse and Jim Noskoff were the winners.

Stephens was pleased to host the 2018 CAQ Division 1 Medal but we missed out seeing the Final as a large thunderstorm threatened and play was suspended. It was played at Graceville later in the week and won by Kathleen Colclough, Runner-up Lindsay David.



Competitors in CAQ 2018 Div 1 Medal At Stephens CC

On a very warm November morning, the Stephens Sub Branch RSL co-ordinated a Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph adjacent to our club. Club President, Val Layne, laid a wreath. The club provided a much appreciated water station for the large crowd. Prior to the service, there was a walk along the Honour Avenue which names each of the 97 of the Shire's young men who did not return from WW1. The names were on a tree.

Our recent Gala Day was a great success thanks to the support of players from many other clubs. On a more mundane note, the Management Committee has been reviewing the By Laws and investigating how it can raise funds through the 'Containers for Change' recycling scheme that came into effect in Queensland on 1st November.

Heather Knight



Sunnyside

The end of the year is fast approaching and there is still much work to be done. We have two more Bunnings sausage sizzles to manage, and once play for the year has concluded, work will begin on an automated irrigation system for the lawns. This much needed improvement to the club will hopefully save the greens keepers valuable time, as well as improve the lawns.

The Sunnyside AGM will be held on the 8th December and at this point, acknowledgement must be given for the dedication and hard work of the current committee. Likewise, acknowledgement must go to the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Association committee for their efforts. On the 11th November, at the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Association AGM, Sunnyside will hand over the running of this association to Bundaberg Croquet Club.

The regional ricochet referee workshop, run by Lynda Davis, was held at Sunnyside Croquet Club on the 27th – 28th October. Six Sunnyside members completed the course and received their referee certificates and vests. A number of people attended as observers.

Sunnyside (Cont.)



Rae Canniffe, Brian Walsh, Gay McKay, Monica Wex, Ann McLennan and Robyn Poulsen receive their certificates

The XYZ competition for Association Croquet was unfortunately cancelled due to rain. The XYZ for ricochet doubles was held on the 4th November at the Point Lookout Club in Maryborough. Overall winners were: 'X' Merryl Taylor and Joy Fitzgerald, 'Y' Wayne Lusk and Ros Charteris, 'Z' Brigitta Nefzger and Frank Meek. The Round Robin was won by Geoff Dickie and Kay Robertson.



Del Smith took out the silver medal in the association singles competition at the recent Masters Tournament at Maryborough. All of the competitors won three games and the placings were decided on net hoops.

Photo - Del Smith proudly wearing her medal.

And to finish off a tournament laden couple of months, our golf croquet championships were held in September, and the ricochet and association club championships were wrapped up in October. These games, particularly the singles, give players a chance to demonstrate how much they have improved over the year. Winners badges will be presented at the AGM. ***Carol Russell***

The Range-Maleny

During October we were fortunate to receive 430 mm of much needed rain. Our lawns certainly appreciated the moisture and responded appropriately.

Our November Tournament was held on the first four days of the month in rather warm conditions. Divisions two and three each had eight players with some waiting in the wings in case there was a cancellation, but this didn't happen. Only two nominated for first division but a couple of the locals played to give our visitors some more lawn time, of which they took advantage. Four played in the fourth division.

Ted Singleton (Caloundra) won the first division with Leigh Harvey (Headland/Buderim) filling second spot. Donna Manning and Nick Cram, both from our club, won their blocks with Donna taking out the final. Gordon Cooper (Bundaberg) and Sarah Widin (The Range) played the third division final, with Gordon being successful. The fourth division was won by our own Priscilla Vickers with Judy Starr from Nambour coming in second.



Donna Manning with Vince



Ted Singleton and Vince

We really appreciated our visitors from near and far, Bundaberg, Sunnyside, Toombul, Graceville and various Sunshine Coast clubs. Thank you for helping make the event so enjoyable. Wishing clubs and members all the best for the Festive Season and may 2019 be what you desire.



Gordon Cooper with Vince

Vince Carbery

Toowoomba

The last couple of months have been fairly quiet for Toowoomba Croquet Club, with the cancellation of our Gateball Tournament due to lack of participation. Paul and Sandra have been away in Brazil for the World Gateball Championships, where their team, Kew, made it to the second round. They were the first Australian team to do so, and this was a great achievement, well deserved considering the practice they had put in.

Sandra said that playing on the clay court was not as difficult as she had imagined. This was followed by a sightseeing holiday around Brazil and Peru, where Paul took advantage of the local hospital for a short stay, then was accompanied by a nurse to Macchu Pichu.



Sandra making the first gate in Brazil.

During our Christmas break, the lawns will have some much needed attention, now that it has rained, so we should have improved playing conditions next year.



Priscilla Vickers and Vince

Tweed Heads

Cup Day at Tweed Heads.

Members and guests enjoyed a very memorable and successful cup day.

Enjoying a morning tea of cakes, and later a sumptuous BBQ lunch with sweets and champagne.

Competitive Golf Croquet was enjoyed culminating in the Tweed Golf Croquet Cup.

The object being to go through the 13 hoops in as few strokes as possible, your handicap was then deducted. The player with the lowest score (Laurel Alsop 27) was the winner.

The day was rounded off by with the obligatory Cup Sweep, a good day enjoyed by all.



No club can function without the kitchen stall !

Jan Curtis



West Toowoomba

With the cooler and drier weather play times have been reduced, but now that Spring has sprung we are back in full swing with both day and evening play sessions. We will have a series of Come and Try days at the start of October to introduce more people to this wonderful game.

Some of our members have participated in our region's friendship days recently with lots of fun being had by all playing Golf Croquet, Ricochet and Association. As Christmas draws closer very quickly it will be our turn to host the region for our Christmas party and yearly breakup.

We have had member's compete in Golf Croquet at Hervey Bay, Southport, Bribie Island and Tweed Heads with the biggest success being teenager Timothy Wright who finished runner up in the Island Challenge 7 to 10.

The Wright family also played in their first full Ricochet tournament learning a lot about the finer points of the game. There were actually three teenagers playing in this particular tournament at Southport, a great outlook for the future.

Last weekend saw three members play at Tweed Heads enjoying great games of golf, friendship and laughter.



***Frances Wright
Publicity Officer***



Wynnum

Bayside Cup GC Level Play Doubles – Sunday 4 November

Wynnum Croquet Club welcomed 32 players to compete for the Bayside Cup, an annual event sponsored by George Hartnell Funerals. Players came from Broadbeach, East Brisbane, Eildon, Graceville, McIlwraith, Toombul and Windsor as well as Wynnum. Divided into two blocks of 8 pairs, with each pair playing 7 games in a round-robin format, it was a very tough all-day competition particularly in the hot and windy conditions.

Bayside Cup Winners Bob Martin & Lawrie Simpson with President Liz Fleming Gordon Giles and Geoff Hull (Wynnum) topped out Block A winning all 7 games with 32 net hoops, although their unbeaten run almost came to an end in their last game against rivals from Wynnum, Richard Pickvance and Bruce Fleming, with Gordon and Geoff coming from behind to win 6-5.

Block B was won by Bob Martin & Lawrie Simpson (Eildon) who also won all 7 games with 23 net hoops, although they had a couple of tight games winning 4-3 each time against Graeme McLean & Willy Silk and Val Knigge & Barbara Hill. The final, played between the winners of each block, was a hard fought battle with Bob & Lawrie proving to be just too strong on the day defeating Gordon & Geoff by 4-3.

Our thanks to all the players who made it an excellent day of croquet with several very tight games; and to Tournament Manager, Deirdre Giles, and Tournament Referee, Liz Fleming, who kept everything running smoothly; and as always to the many volunteers who helped on the day especially with a never ending supply of savouries, cakes, tea and coffee.



What do I do now, Partner?

Wynnum (Cont.)



Bayside Cup winners Bob Martin & Lawrie Simpson with President Liz Fleming



Runners-up Geoff Hull & Gordon Giles with T'ment Manager, Deirdre Giles

Golf Croquet Rules Change

We were delighted to welcome Andy Hallinon, CAQ Director of Referees, to the club on Saturday 17 November to give us an introduction to the new GC rules that will come into effect in January. Andy gave a clear PowerPoint presentation on each of the rule changes to a packed clubhouse of 30 or more members plus some guests from Twin Rivers and Stephens Clubs and followed this up with a practical demonstration of the main rule changes,



Andy Hallinon (black shirt) demonstrates the new GC rules with assistants John and Gordon

And finally Congratulations to the following winners of our Club Championships:

- * AC Open Singles – Bruce Fleming
- * AC Handicap Singles – Cameron Unwin
- * GC Ladies Singles – Pam Gunter
- * GC Handicap Singles – Ron Schodel
- * GC Open Singles – Gordon Giles

Mike Fordyce



by 'GBer'

GATEBALL STUFF

Confession

I know there is at least one careful reader of my column. One reader who spotted the error I made in the last edition of this Newsletter and, accordingly, has written to the Editor. ‘Soooo’ embarrassing when I was ‘fronted’ by the Editor and threatened with cancellation of my GB registration.

Anyway, I am still here. I invite you to read 16.3.1.3 and 17.2.2.1.1 of Game Rules 2015 and acquaint yourselves with '*What happens if... the ball you are stroking goes out?*'

Consequence

The error was noted by a top level GB Referee. This reminds me that Margaret Barnard, Director GB Referees, has this year tested, qualified, and promoted a number of GB Referees. I understand that she, in conjunction with the GB Director, plans to raise the number of GB Referees even further in 2019. This will be of great benefit to all Clubs, GBers and make for the better management and conduct of various GB Events. GBers & their Clubs should take advantage of Margaret’s efforts.

Conclusion

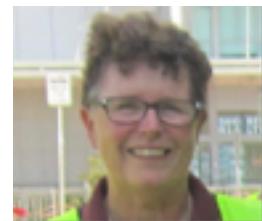
Competition on the GB Field and/or the various Croquet courts should be ‘furious’. Off the ‘paddock’, we should all be friends and strive for the ‘better life and better good’.

May all your lives be filled with Peace and Happiness.

See you soon - 'GBer'



RICOCHET Q & A



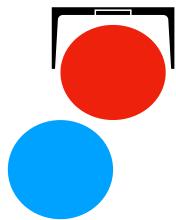
Q.1 My Red ball went through Rover and I roqueted Black. With my first free turn I was trying to get close to the peg but I hit Black again and ricocheted onto the peg. I hit my ball off the court, but my opponent said that my ball should be brought back and my clip should go on the peg as Red wasn't pegged out as it had come off a dead ball.

Is this correct?

A 1. No. A ball can score a hoop or the peg if it ricochets off a dead ball.

Law 14 (c) 3

Q2. Red was in the centre of hoop 3, its hoop in order. Blue was also for this hoop. I roqueted Red with my Blue and they both went through the hoop. Do I have 2 more shots for the roquet or is this "hoop and roquet"?



A2. If Red was a live ball you have 2 continuation shots for the roquet. If Red was dead, you have 1 shot for running the hoop.

Q3. Using Blue I roqueted Yellow, and with my first free shot I attempted to get position for my hoop which was adjacent to the Black ball. Yellow prevented me from hitting Black or running my hoop.

Is there a penalty if I roquet the Yellow ball away?

A3. No.

Q4 My opponent hit the peg and another ball simultaneously with his rover ball. He said he would take it as a roquet. Can he do this?

A4. Yes. His ball is not automatically pegged out as he can nominate whether he wishes to count the roquet or the peg out. **Law14 (b) (1)**

Lynda Davis, State Director Ricochet Referee



GOLF CROQUET RULES UPDATE



A LOOK AT THE NEW RULES - CONTINUED.

With the new rules coming in on the 1st January next, in this issue we'll be looking at the TURN, the STRIKING PERIOD, FAULTS and INTERFERENCES.

A TURN now starts immediately the previous turn ends, for example when the balls stop moving or have left the court from the previous turn.

The STRIKING PERIOD now commences when a player assumes their stance ready to play their stroke. The STRIKING PERIOD ends when the striker quits their stance under control.



Start of Striking Period



End of Striking Period

The term Striking Fault no longer exists and it is replaced by the single term FAULT. And with one exception all FAULTS can only be committed during the striking period. These faults remain the same as before: crush, push, double tap, court damage, accidentally touching another ball to name the main ones.

So what happens to the infamous NON STRIKING FAULTS? They no longer exist and are simply now called INTERFERENCES. And the penalty for an Interference? There is none. So if you, as a non striker accidentally move a ball, are hit by a ball, damage the court, you simply replace the moved (interfered) balls or have the court repaired. No penalty. If however the interference occurs during your striking period, then it is a FAULT.



To summarise: Striking Faults are now just FAULTS and generally can only occur during a striker's striking period as defined above. Non striking faults are now INTERFERENCES and there is no penalty.

When not the striker, accidentally moving a ball or being struck by a ball is an “INTERFERENCE”

The one Fault that can be made when the player is not the striker is when a second player plays their own ball when the correct striker is playing their ball. So balls from the striker and another player are in motion at the same time. The non-striker has then committed a fault. The penalty, end of turn and the opposing side decides whether the offending ball is replaced or left where it stops.



When two players play at once, the non-striker commits a FAULT

And to finish with a couple of small changes: Now the final hoop in a Golf Croquet game does not have to have a red bar on the top. The standard association croquet hoop layout (red top to hoop 5) is acceptable.

In a multi game doubles match, the players now have to keep the same colour ball for every game in the match.

The PowerPoint presentation on the new rules, mentioned previously, has now been completed and been presented in several regions. Copies will be made available following the current discussions with ACA.

That's it for now. Next time.... Wrong Ball Play.

Andy Hallinan, State Director Golf Croquet Referees



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Well Xmas is nearly upon us again which has one thinking where did the last year go so was not surprised when opening an email with the new forthcoming cruises to see that they are booking as far forward as October 2020 with one - the Crystal Serenity- in February 2021. Brisbane is being included a lot more in the itineraries probably because of the advent of the new cruise terminal...thank goodness we will be saying goodbye to the "grain" terminal for bigger ships to dock.

Princess Cruises REGAL PRINCESS is heading to Brisbane from London on a 56 night cruise including some wonderful ports with Balconies starting at 13589.00 per person twin share. What a relaxing way to come home from visiting the UK. Also our office specialises in some wonderful Croatian coastal cruises which are becoming very popular.

Thank you for your support over the last year and we wish all croquet and gateball players a very Healthy Happy Xmas.
 Cheers Lesley & Lucille.

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