



Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre Inc.

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NEWSLETTER September 2019

Welcome to our new Mower, made possible by the Tasmanian Community Fund

We were most fortunate to secure a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund of \$40,910 towards the purchase of a new mower, a generous gift that will be beneficial for many years to come. The grant requires a commitment of approximately \$5,000 from NTasCC.

We thank the Tasmanian Community Fund once again for supporting the Centre's endeavor to achieve a high standard facility in the North.

Sincere thanks to our Fundraising Committee; Lynne Farrell, Pat Traill and Paul Boer for the time and effort put into the preparation and submission of the successful application. Their role never ending, they are currently sourcing grants for the Easter Gala 2020, quad hoops, lawns and the facilities improvements for the upcoming championships in 2020.



Members from Regis Retirement Challenge, School for Seniors and member clubs checking out the new mower.

LAWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The mower, supplied by Pellows Saws & Mowers, will certainly be a help with the maintenance of the lawns, as things are looking good for the Nationals in September 2020, now with the 8 full size lawns and two growing seasons (Spring and Autumn) before us. Moving sprinklers has caused some rough patches, but these should disappear over time with some TLC.

NTasCC wishes to express their appreciation to 6Ty for their donation of surveying time in preparation for the 8 lawns.



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Rain did not dampen the spirits of the contestants on the first day of the State Golf Croquet Classic, held August 16 – 18.



Thankfully, good weather came to prevail over the rest of the weekend to showcase a high standard of play throughout the competition.

Made up of 4 teams, with 6 players each. Competitors playing a total of 24 games over the weekend.

Ruth McKean (North Esk CC), Stewart von See (East CC), Phil Roach & Di Hollier (Kingston CC) and Glenys Lee-Archer (Devonport CC) made up the team narrowly winning the Classic.

State Team Members all participated in the event. They did Tassie Croquet proud in the Interstate Shield at Cairnlea, Vic.

OTHER EVENTS.

GC Open Doubles, held August 2 – 4,

Won by Tim Parker and Rob McAdam of Kingston after a tough tussle with the runners up Leigh Herington and Ian Bassett.

Both the Doubles and the Classic were well supported by players from the south and north-west.



A sewerage hiccup during the Doubles required a walk over to the Athletics Centre to tend to the call of nature, a temporary pump was fitted to get through the weekend. Launceston City Council has since installed a new pump.

NRCC GC HiLo Doubles September 28th- 29th

Ended up to be tight battle between the final players.

Rod Tait and Terry Juckert defeated Paul Goddard and Paul Richards 7/6, 6/7, 7/6

Can't get much closer than that!



EVENTS VOLUNTEERS

A special thanks to organizers, umpires, hoop setters, line markers, caterers, cleaners and all who volunteered their time, expertise and energy to making these events such a success.



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COACHING THE COACH SESSION

Sue Beattie from the TCA, with husband Bob, held a session for coaching – Level 1, at the Centre back in June 2019, proving successful, with all participants achieving accreditation.



From left to right: Bob Beattie, John Lee-Archer, Glenys Lee-Archer, Lois Richards, Sue Beattie, Lynne Farrell, Pauline Blyth, Pat Traill.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Pennants commencing 30th September 2019 with all four member clubs participating.

NRCC GC Singles: October 2019, Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th. (3 divisions)

NRCC GC Novice: November 2019, Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3rd.

NEW CLUB AT THE CENTRE

NTasCC welcomes the North Esk Croquet Club, as a new residential Member Club. The club has been accepted for affiliation by the TCA.

Tuesday is their nominated Club day and they invite members and visitors from other clubs to join them on that day. They currently have 16 members.

RESIDENTIAL CLUBS

With the two clubs: St Leonards Croquet Club and North Esk Croquet Club, now resident at NTasCC, agreements have been reached with each club for usage of the facilities.

Wednesday is St Leonards Croquet Club day, and they have exclusive use from 9 am – 3pm.

CONTRIBUTIONS

To be assured of having sufficient funds to meet the financial demands for the maintenance and development of the Centre's facilities and lawns, NTasCC put a proposal to Member Clubs for the contribution fee be increased to \$30 per member. Positive response has been received from all Member Clubs.





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COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Community day is well patronized on a Monday with St Michaels spending an hour in the morning enjoying their game of croquet, School for Seniors members and other visitors just wanting a relaxed social game, with club members joining in.

Retirement Village Challenge:

Regis Retirement Living Units, sponsored the second Retirement Village Challenge at the Centre, donating prizes and certificates for the winners. With a trade table and morning tea it proved to be a most pleasurable day for the contestants, their supporters and the club members assisting.

A perpetual trophy has been established to follow the event.

Show Society

The Launceston Show Society has again asked for a croquet exhibition be held at the upcoming show. Croquet is proving to be a popular show attraction. Lee Turner, Promotions Officer, with her willing helpers will fulfill their request.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Twilight games will start up again on the 10th October. Played on Thursdays from 4 pm, usually ending with pizza or a counter meal; it is a most pleasant time of the day to play in the warmer weather. All members and visitors are welcomed to come along.



Reviewed by-laws have been adopted.

FEES UPDATE.

Green fees for visitors have been increased to \$10.00 per person, per visit. This covers the cost of using the facilities, including use of mallets as required.

Hire of Pavilion and facilities have been increased to \$80.00 per half day (i.e. morning, afternoon or evening) plus appropriate green fees for people using lawns. (This includes use of mallets).

CONSTITUTION

After several drafts...and, re-drafts, NTasCC feel they now have a constitution almost ready to be presented for acceptance at a Special General Meeting. The date for the meeting is yet to be set for some time in the near future.



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The AGM of the NTasCC was held on Saturday, 21st September 2019, 11 am at the Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre.

The Chairman's report highlighted the achievements at the Centre throughout the year; the installation of the shelter on the northern deck, the purchase of a new lawn mower, made possible with the major support of the Tasmanian Community Fund and now, eight full sized lawns, in preparation for the Australian Golf Croquet Championships in September 2020.

With the annual contributions from the four clubs the financial position of the Centre appears secure.

The Chairman also extended his appreciation to the many volunteers who contribute with maintaining the lawns and the pavilion, as well as those who assist with the management, the fundraising and organizing events.

The NTasCC committee now comprises of:

East Launceston Croquet Club	Russell Reid and Robin Claxton
North Esk Croquet Club	Paul Boer and Pauline Blyth
Royal Park Croquet Club	Geoff Murray and Wil Henry
St. Leonards Croquet Club	Frank Sheahan and Joan Williams
Trevor Curtis-Flynn (Treasurer)	

*****Next NTasCC meeting, 17th October, 2019*****

*****4.30 pm at the East Launceston Croquet Club*****



Now we are into spring, the days are drawing out, daylight saving soon upon us, allowing a lot more time to spend out on the lawns playing the game we love.

With the relaxed surroundings, good company, bird life, the occasional wallaby, protective plovers guarding their chicks, and maybe the odd snake making a visit, all adding to the enjoyment of playing in the environment the Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre offers to all Croquet players.