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NEWSLETTER May 2019

Member Clubs celebrated the opening of the new Deck Shelter funded by the Tasmanian Community Fund. The project started back in 2017/18 with a funding application managed by Sylvia Wing and then carried on by Lynne Farrell and the Fundraising Committee.



Photo by Lee Turner

The shelter has proved a great asset to the Centre, providing an excellent entertainment area and protection from the elements, proving most beneficial over the last month with all the activities going on.

The Centre has certainly been busy with Tournaments and Competitions, Fundraising, Lawn upgrading and Constitution restructuring.



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EASTER TOURNAMENT

His Worship the Mayor of Launceston, Albert van Zetten welcomed players and officials to the tournament and showed great interest, taking a number of photos.

The City of Launceston and St. Lukes Health sponsored the tournament.

Participants in the Tournament included 14 interstate entries, from Qld, NSW, Vic and SA. Winners were mostly the visitors. Richard Parks, from Vic, took the big GC prize and also shared the doubles prize with Robin O'Reilly from Devonport. John Colquhoun and Noel Davies from Eastern Shore CC won the AC double and John also won the AC singles. Salutations to the organizers, officials, caterers and volunteers for a well-managed Tournament.

FUND RAISING RAFFLE

Winners:

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| 1. Jenny Winspear | Accommodation | Donated by TASkeno Community Fund. |
| 2. Sharon Allen | Jewelry | Donated by Geoff Murray |
| 3. B. Pentland | Meal Voucher/Wine | Donated by Newstead Hotel |
| 4. Karen R. | Merchandise Pack | Donated by King Island Dairy |
| 5. Gayle Stebbings | Royal Albert China | Donated by Ruth MacKean |
| 6. A. Archer | Voucher for \$50 | Donated by St Georges Quality Butcher |
| 7. B. Derby | Voucher for \$50 | Donated by LeCafe, St Georges Square |
| 8. Jill Nisbet | Signed Book | Donated by T & S Walker |
| 9. Russell Reid | Signed Book | Donated by Paul Richards |
| 10. Robyn Brown | Hamper | Donated by Royal Park Croquet Club |
| 11. Trevor Curtis-Flynn | Wine | Donated by Newstead Hotel |

The Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre extends their sincere appreciation to all who donated to this excellent raffle.

Overall the Easter Tournament proved most successful and beneficial for the Centre and Tasmanian croquet players in general.

TCA EVENTS

The TCA Men's and Women's GC championship held at the Centre went well, with a field of 24 participants. The men's singles won by John Colquhoun and the women's by Ruth McKean. The Competition was very well managed by Peter Tracey.

Thanks also to Ruth, Lee, Rod Tait and others who spent much time setting up the lawns and setting hoops. We were blessed with excellent weather and playing conditions for both occasions, the lawns in great form, thanks to the diligence of our ground volunteers



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UP-COMING EVENTS TO BE HELD AT THE CENTRE

Bronze medal competition mid-May
TCA GC doubles and GC Classic in August.

LAWNS

The re-location of the sprinkler system is programmed to commence after the Bronze Medals in May. Enabling the Centre to have a full complement of 8 lawns. Part of the on-going preparations for the Nationals in 2020.

QUAD HOOPS

Three Lawns now have Quad Hoops installed, thanks to Ross Hart Stronger Communities for their contribution towards 2 sets for the NTasCC, also a thank-you to St. Leonards Croquet Club for the use of their set making up the three. Funds raised through the raffle will go towards the purchase of more hoops.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Members from the School for Seniors attend on a Monday, with participants interested to try croquet and learn about it. Several have subsequently applied for membership with a Club.

St Michaels are also regulars on a Monday. Judging by the cheers emanating from the group; they enjoy themselves.

Promotions officer, Lee Turner, conducted Croquet sessions for the Centre at the Franklin House Fair and at the 'Live Well Live Longer Expo' at the Punchbowl Centre. A special 'thank you' to the energetic Noelene Franklin who assisted Lee with these sessions. Many thanks to Lee for her ongoing commitment to promote the game of Croquet.

SCHOOLS

The St Leonards Croquet Club have conducted sessions with Newstead College students. Lee offered school holiday times as an interest 'Come and Try' sessions, 3 attended, she will offer again.

The NtasCC encourages all Clubs to take the initiative, work together, with the aim to attract young people to Croquet and then, keeping their interest alive.

NEW CLUB

The North Esk Croquet Club, currently in the early stage of development, are due to submit application for affiliation with the NTasCC and the TCA. The Club will be based at the NTasCC.



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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Final twilight games finished on Thursday, 4th April with a scrumptious BBQ, hosted by Pam and Robin Claxton at their lovely home in Dilston, a most enjoyable finale. Play on Thursdays, now commences from 11 am. All club members are welcomed.

Member Clubs utilize the Centre throughout the week, East Launceston Croquet Club and St Leonards Croquet Club, with Royal Park Croquet Club currently using the Centre on a Tuesday and Friday, whilst their lawn is undergoing maintenance.

Defibrillator Information Session has been arranged by the Centre with St John Ambulance Australia, for Thursday, 30th May 2019 from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm at the Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre. All affiliated Club members are invited and encouraged to attend.



FUND RAISING and PROMOTION

- Fund Raising Committee: Lynne Farrell, Pat Traill and Sylvia Wing and their helpers did a massive job feeding the masses throughout both events. With a delicious variety of food available for all to enjoy.
- An application for a Grant for a new mower has been submitted, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Fund Raising Committee. Fingers crossed.

THE VOLUNTEERS

What would we do without them? Again our dedicated army from all the affiliated clubs played a huge role into contributing to ensure all recent events ran smoothly and efficiently; grounds persons, caterers, washer uppers, cleaners, organizers, fund raisers, officials and promoters to name just a few.

Another big 'thank you' to all.





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CONSTITUTION

Over 30 people attended the Constitution Forum, held on Monday 27th May 2019 at the Centre.

With great participation from those present, the Draft Constitution was debated, probed, with additions, deletions and amendments all being part of the process.

The panel of experts present to address questions, explain why, or why not a Clause should be in or out, was made up of:

Leigh Oswin, Project Manager from Sport & Rec., Jo Byrne, Lawyer from Ray and Partners (both who were involved in establishing the draft to be discussed), and also Andy Gibson, Lecturer at Law and author of the International encyclopaedia on sport law.

Input towards the Constitution was received from Peter Tracey, and also the founding father of the Centre, Ian Scott.

It was highlighted that Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre was not affiliated to the TCA. That the Centre's role was to provide a facility so that Croquet can be played and promoted. Not to administer the sport.

Overall the Forum proved successful, ending with revised form for re-drafting.....and re-drafting. With a final solid Constitution, hopefully, to be completed in the not too distant future.



Now we have winter upon us....! So it's out with the thermals, beanies, gloves, scarfs, hand warmers and wet weather gear etc., in readiness to compete with the elements, which we do well....for you can't keep a croquet player down!