



Happy Hooping

Volume 4 Issue 4, August 2025 - Welcome to our latest edition of Happy Hooping, your newsletter that will give you regular updates on what is happening around your club.

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2025 Darren Francis Encouragement Award

Congratulations Ken Trafford, recipient of the 2025 Darren Francis Encouragement Award. Ken continues to shine both on and off the court.

It's not often a day goes by when you don't see him at the club. If he isn't playing, he is either coaching, running visitor sessions, setting hoops, cleaning up or simply doing one of many handyman jobs that get done without anyone noticing.



Croquet in Geraldton

A few of our members headed up to Geraldton to play in the doubles and singles golf croquet events. Bill Waugh and Michel Bruyer won the doubles from fellow Moorabinda members John and Sue Bird.



Bill and John continued their good form into the singles the next day winning through to the finals where they joined Bob James in the semifinals. Bob beat Bill 7-6 but John went down 7-5 to Paul Christmas from Geraldton. Bob then beat Paul 7-6 in the final while Bill put in an amazing effort just going down 7-6 to John in the play off for 3rd and 4th. Moorabinda can be very proud of all the members who performed so well in Geraldton, you all played extremely well, congratulations.



News from our Captain

2025 GC Pennants

GC Pennants for B and C grade players will commence in September. Four clubs will contest the C grade, and 3 will contest the B grade, and Moorabinda will field teams in both events, though some C graders may be asked to play in the B grade.

2025-26 Summertime Challenge Ladder

The Committee has approved a challenge competition for GC singles players. Players who nominate for the competition will be arranged initially in order of their current index points, from lowest to the highest. Players will be able to challenge another who is one or two places above them on the ladder, if they win they assume the losers place on the ladder. At the end of the competition prizes will be awarded to the person on top of the ladder, and to the biggest improver. For this competition handicap cards will not be used. These challenge games could be played on any day or time agreeable to both parties, but those who nominate for the ladder should make themselves available to play on Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon. The members will be canvassed to ascertain the preferred day and times to play. This challenge is open to everyone and a great opportunity to improve your game

RETRAVISION SPONSORSHIP



We have signed a sponsorship deal with RetravisioN for the next 2 years. Starting with the Worlds event in 2023 we have been very fortunate to have been able to develop this relationship.

Our Country All Stars event will be called the RetravisioN Country All Stars and prize money will be in the form of RetravisioN gift vouchers. A new RetravisioN sign will be added to the hut between court 3 and 5 and on certain club days we will fly the two RetravisioN banners alongside our Moorabinda ones.

We encourage you to visit the café at the RetravisioN store for a coffee or lunch and if you are in search of a new TV, Microwave, Fridge or other items don't forget to visit RetravisioN. We will advertise certain specials they have in our newsletter when available, and If you do visit them, let them know you are from the Moorabinda Croquet Club, it will be great to show them we appreciate their support of croquet.

Ladies AC in Queensland

5 WA ladies, including Judith Nicholls and Dianne Bower from Moorabinda, took part in a 5-day national AC women's development initiative in Queensland. Organised by Megan Reynolds, women from 3 states converged for social games, umpire training, accreditation with international AC officials, motivational sessions and coaching. The campaign finished with playing in the 2-day Queensland AC State Women's event.

It was a full week of learning, making new AC friends and catching up with old ones.



The WA ladies who attended the Queensland Event

CLEVER ARTIST

Leslie Nicoll did this great painting of Bill Waugh's boat anchored at Augusta.

What diverse talents our members have.



We do have some very friendly birds at our club

Jason found himself a very inquisitive Wattle Bird in-between games the other day





I need a day between every day to recover from the day before and prepare for the upcoming day 😊

