

# Happy Hooping

Volume 2 Issue 12 April 2024 - Welcome to our latest edition of Happy Hooping, your newsletter that will give you regular updates on what is happening around your club.

### **Croquetwest State Open Mens and Ladies GC Singles**

Gary Phipps once again proved too strong for the opposition going through the entire competition undefeated, Gary beat Colin Stewart from Belmont in the Final, congratulations on your great win.

In the Ladies Dawn Robinson came second to Associate club member Robyn Dart from Busselton with Judith Nicholls and Dianne Bower playing well also.



# **Special General Meeting**

The motion presented at this meeting was defeated 32 to 18.

Thank you to all our members who attended.

#### **News from the March Committee Meeting**

Don't forget the AGM on Saturday 11th May at 12.00pm.

We have received several suggestions which the committee readily encourages. Because often no names are attached, we will answer all suggestions here in the newsletter each edition.

1) Reduce the size/number of committees members.

Committee Answer – Our constitution states "office bearers plus no less than 3 other members." There is no restriction on having more numbers than this minimum. A change to this can only be done at an AGM where the motion must be presented 21 days to the secretary before the meeting.

2) Revisit the present wording of the club's constitution.

Committee Answer – A lot of time and effect was put into setting up our constitution and it is a costly excise to change it. The committee is willing to look at any specific wording or items that the members believe need changes, but to do so the committee would need these items documented and presented to them for consideration.

3) All committee members must attend a relevant/sanctioned governance course.

Committee Answer – All members are volunteers, and this requires a considerable investment by them, so we feel it would not necessarily benefit the club to impose this.

4) On club days, the AC play on either court 5 or 6 to reduce the walking between games for the GC players and eliminate them walking across the AC court.

Committee Answer – The AC games are placed on courts that enables other members to see that there is another form of croquet available to play. It was discussed and the Captain was happy to rotate the AC game throughout the courts each week.

5) Use the money from cans for cash to replace the clubroom flooring, new kitchen benches and add a wind break at the office end of the verandah.

Committee Answer —all these items have been discussed by the committee and are included in the plan to develop the clubrooms. Before replacing the floor covering, we will need to paint the walls.

Replacing the kitchen benches is a major upgrade and would require a large investment to do so. A project that requires further consideration.

The wind break was looked at prior to the World event, but this area was needed to be free for players access, so it was delayed.

The committee is happy to revisit this now.

We thank our members who take time to make suggestions and the committee welcome all comments presented.

## **BE ALERT**

We recently had the unfortunate experience of being robbed.

During play on a Saturday a young man tried unsuccessfully, to open car doors and to steal a bike from the bike rack.

He failed to do so but then stole a member's bag from the seats near the table.

Our member lost her phone, car keys and money.

The police were called and with the help of our security cameras they were able to catch this person who is currently awaiting sentence in the local lock up.

Please make sure all bags are put in the clubroom and always keep your car locked and all items of value out of view.

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