



Happy Hooping

Volume 3 Issue 4, August 2024 - 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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Name our Mascot



After going through the many names submitted the committee decided on HOOPER as the name of our Mascot, many thanks for those members who put forward the names.

News from the August Committee Meeting

A new shed for the Grounds personnel has been selected and plans have been submitted to the City of Bunbury, watch out for activity near the old sheds in the coming months.

The committee decided to use the proceeds from Manea College coaching to place an order with John Dunn "The Mallet Man" for 20 new mallets of different sizes and weights. New club members can use these mallets to determine which mallet suits them before buying a personal mallet from John. A special thanks to John Jury for making the 2 new mallet stands to hold them.

Upcoming events

Southwest Pennants-The C Grade – commencing 26th September for 3 weeks

The B Grade commencing 3rd October for 3 weeks, keep an eye on the notice board for further details

Retravisioin Country All Stars GC Event 2nd & 3rd November

New Members

Since May we have welcomed 13 new members who hopefully are enjoying our lovely game each week.

120th year Celebration

We would like all our members and Past Life Members to join us for a cuppa and cake to celebrate on Saturday 26th of October at 12.30 pm

Volunteers / Contributors Luncheon

There are many members who voluntarily do the many chores which are needed to keep our club functioning as well as it does. The committee would like to thank these people by offering a luncheon for them to attend. If you are one of these members and can join us on Sunday 10th November, please enter your name on the list in the club rooms or let Dawn know for catering numbers.

Weekend in Geraldton

Bob and Julie James joined John and Sue Bird in competitions in Geraldton, successfully representing Moorabinda over the 3-day event.



Champion of Champions

This is a competition in both AC and GC formats where the champion of all the clubs come together over a weekend and play off for the Champion of Champions. This person then goes on to represent WA in a National event.

Moorabinda are proud to announce that Gary Phipps not only won the AC Champion of Champions but also the GC Champion of Champions. This has only been achieved by one other person (Martin Clarke) in Croquetwest's history. Congratulations Gary one all mighty achievement



Southwest GC Pennants

The GC pennants will include B grade and C grade competitions

We will use modified grades: B Grade Handicaps 6-10, C Grade 11+.

The proposed schedule, based on the playing days available at each club (Wednesday Dunsborough, Thursday Moorabinda and Central, Friday Busselton) is:

C Grade

Thursday 26th September to Thursday 10th October

B Grade

Thursday 3rd October to Thursday 17th October

State C Grade Doubles

The State C Grade Doubles was played at Halls Head. It was won by Bill Waugh and Michel Bruyer, winning all 5 games on Saturday and getting 3 wins on Sunday. Bill and Michel had a baptism of fire in the State Open Advantage Handicap Singles last month and put everything they learned there to good effect at Halls Head. It is so good to see these kids doing so well.

Statewide Teams

Hosted at Moorabinda. What a great tournament! 10 teams, dominated on paper by four teams comprised largely by members of the current state team. The best of the State teams was Moorabinda's Tri to Stop Us (Gary Phipps, Diane Bower and Robyn Dart) who finished ahead of teams spearheaded by the McHardy's, Chris McWhirter and Joyce Carbone, and the team lead by Torben Bak and Judith Nicholls. A great effort by Gary, Dianne and Robyn - but not good enough. The team that carried the day was Moorabinda's own Triple J's featuring John Jury, John Bird and Bob James. It was good to see new blood having a go, the Trafford's – Rick, Ken and Vib, and the Painters, Janet and Paul with Gil Sowden

Won by Triple J: Bob James, John Jury and John Bird.

Second Tri to Stop Us: Gary Phipps, Dianne Bower and Robyn Dart

Mallet Trolleys

We had the misfortune of one of our members falling over a mallet between games last Saturday, he was taken to hospital and was luckily discharged with only a mild concussion. It could have been a lot more serious. We have 3 mallet trolleys to use on game days, please use them to help prevent these accidents.



