



# Happy Hooping

Volume 4 Issue 7, November 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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We would like to welcome our recent new member Audrey Thomas  
We hope you have many years of exciting croquet ahead of you and find our club  
very enjoyable

## News From Your Committee

Our new mower was delivered last month, a carbon copy of our existing one. While looking for a new mower it was decided by the grounds committee that it would be in the best interest of those who use it, to have it the same as the older one. So much easier to operate the same model instead of needing to remember how to use two different ones.

## Busselton Spring Carnival

A few of our members played in this carnival with mixed success, with Gil Sowden and Rick Murray being the most successful, reaching the final after winning all 8 of the previous games.

Unfortunately, time ran out for them in the final going down 3-4.

Congratulations guys on an amazing weekend



## **Question from the suggestion box**

Are members allowed in the kitchen to make a cuppa ?

Yes of course you are, the sign that states “only kitchen staff allowed” refers to the times we are holding a competition, and the Kitchen staff are preparing food.

## **RetraVision Country All Stars**

An excellent weekend was had by all who played. The players were well supported by Helen Quicke who was the event referee and Anne Benz and Leslie Nicol who kept the amazing food coming all weekend. The A Grade was a 3-way tie with Les Holmes declared the winner with 5 wins and 20 net hoops, from Rick Trafford with 5 wins and 9 net hoops and Bob James with 5 wins and 8 net hoops.



The B Grade was won by Brent Regterschot from Debbie Bowling (picture above). The C Grade was also a 3-way tie between Katanning pair Trevor Kowald and Peter Battersby and Moorabinda's Gil Sowden. All players won 5 games each with Trevor winning the day on 14 net hoops, from Peter on 10 net hoops, with Gil 1 hoop behind on 9 net hoops. Congratulations to the winners and all the members who played over the weekend making it a very successful event.



## WA ACA AC Bronze Medal

Moorabinda had 3 AC members compete in this prestigious event, Gary Phipps, David Squire and Marcus McGavock. Gary went all weekend without dropping a game to win the event (he will now represent Western Australia in the Australian Bronze Medal event) from Tim Barkes (Gosnells) and David Squire.



Gary receiving the Bronze Medal from past winner and WA champion Jeff Newcombe

## Melbourne Cup Luncheon



A section of the members who attended the Melbourne Cup luncheon. Once again Suzie Bell spoilt the members with amazing sweets following the lovely chicken and salad lunch. A big thank you to all the ladies who helped on the day, thanks to Lesley who organized the sweeps and to the guys who did the washing up.

## Pennants Update

The GC Pennants for 2025 have been run and won. Our C Team of Vib Trafford, Rod Davies, Michel Bruyer, Bill Waugh, Gil Sowden, Geoff Lawler and Rick Murray won all their matches and are the 2025 champions.

The B team of Ken Trafford, Brent Regterschot, Debbie Bowling, Rick Murray, Michel Bruyer, Bill Waugh, Lesley Holmes, and Gil Sowden. Were highly competitive in all matches and were contenders until the last match, when a strong Dunsborough team ran over them. It's worth noting that Rick, Michel, Bill, and Gil are all C grade players and excelled in the higher grade.

## SUMMER TIMES



The starting times for club games change to the Summer Times above as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of December

## Lost Glasses

If you have seen a pair of Country Road prescription sunnies and their soft case please let our captain Marcus know, they look like this





## Verti Mowing

A huge thank you goes out to all the members who helped in the Verti mowing of our courts. This needs to be done twice a year to keep our courts in the excellent condition our grounds people work very hard to achieve. Without the help of our members, we would have to outsource this job which is not cheap.

Thank you to all who helped, it is very much appreciated.



**I URGE YOU TO TAKE  
CARE OF YOURSELF  
AND AVOID ACCIDENTS,**



**BECAUSE SPARE PARTS FOR  
OLD MODELS LIKE US  
ARE NO LONGER IN STOCK.**