65th Annual Port Macquarie Association Croquet Carnival

Manager's Report

How fortunate were we to be able to run this year's Carnival? Due to restrictions we had to drastically reduce player numbers and re-format the draw accordingly. Also, the week was not drama free with two players having to withdraw from the event on Tuesday. "Flexible" was a word that seemed to pop up regularly, and everyone seemed happy to go along with the changes that had to be initiated.

We had 3 blocks of 5 playing a double round robin, level and handicap play, giving them each 8 games. Paul Mitchell and Eric Gadd substituted in friendly games so that nobody had to miss play.

The winners were:

A Block: John Piggott - Urunga
Runner up: Tim Woolford-Smith – Port Macquarie

B Block: Geoff Chapman – Urunga
Runner up: Kay Munro – Sawtell

C Block: Brenda Burrows – Sawtell
Runner up: Deb Anderson – Urunga

We have never seen so many close matches before in our Carnival. Some real nail biters, with only one hoop the difference.

Bridget Earle, as usual, did an exceptional job as Secretary. Barb Piggott acted as our Tournament Referee, for which we were very grateful. Tim Woolford-Smith was setting the lawns every morning and taking out hoops at the end of play, and generally helping out where he was needed. "Shorty", our greenkeeper had the lawns in great condition, and many commented on this. Susan Shenton did her usual magic in the kitchen providing all our guests with their Presentation Dinner. A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped during these five days.

Social Functions were cancelled this year due to concerns over social distancing, but hopefully this will be a thing of the past next year.

Bridget has compiled a collage from Herman Camphuis' photos taken during the week and sent the players a copy as a memento. Lockdown stopped quite a number of players who usually come up to "Port", but we are looking forward to next year.

Sue Moss
Carnival Manager.

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