

The Range Croquet Club, Maleny Report 080719

Fifteen Range Care players arrived for tea and fun on a very pleasant Tuesday. It was great to have the fine weather.

Tuesday was a busy day. Donna Manning and Ken Barker played Colin Harris and George Oliver from Coolum at Coolum in the fourth round of the Lochwood competition. Ken started his game badly against George but came back to win 19 -15. Donna looked like losing when the scoreline was 6 - 20 after using three of her three and a half bisques, but staged a remarkable recovery to peg out and win 26 - 24. This was a brilliant result against a division 1 player. The excitement of the singles wore us out and we lost the doubles 14 - 26. Coolum had been undefeated until this round so to win the round 2 games to 1 was commendable. Thanks to Coolum for hosting and to Heather Smith from Coolum for refereeing.

The club second division championship was played on Thursday with Nick Cram finishing second and Ken winning it. The open, third and fourth division will be played soon. We had a visitor Wendy from Macedon club in Victoria who played association on lawn 2 with Wallace Roy and Bev Sockhill. They were joined part way through by Frances Harper.

On Sunday Val Carbery and Stuart Craig paired up to get a turnabout game of association going with Wallace Roy and Sarah Widin. Vince Carbery played Ken in a game of singles showing some welcome good form. Unfortunately, Wallace had to retire from the former game and both games were stopped at the tea break by rain. No scores were recorded.

The photograph shows Vince contemplating whether or not he will try to make hoop 2 with the pink ball. He does this while waiting for the blue ball, from another game, to do the same. Blue does not have as difficult a decision as it is in line with the hoop and black, its partner ball is behind. The pink is a more difficult shot so Vince had to choose. Does he try for the hoop and run the risk of losing control of the game or does he abandon the break and go back to his partner ball? He played and made the hoop - a brave decision that paid off.



Vince Carbery making a difficult choice in a relaxed pose

Coaching for beginners and others is available on the lawn from 8 am to 10 am on Saturdays. These are popular sessions in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

Play days on the picturesque lawns at the bottom of the showground are 1.00 pm for 1.30 pm on Thursdays and Sundays.

Our web address is: <https://rangecroquetatmaleny.org.au>

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