**Lithgow/Blue Mountains ‘Valentines’ Gateball Competition**

**Saturday 13th February – Sunday 14th February 2016**

**Practice –** The courts will be available for practice from 2 pm on Friday 12th February.

**Teams Event** – The teams event will commence on Saturday 13th February and will be completed

in time for players to return home on Sunday evening if they wish to do so.

**Venue:** Lithgow Croquet Club, Corner James/Young Street, Lithgow

See club website for a location map http://www.lithgowcroquetclub.info/p/gateball-tournament-feb-2016.html

**Eligibility:** Teams are restricted to a maximum of eight players. Composite teams are welcome. Contact John Park (jbpjpark@gmail.com) at least a week before if you need help forming a team.

**Equipment and grounds:** Gateball courts will be prepared with gates, balls and scoreboards. Players should provide their own sticks and their own bibs. Some sets of bibs and a few sticks are available for loan if clubs do not own them. Please note that if we need a third court its surface could present some interesting challenges. Be prepared for this if you wish to play in the event.

**Rules:** Matches will be played under the Rules of Gateball as stated in the ‘Official Gateball Rules Guide for Referees’ published by the World Gateball Union.

**Referees:** Matches will be conducted with a referee. All teams will be required to assist with refereeing duties as referees, scorers, record keepers, timekeepers and lines-people. An informal ‘Introduction to Refereeing Duties’ session will be conducted on Friday afternoon at a time to be notified. Players new to gateball and those who would benefit from a refresher course, are encouraged to attend.

**Match Format:** The teams event will be played in a round-robin or ‘block draw’. Final details will be available when the number of entries is known. The Event Manager will decide the final format. Matches will be of 30 minutes’ duration in accordance with the Rules of Gateball.

**Dress Code:** Teams are asked to wear a uniform (or shirts of a similar colour) where possible.

**Inclement Weather:** The Event Manager reserves the right to change the format of play and make such other changes as may be necessary in the event of unfavourable conditions for play.

**Event Manager:** John Park - Telephone: 4787 6885 Mobile: 0448 227 467 Email: jbpjpark@gmail.com

**Entry Details:** Teams to send attached form to the Event Manager by Monday 1st February 2016.

**Entry Fee:** $12 per player including morning and afternoon tea. Entry fees are to be paid on Friday 12th or Saturday 13th February.

**Food:** Lunch will be sandwiches and wraps and needs to be pre-ordered on the attached form to be returned by Monday 1st February. Please be sure to give us your dietary requirements - e.g. coeliac, vegetarian, etc.

**Saturday Dinner:** An evening dinner has been organised at the Lithgow Workies Club. You will be able to order on the night from the bistro menu. To tickle your taste buds, see http://www.workies.com.au/content/dining-workies. We do hope you will be able to join us and it would be very helpful if you could indicate if you will be attending.

**Accommodation:** Links to tourism aps are on the Club website and more details about accommodation will be posted soon. http://www.lithgowcroquetclub.info/p/gateball-tournament-feb-2016.html

**ENTRY and CATERING ORDER FORM**

**LITHGOW/BLUE MOUNTAINS GATEBALL COMPETITION - Friday February 12th - Sunday February 14th 2016 LITHGOW, New South Wales**

Please return this form to us no later than Monday 1ST February 2016. Note: if you do not have a team, you are most welcome to register as an individual and we will place you in a team for the competition

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| **TEAM NAME or write ‘individual entry’** |
| **PLAYER NAME – please add****any non-playing partners who wish to be included in the catering arrangements** | **LUNCH****SATURDAY** | **LUNCH****SUNDAY** | **OFFICIAL****DINNER\*\*\*** | **SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS (E.G. VEGETARIAN, COELIAC, ETC)** |
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| **Non-players** |  |  |  |  |

Registration fee - $12 per player

Lunch - $10 per day.

Official dinner\*\*\* - order from bistro menu. Please indicate if you will attend the dinner so numbers can be confirmed to the Club

Payments will be collected at registration

For more information please contact: John Park - jbpjpark@gmail.com Phone: 02 4787 6885 Mobile: 0448 227 467