

# **CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER JUNE 2007:**

## **Birthday Tournament**

The tournament was a great success. It ran smoothly and all the players enjoyed it. There were eleven entries from six different clubs. Our congratulations to Audrey Lamb for organising such an excellent tournament, and to Claire Givney who helped her. Our thanks also to the referees – Elaine Goggin, Robin Potter, Lesley Fransen, Heather Smallbone, Dennis Faggotter and Neil Hardie.

Alan Walsh won block A, with John Fransen the runner-up. In Block B, Neil Hardie won with Stephen Howes second. In the semi-finals, Alan beat Stephen and Neil beat John. The final was won – for the second year running – by Alan Walsh.

**Alan Walsh receiving the prize**



**Audience for the final**



**the barbecue lunch**



**Fay Simpson playing in the tournament**

The tournament finished with a fine barbecue to celebrate our birthday. Thanks to Mila, Neil Hartley, Di, Nella, Joan and Pamela for organising the running of this and catering for the tournament.

## **Champion of Champions Tournament**

Cammeray will be hosting some of the matches for this competition, on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June, and possibly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Come along and watch some top play! Note that we have changed the time of the Committee Meeting to 10 a.m. to fit in with this event.

## **Handicaps**

A meeting of the Handicap Committee was held, and several handicaps were adjusted. We decided that many of the bronze players ought to be on 20 rather than 18, especially those who had not played in a competition yet, because having a lower handicap would disadvantage them. Seeing the standard of play of Greg Deakin (on 20!) in the tournament was a reminder of the general standards for this level.

## **Club Refurbishment**

One of the goals of the committee this year is to start a program of refurbishment for the clubhouse. Some of the possible changes are to remove the step in the floor, and to acquire some new furniture. Neil Hartley is also working on a plan for a large shed to store our equipment and surplus furniture.

We would like any of our members who have views on what we should do with the clubhouse to contact Neil Hardie. Also, anyone who has useful expertise or contacts (carpenters, furniture, designers) would be very welcome.

## **Night Play on Tuesdays**

Following the disappointing turnouts for night play on Wednesdays, we are trying out a session on Tuesday night. Our first trial session got a good response – seven people – so we think this will be a better night. Beginners will be particularly welcome on this night. Play will start at 7 p.m., and we will take a break for refreshments at around 8.15 p.m. Night play will continue on Fridays, as there has been a steady turnout for this.

## **Pennants:**

We are entering two teams in the CNSW Pennants this year. We have an interesting bronze team: Barbara McDonald, Warren Yates, Joan de Botton, Nella Davidson, Greg Deakin borrowed from Eastwood, and Mila Kotala returning to play after a long break. We may also play Ed Barnes and Matt McManus when they return from overseas. Stephen Howes is coaching the bronze pennants players so we should have a good chance. For silver, we have Neil Hardie, John Fransen and Claire Givney; and Pat Goldrick on loan from Killara.

## **Club Championship**

This was won by Alan Walsh, who won the block and then beat Mike Hughes in the best-of-three finals. Congratulations also to Ted for winning the Royal Sydney Club Championship. They both qualify for the Championship of Champions Tournament.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Martyn Prins in being runner-up in the CNSW Gold Singles. He only lost to the eventual winner by one hoop.

Bruce Neill's team won the Australian Open Bridge playoffs, and then won the regional playoffs for entry to the World Championships in New Zealand. A great performance!

## **Coaching for Silver Players**

We are very lucky in getting Dennis Faggotter to come and coach the silver players at Cammeray. Dennis is a fine coach with a lot of experience, and we have learned much from him already.

In recognition of Dennis's contribution to the club, the committee voted to make him an honorary member for the remainder of this year. We look forward to seeing more of Dennis at the club.

## **Evening with Mosman Croquet Club**

We are planning an evening with Mosman Croquet Club, probably on Friday June 29<sup>th</sup>. The format will be the same as with the visit by Chatswood Croquet Club. There will be wine and cheese at 6.30 p.m., followed by two singles games and two doubles games.

We have asked Mosman to send three players in the gold/platinum range, and three in the bronze/silver range.

### Club Competitions

The draw has been done for the various Club Competitions. These are:

Bronze	Men's Handicap
Silver	Ladies' Handicap
Gold	

Please start to play your matches in these as soon as possible – we don't want a crowded program at the last minute.

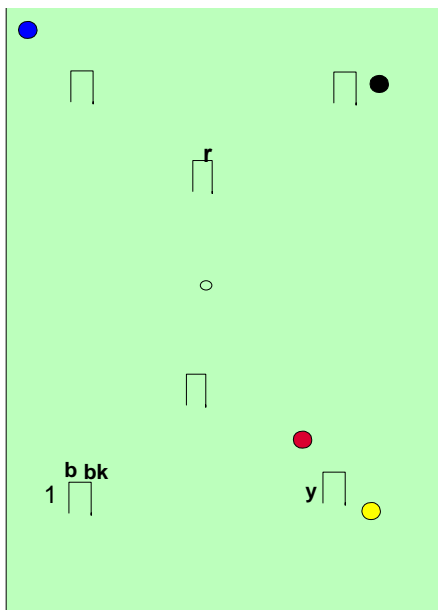
All these competitions involve the AHS Cards (Australian Handicap System cards). If you do not have one, see Mila or Claire or Neil.

### Club Name Badges

We are ordering name badges for our pennants teams. It would be good for any members who play in outside tournaments to have a name badge. Contact Mila to order one. They cost \$8 each.

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## PROBLEM CORNER



You are blue and black, both still on hoop 1. Yellow has just failed to run hoop 3-back. It is a handicap game, so there are no lifts. You have one bisque. You badly need a break – what do you do to set it up?

As with other problems we have looked at, there is no “one right answer”. The best play depends on what shots you play well, and your level of play. One of the arts of croquet is to choose a line of play which is within your capability, and has a good chance of succeeding. It is not good policy (except in social play) to try ambitious shots which are likely to fail.

We will give some possible lines in the next issue. If you want to suggest an appropriate line, send it to [nhardie@ozemail.com.au](mailto:nhardie@ozemail.com.au).

## PROGRAM FOR JUNE 2007

Friday	1	Private hire: 2.30 – 5 p.m. Night play 7 – 10 p.m
Saturday	2	9.30-12 games for all grades; 1.30-4 beginner games
Sunday	3	10 a.m. – 3 p.m. golf croquet
Monday	4	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	5	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m</b>
Wednesday	6	
Thursday	7	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	8	Night play 7 – 10 p.m.
Saturday	9	9.30-12 games for all grades; 1.30-4 beginner games
Sunday	10	
Monday	11	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	12	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m</b>
Wednesday	13	
Thursday	14	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	15	Night play 7 – 10 p.m.
Saturday	16	<b>Champion of Champions matches 10 a.m. Committee meeting – NOTE CHANGED TIME!</b>
Sunday	17	<b>Champion of Champions matches</b>
Monday	18	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	19	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m</b>
Wednesday	20	
Thursday	21	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	22	<b>Champion of Champions matches</b> Night play 7 – 10 p.m. (depending on schedule for Champion of Champions)
Saturday	23	9.30-12 games for all grades; 1.30-4 beginner games
Sunday	24	10 a.m. – 3 p.m. golf croquet
Monday	25	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	26	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m</b>
Wednesday	27	
Thursday	28	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 2.30-4.30 bronze games
Friday	29	<b>Visit by Mosman Croquet Club</b>
Saturday	30	9.30-12 games for all grades 1.30-4 beginner games

### EVENTS IN JULY:

We are planning to have a sausage sizzle on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 12 to 1.30 p.m.  
Keep this date free in your diary!