

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

April 2008:

Audrey Lamb: 7th May 1934 - 6th March 2008

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Audrey Lamb, who resigned as our Games captain late last year due to ill-health.

Audrey was a leading child psychologist who mentored younger colleagues and spoke often on the radio. She was involved in many forms of community service, and received an Order of Australia in 2007 for setting up the Hepatitis C Foundation.



Audrey helping at one of the croquet club's Children's Days



Audrey playing in the final of the Silver Pennants 2006

Audrey was a great organiser. She played a major role in the establishment of the croquet club at Jamberoo when she lived there. She was always available to help people with problems.

She was a keen croquet player at a good silver standard, and helped Cammeray to win the CNSW Silver Pennants Championship in 2006.

Fine performances by Cammeray members

Alan Walsh continues to play brilliantly; the NSW State Team beat a group of challengers 18-2, but one of the two points scored by the challengers was a win by Alan 26-0 vs Tim Murphy, with a triple peel.

Warren Yates was runner-up in the CNSW Rookies and Novices event. He has a new respect for wiring lifts having given away three in the crucial game! Graham Maynard did creditably in this, his first tournament, coming close to winning several games.

Cammeray continued a fine tradition in the Fransted Tournament – Stephen Howes won it in 2005; John Fransen was runner-up in 2006; Lesley Fransen won in 2007; and Neil Hardie won this year – with John Fransen runner-up.

New law book for Association Croquet

A new law-book has been published for the laws of Association Croquet. A copy will be put in the clubhouse; further copies can be ordered from Croquet NSW, cost \$8.80.

Changes include: it is now a fault to use your foot to guide the mallet; cannons no longer need be on the yard-line; it is no longer necessary for a ball to be jammed in a hoop to get a replay (when hoops are set too tightly).

Coaching sessions

Dennis Faggotter is running coaching sessions for small groups of players – bronze players on Thursdays, and silver players on Fridays. We are fortunate to have the services of such an experienced and knowledgeable player for this. Contact Dennis on 0419-496-380 for more information. Dennis is prepared to coach until the end of April if the players are interested.



Dennis coaching a group of bronze players

Club competitions

Several club competitions are being organised by our games captains, Claire Givney (9969-7960) and Warren Yates (warren.yates@uts.edu.au):

The first-timers tournament: for people who have played in no more than one tournament. This will be held on the weekend 12-13th April, and there will be a barbecue on the Sunday.

The Cammeray Birthday Tournament – our big event open to all players in NSW, which will be 16-19th May. Let's have plenty of entries from Cammeray members!

The club championships: entries are now open for the Open Club Championship, the Gold Championship, the Silver Championship, the Bronze Championship, the Men's Handicap and the Women's Handicap. Do go in for as many competitions as you can – it is great fun, and you improve your game by playing in these events.

Entry information is in the clubhouse, or from the games captains.

Barbecue

There will be a barbecue in conjunction with the First-Timers Tournament on Sunday 13th April from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. – all members are welcome, cost \$10 including wine. Do come and enjoy the autumn weather!

Change to club by-laws

At the last committee meeting we made a change to the Club By-Laws regarding membership. When members are incapacitated for a lengthy period – by illness or operations, or the need to look after a family member – they can ask the committee to suspend their membership for a period of between three and six months. The new clause is as follows:

'Full members may suspend their membership for a period of between 3 and 6 months at the discretion of the Committee if they are unable to play croquet for that period'

Special offer to recruit new members

Also at the last committee meeting we agreed on a special offer to attract members from those groups who hire our lawns for parties etc. This special offer gives them a monthly slot to play golf croquet for a sum of \$60 per year each, provided there are at least six in the group. This is somewhat cheaper than our golf croquet membership; but it is only valid for the first year. We have already got our first members through this offer – eight people are starting at the end of March on the fourth Sunday of the month from 2 – 6 p.m.

Beginner Games

Beginner games will be held on Friday mornings from 9.30 to 12 noon. These will go on until Friday 18th April. After that, the people who have been coming will be quite capable of joining the normal bronze games on Thursday and Saturday afternoons. However, these sessions are getting fairly crowded, so the players may want to select another time slot and set up their own bronze session. Let Neil Hardie know (9958-7261) if you want to do that.

New Shed

The trees have been removed in the area where we are planning to put the new shed. John Fransen is organising a contractor to lay a concrete slab in the next week or so, and we should have the shed erected by early April. We will be glad of the extra storage space!

Clubhouse lights

On at least two occasions recently the clubhouse lights have been left on when players have left. Can you please turn off the lights when you leave!

Clubhouse refurbishment

When the shed is finished, we will start the refurbishment of the clubhouse. The program includes:

- *getting rid of all the things we don't need
- *moving equipment and spare furniture to the shed
- *painting the inside
- *reorganising the notice boards and information displays
- *replacing old furniture

| We are also thinking of disposing of the library and having a display cabinet for all the plaques and shields.

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| We would welcome suggestions from members on what changes we should make in the clubhouse.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL 2008

Tuesday	1	
Wednesday	2	
Thursday	3	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	4	9.30 a.m. - 12.00 beginner games; Silver Invitation Night 6.30 - 10 p.m. (Last of season)
Saturday	5	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	6	Golf croquet 10 - 3
Monday	7	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	8	Night play 7 - 10 p.m.
Wednesday	9	6.30-10 p.m. - bronze invitation event
Thursday	10	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games; bronze coaching 4-6 p.m. & 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Friday	11	SENIORS' WEEK EVENT 10-12; silver coaching 3.30-5.30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Night play 7-10 p.m.
Saturday	12	FIRST-TIMERS TOURNAMENT
Sunday	13	FIRST-TIMERS TOURNAMENT (and barbecue)
Monday	14	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	15	Night play 7 - 10 p.m.
Wednesday	16	
Thursday	17	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games; bronze coaching 4-6 p.m. & 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Friday	18	9.30 a.m. - 12.00 beginner games; silver coaching 3.30-5.30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Night play 7-10 p.m.
Saturday	19	Committee meeting 8.45 a.m. 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	20	
Monday	21	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	22	Night play 7 - 10 p.m.
Wednesday	23	6.30-10 p.m. - bronze invitation event (last of season)
Thursday	24	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games; bronze coaching 4-6 p.m. & 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Friday	25	Silver coaching 3.30-5.30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Night play 7-10 p.m.
Saturday	26	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	27	Golf croquet 2 - 6 p.m. (new group)
Monday	28	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	29	Night play 7 - 10 p.m.
Wednesday	30	

COMING EVENTS:

CAMMERAY BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT 16-19 MAY
THE BIG EVENT OF OUR SEASON!

May 2nd: Carer's morning (N. Sydney Council)- 10-12