

# CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

## May 2008:

### First-Timers' Tournament

We had our First-Timers' Tournament over the weekend 12-13 April. This is for players who have not been in a tournament before. Four players entered – Joan Altwasser, Sue Nicholas, Doug Nicholas and Georgie Ofner. There were some close games, but eventually Georgie came through as winner, with Doug runner-up.



Georgie Ofner



Doug Nicholas

The event finished with a grand barbecue for 27 members. Our thanks to Warren and Claire for organising the tournament, Georgie and Di for organising the barbecue, and to Bebe, Pamela, Graham, Joan (Altwasser) and Ken for helping.

### Seniors Day

To celebrate Seniors' Week we held a croquet day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Mosman Daily published a splendid article about the club to publicise this, so we got a fine turnout of 15 people. They all enjoyed themselves, and eight of them applied to join the club at the end!



Georgie Ofner and Joan de Botton show the seniors how to play golf croquet

### Cammeray Birthday Tournament

Our big event of the year is the Birthday Tournament from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – open to all players in NSW with handicaps between -2 and 18. Enter this if you are eligible – it is a great learning experience to play in a major tournament. Closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> April.

We will have a barbecue 12.30 – 2.30 on the Sunday open to all members – cost \$12. You can watch the finals while you eat your sausages. Let Mila (9909 1818) know by 10<sup>th</sup> May if you are coming, or write your name on the list in the clubhouse.

## **New Website**

Warren Yates and Ron Wiebe have been working on our website, which is beginning to look very impressive. Go to <http://www.cammeray-croquet.org.au/> and have a look at it, or follow the link from the Croquet NSW website. The website has information about our tournaments and events, newsletters, how to join the club and how to hire the lawns. Congratulations and thanks to Warren and Ron for this fine work.

## **Success by Cammeray members**

Mike Hughes has been the outstanding Cammeray player over the last month; he was runner-up in the Australian Men's Open Singles Plate competition, against very strong opposition. He then won the Senior Citizens' Tournament playing some beautiful croquet. Mike has now won this event for the last three years: in 2006 he won it with a handicap of 16, in 2007 he won it off 6, and this year he won it with a handicap of 2. He has now come down to 1 ½.



Mike Hughes

## **Club competitions**

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

We are short of entries for the silver championship, gold championship, ladies handicap, and men's handicap. Do enter one or more of these tournaments – we will extend the closing date for entries to 20<sup>th</sup> May to give you more opportunity to register.

## **New Shed**

Our new shed has been erected, which is a great help. We are planning to store hoops, mallets, balls etc. in the small shed, and put equipment and spare furniture in the new shed. Ken, Alan and Neil Hartley are looking after the fitting out and organisation of the new shed, so if you have any requests or suggestions, speak to one of them. We are especially grateful to John Fransen for his advice on the shed, and for all the work he did in helping to lay the cement slab.

Our flagpole has also been restored, so we can fly the Australian flag and our club pennant again.

## **Beryl Chambers Tournament**

The north Sydney region of the Beryl Chambers (the State Handicap Championship) is being played at Cammeray and Mosman. We have three people in this – Barbara McDonald, Lesley Fransen and John Fransen. It looks like being a battle between these three for the place in the finals.

## **Invitation from Killara Croquet Club**

Killara have invited us to their club at Regimental Park for an afternoon of social doubles games played at gold, silver and bronze levels. Once a date has been fixed (most probably a Saturday afternoon in June) there will be a sign-up sheet in the club. To quote from John Madgwick's invitation "we would welcome the opportunity of getting to know your members and enjoying their company during the games, and follow up with an afternoon tea, or perhaps biscuits and cheese and a glass of wine. We believe that personal inter-club contact is part of the charm of Croquet and look forward to hearing from you."

## **Etiquette and Laws:**

For newer members we will run occasional pieces in the newsletter on the laws and the etiquette of croquet. One of the situations that people often find difficult is when two games are being played on one lawn. Here is what the rules say:

The players of each game should be aware of the course of play in the other game, especially when stepping onto the court. In particular, they should avoid crossing another player's line of aim. Interference by balls or players of the other game is dealt with under Laws [33](#) and [34](#).

\*All players should carry suitable ball markers.

\* In doubles play, the striker's partner should be ready to mark balls in either game on the court.

\* One game should not normally be started within five minutes of the start of the other game.

**PRECEDENCE** Subject to Law [52\(c\)\(2\)](#), precedence should normally be given to players in the following order:

\* to a player who is making a break;

\* to a player who is most likely to get clear of the relevant area first;

\* to a player who will not require balls from another game to be marked and moved.

**MARKING BALLS** If a ball from another game might interfere with a player's next stroke:

\* if it is not in a critical position, the permission of the players of the other game should be obtained so that it may be temporarily removed after its position has been marked;

\* if it is in a critical position, the player should normally interrupt his turn until it has been removed in the normal course of play in the other game.



## PROGRAM FOR MAY 2008

Thursday	1	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	2	<b>Carers' Day - 10-12</b> Silver coaching 3.30-5.30 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.
Saturday	3	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	4	<b>Golf croquet 10 - 3</b>
Monday	5	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	6	
Wednesday	7	
Thursday	8	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games;
Friday	9	
Saturday	10	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	11	<b>Private hire: 10 - 4</b>
Monday	12	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	13	
Wednesday	14	
Thursday	15	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	16	<b>CAMMERAY BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT</b>
Saturday	17	<b>CAMMERAY BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT</b>
Sunday	18	<b>CAMMERAY BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT</b>
Monday	19	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	20	
Wednesday	21	
Thursday	22	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	23	
Saturday	24	<b>Committee Meeting 8.45 a.m.</b> 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	25	<b>Golf croquet 3 - 7 p.m. -plus coaching in Association Croquet</b>
Monday	26	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	27	
Wednesday	28	
Thursday	29	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	30	
Saturday	31	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games