

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Cammeray wins gold and bronze pennants!

Cammeray teams have won both the gold and bronze pennants competitions this year. Our Bronze 1 Team did especially well, with a relatively inexperienced team. They won their block, and then performed brilliantly in the final against Hurstville, who won the other block. The final was a best-of-three matches competition, but Cammeray won the first two matches 3-0 to win convincingly, with all our singles players pegging out.



Our winning bronze pennants team – Jake Henzler, Barbara McDonald (captain), David Stanton, Georgie Ofner and Gordon Schmidt.

Our Bronze 2 team also did creditably in the pennants competition, improving steadily as the tournament progressed.

Our gold team won the Gold Pennants last year, and it won again this year. There was a disappointing number of entries, so we played Mosman and Chatswood twice each. It was a close competition, with most matches decided by 2-1. We finally won a close match against Chatswood to win. Congratulations to our team of Stephen Howes, Neil Hardie, Fay Simpson and Lesley Fransen, and some help from Brian Smith of Eastwood.

Cammeray players do well in NSW Men's Singles

Sixteen of NSW top players entered this competition, four of them from Cammeray. Peter Landrebe won the top block, but lost a one-off final against Nick Macoun of Killara. Alan Walsh just missed out on reaching the semi-finals. Stephen Howes and Neil Hardie were the highest handicap players in the tournament, but did better than expected. Stephen won four games to come fourth in the lower block and did his first triple peel in a competition. Neil won three games and came fifth in the lower block. Both Stephen and Neil are now down to platinum.

Greek Barbecue on 15th August

Our President, Neil Hartley, writes from Toulouse:

We have social gatherings from time to time so that members can meet informally. I would like to try something different on the next occasion which will be a BBQ with a Greek flavour. My wife, Paree, will be the volunteer cook for this venture. Basically, the BBQ will still be the light lunch that we are familiar with but Paree will cook a few dishes from those that her mother taught her.

If this experiment is successful, I hope to find others among our membership who could contribute from their experience on another occasion; we will, of course, pay for the cost of ingredients. I do not want to call for a big effort from the cook but rather one or two dishes around which we can build a meal using other flavours that we can buy. For example, for the Greek occasion we will buy sausages from a Greek butcher and so on requiring no extra effort from the cook.

The 'Flavour of Greece' occasion will be held from 12 noon on Saturday 15th August and costs \$15. Please add your name to the list in the clubhouse if you want to come, or phone Mila on 9909-1818.

New Mallets purchased for club

Two new mallets have been bought by the club for hire to club members. One is a John Wood mallet which we had made by John Wood in Nowra. These are excellent mallets, and only cost \$160 including delivery. The other is an almost new George Wood mallet from New Zealand. These are among the most popular mallets in the world, and cost around \$180 new. Contact Di Loveday if you are interested in hiring either of these mallets. The cost for each is \$20 for 3 months.

Coaching Courses

Two coaching courses will be run at Cammeray this month. Cammeray is running a beginner coaching course in conjunction with Chatswood Croquet Club through the North Sydney Community Centre. Newcomers to the game will have their first two lessons at Cammeray on 3rd and 10th August, and the next four lessons at Chatswood. We are hoping that all those taking part will join Chatswood, as we have little room for new members.

Peter Landrebe, one of Australia's top players, is running the other coaching course, aimed at the club's top players. This will be on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m., and is by invitation only.

Cammeray Bronze Championships

There has been limited play in our bronze championships during the Pennants competition, but should become more intense now.

Locking up and leaving lights on

There are still instances of players going home leaving the club premises unlocked. Can all members ensure that both gates and both sheds and both clubhouse doors are locked before the last person leaves. Can they also check that the lights are turned out and the blinds pulled down.

Mixing croquet balls

We use two kinds of balls at Cammeray – Dawson 2000 balls for golf croquet, and Dawson International balls for association croquet. It is important that these are not mixed up, as they have different properties. If you use balls from a wooden box (these are Dawson 2000 balls) make sure they are put back in a wooden box. If you use balls from a black plastic box (these are Dawson Internationals) make sure they are put back in the black plastic box.

History of Cammeray Croquet Club

There are still five copies of the history of our club available in the clubhouse – cost \$10 each.

Non-croquet news

In one of the region's top bridge tournaments in Macau in June, Cammeray members Mike Hughes & Ted Griffin came second in the Asia Pacific Bridge Federation Seniors' Championships. A former Cammeray member, Bruce Neill, was also in the team.

Future events

In the second half of September we plan to run a high-low tournament on Thursday nights. A high-low tournament consists of doubles matches with a low-handicap player partnering a high-handicap player. It is a great learning experience for the high handicapper, and an interesting challenge for the low-handicapper. Make sure you keep Thursday nights free from 17th September, and start looking for a suitable partner. The rules for partnerships are that the handicap difference must be at least 6, and the combined handicaps must be in the range 16 to 28.

October 4th is when daylight saving starts, and then our popular twilight games will begin again on Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by wine and cheese and scintillating conversation.

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB PROGRAM: AUGUST 2009

Saturday	1	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	2	Golf croquet 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (special group)
Monday	3	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. (one lawn) NSCC Coaching 1.30- 3 p.m. (one lawn)
Tuesday	4	
Wednesday	5	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	6	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games 6-8 p.m. coaching sessions with Peter Landrebe
Friday	7	Carers' golf croquet 10-12
Saturday	8	Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Sunday	9	Golf croquet 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (special group)
Monday	10	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. (one lawn) NSCC Coaching 1.30-3 p.m. (one lawn)
Tuesday	11	
Wednesday	12	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	13	1.30-3.30 bronze games 6-8 p.m. coaching sessions with Peter Landrebe
Friday	14	Carers' golf croquet 10-12
Saturday	15	Committee Meeting 8.45 a.m. Greek Lunch 12 noon to 2 p.m. \$15 Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Sunday	16	Golf Croquet 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – all welcome
Monday	17	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	18	
Wednesday	19	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	20	1.30-3.30 bronze games 6-8 p.m. coaching sessions with Peter Landrebe
Friday	21	Carers' golf croquet 10-12
Saturday	22	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	23	Golf croquet 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (special group)
Monday	24	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	25	
Wednesday	26	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	27	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	28	Carers' golf croquet 10-12
Saturday	29	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	30	
Monday	31	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.