

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

April 2009:

<http://www.cammeray-croquet.org.au/>

Australian Championships

Cammeray had a major involvement in the Australian National Championships. Six of our members played in the tournament, and Cammeray hosted part of the Women's Plate event.

Peter Landrebe reached the final of the Men's Singles, where he won the first two games against Stephen Forster (the top seed) before losing 3 games to 2.

Our other five players were knocked out early and went in the Men's Plate. All of them did well – Neil Hartley won two games, including a fine win against Tony Hall; Stephen Howes and Ted Griffin won two games each in their block; while Alan Walsh and Mike Hughes went on to contest the finals of the plate, with Alan winning 26(TP) -9.

Our hosting of the Women's Plate was a great success, and the players congratulated us for the pleasant environment and good lawns.

Thanks to: referees: Warren, Claire, Neil; catering: Di, Georgie, Mila, Joan Altwasser; management: Pamela.



Alan Walsh playing for Tasmania against NSW



Peter Landrebe playing for NSW against Tasmania at Mosman

Beginners' Tournament

This was an exciting and enjoyable competition with a record 14 entries - Kerri Cashman; Steve Baxter; Viv Hessey; Michelle Nixon; Greg Cashman; Matt Carden; Jon Nixon; Penny Garrett; Gordon Schmidt; Rosemary Crawley; Peter George; David Stanton; Jan Beutel; John Coleman. Some of the players were off-form and did not show the ability from practice sessions, while others demonstrated impressive skills after very few games.

We had four blocks, and the winner of each block went into the semi-finals.

Unfortunately two of the block winners – Greg Cashman and Gordon Schmidt – were unable to play in the finals, so the runners-up took their place.

The semi-finals were hard fought. In the first, Matt Carden beat Kerri Cashman convincingly by 18-5, while in the other semi-final there was a nail-biting finish as Peter

George was one hoop behind John Coleman when the bell went, but scored a hoop in the next turn. As scores were now level, play continued through several turns, with missed opportunities on both sides, until Peter scored a hoop to win 9-8. The final between Matt and Peter was close in the early stages, but Matt steadily edged ahead, and finally won by a clear margin of 18-5.



Matt Carden on his way to winning



Peter George ponders a shot in the final

Congratulations to Matt Carden for his win, and thanks to all those who played for making it such a pleasant tournament. Thanks also to the referees and organisers who put so much effort in to this event – Dennis Faggotter, Stephen Howes, Pamela Hardie, Fay Simpson, Lesley Fransen, Warren Yates, Ken Clapp and Claire Givney. Cammeray seems to have acquired a large number of promising players recently!

Barbecue

On Sunday 8th March there was a barbecue to celebrate the finals of the Beginner Tournament. In spite of light showers, there was a good turn-up, excellent food, and good croquet to watch. Thanks to Di, Pamela, Rosemary, Mila and many others for their work.

Centenary Lunch

As part of our centenary celebrations we are having a grand lunch at Northbridge Golf Club. We urge all members - and their partners - to come along and join in the festivities for this notable occasion. It will be on Friday 19th June at 12.30p.m., and the cost will be \$40. More details in the next Newsletter.

Wednesday Night Bronze Play

We have decided to set up a new Bronze Session on Wednesday nights from 6.30 p.m. onwards. Do come along and try your skills against other players. We have a number of people who can only play in the evening, so this is especially aimed at them, but all other bronze players are welcome. This will be suspended when Bronze Invitation Evenings occur on the 3rd Wednesday during summer.

Painting of Clubhouse

Members will have noticed that the outside of the clubhouse has been painted, and now looks splendid. We are grateful to North Sydney Council for organising this.

End of twilight

With the end of daylight saving on 6th April, our Twilight Games come to an end until next summer.

Winners

Fay Simpson won Block B at the popular Bundanoon Carnival, winning all her games. In the Cheltenham Carnival, Lesley Fransen won her block with Bebe Abdullah second; Stephen Howes won his block, with John Fransen second.

The Wright Trophy - Presentation Ceremony

This tournament is building up to a great climax, with Jake Henzler, Lesley Fransen, John Fransen and Gareth Bushill vying for the lead. We will have one final session on Tuesday night 28th April from 6.30 to 8 p.m., then we will have wine and cheese and the presentation of the Wright Trophy by Pat Wright, who has donated the trophy. All members are welcome to come along and watch – the cost will be \$5 per person.

Super-sopper

We finally got to use our Super-Sopper when the sprinkler system malfunctioned, producing pools on lawn 2. Twenty minutes with the super-sopper and all the surface water was removed, and the lawns were playable.

Club Championship

The Club Championship will start at the end of March, as it has to be finished by 14th May in time for the Cammeray entry into the Champion of Champions Trophy. If you wish to enter, please put your name down on the entry form in the clubhouse, or contact Neil Hardie on nhardie@ozemail.com.au . Closing date for entries is 10th April.

Other News

Jake Henzler had a birthday party recently, and organised a cake with a croquet theme:



Cammeray Birthday Tournament

Our annual Birthday Tournament will be 22nd to 24th May. This will be a special tournament for our centenary birthday. See the website for details.

Coaching

We are planning some more coaching sessions for our members. Would anyone who would like to participate contact Neil Hardie on 9958-7261, email nhardie@ozemail.com.au by 15th April.

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB PROGRAM: APRIL 2009

Wednesday	1	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	2	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	3	
Saturday	4	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Sunday	5	Golf croquet 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (special group) Private hire 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday	6	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	7	Egyptian Tournament 6.30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Wednesday	8	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	9	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	10	
Saturday	11	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	12	Golf croquet 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (special group)
Monday	13	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	14	Egyptian Tournament 6.30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Wednesday	15	Bronze invitation evening 6.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Thursday	16	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	17	
Saturday	18	Committee Meeting 8.45 a.m. Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Sunday	19	Golf Croquet 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - all welcome Private hire 3 - 6 p.m.
Monday	20	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	21	Egyptian Tournament 6.30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Wednesday	22	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	23	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	24	
Saturday	25	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	26	Golf croquet 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (special group)
Monday	27	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	28	Egyptian Tournament 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m. - final session Wright Trophy presentation 8 p.m. with wine and cheese - \$5
Wednesday	29	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	30	1.30-3.30 bronze games

Future events: Centenary Lunch Friday 19th June at 12.30
 Birthday Tournament 22-24 May