



# Cammeray Croquet Club



## NEWSLETTER February 2010

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

### Annual General Meeting – Saturday 20 February, 10:00 am

The next major event for the club is the Annual General Meeting, which will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday 20 February at 10 a.m. Please come to this meeting – we need a quorum to make it official. It is also an interesting occasion, when we elect a new committee, and report on the past year. There will be coffee and refreshments after the meeting, and croquet later for those who want it.



The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Minutes of last AGM, held 14 February 2009.
2. Reports from President, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Election of new committee.
4. Appointment of auditor and public officer
5. Any other business.

New Committee – we always want new people with fresh ideas on the committee. If you know of someone who would be interested, or if you would like to stand for election yourself, contact Mila Kotala on 9909-1818 or Neil Hartley on 9922-1937.

### Special General Meeting

Immediately following the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 20 February, there will be a Special Meeting of members to give consideration to various capital expenditure proposals. These include:

- a practice lawn between the clubhouse and the football dressing shed;
- a pavilion to the west of the clubhouse, between the clubhouse and the olive trees; and
- solar panels on the northern side of the roof to provide electricity for use in the clubhouse and possible sale back into the grid.

Detailed proposals will be made available at the meeting, and will also be available on the website prior to the meeting. Plans for the pavilion are included in this newsletter.

### Committee Meeting

Newly-elected committee members are reminded that there will be a committee meeting immediately after the Special Meeting.

### Changes of Address, Telephone Number etc

If you have changed any of your contact details recently, please let our hard-working secretary, Mila Kotala (phone 9909-1818) know your new details.

### **STOP PRESS – LAWNS UNAVAILABLE ON SUNDAY 31 JANUARY**

***The NSW State Team will be practising at Cammeray all day  
on Sunday 31 January, so no other play will be possible.***

Members are encouraged to come along and watch – you are sure to see some excellent croquet!

## **Croquet NSW Gala Day – Friday 5 February**

Croquet NSW will be holding its annual Gala Day at Mackey Park, Tempe (UBD map 274, Q1), on Friday 5 February. Entry Fee is \$5, and there will be a number of fun, interesting and challenging games available for your enjoyment. Each game has a prize for the winner, and Cammeray is hosting the Bagatelle game. Bring your own lunch, \$5 and your mallet, come along and have a fun day out. Mackey Park is right beside Tempe railway station, so getting there is fairly easy.

## **Refereeing**

Neil Hardie is planning to give a seminar on the rules of Association Croquet on Saturday 6th February 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Bring your queries along, and find out more about the rules and how to referee a game.

## **Golf Croquet Tournament – Sunday 21 February, 9:30 am**

Closing date for entries: 14<sup>th</sup> February. Play will continue at night if required. If necessary (i.e. if we get a large number of entries), we will play the knockout rounds on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 pm onwards.

**Rules:** There will be round-robin play in blocks, then a knockout round (probably semi-finals and finals). These will be best of 3 games, 13 point (i.e. first to 7 hoops wins). There will be a time-limit of 45 minutes for all games.

**Handicaps:** The tournament will be played with bisques. As most of the entrants will not have played competitive golf croquet before, and do not have AHS Cards, we plan to assign handicaps for this tournament based on gradings in Association Croquet and experience in golf croquet. We will publish the formula for this shortly.

(Note that you cannot score a hoop after taking a bisque.)

Golf croquet AHS cards will NOT be used for this event.

**To enter:** Put your name on list in clubhouse, email Neil Hardie at [nhardie@ozemail.com.au](mailto:nhardie@ozemail.com.au) or enter via the Cammeray Croquet Club website.

Entry cost: \$7 (includes sandwiches on Sunday.)

Copies of the rules of golf croquet will be in the clubhouse, and the following article taken from the Tunbridge Wells Croquet Club will help those whose experience of golf croquet is limited.

## **Using bisques in Golf Croquet**

When two players have a 13 point game of golf croquet you find the difference between your two handicaps and the higher handicap player has that number of bisques. You can use a bisque when you have completed your normal turn, by saying that you intend to take a bisque. You can change your mind and not take one. You cannot take one if the next person has played.

**You cannot use a bisque to score a hoop, so the best uses are:**

1. If you tried to get into the jaws of the hoop and failed you can move to a better position in the jaws, but **don't** go through, or it wouldn't count.
2. If you wanted to obstruct an opponent ball and weren't quite in line you could move to where you now would like to be e.g. in the jaws of the hoop might be a better idea than obstructing.
3. If you ran a hoop hard and wanted to get close to the next one you could take a bisque and position yourself in front of the hoop.
4. If, in clearing an opponent ball away, you also were in a bad position you might want to get in position because both opponent balls were out of the way and might therefore not be able to hit your ball before its next turn.
5. If an opponent ball is in the jaws, ready to run the hoop, and your ball would only knock it through, then you can put your ball on the far side of the hoop in your normal turn and then take a bisque and knock the opponent ball firmly out of the hoop – possibly taking position to run the hoop into the bargain.

## **Stephen Howes Award – Most Improved Player for 2009**

I omitted to report in the January newsletter that Georgie Ofner was the winner of the Stephen Howes award for 2009, which was presented to her at the Christmas party by our President, Neil Hartley. Congratulations Georgie.

## **Boundary Fence to West and North of Lawn 1**

Construction has started on a 15 cm high wooden boundary fence on the western and northern boundaries of lawn 1 (southern and western boundaries in croquet terms!). The hope is that this fence will prevent balls going under the wire fence and rolling down on to the football field, and that it will prevent balls leaving the lawn and disappearing under the clubhouse. David Stanton is building this fence, ably assisted by Neil Hartley, and the completion date has been set back a few weeks by David's partly-successful attempt to remove his finger with a circular saw!

When completed, the fence will have a lift-out portion to permit access for vehicles through the gates from the football field, and a gate to permit trolleys and the super-sopper to be wheeled onto the playing area from the shed. It will start at the end of the timber fence on the western boundary, run north along that fence to the corner behind the light pole, then east in front of the clubhouse to near the light pole on the north-east corner.

## **Friday Morning Handicap Games**

Starting on Friday 29 January, Friday mornings have been set aside for organised games for all grades, played using bisques. Games will be decided by draw amongst those present by 9:25 am.

## **The Wright Trophy - An Egyptian Night Tournament**

This tournament will be played every Thursday and Sunday night in March at Cammeray, except when other events are being held. The games will be 90 minutes, 18 point, stop on the bell, handicap. Clips will start on hoop 5.

Two games will be played each night. The first session will start at 6:30 pm and end at 8 pm. The second game will be from 8:15 pm to 9:45 pm. A warm-up will be permitted at 6.25 p.m. before the first session. AHS cards will not be used.

In Egyptian tournaments there is no draw; people play against whoever turns up on the night. You can come along whenever you are free, and you can enter the tournament at any time up to the end of March. The winner is the person whose rating has increased most during the tournament. This is a handicap tournament, but with advanced play (lifts and contact).

Just come along on any Thursday or Sunday night in March and try your luck in this tournament. For further information, contact Barbara McDonald on 9958-5764.

## **Cammeray Summertime Tournament**

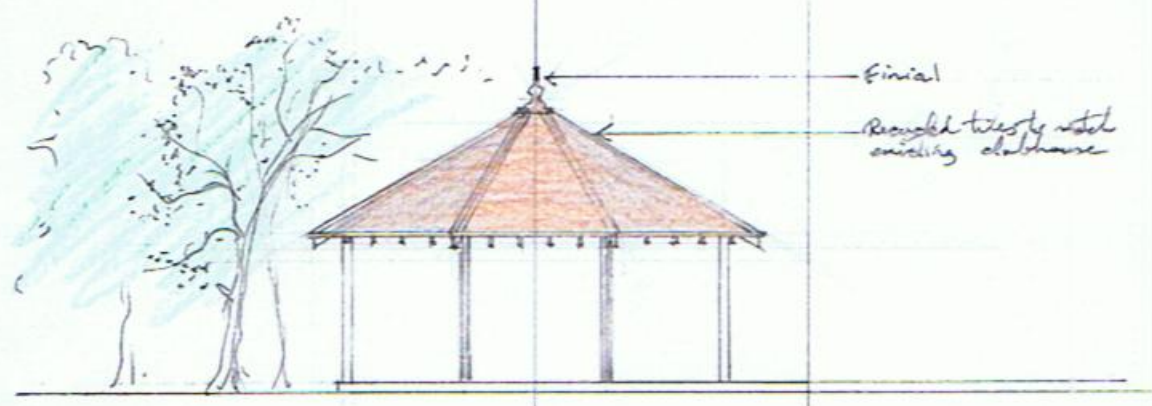
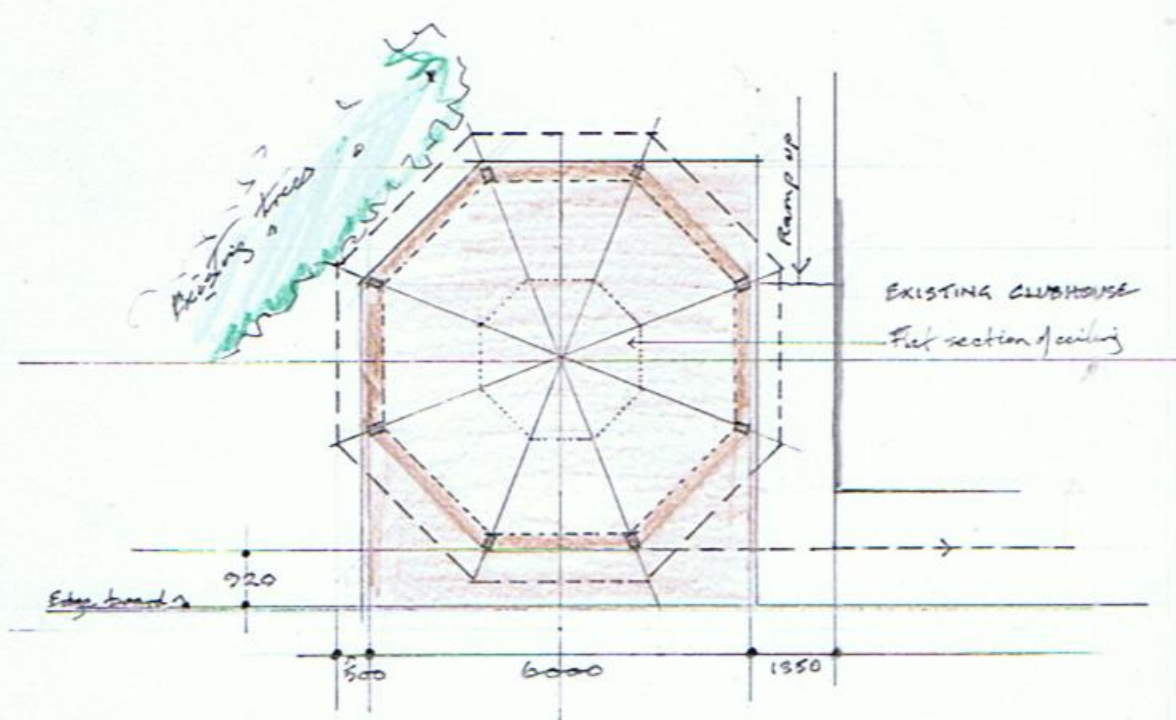
After a break over Christmas and New Year, this tournament is nearing its completion, with the final regular round of matches being played on Tuesday 23 February. Semi-finals will be played on Tuesday 2 March, and the final will be on Saturday 6 March, commencing at 10 am.

## **Delay in Link with Wollstonecraft Bowling and Recreation Club**

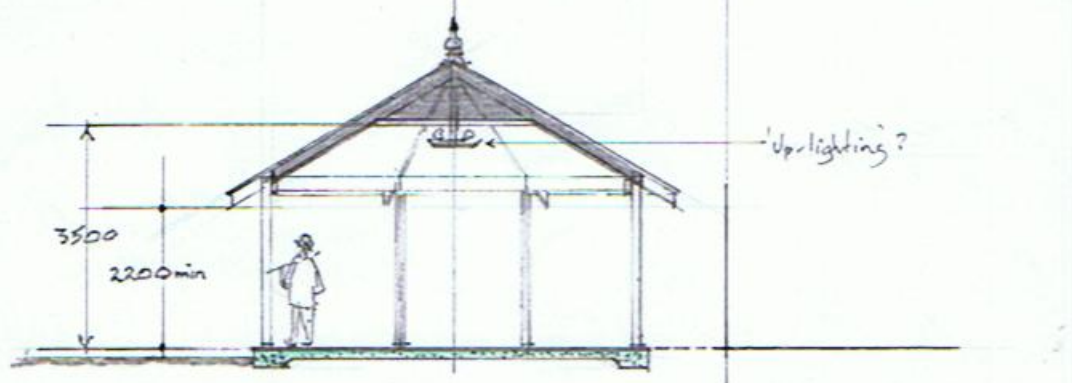
Cammeray Croquet Club has been looking at helping the Wollstonecraft Bowling and Recreation Club set up golf croquet at their premises in Russell St off River Road. However, this project has been delayed due to problems in getting the lawn area up to the standard required for croquet. The lawn area concerned has not been used by the bowlers for some time, and needs top-dressing and other work before it can be used. We will keep members posted on developments with this project.

## **Proposed Pavilion**

Draft plans for the proposed pavilion have been drawn up by Peter Webber, retired Professor of Architecture at Sydney University, and a good friend to Neil Hartley. They are reproduced on the next page.



SOUTH ELEVATION



CROSS SECTION  
NEW PAVILION  
R. Williams Jan 2010  
Scale 1:100



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## PROGRAM: January - February 2010

	8-4.5	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-9.30
Friday 29 Jan		Handicap games (all grades)												
Saturday 30 Jan							Bronze games							
Sunday 31 Jan	NSW State Team Practice -- lawns unavailable													
Monday 1		Games for all grades					Bronze games			Twilight games		Wine & cheese...		
Tuesday 2												Summertime tournament		
Wednesday 3	Lawn mowing					Senior Citizens Tournament						Bronze games		
Thursday 4							Bronze games							
Friday 5		Handicap games (all grades)												
Saturday 6							Bronze games		Rules Seminar					
Sunday 7	Golf Croquet (Denis Rolles' group)													
Monday 8		Games for all grades					Bronze games			Twilight games		Wine & cheese...		
Tuesday 9												Summertime tournament		
Wednesday 10	Lawn mowing					Senior Citizens Tournament						Bronze games		
Thursday 11							Bronze games							
Friday 12		Handicap games (all grades)										Golf croquet (all welcome)		
Saturday 13							Bronze games		Private hire					
Sunday 14	Golf Croquet (Lyndey Milan's group)													
Monday 15		Games for all grades					Bronze games			Twilight games		Wine & cheese...		
Tuesday 16												Summertime tournament		
Wednesday 17	Lawn mowing					Senior Citizens Tournament						Bronze games		
Thursday 18							Bronze games							
Friday 19		Handicap games (all grades)												
Saturday 20	AGM, Special Meeting & Committee Meeting						Bronze games							
Sunday 21	Golf Croquet Tournament (round robin games)													
Monday 22		Games for all grades					Bronze games			Twilight games		Wine & cheese...		
Tuesday 23												Summertime tournament		
Wednesday 24	Lawn mowing					Senior Citizens Tournament						Golf Croquet Tournament KO		
Thursday 25							Bronze games					Golf Croquet Tournament KO		
Friday 26		Handicap games (all grades)												
Saturday 27							Bronze games							
Sunday 28								Golf Croquet <1 lawn> (Jake Henzler's group)						

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|  | Lawns available for independent play |  | Bronze games                        |
|  | Carers                               |  | Committee meeting (lawns available) |
|  | Games for all grades                 |  | Golf croquet                        |
|  | Summertime tournament                |  | Lawn mowing and maintenance         |
|  | Private hire                         |  | Twilight games (all grades)         |
|  | Wine & cheese (lawns available)      |  | Senior Citizens Tournament          |