



# Cammeray Croquet Club



## NEWSLETTER June 2010

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

### Cammeray Birthday Tournament

This tournament was run from Friday 21 May to Sunday 23 May, under very trying conditions. There was a rather disappointing (in quantity, not quality) field of only six players, three from Cammeray and three from other clubs. Round robin games were played on Friday at Cammeray, and three games were started at 8:30 on Saturday morning, despite heavy rain overnight. Great work on the super-sopper and with spades to clear drains by Neil and Pamela Hardie, Neil Hartley, Barbara McDonald and Alan Walsh enabled these games to get started, but after about an hour it was obvious that they would have to be suspended. These three games were transferred to Mosman to be completed, with another three games being played there on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning, Alan Walsh did a lawn inspection at Cammeray and decided that the two remaining round robin games should also be moved to Mosman. While that was happening Alan applied himself once again to the super-sopper to ensure that lawn 2 at Cammeray was playable for the final. The final started on time at 11:30 am, between Brian Smith (undefeated in his 5 round robin games) and David Stanton (4 wins from 5). After one slight interruption for some more super-sopping, and a bit more super-sopping while the game was in progress, David won with a score of 25-15.



Wet lawns on Sunday



Mal Russell on Saturday



Brian playing in the final



David playing in the final



David receiving the trophy from Neil Hartley

While the final was being played, a sumptuous feast was being enjoyed by about 20 members in the warmth of the clubhouse. Many thanks to all those who were instrumental in preparing and presenting this meal, and in tidying up afterwards. These include Neil and Patee Hartley, Mila Kotala and Bebe Abdullah. Neil did a masterful job on our new barbecue, braving wind, rain and cold to prepare the hot food.

## Report by Social Secretary (Neil Hartley) on Birthday Tournament Barbecue Lunch

We have been hampered in the past by lack of cooking facilities. Now, however, we have a whiz-bang BBQ (loaned by David Stanton) that has a wok burner, grill, hotplate and lid. To celebrate, we cooked sausages on the grill and steamed dim sims over the wok burner. Here was the menu – a bargain at \$15:

		<u>From</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Starters:	Dips: Spinach Hummus	Mila Paree	Europe Mediterranean
Entrée:	Dim Sims Famous pan fried pork buns Prawn dumplings	Ho's Kitchen New Shanghai Chatswood	China
Main:	Sausages Potato Salad Spinach Pita Pie Tzatziki (cucumber and yoghurt)	Supermarket Mila Paree Paree	Europe Greece (Kythera) Greece
Afters:	Grapes	Markets	
Wine:	Cabernet Sauvignon Riesling	Wine Society Wine Society	Regional Selection Regional Selection

We are hopeful that we can tap the knowledge, skill and generosity of our members to contribute to our next BBQ which will be a winter one. Please talk to Neil Hartley about this. We, of course, pay all costs of ingredients.

Thanks to Mila and Paree for their contributions, to Cindy for her suggestions and selection of dim sims and to Bebe for her assistance.

## New Members

Welcome to four new members whose applications for full membership were accepted at the committee meeting on 15 May. They are Catherine Bentivoglio, Robyn King, Roger Liles and Jocelyn McGrath, and they are all graduates of Neil Hardie's beginner coaching course run during April and May.

## Padlocks

The padlock from the Park Avenue gate was stolen recently. A replacement is being purchased, and the plan is to weld a chain to the padlock and to the gate, at both gates, so that this cannot happen again. Until such time as this happens, members are asked to lock the padlock after entering as well as after leaving.

## Cammeray Tournaments

### 1. High-Low Doubles Tournament

This tournament was won by Brian Smith & Warren Yates, who were undefeated.

### 2. Club Championship

This competition has been taking place as players are available over the last couple of months, with Mike Hughes and Ted Griffin each having four wins from four games. They decided not to play their round-robin match, and to proceed straight to the final match over the best of three games on Tuesday 25 May. These games started at 9 am and finished at 5 pm, with Mike victorious two games to one.

Mike reports:

"Game 1 Ted won the toss and took play. I chose R/Y (as it happened, appears to be the most important decision of the day). Standard opening, I missed the tice on turn 4, and after a bit of to-ing and fro-ing with Ted in charge, he ran 9. I missed the lift, and Ted started a triple peel. He was in great shape after having done the first peel, but on setting up the second peel (at hoop 6) his take-off back to hoop 5 (yet to be run) left him wired, letting me in. I ran 9, from there, he missed the lift, and I ran 12. He missed the lift again, giving me a straightforward finish, but culpably I missed a short roquet after making penultimate. Ted ran his forward ball to peg (not giving a lift, since he started at penult), leaving me a long shot. I missed, and he ran a tidy break until, attempting to rush his pioneer to 4-back, he faulted, hitting another ball with his mallet as he swung at the target ball. That left me an easy finish. (R/Y 1; B/B 0) 26-22 to Mike.

Game 2 I chose play. Ted did the obvious thing and chose R/Y (he thinks his short term memory is better than mine). Again standard opening, but I shot at his tice & missed. He had control, but failed to make hoop 1 leaving me the lawn. I ran a comfortable 6, but then missed (another) short roquet (memo to self - must remember to stop doing that). Ted ran an impeccable 9, I missed the lift, Ted ran his next 12, I missed again, and this time no errors from Ted as he finished. One game all (but R/Y 2, B/B 0). 26-6 to Ted.

Game 3 Ted chose to take play (clearcut error - he should have chosen R/Y). I played duffers tice (2nd player puts his ball beside hoop 6, rather than in standard tice position: leaves a shorter shot on turn 4, and if opener shoots at it, he has to shoot softly - NOT named after duffer players, but a player named Duff). I hit the tice on turn 4, and set up. Ted played dry form several moves as I ran a hoop at a time, but eventually (in taking off to his ball on the boundary near hoop 3, from corner 4) I went out (we were playing on lawn 2: I know there is a savage run-off on the bottom half of the lawn, didn't realise it applied to the top half as well). This gave Ted control, and I played dry in response (nerves were clearly in evidence: both of us had chances to make a break, but poor rushes, poor hoop approaches and cowardice in front of 50-50 hoops meant we both played defensively). After about an hour (of 3 hours 2 minutes left on the clock) I was up 6-3: glad there was no audience. I finally hit in, ran 9, and then ran 12 after Ted missed the lift. I had an easy finish, but bombed 4-back with the lawn set up. That left Ted well behind on hoops, but in control. He ran several hoops, but broke down at 2-back (tricky hoop run). With time running short, I played defensively for 15 minutes or so (very Aunt Emma: put him as far away as possible and pair up). Ted eventually hit, but time was too short, and in a desperate attempt to pull off some unlikely peels he broke down (after time had expired) leaving me an easy finish 26-11. Two one to me (but R/Y 3, B/B 0).

Overall I think we were both fairly happy with our play in games 1 & 2. Perhaps 2 errors each in game 1, 1 each in game 2 (Ted in particular never looked like breaking down in game 2, running a very clean 9,12,5 once I made my one error). Game 3 was error strewn: tiredness and tension were clearly evident. We both played much more defensively, and made several pretty basic errors each. The game was played in good spirit (no surprises there) and the lawn was in very good nick considering the weather we have had. Thanks to Alan Walsh who, after a weekend on the super-sopper to make the Birthday tournament playable, was up at Cammeray on the morning of the final to set up the lawn."

## **Bronze Pennants**

The Croquet NSW Bronze Pennants get under way this month, and Cammeray has entered one team. We originally entered two teams, but David Stanton's handicap dropped to 11 as a result of winning the Birthday Tournament, making him ineligible. Requests for additional team members have not been successful, so we have unfortunately had to withdraw one team. Our team is Warren Yates (captain), Peter George, Graham Maynard, Sue Nicholas, Georgie Ofner and David Surridge.

Dennis Faggotter is once again running special coaching sessions for the Bronze pennants team members, each Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 pm to 5 pm. This will continue during the pennants season, the aim being that our team will be primed for action on Thursday morning after an informative session with Dennis on Wednesday afternoon.

At this stage there will be home games for Cammeray on Thursday mornings on 10 June, 8 July and 15 July, between 10 am and 12:30 pm. Away games will be at Hurstville on 17 June, Sutherland on 24 June and Strathfield on 1 July. The team would appreciate some support from members, particularly at home games, so come along if you can and cheer them on.

## **Refurbishment of Toilet**

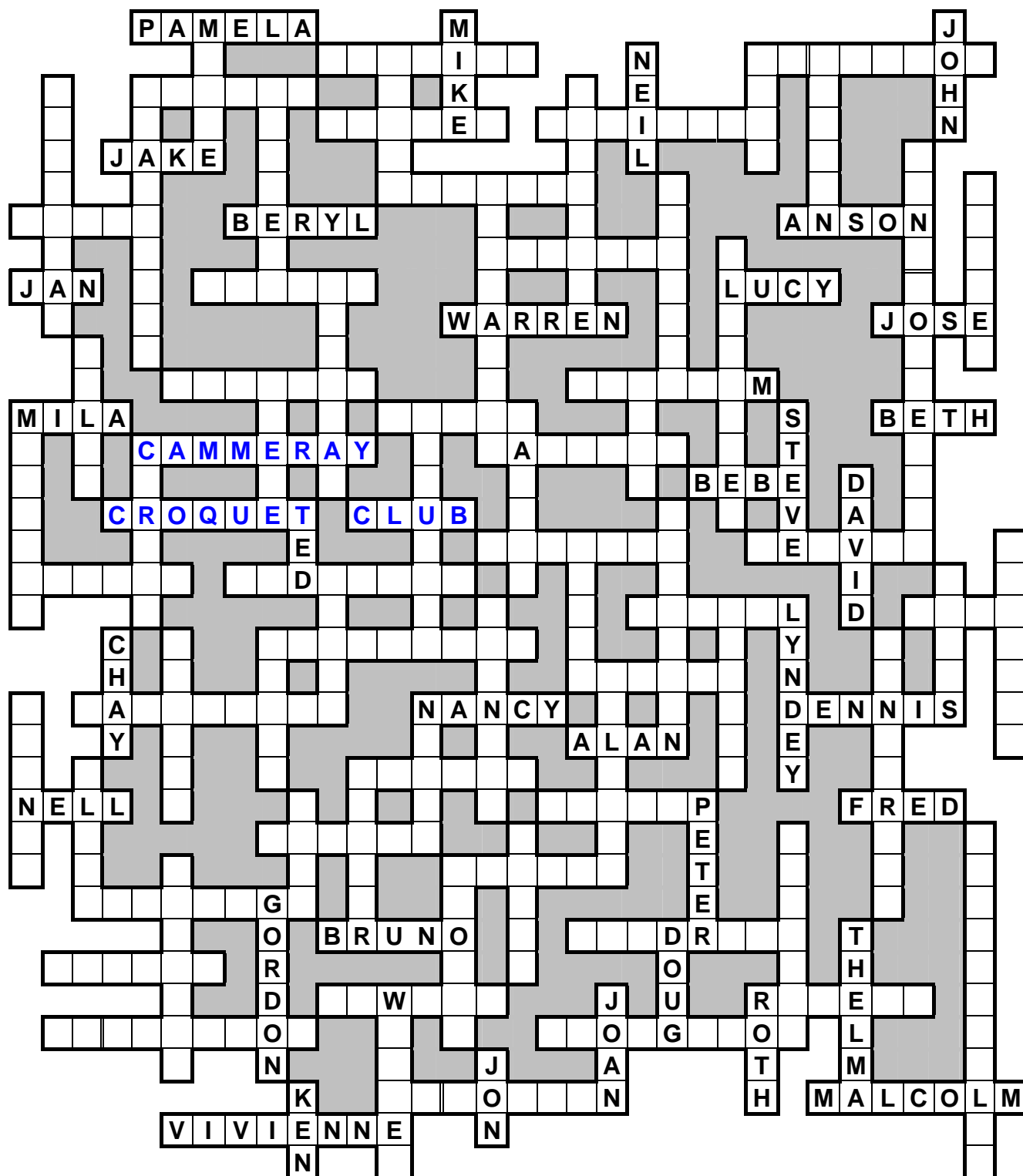
A sub-committee made up of Pamela Hardie, Georgie Ofner, Graham Maynard and Michelle Nixon reported to the May committee meeting on their recommendations for refurbishing the clubhouse toilet. The Council's officer has visited the club and he can agree with most of the recommendations. With their budget for 2010/2011 already set they will look for a contribution from the Club.

## **Solar Panels**

Also at the May committee meeting, Warren Yates submitted two quotes for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the clubhouse, and advised that he was expecting a third quote to arrive soon. The plan is to install the panels to generate electricity back into the grid, for which we will be paid approximately \$200 each quarter. The likely cost is about \$5,000, and we should recoup that within about six years, perhaps even earlier if electricity prices rise as quickly as some have forecast.

## Membership Crossword

How well do you know your fellow club members? This crossword contains the surnames of all current members (as at 26 May), all life members and the name of the developer of our website, Ron WIEBE. There are also a few given names and other letters added, to give you a start. Names of all life members are on the board in the clubhouse, but to make it easier the surnames of those who are not current members are A'DAMES, HENDERSON, LEAVER, MARTIN, ROGERS and SANZ TONNELIER (although Jose is, of course, still a member under his new name). All you need to do is fit the surnames into the grid in such a way that they all fit. There are no repeats for families with more than one member, so, for example, NIXON appears once, not twice.



There will be a modest prize for the first correct answer received either by email to [david@dsapl.net](mailto:david@dsapl.net) or in paper form to David Stanton, either posted to 25 Heights Crescent, Middle Cove 2068, or personally delivered at the club. Solution next month.

## **Mila Kotala**

Many members will be aware that our Secretary, Mila Kotala, has been suffering from pretty severe back pain for a number of months. Mila is now going to have fusion surgery on Friday 4 June, at North Shore Private Hospital. I am sure we all join in wishing her a full and speedy recovery.

As Mila is likely to be out of action for a number of weeks, Assistant Secretary Warren Yates will take on the role of Secretary until she returns.

## **Bronze and Silver Singles Championships**

These two club competitions will be run over the next month or two. Entries are now open, either on the website or on the form in the clubhouse.

It is expected that there will be one block in the Silver Singles, playing a full round robin of Advanced Level 26-point games. A final will be played between the top two players as determined by games won and (if games are equal) net hoops. Entries for the Silver Singles close on 15 June 2010.

The format of the Bronze Singles will depend upon the number of entries, with play in more than one block possible. Games will be normal 18-point games, hoops 1 to 6, 1-back, 2-back and peg. Entries for the Bronze Singles close on 22 June 2010.

## **Beginner Coaching**

Neil Hardie will be running another beginner coaching course starting early in June, probably Tuesday 8 June. At this stage, there is still room for another four or five participants, so if you know anybody who would like to take part, get them to contact Neil on 9958-7261 or at [nhardie@ozemail.com.au](mailto:nhardie@ozemail.com.au). Cost is \$60.

## **NSW Men's Open Singles Championship, 27-30 May**

This year's Championship attracted an extremely strong field of 19 players with only 5 of the players having a handicap above zero. The field included two members of the Australian MacRobertson Shield Team. Five Cammeray members played, Peter Landrebe (captain of the Australian team), Neil Hardie, Stephen Howes, Mike Hughes and Alan Walsh. The field was divided into two blocks with games being played at Tempe, Chatswood, Cammeray and Mosman.

In the qualifying rounds Alan won 6 of his 8 games, beating the top 3 seeds and finishing 2nd in his block.

Mike won 5 out of 9, beating the top 2 seeds in his block but just missing out on the quarter-finals. Peter won 6 of his 9 games and ran 4th in his block.

In the quarter-finals Alan lost to Alan Honey while Peter beat Kevin Beard. Peter went on to beat Stephen Richards in the semi-final, and Jim Nicholls in the final. Congratulations, Peter.



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## PROGRAM: June 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
Tuesday 1														
Wednesday 2	Lawn mowing								Bronze Pennants Coaching			Bronze games		
Thursday 3								Bronze games						
Friday 4			Handicap games (all grades)											
Saturday 5								Bronze games		Private hire				
Sunday 6			Golf Croquet (Denis Rolles' group)											
Monday 7			Games for all grades					Bronze games						
Tuesday 8									Beginner Coaching <1 lawn>					
Wednesday 9	Lawn mowing								Bronze Pennants Coaching			Bronze games		
Thursday 10			Bronze Pennants -v- Strathfield					Bronze games						
Friday 11			Handicap games (all grades)									Golf croquet (all welcome)		
Saturday 12								Bronze games						
Sunday 13			Golf Croquet (Lyndey Milan's group)											
Monday 14			Games for all grades					Bronze games						
Tuesday 15									Beginner Coaching <1 lawn>					
Wednesday 16	Lawn mowing								Bronze Pennants Coaching			Bronze games		
Thursday 17								Bronze games						
Friday 18			Handicap games (all grades)											
Saturday 19	Committee meeting							Bronze games						
Sunday 20			Golf Croquet (all welcome)											
Monday 21			Games for all grades					Bronze games						
Tuesday 22									Beginner Coaching <1 lawn>					
Wednesday 23	Lawn mowing								Bronze Pennants Coaching			Bronze games		
Thursday 24								Bronze games						
Friday 25			Handicap games (all grades)											
Saturday 26								Bronze games						
Sunday 27									Golf Croquet <1 lawn> (Jake Henzler's group)					
Monday 28			Games for all grades					Bronze games						
Tuesday 29									Beginner Coaching <1 lawn>					
Wednesday 30	Lawn mowing								Bronze Pennants Coaching			Bronze games		

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|  | Lawns available for independent play |  | Bronze games                        |
|  | Wine & cheese (lawns available)      |  | Committee meeting (lawns available) |
|  | Games for all grades                 |  | Golf croquet                        |
|  | Tournaments                          |  | Lawn mowing and maintenance         |
|  | Private hire                         |  | Coaching Sessions                   |