



Cammeray Croquet Club



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

Christmas Party – Saturday 12 December

A delightful Christmas party was held on 12th December. This year we changed the format, having finger food from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. rather than a sit-down lunch, and this proved very successful, with a cheerful informality prevailing, as can be seen from the photo below.



Many thanks to Rosemary, Penny, Joan, David, Paree, Pamela, Nell, Mila, Neil Hartley, Michelle and others who provided food; and to Shirley, Bebe and Joan Altwasser who worked hard in the kitchen; and above all to Georgie Ofner and Di Loveday who organised and managed the whole event.

Australian wins world championship!

Alix Verge of NSW has won the Women's World Golf Croquet Championship held in Melbourne recently. Golf croquet has been dominated by Egyptian players, and in the quarter-finals there were six Egyptians, one New Zealander (Jenny Clark) and Alix. Alix won through to the finals where she played Iman Elfaransawi. The finals were best of five games. with each game won by the first player to seven hoops. The first four games were 7-6, 5-7, 3-7, 7-6, and in the final Alix was down 3-6. She came back to 6-all, so the next hoop would decide the title. Iman was three inches in front of the hoop, while Alix was on the boundary – at which point she played one of the finest shots ever seen in croquet, jumping over the Egyptian ball to score the hoop (see pictures below).



Alix told us that ever since she was chosen to represent Australia in the event, she had a recurring dream where she was playing in the final with the score two games all and six hoops all, and she won with a jump shot. Congratulations to Alix, the first ever Australian world champion at croquet!



Good Performances by Cammeray Members

Once again, Cammeray dominated the awards ceremony at the Croquet NSW Christmas party, coming away with 20 prizes.

Event	Winner
Gold Singles	Stephen Howes
Gold Doubles	Stephen Howes and Neil Hardie
Gold Brooch	Stephen Howes; runner-up Neil Hartley
Platinum Brooch	Alan Walsh
Bronze Pennants	Cammeray
Gold Pennants	Cammeray
Win Dickenson Memorial Trophy	Lesley Fransen
Bronze Handicap Singles	Bebe Abdullah
Silver Handicap Singles	runner-up Barbara McDonald
NSW Men's Open	runner-up Peter Landrebe
NSW Open Singles	Peter Landrebe
NSW Open Doubles	runner-up Alan Walsh (with Mike Jenner)
NSW Open Y event	Ted Griffin; runner-up Mike Hughes
NSW Open Golf Doubles	Peter Landrebe (with Martyn Prins)
NSW Open Golf Singles	Peter Landrebe
NSW Men's Singles Golf	Peter Landrebe
ACA Bronze Medal	Peter Landrebe
NSW Golf Division 2 Doubles	Lesley Fransen (with Ros Johnstone)



Some of the prizes won by Cammeray members.

Refereeing

Neil Hardie has been appointed an examining referee by Croquet NSW – congratulations, Neil!

Duties of examining referees include running training courses and conducting examinations. Neil plans to conduct some seminars on the laws in the New Year – contact him if you are interested on 9958-7261 or nhardie@ozemail.com.au

Possible Link with Wollstonecraft Bowling and Recreation Club

As reported in last month's Newsletter, Cammeray Croquet Club is having discussions with the Wollstonecraft Bowling and Recreation Club at 7 Russell St, Wollstonecraft – off River Road. We had hoped to start golf croquet there in January, but the lawn there needs more work before it can be used – so we are now hoping that the golf croquet can begin in February. We will let you know of any developments.

Senior Citizens' Competition

Each year in March, Croquet NSW holds a Senior Citizens Tournament. Each club selects its representative for this. This year we have decided to have a competition to decide who our representative should be. It is a great opportunity to play against some of the leading players in the state.

The CNSW tournament is open to players over 55, and the games are handicap to a base of 5 – thus, if you have a handicap of 18, you get $18 - 5 = 13$ bisques, whatever your opponent's handicap is (unless your opponent's handicap is below 5, in which case you get the difference).

Our competition will be to the same rules, but is open only to bronze and silver players. The competition will be played on Wednesday afternoons, starting on February 3rd (although some games may be played at other times by arrangement).

If you are interested, put your name down on the list in the clubhouse, or enter on-line at the club's website. Any questions? – contact Neil Hardie 9958-7261 or Barbara McDonald 9958-5764. The closing date for entries is January 26th.

Cammeray Summertime Tournament

Only one match was played in this tournament during December, with people very busy preparing for Christmas. We will resume on Tuesday 5 January, and continue until the end of February, with semi-finals and final played early in March. Bookings are available on the website two weeks in advance, and full details are on the News page of the website.

Twilight Games

During daylight saving, our popular twilight games are being held on Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. followed by wine and cheese and scintillating conversation. Come along to these – all grades of player are welcome, it is a great chance to play against a range of players, and there is fine food and conversation afterwards.

Tournament Program for 2010

We will have a range of competitions and tournaments in 2010. Below is a list of the planned events for the first half of the year. Contact Neil Hardie 9958-7261 or Barbara McDonald 9958-5764 for more information about any of these events.

- January: The Summertime Tournament will continue on Tuesday evenings.
- February: Golf croquet tournament on Sunday 21st. from 9 a.m. – all members welcome.
Senior Citizens' Competition (to decide who will represent Cammeray in the CNSW Senior Citizens Tournament from 22 – 26 March). See separate article above.
- March: Egyptian Tournament (the Wright Trophy) – Thursday and Sunday evenings from 6 p.m.
The Club Championship will also start this month, and must be finished by 27 May.
- April: High-Low Tournament – played on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month.
- May: The Cammeray Birthday Tournament is played from 21st to 23rd May.
The CNSW bronze and silver pennants start in late May – we hope to field teams for both these.
- June: The Club Bronze Championship will start in June.

Because we have so few players who are beginners, and only a handful in silver and gold, we do not think we can run competitions for these grades. However, if there is a demand, we can organise these. Let us know if these are wanted.

Happy New Year!



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PROGRAM: January 2010

	8-9	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 1			Carers <1 lawn>											
Saturday 2							Bronze games							
Sunday 3														
Monday 4		Games for all grades					Bronze games			Twilight games		Wine & cheese...		
Tuesday 5												Summertime tournament		
Wednesday 6	Lawn mowing											Bronze games		
Thursday 7							Bronze games							
Friday 8			Carers <1 lawn>								Golf croquet (all welcome)			
Saturday 9							Bronze games							
Sunday 10		Golf Croquet (Special group A)												
Monday 11		Games for all grades					Bronze games			Twilight games		Wine & cheese...		
Tuesday 12												Summertime tournament		
Wednesday 13	Lawn mowing								Private Hire			Bronze games		
Thursday 14							Bronze games							
Friday 15			Carers <1 lawn>											
Saturday 16	Committee meeting						Bronze games							
Sunday 17		Golf croquet (all welcome)												
Monday 18		Games for all grades					Bronze games			Twilight games		Wine & cheese...		
Tuesday 19												Summertime tournament		
Wednesday 20	Lawn mowing											Bronze games		
Thursday 21							Bronze games							
Friday 22			Carers <1 lawn>											
Saturday 23							Bronze games							
Sunday 24							Golf Croquet <1 lawn> (Special group J)							
Monday 25		Games for all grades												
Tuesday 26												Summertime tournament		
Wednesday 27	Lawn mowing											Bronze games		
Thursday 28							Bronze games							
Friday 29			Carers <1 lawn>											
Saturday 30							Bronze games		Private Hire					
Sunday 31		Golf croquet (all welcome)												

- Lawns available for independent play
- Carers
- Games for all grades
- Committee meeting (lawns available)
- Summertime tournament
- Lawn mowing and maintenance
- Private hire
- Twilight games (all grades)
- Wine & cheese (lawns available)