



Cammeray Croquet Club

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

October Newsletter

Club News

The club Christmas Party will be on the 30th November – further details will be provided soon.

The annual closure of the lawns for maintenance will be from Monday December 8th to Sunday December 28th.

Twilight croquet is continuing on Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This is a good opportunity to play against different players, and is followed by drinks and nibble.

Tournaments

There has been a feast of tournaments this month, with many of them featuring Cammeray players. James Carlisle has had a highly successful month, entering three tournaments and winning every game in each one – a run of 26 successive victories!

The President's Eights

2025
Croquet Australia
Association Croquet
President's 8s



R/Up: Stephen Richards Winner: James Carlisle

2nd 8: Tom Howat Cup

2025
Croquet Australia
Association Croquet
President's 8s



Winner: Colin Clark R/Up: Joanne Brown

3rd 8: Major Tingey Tray

The President's Eights is an Australia-wide competition where 24 of the top players are divided into three blocks who each play a double round-robin. Cammeray had members in each block: Peter Landrebe was in a very strong top block and performed creditably. In the second block James Carlisle swept everyone aside, winning all fourteen games. In the third block Joanne Brown started slowly, losing to two lower-ranked players, but then picked up her game and won all the remaining 11 games. That left her on the same score as Colin Clark of Victoria, but Joanne lost the play-off to come second.

Cammeray Tournaments

The Cammeray Handicap had six entries; James Carlisle won all his games, while Michael Strickland with three wins came second on hoop count from Rob Barrie and Andrew Stark. Andrew's performance was an excellent one as he has only just finished his beginner training.

The Cammeray Open had 8 entries : James Carlisle was first with seven wins, followed by Rob Elliott with 6 and Alan Walsh with 5.

The World AC Championship

The world championships were held in Florida this year. Robert Fletcher of Australia was the favourite to win, and in the knockout stage he won ten straight games, nine of them with triple peels – but then, having won the first two games of a best-of-five match against Mark Avery in the semi-final, he then lost the next three games. In the final the South African Reg Bamford beat Mark Avery with three successive triple peels – 26tp-19, 26tp-0, 26tp-0.

The World AC Ranking System

Croquet players will all be familiar with the handicap system in AC and GC, where one's handicap moves up or down depending on wins and losses against other players. The index from which the handicap is determined moves up if you win a game, and down if you lose – and the amount of movement depends on the difference in handicap between the players.

The world ranking system is completely separate from the handicap system, though it operates on a similar principle. For a start, only major tournaments are counted – no handicap tournaments, no tournaments limited to club members, no tournaments with a specified handicap range (such as silver or gold).

In order to be included in the rankings, you have to play a minimum of twelve games in the past year in eligible tournaments. If you do not, you do not appear in the rankings – though when you do play twelve games in a year, your ranking resumes at its previous level.

As in the handicap system, your index moves up or down depending on whether you win or lose, and by an amount based on the difference in index.

Current World Rankings

1 Robert Fletcher [A] 2762	2 Jamie Burch [E] 2685	3 Robert Fulford [E] 2629
4 Paddy Chapman [NZ] 2597	5 Logan McCorkindale [NZ] 2579	
6 Matthew Essick [USA] 2572	7 Mark Avery [E] 2568	8 Zack Watson [USA] 2562
9 Simon Hockey [A] 2550	10 James Death [E] 2519	11 Thomas Balding [USA] 2518
12 Dwayne McCormick [A] 2508	13 Malcolm Fletcher [A] 2492	14 Samir Patel [E] 2489
15 Aaron Westerby [NZ] 2482	16 Jenny Clarke [NZ] 2475	17 Ben Rothman [USA] 2468
18 Andrew Johnston [I] 2461	19 Greg Fletcher [A] 2446	20 Felix Webby [NZ] 2442

Cammeray members in world rankings:

Alison Sharpe 60; Peter Landrebe 74; Rob Elliott 145; James Carlisle 162; Mike Hughes 220; Joanne Brown 375; Liz Montague 524; Lucy Rees 655.

Note that several good players are not in the list because they have not played twelve games in major tournaments this year.