

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2008:

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

Christmas Party!



Our Christmas Party will be on Sunday 7th December from 12.30 onwards. The cost will be \$30, which covers a buffet lunch and drinks. This is the main social event of the year, when all the members get together and have a good time – so do come along, especially if you are a new member, and meet everyone.

At the lunch we will award the various club trophies won during the year, a raffle, and lucky-door prizes – as well as good food and wine.

If you are coming, enter your name on the list in the clubhouse, or email me on nhardie@ozemail.com.au, or phone Mila on 9909-1818 – and try and do this by the 1st. December so we can organise the catering.



Membership Fee increases

The membership subscription fee will increase from next year. The membership fee has not increased since 2003, and while the club is financially secure, we feel that we should not get out of step with the rates charged by other clubs. We have thus increased the subscription by the CPI increase since 2003. The increases in fees will be as follows:

Full membership: increases from \$125 to \$143; when combined with the Croquet NSW Affiliation Fee of \$32, this makes a total membership subscription of \$175.

Golf Croquet Membership: will increase from \$20 per year to \$25 per year – making the total subscription \$57 per year including CNSW fees.

Social Membership (non-playing) : will remain at \$20 per year.

We will be sending out invoices during December for the membership subscription. This payment is due by 1st January 2009. If you have not paid by 1st March, you cease to be a member, and will have to re-apply.

Locker charges and arrangements

The Committee has also decided that the arrangements for hiring lockers needs to be revised. We have a large membership now, and there are only a few lockers. It is felt that priority for lockers should be given to members who play croquet regularly at Cammeray. We also feel that an annual fee of \$10 is more appropriate for the hire of a locker. If there is a high demand for lockers, members will be required to share lockers. The cost is \$5 per shared locker.

Members need to re-apply for a locker, even if they already have use of one. Contact Neil Hardie on 9958-7261 or nhardie@ozemail.com.au to register your request for a locker. If you currently have a locker, please let me know the number (we have numbered all the lockers recently).

Lawns

The lawns are in superb condition after the top-dressing. They re-opened on Saturday 22nd November. We are, as usual, very grateful to North Sydney Council and to David Somerville and his team for the excellent work they do to keep our lawns in top condition.

Croquet New South Wales Christmas Party

CNSW is having its Christmas lunch at the Cheltenham Croquet Club on Saturday 6th December at 12.30 p.m. Let Mila know by 26th November if you want to go (9909-1818). Cammeray members have won quite a number of the CNSW competitions this year, so it will be a good time for our club members at the prize-giving.

Stephen Howes Trophy

Each year we award the Stephen Howes Trophy for the most improved player in our club (restricted to silver and bronze players). This year it was a close call between Barbara MacDonald and Jake Henzler, but we decided that Jake was the winner as he had been playing for a shorter time. Congratulations Jake!

Top-quality new mallet for hire

Robert Fenwick-Elliott, one of Australia's leading mallet makers, has offered one of his mallets for hire at Cammeray. We are extremely grateful for this generosity. There will be a queue of members to try this mallet out! The charge for hiring the mallet will be \$20 for two months (with no renewals possible until further notice). Contact Di Loveday on 9428-3580 to add your name to the waiting list.



Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Saturday February 14th at 10 a.m. This is when we review the past year and look ahead to the next one. We also elect the new committee to run the club. We always want new blood to keep the committee fresh, so if you are interested in being on the committee, or if you know a member who would be a good candidate, let Mila Kotala know.

Australian Women's Singles

Next year, Cammeray will be hosting part of the Australian Women's Singles from 20th to 24th March. This is a very important event and we are proud to be involved. Players will be coming from all over Australia to take part. If anyone can help by accommodating one or more of these players during the tournament, let Alison Sharpe know on 9499-9195, or tell Neil Hardie.

Night Play

As summer progresses and the days get hotter, playing at night becomes more and more pleasant. Do come along to the night play on Tuesday nights; and consider taking part in the Night Invitations where we invite members of other clubs to come and join us. There is a Bronze Invitation on 17th December – go to the website and book a place if you want to play.

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB PROGRAM: DECEMBER 2008

Monday	1	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. Twilight games 5-7p.m. followed by wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	2	Night play (all grades) 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday	3	
Thursday	4	1.30-3.30 bronze games. (coaching sessions 4 - 8.30 p.m.)
Friday	5	
Saturday	6	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	7	CHRISTMAS PARTY 12.30 p.m. \$30
Monday	8	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. Twilight games 5-7p.m. followed by wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	9	Night play (all grades) 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday	10	
Thursday	11	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	12	Gold/Silver Invitation Night 6.30 - 10 p.m.
Saturday	13	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games: Private hire 4-8 p.m.
Sunday	14	Private hire 1 - 5 p.m.
Monday	15	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. Twilight games 5 - 7p.m. followed by wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	16	Night play (all grades) 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday	17	Bronze Invitation Event - 6.30- 10 p.m.
Thursday	18	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	19	Private hire: 5 - 7 p.m.
Saturday	20	Committee meeting 8.45 a.m. Private hire 6 - 9 p.m.
Sunday	21	
Monday	22	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. Twilight games 5-7p.m. followed by wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	23	
Wednesday	24	
Thursday	25	
Friday	26	
Saturday	27	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	28	Golf croquet 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday	29	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	30	Night play (all grades) 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday	31	