

# CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

## February 2008:

### **Annual General Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Our AGM will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 10 a.m.

This is an important occasion – please try to be there!

This meeting will elect the new committee which runs the club; and will also vote on the new Constitution which has been drafted.

If we don't get a quorum, the meeting can't go ahead – so we need you all to come.

There will be coffee and refreshments after the meeting, and croquet for those who want it.

The program for the meeting is as follows:

1. Minutes of last AGM.
2. Reports from President, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Election of new committee.
4. Appointment of auditor and public officer
5. Vote on the new Constitution.
6. Any other business.
7. Award of the Stephen Howes Trophy for the Most Improved Player.
8. Coffee and cakes and croquet.

### **The New Constitution**

Following the circulation of the draft Constitution to all members with the last newsletter, there has been some useful feedback which has been incorporated in the draft. These changes are as follows:

- Improvement of order of sections to make this more logical.
- Inclusion of elections in program for AGM.
- Method for changing By-laws now in Constitution
- Deletion of receiving money as Committee function
- Various clarifications, corrections and changes of terminology

These changes do not alter the main principles of the new Constitution, and we do not propose to circulate another version of the Constitution to all members. The Committee has reviewed and approved the new version. Revised versions will be available at the AGM, and if any member wants to have a copy of the new version before the meeting, they should contact Neil Hardie on 9958-7261, or [nhardie@ozemail.com.au](mailto:nhardie@ozemail.com.au) .

### **Bronze invitation nights:     *Warren Yates reports:***

Our Bronze invitation evenings have got off to a good start. On the second Wednesday of each month at 6.30 pm four invitees from other clubs and four Cammeray bronze players sit down to wine and cheese for some pre-game socialising before games start at 7 pm. Games are 26 points with lifts and contact but relaxed affairs thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Highlights have been Greg Deakin finishing a game in 2 hours and Georgie Ofner getting one ball all the way round to the peg. On the other hand we have also had roquets at the same coloured ball on the other lawn and pink balls confused for yellow as well plenty of wrong hoops and a myriad of the other idiosyncrasies typical of bronze players. We have had guests from Killara (Janet Bell, David Say, John

and Robynne Madgwick), Mosman (Rob Robson and Lucy Rees), Manly (Peg Jones) and Eastwood (Greg Deakin). Barbara McDonald, Bebe Abdullah, Georgie Ofner, Graham Maynard and Warren Yates have played host. So far games have been played in December and January. Such has been the popularity that a 4th Wednesday in the month series has now been launched - same arrangements but tea, coffee and biscuits in lieu of wine and cheese. If you would like to add you name to the roster of Cammeray bronze players, please contact Warren on 9969-1146 (after 8 p.m.).



Warren and Georgie at the Bronze Invitation event

### **Silver invitation nights**

The first silver invitation night was a popular event. Three people came all the way from Sutherland to take part, and we finished up with a couple of platinum players as well. The next invitation night is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 6.30 p.m.



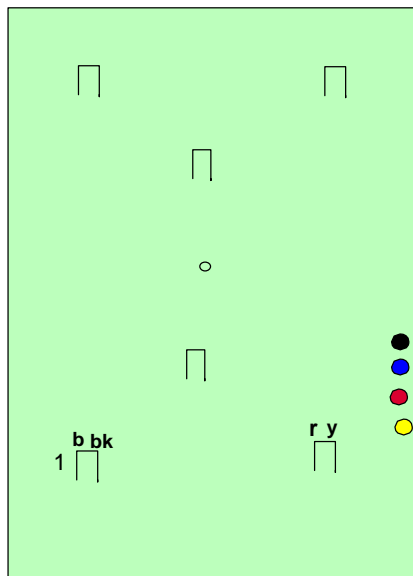
**Georgie Ofner provided this photo of a croquet lawn in England complete with a peacock – should we acquire a peacock as a mascot for Cammeray?**

### **Club Website**

We are discussing whether to set up a website for the club. This will be useful for publicity purposes, and could also lead to more hiring of the club. Anyone with ideas on what should be on the website, contact Warren Yates.

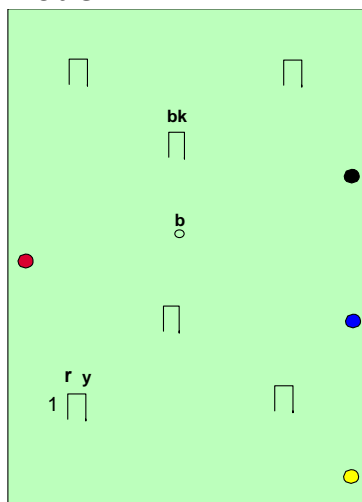
# PROBLEM PAGE:

## Problem 1:



This is more of a puzzle than a practical problem of play. The aim is to set up a four-ball break without leaving a ball on the boundary. For advanced players you are blue/black going for hoop 1; for bronze players you are red/yellow going for hoop 4 (which makes it easier!) How would you do it? You are not allowed to do any long, precise rolls to get hoop position. If you know how to play cannons it might help.

## Problem 2:



This is a standard leave in advanced play after one player has gone round to the peg, giving 'contact' to the opponent. How would you play as red/yellow to maximize your chances? Assume that your opponent is an accurate player who makes 15 yard roquets 50% of the time, and 20 yard roquets 20% of the time.

Those of you with a mathematical bent might like to make some assumptions and calculate the probability of making a good break without letting your opponent in.

## PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 2008

Friday	1	<b>6.30-10 p.m. – gold/silver invitation evening</b>
Saturday	2	1.30-4 p.m. beginner/bronze games
Sunday	3	<b>Golf croquet 10 - 3</b>
Monday	4	9.30-12 games for all grades <b>5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7</b>
Tuesday	5	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	6	
Thursday	7	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	8	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Saturday	9	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10 A.M.</b> Committee Meeting (after the AGM) 1.30-4 p.m. beginner/bronze games
Sunday	10	
Monday	11	9.30-12 games for all grades <b>5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7</b>
Tuesday	12	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	13	<b>6.30-10 p.m. – bronze invitation event</b>
Thursday	14	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	15	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Saturday	16	9.30-12 games for all grades; 1.30-4 beginner/bronze games; Lawn hire 4-7 p.m.
Sunday	17	
Monday	18	9.30-12 games for all grades <b>5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7</b>
Tuesday	19	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	20	
Thursday	21	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	22	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Saturday	23	1.30-4 p.m. beginner/bronze games
Sunday	24	
Monday	25	9.30-12 games for all grades <b>5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7</b>
Tuesday	26	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	27	<b>6.30-10 p.m. – bronze invitation event</b>
Thursday	28	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	29	