

# **CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER**

## **January 2008:**

### **A New Constitution**

At the next Annual General Meeting we hope to adopt a new constitution for the Cammeray Croquet Club.

We have developed a new constitution because:

1. The present Constitution does not conform to the requirements of the Association Incorporation Act
2. The present Constitution no longer reflects what we are doing in the Club
3. The present Constitution makes it difficult for the Committee to deal with minor changes to the day-to-day running of the Club.

We have decided to adopt two separate documents: a Constitution which deals with the rights of members and the legal position of the Club; and a set of By-Laws which deal with the day-to-day matters of running the Club. The Constitution can only be changed by a Special Resolution of the Members, which requires 21 days' notice and a three-quarters majority at a General Meeting; but the By-Laws can be kept up-to-date by resolutions of the Committee.

Enclosed is the proposed Constitution, together with the proposed By-Laws. These documents have been prepared with the help of:

- Elaine Goggin, who has wide experience of developing constitutions for croquet organisations
- Ted Griffin, who has legal expertise in this area
- Mila Kotala, who knows how the Club operates
- Neil Hartley, whose experience as Treasurer and former President of CNSW have been useful
- Neil Hardie, who coordinated the revisions.

The Special Resolution is:

*'That the Cammeray Croquet Club adopt the draft Constitution dated 15/12/07 which has been circulated to members as the new Constitution of the Club'.*

We hope that you will read the Constitution and By-Laws, and that you will come along to the AGM to cast your vote on this. If you have any concerns about the proposed new Constitution, please contact Neil Hardie before 10<sup>th</sup> January. If there are any further changes which need to be made, this date gives us time to circulate a revised draft within the 21 day notice period.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 10 a.m.

Put this date in your diary, come along to the meeting, make up the quorum, and register your vote on the Constitution.

At the AGM we will also be presenting the Stephen Howes Trophy for the most improved player over the past year.

## **The Christmas Party!**

We had a splendid Christmas party – 44 people came, together with guests Genia McCaffery (Mayor of North Sydney), and Gladys Berejiklian (State Member for Willoughby).



**Members enjoying themselves**



**A selection of the food provided**



**Genia McCaffery toasting the club  
speech**



**Gladys Berejiklian giving a short  
speech**

Many thanks to Mila, Georgie, Di, Pamela, Nella, Billur, Bebe, Neil, Graham and Claire for their work to make the party so successful.

## Children's Day

There will be a Children's Day at St Leonards Park on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 10 a.m. We will be providing mallet games for the children. We will need volunteers to help run this – contact Mila (9909-1818) or Neil (9958-7261) if you can come for one or two hours.

## New initiatives at the club

A number of things are happening at the club.

- We have ordered a large **new sign** to put on our fence which explains to passers-by how to play croquet
- We have got approval from North Sydney Council to remove the olive trees and put up a **new shed**. We will use the shed to store equipment and furniture, which will give us space to re-organise the clubhouse
- We are fortunate to have John Fransen as a member of our club – he is a former President of the Master Builders Association. He has done a **building inspection** of the clubhouse (at no charge) to identify all the aspects which need repair and has produced a detailed report which we will submit to North Sydney Council
- We have identified two possible ways of dealing with the **flooding of the lawns** after heavy rain. We can hire a wet vacuum cleaner from Kennards, or we can buy a Super Sopper which soaks up the water. We plan to try the vacuum cleaner next time there is a flood.
- We have bought a garden croquet set for use by the children who come on Children's Days organised by the Council

## Night invitation Events

Our first night invitation event was held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, when bronze players from various clubs came to play at Cammeray. It was a great success, and they are keen to come to the next one. Earlier in the month the first gold/silver invitation was washed out when there was a heavy storm two hours before it was due to start.

The next gold/silver invitation is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 p.m. (contact Neil Hardie 9958-7261 if interested) , and the next bronze invitation is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 p.m. (contact Warren Yates **0408 111 931** if interested).

## CNSW Gala Day

The opening event of the official croquet season is the Croquet NSW Gala Day at Tempe – a fun occasion with a variety of different games and prizes. It starts at 10 a.m. and costs \$5. Lunch is available from the Concordia Club. Different clubs run different games, and we always operate the Bagatelle. Do come along for a good time, and to spend some time helping to run our part of the show. Contact Mila for more details.

## Another Bridge Win

Our group of members who also play top-level bridge have won another tournament. This time it is the NSW Open Team Finals. Ted Griffin, Mike Hughes, Barbara McDonald, Alan Walsh and Bruce Neill made up five sixths of the winning team. Congratulations to these players!

## Venerable Yanatharo

Earlier this year there was an article in the newspaper describing various accusations against one of our members, the Venerable Yanatharo. We have now heard that all charges have been dropped, and the newspaper has apologised.

## PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 2008

Tuesday	1	
Wednesday	2	
Thursday	3	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	4	<b>6.30-10 p.m. – gold/silver invitation evening</b>
Saturday	5	1.30-4 p.m. beginner/bronze games
Sunday	6	
Monday	7	9.30-12 games for all grades <b>5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7</b>
Tuesday	8	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	9	<b>6.30-10 p.m. – bronze invitation event</b>
Thursday	10	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	11	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Saturday	12	1.30-4 p.m. beginner/bronze games
Sunday	13	<b>Golf croquet 10 - 3</b>
Monday	14	9.30-12 games for all grades <b>5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7</b>
Tuesday	15	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	16	
Thursday	17	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	18	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Saturday	19	<b>Committee meeting 8.45 a.m.</b> 9.30-12 games for all grades; 1.30-4 beginner/bronze games
Sunday	20	
Monday	21	9.30-12 games for all grades <b>5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7</b>
Tuesday	22	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m</b>
Wednesday	23	
Thursday	24	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	25	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Saturday	26	1.30-4 p.m. beginner/bronze games
Sunday	27	
Monday	28	9.30-12 games for all grades <b>5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7</b>
Tuesday	29	<b>Night play 7 – 10 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	30	
Thursday	31	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games