

# CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

## July 2008:

### **Important: New Arrangements**

From 1<sup>st</sup> July, all the playing equipment will be stored in the small shed – balls, mallets, hoops etc. The members' key for the gates and clubhouse also fits the padlock on the shed.

Early in July, the changing rooms and toilet block beside the soccer oval will be completed, and we will be able to use the entrance beside the tennis club from Park Avenue. We will also still be using the Ernest Street entrance. There may be confusion with two gates and two padlocks; so we ask members when they come in a gate to clamp the padlock (locked) to the fence near the gate, rather than bring it into the clubhouse. The last person to leave should check that both gates are locked.

### **Pennants**

We have both gold and bronze teams in the Inter-Club Pennants competition. The bronze team (Warren, Georgie, Barbara, Doug, Sue) started well with a win at Eastwood, but then lost to Killara and to Mosman.

The gold team (Stephen, Neil, Lesley, Ken, Fay and Glynn) won their first match at Sutherland 2-1, their second vs Chatswood 2-1, and their third vs Mosman 2-1, so they are currently leading the competition.

### **Beginner Games**

A number of people will be finishing their coaching soon, so we will be organising Beginner Games on a Saturday morning from 9.30 to 12 so they can make the transition to playing games with more experienced members. These beginner games will run each Saturday from 5<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August.

*If you are coming to beginner games, please notify Neil Hardie on 9958-7261 email [nhardie@ozemail.com.au](mailto:nhardie@ozemail.com.au). We need to know how many people are coming so we can organise enough experienced players to help them.*

### **Other Competitions**

Neil Hardie won his block in the Crush at Chatswood, and won \$250, which makes him a professional croquet player. It has been suggested that he try to claim all his croquet expenses off tax now.

Lesley Fransen played in the NSW Women's Singles, and performed creditably against an impressive field of Alison Sharpe, Alix Verge and Rosemary Graham.

## **Club Bronze Championship**

There are an impressive eight entries for this; and from the first few games it looks as though this will be a tough competition, with no easy games. All the people who have played two games have won one and lost one. The entrants are: Warren Yates, Nancy Hickson, Georgie Ofner, Di Loveday, Doug Nicholas, Sue Nicholas, Graham Maynard, and Barbara MacDonald.

## **Croquet Course at Community Centre**

We have arranged to run a course in croquet through the North Sydney Community Centre. Their course brochure goes to 2000 people, so we will get good exposure. The course will start on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 6.15 p.m., and will consist of eight one-hour lessons.

## **Old Mallets**

If any members have mallets which they no longer use, can they contact Neil Hardie. We have many promising bronze players coming along who would like to buy or hire a mallet.

## **Clubhouse refurbishment**

We are developing plans for the clubhouse, and working with North Sydney Council to restore and improve the facilities. The Council is working through the items described in John Fransen's inspection report, and hopes to have a quote soon for this work.

The in-house refurbishment committee (Neil Hardie, Mila Kotala, Georgie Ofner) are looking at furniture and working out arrangements. We intend to remove the carpet and polish and varnish the wooden floors. We will have a display cabinet for trophies and awards, and wall-mounted racks to hold club information. A lot of the furniture currently in the clubhouse will be stored in the new shed.

Ken Clapp, Neil Hartley and Alan Walsh have done great work with the two sheds, installing racking and organising the equipment.

We are also buying a new barbecue which will work better and feed more people. This will be available for hire to groups who hire the lawns.

Anyone with ideas or skills relating to the refurbishment is asked to contact one of the committee members. Skills such as painting, sanding, carpentry, and cleaning will be useful.

## **Missing trophy**

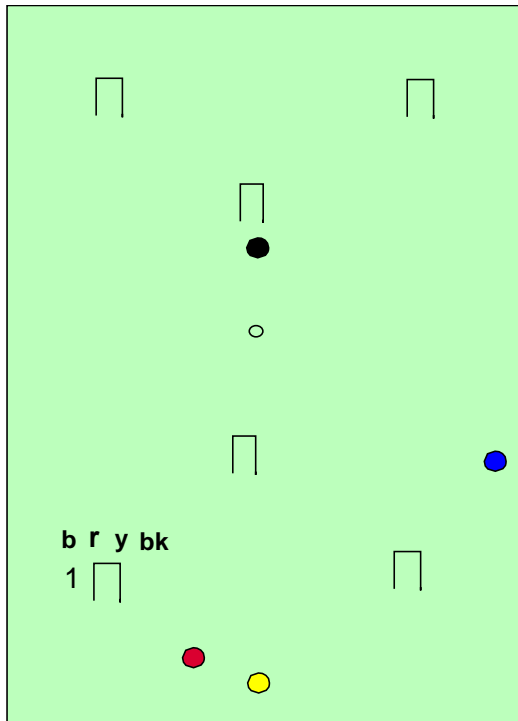
Cammeray won the Silver Pennants competition in 2006; but the trophy seems to have gone missing while in Cammeray's care. If anyone knows where this trophy might be, can they contact Mila Kotala on 9909-1818.

## PROBLEM PAGE:

This month we will look at defensive tactics. In the position below, you are playing blue and black, with all balls still for hoop 1. It is your turn, and you have to decide what shot to play. You have to consider:

What chance is there of your making a roquet?

After you have played your shot, what opportunities does your opponent have of making a break?



We will discuss the options and make recommendations next month.

## Note: Newsletter Format

If anyone has problems getting the Newsletter in MS Word, let me know. We prepare another version in Microsoft Works, so it is no effort to send it you in that format if this is preferred.

## CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB PROGRAM: JULY 2008

Tuesday	1	
Wednesday	2	<b>9-12.30 gold pennants – home vs Sutherland</b> <b>1.30 – 4: Hi-Lo practice for bronze team</b>
Thursday	3	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	4	
Saturday	5	9.30-12 Beginner games; 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	6	<b>Golf croquet 10 - 3</b>
Monday	7	9.30-12 games for all grades afternoon – bronze championships
Tuesday	8	
Wednesday	9	<b>Private booking 2.30-5 p.m.</b>
Thursday	10	<b>Bronze pennants – home vs Warrawee</b> 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	11	
Saturday	12	9.30-12 Beginner games; 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games Invitation to Killara
Sunday	13	
Monday	14	9.30-12 games for all grades afternoon – bronze championships
Tuesday	15	
Wednesday	16	
Thursday	17	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games.
Friday	18	
Saturday	19	<b>Committee meeting 8.45 a.m.</b> 9.30-12 Beginner games; 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	20	
Monday	21	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	22	
Wednesday	23	
Thursday	24	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	25	
Saturday	26	9.30-12 Beginner games; 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	27	<b>Golf croquet 2 - 6 p.m.</b>
Monday	28	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	29	
Wednesday	30	
Thursday	31	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games