

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2008:

Birthday Tournament:

The Cammeray Birthday Tournament was a great success, with many closely fought games. David Brook won block A in spite of losing to John Fransen. Earlier, John had lost his game to Mac Thomson by one hoop after forgetting that he could not peg out his ball until the other one was a rover.

In Block B Barbara McDonald won all her games by large margins, with Neil Hardie second.

The final between David and Barbara was a dogged affair, with slow scoring and defensive tactics. Eventually David won by 8 hoops to 7.



Barbara McDonald and David Brook

Many thanks to Warren and Claire as tournament managers; Robin Potter, Dennis Faggotter and Heather Smallbone as referees; Di and Georgie for organising the social side, to Billur, Joan Altwasser, Joan de Botton, Graham, Pamela, and Mila for helping; and to Ken for doing the hoops and cooking the sausages.

Cammeray Classic

It was a delight to see the Venerable Yanatharo at the Birthday Barbecue again. He has made a most generous offer to sponsor a major tournament next year with \$5,000 of prizes. We expect that this tournament will attract the best players from Australia and New Zealand, and will provide a feast of good croquet.

Other Competitions

Mike Hughes won the platinum singles at Tempe – winning all his games – while Alan Walsh came second (and did another triple peel).

In the Beryl Chambers State Handicap Competition, Barbara McDonald won the Lower North Shore Block (with John and Lesley Fransen coming second and third). Barbara will now play in the final at Tempe in June.

Club Championship

This has been a thrilling competition between Alan Walsh, Mike Hughes, Neil Hartley, Stephen Howes and Ted Griffin. It is a sign of the depth of players in our club that the current competition has finished with a 5-way tie – so the games have to re-played to decide the winner, as they had agreed beforehand not to use hoop counts. It is worth seeing the final table:

	AW	NH	MH	TG	SH	
Alan Walsh	-	26	3	26	22	2 wins
Neil Hartley	11	-	19	10	20	2 wins
Mike Hughes	26	17	-	11	20	2 wins
Ted Griffin	10	26	23	-	14	2 wins
Stephen Howes	26	15	16	26	-	2 wins

The re-run was also a close affair; with one match to go there was a possibility of a three-way tie between Mike, Alan and Neil – but Mike eventually won the game and the championship

Carers' Day

On Friday 2nd May the club hosted a Carers' Day, organised by North Sydney Council. It was a great success, and all the carers had a fine time. We are now discussing whether to make this a regular event. Our thanks to Di, Nella, Mila, Pat Wright and Warren for running the event.



**The carers group, with Di, Pat and Nella.
The carer organiser, Greg, is in shorts in the centre**

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 31st July at 6.15 p.m., and will consist of eight one-hour lessons.

Pennants Teams

We are putting in bronze and gold pennants teams this year. The games will be played between June 10 and July 17, with bronze on Thursday mornings, and gold on Wednesday mornings. We do not have the draw yet, so we do not yet know the dates of our home games.

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.

Sponsorship offer

We have been approached by a retirement village in Castle Cove about possible sponsorship. The Watermark Complex is still in construction, but they are publicising themselves through local clubs. We will keep you posted on developments.

Clubhouse refurbishment

A committee has been set up to plan for the refurbishment of the clubhouse, consisting of Neil Hardie, Mila Kotala and Georgie Ofner. We intend to have a proposal ready for the end of June, and then we will organise some working bees to implement the ideas. We hope many of the members will assist with the work required – any experience in painting, carpentry, cleaning etc, will be welcomed.

Skateboard Park

Members will have noticed the construction going on beside our club near Ernest Street. This is the new skateboard park which is being built by the North Sydney Council. we have been assured that it will cause minimal noise and disruption to our croquet playing. Perhaps we can recruit some young players from there to play croquet!

PROGRAM FOR JUNE 2008

Sunday	1	Golf croquet 10 - 3
Monday	2	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	3	
Wednesday	4	
Thursday	5	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	6	
Saturday	7	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	8	
Monday	9	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	10	
Wednesday	11	
Thursday	12	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games;
Friday	13	
Saturday	14	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	15	
Monday	16	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	17	
Wednesday	18	
Thursday	19	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games.
Friday	20	
Saturday	21	Committee meeting 8.45 a.m. 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	22	Golf croquet 2 - 6 p.m.
Monday	23	9.30-12 games for all grades
Tuesday	24	
Wednesday	25	
Thursday	26	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	27	
Saturday	28	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	29	
Monday	30	9.30-12 games for all grades