



Cammeray Croquet Club



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

The Cammeray Birthday Tournament

The club's main tournament of the year, the Birthday Tournament was held on beautiful lawns and in fine weather. The players came from various parts of Sydney and from Victoria (Andrew Wooton, handicap 2) and from Port Macquarie (Tim Wolford-Smith, handicap 5). It was surprising, then, that the standard of play was rather low, with only one peg-out in the entire tournament. However, everyone enjoyed themselves, and the competition finished with a splendid lunch.



Gerrard Barry



Joanne Brown



Chris Brown



Michael Strickland

Chris Brown dominated the event, winning all five games in his block, and then the final. Gerrard Barry beat Neil Hardie to reach the final, and was runner-up.

The 'plate' was an unusual event – two players not in the final who were present on Sunday were drawn out of a hat to contest the plate. Michael Strickland and Joanne Brown were the lucky pair, and Joanne won the resulting match.



Chris and Joanne Brown celebrating



Steve Miles gives the trophy to Chris, with Gerrard runner-up



Steve Miles serving salmon



Enjoying the excellent lunch

The success of the tournament was largely due to Steve Miles; not only was he the tournament manager, the tournament referee and the tournament handicapper, he also cooked a splendid whole salmon for the lunch.

Mike Hughes, David Stanton and Warren Yates were the other main referees, with help from Michael Strickland and Tim Wolford-Smith.

Mary Goldsack organised the catering, with help from Kristen Kool-Clark, Di Loveday, Gail Parrott, Malcolm Sheldon, Warren Yates – and, of course, Steve Miles.



On-lookers respond to the standard of play (Paul Skvorc, Andrew Wooton, David Surridge)

Come and Try Day



Come and Try Day at Cammeray

Sydney turned on a lovely sunny afternoon for our recent "bring-a-friend" gathering. After all the recent rain it was wonderful to be out in the sunshine once more. There were 16 guests and 8 members, so we played 4 doubles games and each member mentored one pair. There was lots of laughter and learning about AC. Afterwards we all adjourned to the clubhouse for cheese and biscuits and a glass of wine.

Everyone had a really good time and went away with good memories/thoughts about croquet and our club. We are hopeful that we will get a high proportion of guests wanting to take the next step and sign up for our training course. Time will tell.

If you have friends who would be interested in croquet then please pass their details on to the committee as we will be hosting more of these afternoons in the coming months.

Malcolm Sheldon

Lessons for GC Players

Neil Hardie has developed a course for golf croquet players who would like to take up association croquet. If you know any GC players who would be interested, contact Neil Hardie on nhardie@ozemail.com.au or Malcolm Sheldon on malcolm@thesheldons.id.au.

Bronze Pennants

Cammeray has been doing well in the CNSW Bronze Pennants; only three teams have entered (Cammeray, Mosman and Killara) and it will be a double round-robin, with home and away games.

So far, Cammeray has beaten both Mosman and Killara 3 – 0 at home, and Killara 3 – 0 in the away match – so they cannot be beaten for the top prize!

Our final match against Mosman is on 7th July.



Our bronze pennants team – Malcolm Sheldon, Sandra Colquhoun, Susan Nicholas, Graham Maynard, with referee Michael Strickland (Warren Yates not present)

Other Tournaments

The Beryl Chambers final was held at Tempe 10th to 13th June. Joanne Brown missed out on the semi-finals on a hoop count-back, but was runner-up in the plate.

CNSW Gold Pennants has only two teams entered – Mosman and Cammeray – but no matches have been played yet.

CNSW Platinum Singles was held at Cammeray. Steve Miles was in this, and came second to Peter Freer of Canberra.



Steve Miles and Peter Freer

NSW GC ACA Bronze Medal – Peter and Rosie Landrebe are currently playing in this; we will give the results next month.

The Air Quality Monitor

We have more information about the air monitor situated next to our fence:

An air monitoring program has been established by the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to provide information about local air quality. This was in response to community concern around air quality impacts from construction works for the Warringah Freeway upgrade. An air quality monitor has been set up at Cammeray Park and ten portable sensors have been set up in a line between Wollstonecraft, Cammeray Park and Middle Harbour. These will check air quality before and during construction. Measurements will be taken of particles (dust) in two sizes, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}; sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide, ozone, oxides of nitrogen, visibility, wind speed, wind direction, ambient temperature and relative humidity. The data on the monitors is available on-line and will be reported on quarterly by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

More information will soon be distributed by EPA to stakeholders. Two community information drop-in sessions will be held at the Genia McCaffrey Centre, Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability.



The air quality monitor