

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2008:

Annual General Meeting

There was a good turnout for the AGM. A new committee was elected (but basically the same as the old one!) with the officers being as follows:

President: Neil Hardie Sen. Vice President: Warren Yates Junior V.P.: Claire Givney
Secretary: Mila Kotala Treasurer: Neil Hartley Asst. Secretary: Di Loveday
Asst. Treasurer: Joan de Botton Equipment Manager: Ken Clapp
Lawns Manager: Alan Walsh Social Secretaries: Georgie Ofner & Di Loveday
Games Captains: Claire Givney & Warren Yates Housekeeper: Mila Kotala
Bronze Rep: Georgie Ofner Gold/platinum rep: Neil Hartley

Nella Davidson has left the committee after many years of great service; but she will still be helping the club in many ways.

The new Constitution was passed by the AGM with no dissenting voices, and has been approved by the Department of Fair Trading; so it is now in force. A copy of the new Constitution, and the club By-Laws, are in the clubhouse for anyone who wants to refer to them.

A highlight of the AGM was the award to Joan de Botton of the inaugural Stephen Howes Trophy for the most improved bronze/silver player.

Coaching Programs

Coaching programs are being developed for bronze and for silver players, run by Dennis Faggotter. The first bronze series will be run in March – Dennis will coach a group of 4 to 6 keen bronze players in tactics and skills to help them improve. Please contact Dennis (0419-496-380 dsfaggotter@yahoo.com.au) by Tuesday 4th March if you are interested.

Beginner Tournament

Our club plans to hold a Beginner Tournament in April. This is for people who have recently learned to play, and have not entered a tournament before. We recommend that all new players have a go at this – there is no real pressure, but it is an opportunity to improve your play by having some serious games under tournament conditions.

Contact Claire Givney 9969-7960 or Warren Yates warren.yates@uts.edu.au if you are interested.

Twilight Croquet

Twilight croquet on Monday evenings – play from 5 to 7 p.m. then wine and cheese – will continue through March, but the last one of the summer will be on 31st March, as daylight saving ends on 6th April.

Night Croquet

Night croquet continues this month on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 7 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. It would be nice if more members came along to this – most of the people turning up are from other clubs! Night play will probably go on until the end of April, after which it is probably too cold to play comfortably at night.

Great Performances

Alan Walsh won the CNSW 3-and-under Tournament against some of the best players in NSW. He did a triple peel against Geof McDonald in the blocks, then beat Mike Jenner 26-14 in the final.

Refurbishment

A group of trees will have been removed to make space for the new shed by the time you get this Newsletter. We are negotiating to have a concrete slab laid as a base for the shed, and then we will have the shed delivered and erected. Once we have the shed, we can store much of the furniture from the clubhouse in it, and then we have room to start painting and tidying up the clubhouse itself.

Our new path has been laid to the new entrance, and the area which we are hoping to use as a practice lawn is looking promising. Even when the new pedestrian entrance is accessible, we plan to keep the same padlock on the gate near Ernest Street, as that is a convenient access for members in the mornings and at weekends.

David Openshaw

At the end of February the club had a visit from David Openshaw, who is one of England's leading players, and the President of the World Croquet Federation. This was arranged through Neil Hartley, who he met at the recent world championships in New Zealand.

Future events:

On Friday 11th April we will be hosting a Seniors Week event with golf croquet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. We need helpers to show how golf croquet is played! Please telephone Di Loveday 9428-3580 if you can help.

The Cammeray Birthday Tournament (One of the major club tournaments on the NSW circuit) is from 16-19th May. Put this date in your diary now.

Solution to last month's problem: using a cannon

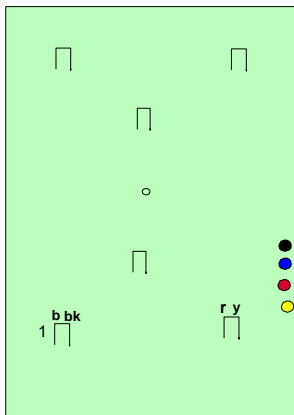


Fig. 1: the problem

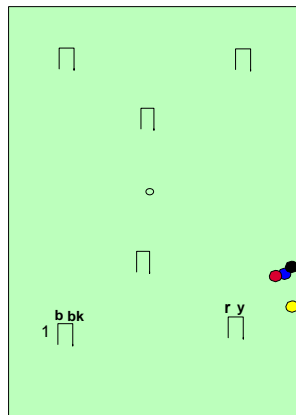


Fig. 2: setting the cannon

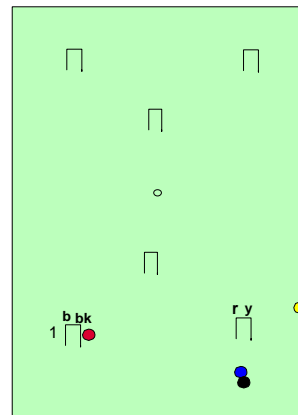


Fig. 3: After the cannon

Fig. 1 shows the problem: with all the balls on the east boundary, set up a 4-ball break for the first hoop without leaving any balls on the boundary.

The first step is to set up the cannon by using the black ball to rush blue gently onto red to get a cannon. We then set up a banana cannon with the blue ball slightly south of the line from black to hoop one. When we hit this hard, we send red to hoop 1, and the blue ball south-west of yellow. We then take croquet off blue, but we are still live on red.

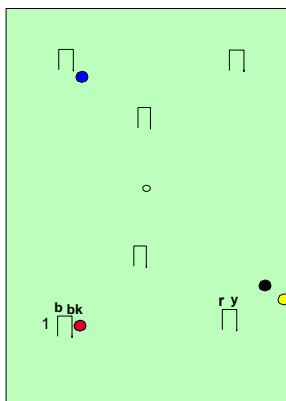


Fig. 4: placing the pioneer

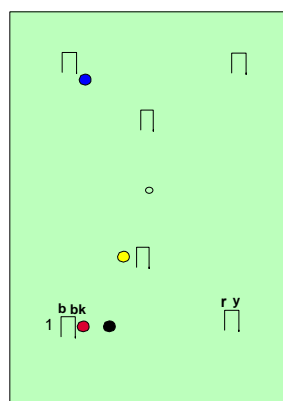


Fig. 5: placing the pivot

The croquet shot sends blue to hoop 2, while black goes near yellow. We then roquet yellow, and play a pass roll which sends yellow as pivot to near hoop 5 while black goes within easy roquet distance of the red ball near hoop 1. We have now set up our 4-ball break!

PROGRAM FOR MARCH 2008

Saturday	1	10- 12.30 beginner games; 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games Lawn hire 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday	2	Golf croquet 10 - 3
Monday	3	9.30-12 games for all grades 5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	4	Night play 7 – 10 p.m.
Wednesday	5	
Thursday	6	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	7	Silver/gold invitation event 6.30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Saturday	8	10- 12.30 beginner games; 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	9	
Monday	10	9.30-12 games for all grades 5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	11	Night play 7 – 10 p.m.
Wednesday	12	6.30-10 p.m. – bronze invitation event
Thursday	13	9.30-12 gold and silver games; 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	14	Night play 7 – 10 p.m.
Saturday	15	Committee meeting 8.45 a.m. 10- 12.30 beginner games; 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	16	
Monday	17	9.30-12 games for all grades 5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	18	Night play 7 – 10 p.m.
Wednesday	19	
Thursday	20	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	21	Night play 7 – 10 p.m.
Saturday	22	10- 12.30 beginner games; 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	23	
Monday	24	9.30-12 games for all grades 5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	25	Night play 7 – 10 p.m.
Wednesday	26	6.30-10 p.m. – bronze invitation event
Thursday	27	9.30-12 gold and silver games, 1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	28	Night play 7 – 10 p.m.
Saturday	29	10- 12.30 beginner games; 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	30	
Monday	31	9.30-12 games for all grades 5 p.m. Twilight croquet with wine and cheese - \$7 – last one!