



Cammeray Croquet Club



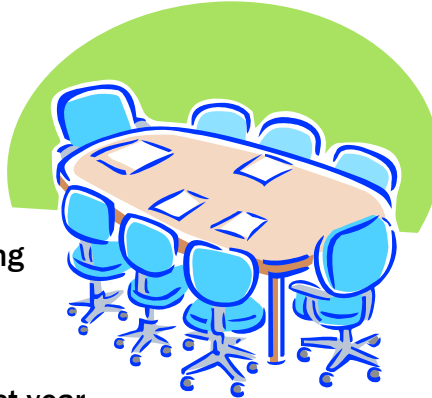
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<http://www.cammeray-croquet.org.au/>

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Cammeray Croquet Club Inc. will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday 18 February 2012, commencing at 10 am.

Please come along to this meeting – we need a quorum to make it official. It is also an interesting occasion, when we elect a new committee, and report on the past year.



There will be coffee and refreshments after the meeting, and croquet later for those who want it.

The agenda for the Annual General Meeting is as follows:

1. Minutes of last AGM, held 19 February 2011
2. President's Report
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report, including a Profit and Loss Statement for 2011 and a Balance Sheet at 31 December 2011
5. Election of the following officers to the Committee:
 - President
 - Senior Vice President
 - Junior Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Equipment Officer
 - Games Captain
 - Housekeeper
 - Lawns Manager
 - Social Secretary
 - Bronze/Beginner Representative
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Assistant Treasurer

New Committee – we are always looking for new people with fresh ideas on the committee. If you know of someone who would be interested, or if you would like to stand for election yourself, contact one of the existing committee members.

WCF Association Croquet World Championship, Adelaide 2012

As reported last month, this championship will be held in Adelaide between 28 April and 6 May 2012. Since last month's newsletter, several more "wild card" places have been taken up, and Rosie Graham now joins Pater Landrebe and Alan Walsh representing Cammeray. Mike Hughes is also very likely to get a spot.

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Mila Kotala – Life Member

Mila Kotala, our Secretary of many years and the last of our serving life members, has 'handed in her mallet' due to her failing health. She will remain involved with the club as telephone contact person and organiser of lawn hirings, a role in which she is best known and which she can continue to do from home.

Neil Hartley has provided the following background about Mila:

“Mila was born in Indonesia to a Dutch mother and a Czech father. She grew up speaking Dutch, Czech and Indonesian. At school, under the Dutch education system, she was also required to study English, French and German.

When the Japanese occupied Indonesia in 1940 she was then aged 9. Because Czechoslovakia capitulated to the Germans, Czech nationals were not regarded by the Japanese as enemies; her family was thus spared the horrors of internment.

Mila had a vital role in these war years. As a young girl on a bicycle, she was not an object of obvious suspicion to the Japanese and so she was able to carry food from the markets to her family and to smuggle food to friends in concentration camps via sympathetic Indonesian servants. Had she been discovered in these activities, she would have been executed. While out on her bicycle, Mila acted as a go-between her father and the only other owner of an illegal radio in the vicinity to share news of the progress of the war.

When the war ended, Mila was sent to Australia to continue her education as there were no teachers who had survived the war. She was not able to continue the study of so many languages in Australia; they did not match the options available at Ravenswood Girls School. She had to settle for some subjects such as biology that she had not studied previously. As her English was elementary, she was placed in second-year classes although her knowledge of other subjects was beyond second-year level. With the help of the headmistress who worked on her English in after-school hours she was able to jump to fourth-year classes in the next school year.

On returning to Indonesia, Mila found that her language and organisational skills were in high demand. She worked for the International Red Cross and, later, for YMCA; both jobs required her to speak fluent, Dutch, English and Indonesian. She helped her father in these years in his capacity as chemical engineer and as honorary Czech consul, and so took some part in the heady diplomatic atmosphere of the formative post-war period.

Mila met and married her husband in Indonesia. They spent a year in travelling the world, to countries where they might settle. Fortunately for us, they chose Australia in which to raise two children. Fortunately, also, they bought a unit in Sutherland St overlooking our Club. She tried and loved the game of croquet progressing rapidly to silver standard – ‘nearly gold’ as she puts it.

Mila has made many friends through her association with the Club and has made a major contribution to the Club as a first class Secretary. This was recognised by the Club granting her Life Membership in 2000. We are not saying goodbye to Mila as she will continue to assist us though in a less demanding role than previously; we are instead giving her our warmest thanks for all that she has done for us at Cammeray Croquet Club.”



Cammeray Events

Open Handicap 2011

Players with remaining games in this event (and there are many remaining games) are urged to get them played as soon as possible, bearing in mind that this is a 2011 event.

Summertime Tournament

This event was postponed from October-December due to lawn renovations, and has been postponed again due to lack of entries. I will try again in October-December 2012.

Cammeray Birthday Tournament

This tournament has attracted a good field of 16 players, with entries from Cammeray, Chatswood, Epping, Hunters Hill, Manly, Milton-Ulladulla and Mosman Croquet Clubs. Play will be in four blocks of 4 players each, followed by quarter finals, semi finals and the final. There will also be a Plate knockout event for the 8 players who do not make it to the quarter finals.

Round robin games will be played at 1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 February, with quarter finals on Saturday 25 and semi finals and final at 1 pm and 4 pm on Sunday 26. The first two rounds of the Plate will be played on Saturday, with games at 1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm, and the Plate finals will be played on Sunday at 1 pm.

A barbecue will be held in conjunction with the final, and all members are welcome. The cost for the barbecue, which will start at 5:30 pm, is a very reasonable \$15 per person. Enter on the website, or on the booking sheet in the clubhouse.

Victorian Open

Peter Landrebe and Rosie Graham played in this year's Victorian Open which is held every year between Christmas and New Year at Victorian headquarters in Cairnlea. Rosie reports:

"The courts were fast and flat, the weather cool except for some extreme temperatures on the last 2 days.

Pete and Rosie qualified for the knockout rounds of the doubles the highlight of which was beating Robert and Greg Fletcher definitively in the block rounds. Kevin Beard and Trisha Devlin went on to knock Pete and Rosie out of the doubles.

In the Singles, Rosie struggled in her block, but Pete excelled, winning through to the semi final where Kevin Beard beat Pete in 2 games. Kevin was then beaten by Robert Fletcher in the final in extremely hot and windy conditions (we were glad play was over for us).

The Vic Open is always a great event, with lots of tension among the Victorians, as this event is critical to the selection of the Victorian state team."

From the January Committee Meeting

The following matters were discussed at the January committee meeting. Minutes of this meeting and previous meetings are available on the members section of the website.

Pennants: We are aiming to enter teams in the Gold, Silver and Bronze Pennants this year, with the possibility of once again entering two Bronze teams. (refer to article on page 4)

Croquet NSW: CNSW has set up a group mailing list cnswplayers@yahogroups.com.au, which all affiliated members of CNSW are invited to join. (refer to article on page 5)

Games: The match between Cammeray and a US team being arranged for next April as a lead-up to the World Championship in Adelaide is in the capable hands of Rosie Graham, and might be expanded to include other players on their way to Adelaide. It will be played over the weekend of 21-22 April.

Club Championships: Bronze, Silver and Gold Championships will be held during the second quarter of the year, followed by the Club Championship in July-August.

Lawns: The lawns are in good condition, with corner 1 of lawn 1 responding well. The new practice lawn needs top-dressing.

Upcoming Events

The following events are taking place at various clubs over the next few months. Flyers with more information are available on the Cammeray website for some club events. Details of NSW events (usually held at Tempe) are on the Croquet NSW website, www.croquet-nsw.org, click on Events.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Entries Close</u>
Gala Day at Tempe	24 February	
5 and Under Doubles (changed from 3-4 March)	25-26 February	10 February
Bundanoon Autumn Carnival	2-7 March	
3 and Under Singles	9-11 March	24 February
CNSW Bronze Singles (handicaps 14-24)	15-18 March	1 March
Australian AC Championships (Perth, WA)		
Gold Medal	14-16 March	
Men's & Women's Singles	17-20 March	
Eire Cup (Interstate competition)	21-25 March	
Senior Citizens Week (over 55)	22-25 March	8 March
Mosman Bendigo Bank Bash AC Tournament	23-25 March	2 March

Croquet NSW Pennants

Would you like to play in our Bronze Pennants team this year?

The Pennants are an inter-club competition that is played on Thursday mornings in June and July. About half the games are home games and the others are played at other clubs, typically Chatswood, Mosman, Killara, Eastwood, Manly but sometimes also Sutherland and Hurstville. For each match the team consists of four, two of whom play singles and the other pair a doubles game. All games are level (ie no bisques) but the singles players have their cards adjusted after each match.

If we can find ten people interested we can put two teams into the competition - with a pool of ten we are likely to be able to reliably muster 8 for each match day allowing for sickness, holidays etc. The composition of the teams can change from week to week.

If you think you might be interested, talk to last year's team - they will tell you what a fun experience it was and how it gave them valuable competition experience in a very supportive atmosphere. The best part is that on Wednesday at noon for a month or so before the competition starts and right through the competition Dennis Faggotter has once again agreed to coach the teams.

Last year we entered only one team, but Juan Roberson, Roger Liles, Graham Maynard, Sue Nicholas, Penny Garrett. Matt Carden and Warren Yates were in the pool.

For more information and to sign-up contact Warren Yates (warren_yates@ieee.org, 0408 111 931).

If you are interested in playing in the Gold or Silver Pennants teams, contact David Stanton or Barbara McDonald for details.

Croquet NSW Mailing List

Croquet NSW Secretary Pam Gentle has sent the following:

"Croquet NSW has set up a group mailing list, which affiliated members of CNSW are invited to join. The purpose of this mailing list is to allow clubs, or individual players, to get advice from others who have more experience or knowledge in an area to do with croquet.

The group is linked to a website at: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/cnswplayers>

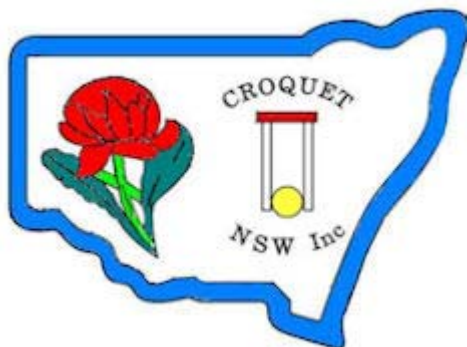
On this site people can join the group by clicking on the box which says "Join this Group".

Alternatively, they could send an e-mail to svp@croquet-nsw.org (Roger Evans, Senior VP of Croquet NSW) requesting to go on the list and he will add them to it.

The list has been set up with the e-mail address of cnswplayers@yahoogroups.com.au and any e-mail sent to this address will go to everyone on the list. Any reply sent will also go to everyone on the list which makes it easy to have a group discussion on any subject. The list is restricted to members only and so it will accept e-mails only from someone who has been registered.

CNSW hopes that there will be at least one person from each club subscribing to this email list. This kind of email forum list has worked well for Southern NSW clubs for the last couple of years, and we hope it will be beneficial to all clubs.”

An extract from the home page appears below:



This group is open to any member of a croquet Club affiliated with Croquet NSW.

Messages on the list can be to:

- a) Seek advice on any aspect of operating a club or playing the game
- b) Provide advice to members of other clubs
- c) Inform club members of changes in rules or procedures
- d) Notify of coming events
- e) Provide suggestions or ideas on improving some aspect of the game or its administration
- f) Seek help or support in organising an event.

What the group is not to be used for is to 'Flame' (criticize) another person or club. Anyone doing this more than once will be banned from the list.

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3	11+	144x			6--	9+
			3--	15x		
6x	35x					
	15+	3--	2--	2/	18+	
5+		1--	2/	5--	15x	
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Rules for playing KENKEN®

1. Fill in the numbers from 1 to grid size.
2. Do not repeat a number in any row or column.
3. The numbers in each heavily outlined set of squares (called cages) must combine (in any order) to produce the target number in the top corner using the mathematical operation indicated. Division is denoted by /.
4. A number can be repeated within a cage as long as it is not in the same row or column.

Solution to January's 9x9 KenKen

3	6	9	5	7	4	8	2	1
8	9	4	2	3	5	1	6	7
7	4	8	6	2	3	5	1	9
1	2	7	8	9	6	3	4	5
2	1	5	7	4	9	6	3	8
9	7	2	3	1	8	4	5	6
5	3	6	9	8	1	2	7	4
4	5	3	1	6	7	9	8	2
6	8	1	4	5	2	7	9	3



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PROGRAM: February 2012

	8-45	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-9.30
Wednesday 1							Beginner Games <1 lawn>					Bronze games		
Thursday 2							Bronze games							
Friday 3		Games for all grades									Private Hire			
Saturday 4							Bronze games							
Sunday 5														
Monday 6		Silver & Gold Plus games					Bronze games			Twilight games		Wine & cheese...		
Tuesday 7		Gold Plus games					Games for all grades							
Wednesday 8							Beginner Games <1 lawn>					Bronze games		
Thursday 9							Bronze games							
Friday 10		Games for all grades												
Saturday 11							Bronze games							
Sunday 12		Golf Croquet (Lyndey Milan's group)												
Monday 13		Silver & Gold Plus games					Bronze games			Twilight games		Wine & cheese...		
Tuesday 14		Gold Plus games					Games for all grades							
Wednesday 15							Beginner Games <1 lawn>					Bronze games		
Thursday 16							Bronze games							
Friday 17		Games for all grades									Private Hire			
Saturday 18		AGM					Bronze games							
Sunday 19		Golf Croquet (Denis Rolles' group)			Golf Croquet (all welcome)									
Monday 20		Silver & Gold Plus games					Bronze games			Twilight games		Wine & cheese...		
Tuesday 21		Gold Plus games					Games for all grades							
Wednesday 22							Beginner Games <1 lawn>					Bronze games		
Thursday 23		Cammeray Birthday Tournament -- Round Robin Games												
Friday 24		Games for all grades			Cammeray Birthday Tournament -- Round Robin Games									
Saturday 25		Cammeray Birthday Tournament -- Quarter Finals and Plate Rounds 1 & 2												
Sunday 26		Birthday Tournament Semi Finals and Final											Birthday Tournament BBQ	
Monday 27		Silver & Gold Plus games					Bronze games			Twilight games		Wine & cheese...		
Tuesday 28		Gold Plus games					Games for all grades							
Wednesday 29							Beginner Games <1 lawn>					Bronze games		

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| | Lawns available for independent play | | Bronze games | | Tournaments |
| | Wine & cheese (lawns available) | | Games for all grades | | Golf croquet |
| | Committee meeting (lawns available) | | Gold Plus games | | Private hire |
| | Coaching Sessions/Beginner games | | Lawn mowing/maintenance | | Silver Plus games |

Note that lawn mowing/maintenance is no longer at a set time each Wednesday morning, but could be early any morning.