

# CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

## July 2009:

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

### Centenary Lunch

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June we had a grand celebration of our club's centenary with a lunch at the Northbridge Golf Club. The food was excellent, the speeches interesting, and a great time was had by all. Our congratulations to Di and Georgie who arranged the lunch, and to Neil Hartley who organised the program. Jackie McDonald and the Venerable Yanatharo (Jose Sanz Tonnelier) were guests, and gave talks about the history of croquet and the history of the club. Neil Hardie and Neil Hartley, our club president, also spoke about the early history and the present history of the club. Ron Wiebe, our splendid web-designer, was also a guest, together with his wife, Jan.



Our three life members – Mila, Jose and Ken – cutting the birthday cake



Di and Georgie – who organised the lunch – enjoying the occasion



Some of the guests at the birthday lunch

Many of our former members came – it was a pleasure to see Pat Wright, Vicky Hoeben, Beth Cliffe, Margaret Beaumont, Sandy Pearson and Shirley Wicks at the lunch.

## **History of Cammeray Croquet Club**

A booklet has been produced giving the history of the Cammeray Croquet Club 1909-2009. It costs \$10, and copies are available in the clubhouse. Only a few copies have been printed – if you want one, get in early.

## **Pennants**

Our gold and bronze pennants teams have been competing against other clubs. The results so far are:

**Gold:** (Hardie, Howes, Simpson, L. Fransen) Mosman beat Cammeray 2-1 (we lost one game by only one hoop!); then Cammeray beat Chatswood 2-1.

**Bronze 1:** (McDonald, Schmidt, Stanton, Ofner) lost 1-2 to Warrawee, but then beat Epping, winning both singles, though the doubles was washed out, to be played in July. Then they beat Killara 2-1.

**Bronze 2:** (Yates, George, Maynard, Nicholas) lost 0-3 to Mosman, but improved against Sutherland, with Peter George winning his game, and the team losing 1-2. At Hurstville they faced strong opposition and lost 0-3.



**David Stanton and Barbara McDonald playing against Killara in the bronze pennants**

## **Good Results for Cammeray Players**

Jake Henzler won his block at the Chatswood Crush - and \$200!

Alan Walsh reached the semi-finals of the Champion of Champions Trophy, where he lost to Nick Macoun

Fay Simpson won her block at the Urunga Carnival

## **Club Bronze Championship**

There are fourteen entries in the Cammeray Bronze Championship. They will be playing in two blocks – one block is primarily for those who prefer to play at night, while the other is for day players. The top two in each block will go on to the semi-finals and finals, which are planned for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. We will then have a barbecue to coincide with the finals.

The entrants should start playing their matches as soon as possible – there is usually a log-jam towards the end of the time allocated.

Results so far: Jake beat Steve 18-6; Jon beat Michelle 12-11 (after time!).

## **Saturday Morning Play**

Some Saturday mornings recently have been very crowded, and it has been difficult for all players to get a reasonable game or practice. Can the members who can play during the week give priority on lawn 2 to those who work full-time and have limited opportunities for play – especially during winter, when the nights are cold?

### **Locking Up**

Several times lately one of the gates has been left unlocked overnight. We ask that people ensure that the gates are locked when they leave; in particular, can the last person leaving the club make sure that both gates are secure.

### **Lights in Sheds**

We now have main-operated lights in both sheds, which will make life easier for those who play at night. We are grateful to North Sydney Council who installed them. The light switch in the smaller shed is in the corner on the left of the door; in the larger shed the switch is on the roof near the middle.

### **Separate Balls for Golf and Association**

Some members may not be aware that we have two different kinds of croquet balls available for play – Dawson 2000 and Dawson Internationals. These have slightly different properties, so it is important for serious games to ensure that they do not get mixed up. Dawson Internationals are used for all the major Association Croquet tournaments, so we have decided that these balls will be kept purely for Association Croquet, while the Dawson 2000 balls are kept for Golf Croquet. The boxes will be marked, and will be kept separately. Please do not use both sets of balls on one lawn! It is a difficult process to identify which ball is which.

### **Money Box**

We now have a secure money box fixed to the wall of the clubhouse near the kitchen. This can be used to pay subscriptions and other fees; and when the money tin has more than \$20 in it, members are asked to put most of the money in an envelope and put it in the box. There are envelopes on the shelf above the telephone.

### **Flooded Lawns**

The super-sopper continues to give us splendid service. During the recent wet weather various members – including Warren Yates, Peter George, Pamela and Neil Hardie, and Georgie Ofner have all taken a turn is soaking up small lakes on the lawns.

### **Carers' Mornings**

For the next couple of months a group of Carers from the local community centre will be playing golf croquet on Friday mornings. They will only need one lawn, so members can still come and play.

## CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB PROGRAM: JULY 2009

Wednesday	1	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.; Pennants coaching 3-5
Thursday	2	<b>Bronze pennants 2 vs Mosman 10 - 1</b> 1.30-4.00 bronze games
Friday	3	<b>Carers' golf croquet 10-12</b>
Saturday	4	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	5	Golf croquet 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (special group)
Monday	6	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	7	
Wednesday	8	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.; Pennants coaching 3-5
Thursday	9	<b>Bronze pennants 1 vs Killara 10 - 1</b> 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Friday	10	<b>Carers' golf croquet 10-12</b>
Saturday	11	Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Sunday	12	Golf croquet 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (special group)
Monday	13	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	14	
Wednesday	15	<b>Gold Pennants vs Chatswood 10 - 1</b> Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m
Thursday	16	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	17	<b>Carers' golf croquet 10-12</b>
Saturday	18	<b>Committee Meeting 8.45 a.m.</b> Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Sunday	19	Golf Croquet 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - all welcome
Monday	20	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	21	
Wednesday	22	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m
Thursday	23	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	24	<b>Carers' golf croquet 10-12</b>
Saturday	25	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	26	Golf croquet 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (special group)
Monday	27	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	28	
Wednesday	29	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m
Thursday	30	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	31	<b>Carers' golf croquet 10-12</b>