



Cammeray Croquet Club



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Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Saturday 20 February, well attended by about 25 members. The President, Neil Hartley, presented the following report:

"2009 was a year of consolidation. We have made more effective use of our night lighting and we have supported and encouraged our large new membership with a range of activities. We have three groups who meet monthly for social golf croquet; the remainder of our members are mainly "full-member" association players. Unfortunately, we have had to limit numbers of full members to about 60 which we considered to be a reasonable number for our two-lawn venue. Including all categories, our membership is one of the largest in the State.

The 2009 Accounts reflect the year's activities with strong increases in membership fees and "community access" payments. It is particularly pleasing to see the increase in lawn fees as it reflects on the increased usage of the lawns.

I have been very fortunate in having an outstanding committee with major contributions from:

Mila Kotala – our very efficient Secretary and timely supporter of her aging President

Di Loveday and Georgie Ofner – who organised our Social Events with flair and skill. Major functions included our 100th birthday and other occasions.

Mike Hughes – who ably assumed the role of Treasurer.

Alan Walsh – our efficient lawns manager who handled the important liaising role with the Council's greenkeeper.

Neil Hardie – who arranged a full programme of events that kept us all busy and who is managing an extension of our activities to another site in North Sydney.

Dennis Faggoter – who looked after our store rooms and provided coaching and advice to whoever requested it.

David Stanton – a personal friend of mine who we conscripted during the year to the role of Assistant Treasurer and Newsletter organiser.

Warren Yates – who managed our excellent web site www.cammeray-croquet.org.au

Other members - who each made a contribution to our committee.

I thank retiring committee members Di Loveday, Georgie Ofner, Nell Cooper and Claire Givney for their contributions.

It has been very satisfying to see the lifting of standards as members acquired new skills. This improvement has been reflected in success in our own club competitions, in inter-club events and in State-organised CNSW events."

The treasurer, Mike Hughes, tabled draft unaudited accounts for the year to 31 December 2009. A summary of these accounts is shown on page 4 of this newsletter. No resolution was proposed to adopt these accounts, as they had not been audited. The President said that as audited accounts are not required for our club under the Associations Incorporation Act it would be desirable to change our constitution so that an audit was not required. A sub-committee consisting of Ted Griffin, Neil Hartley and Neil Hardie was appointed to investigate the best way to achieve this, and the AGM was adjourned to a date to be fixed by the committee. The aim of the sub-committee is to present a revised constitution to members at a special general meeting in late March or April, this meeting to be followed by resumption of the adjourned annual general meeting, at which the formal accounts (unaudited) can be presented.

The following committee members were elected for 2010:

President:	Neil Hartley
Senior Vice President:	David Stanton
Junior Vice President:	Neil Hardie
Secretary:	Mila Kotala
Assistant Secretary:	Warren Yates
Treasurer:	Mike Hughes
Assistant Treasurer:	David Stanton
Games Captain:	Barbara McDonald
Equipment Manager:	Dennis Faggoter
Lawns Manager:	Alan Walsh
Handicappers:	Neil Hardie, Alan Walsh, Warren Yates & Dennis Faggoter
Croquet NSW Delegate:	Mila Kotala
Public Officer:	Mila Kotala
Trustees:	Neil Hartley, Mila Kotala & Mike Hughes



Claire Givney (pictured) has decided to resign from the Cammeray Croquet Club Committee after twenty years of fine service. She joined the club in 1990, and was almost immediately pressed into service as President, without ever having served on the committee – a difficult job! She was President for six years in all, 1991-3 and 1997-9. She was also games captain and vice-president for long periods. We are most grateful for the contribution that Claire has made to the running of the club, and look forward to seeing her on the croquet lawns more often now.

Special General Meeting

Immediately following the AGM there was a Special Meeting of members to give consideration to various capital expenditure proposals. These were:

- a practice lawn between the clubhouse and the football dressing shed;
- a pavilion to the west of the clubhouse, between the clubhouse and the olive trees;
- solar panels on the northern side of the roof to provide electricity for use in the clubhouse and possible sale back into the grid; and
- Upgrading the toilet facilities in the clubhouse.

Detailed proposals were explained by Neil Hartley, Warren Yates and Graham Maynard, and members present took a quick tour around the outside of the clubhouse to see what was proposed. A vigorous discussion of the various projects ensued, and will be taken into consideration when the committee meets to come up with a decision on how to proceed.

Golf Croquet Tournament

Our first Golf Croquet tournament was a great success, with ten entries and a high standard of play. Nearly every game was hard-fought, with 7-6 being a common score. Di Loveday managed to lose two games 6-7 (and win one 7-6). It was a very hot day, and some players felt the heat in the afternoon.



Players in the Golf Croquet Tournament



In Block A Jake Henzler won from Chay MacTavish, with Graham Maynard in the running until the final game. In Block B Georgie Ofner came first, with Anson Bognar runner up. The semi-finals will be played on Saturday morning 27th February – Jake vs Anson and Georgie vs Chay.

We plan to hold another golf croquet tournament in the not-too-distant future.

Players enjoying a delicious lunch prepared by Di Loveday, Georgie Ofner and Barbara Mc Donald

Wollstonecraft Bowling and Recreation Club

The Wollstonecraft Bowling and Recreation Club have a new greenkeeper, and some progress has been made in preparing a lawn for golf croquet there. However, much work still needs to be done. As always, we will keep members posted on developments with this project.

Coaching on the Use of Bisques

It has been clear to the more advanced players that some bronze players need help in using bisques. Dennis Faggotter will give a coaching session on Thursday 11 March from 4 pm to 5 pm on how to use bisques. Do come along – this is an essential skill if you are to be successful in competition, and using bisques well develops the ability to make breaks of several hoops.

Membership Now Open

As we have lost a number of members over the last two years, we have decided to accept new members again until membership builds up. A beginner coaching course is planned to start in late March. Contact Neil Hardie on 9958-7261 if you want more information.

From the Games Captain, Barbara McDonald

1. Senior Citizens' Competition

Congratulations to Georgie Ofner who won all her matches in The Cammeray Senior Citizens' Tournament. Gordon Schmidt was runner up. Georgie will be Cammeray's representative to play in the State Senior Citizens' Competition starting Monday 22 March at Tempe.

2. The Wright Trophy

An Egyptian Night Tournament starts Thursday 4 March at 6:30 pm. This event will be held during March on Thursday and Sunday evenings. Come along any night you're free, play and have fun!

More information about this tournament is on our website.

3. Cammeray High-Low Handicap Tournament

Starting date: Saturday 10th April 9:30 am

Playing times: The second & fourth Saturdays of the month

Conditions: Handicap difference must be at least 6, and the combined handicaps must be in the range 15 to 30. This means that a 20-handicap player can partner anyone with a handicap of between 10 and 0; and a 12 handicap player can partner anyone with a handicap of 3 to 6. Partners may be invited from other clubs, although at least one player in each pair should be from Cammeray.

Play: the matches will be handicap doubles, with alternate strokes. Time: 2 ½ hours. 26 point games, with advanced play (lifts after 1-back and 4-back). Either player can start each turn with either ball, but after that they have to alternate their strokes.

Handicaps: the number of bisques in each game is given by half the difference between the totals of the partner's handicaps e.g. if a pair on 20 and 1 play a pair on 12 and 4, the difference between the totals is $21 - 16 = 5$. There are thus $5/2 = 2\frac{1}{2}$ bisques to the 20 & 1 pair.

Entering:

Players may enter as a single or a pair.

Enter your name(s) on the entry form at the Club house, stating which Saturdays you available, so we can do a draw.

The length of the tournament will be decided when we have all the entries; but about eight Saturdays are envisaged.

Contact Warren Yates on info@cammeray-croquet.org.au for more information. You can enter online, just click on the event entry link in the members area of www.cammeray-croquet.org.au

4. Club Championship

Entries for the Club Championship are now due, and close on Friday 5 March.

5. The Cammeray Birthday Tournament 2010

This three-day handicap tournament, open to players with handicaps from 0 to 18, will be held from Friday 21 to Sunday 23 May. More information in next month's newsletter.

Cammeray Summertime Tournament

All regular games have now been played, and semi-finals will be played on Tuesday 2 March, with the final to follow on Saturday 6 March, commencing at 10 am. Semi-finalists and their finishing positions are: David Stanton (1) –v- Steve Baxter (5) and Sue Nicholas (2) –v- Doug Nicholas (4). Unfortunately, Graham Maynard, who finished third, was unable to compete in the semi-finals as he is overseas.

Croquet NSW Bronze Singles

Three Cammeray members, Bebe Abdullah, Georgie Ofner and David Stanton are playing in this event from Monday 22 February to Friday 26 February. As this issue goes to press, Bebe has won three of her six games, despite not being well. Georgie and David have each won four of their six games. The final games are to be played on Friday morning.

Financial Statements at 31 December 2009

A brief summary of the financial situation at 31 December 2009 is:

BALANCE SHEET	2009	2008
<u>Assets</u>	\$	\$
Cash at bank, including term deposits	26,731	15,736
Petty Cash	0	300
Total assets	26,731	16,036
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Membership Paid in Advance	8,271	5,732
Provisions for legal fees & self-insurance	1,800	900
Total liabilities	10,071	6,632
<u>Net Assets</u>	16,660	9,404
INCOME & EXPENDITURE		
<u>Income from members and visitors</u>		
Subscriptions	11,720	9,371
Green fees	7,057	5,435
Green fees – visitors	3,543	2,991
Equipment hire	890	0
Lessons	422	1,318
<u>Other Income</u>		
Donations	200	435
Functions & Events	4,363	2,493
Government grants	1,980	750
Interest	807	528
Other income	0	43
<u>Total Income</u>	30,982	23,364
<u>Expenses</u>		
Advertising	0	252
Affiliation fees to Croquet NSW	3,414	2,960
Clubhouse, grounds and lawns	3,874	7,673
Equipment & trophies	2,103	560
Insurance	640	700
Legal expenses	400	400
Maintenance	785	660
Printing, stationery & postage	610	851
Rent	5,041	5,041
Services: telephone & electricity	780	677
Supplies for social functions	5,598	4,245
Sundry expenses	481	568
Total Expenses	23,276	24,587
Operating Profit/(Loss)	7,256	(1,223)



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PROGRAM: February - March 2010

	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
Saturday 27 Feb		Golf croquet Tournament semi-finals				Bronze games								
Sunday 28 Feb		Golf Croquet <1 lawn> (Jake Henzler's group)												
Monday 1		Games for all grades				Bronze games				Twilight games	Wine & cheese...			
Tuesday 2		Summertime tournament semi-finals												
Wednesday 3	Lawn mowing										Bronze games			
Thursday 4						Bronze games					Wright Trophy Egyptian Tournament			
Friday 5		Handicap games (all grades)												
Saturday 6		Summertime Tournament Final				Bronze games		Private hire						
Sunday 7		Golf Croquet (Denis Rolles' group)									Wright Trophy Egyptian Tournament			
Monday 8		Games for all grades				Bronze games				Twilight games	Wine & cheese...			
Tuesday 9														
Wednesday 10	Lawn mowing										Bronze games			
Thursday 11						Bronze games		Bisque coaching			Wright Trophy Egyptian Tournament			
Friday 12		Handicap games (all grades)										Golf croquet (all welcome)		
Saturday 13						Bronze games								
Sunday 14		Golf Croquet (Lyndey Milan's group)												
Monday 15		Games for all grades				Bronze games				Twilight games	Wine & cheese...			
Tuesday 16														
Wednesday 17	Lawn mowing										Bronze games			
Thursday 18						Bronze games							Wright Trophy Egyptian Tournament	
Friday 19		Handicap games (all grades)												
Saturday 20						Bronze games								
Sunday 21		Golf Croquet (all welcome)									Wright Trophy Egyptian Tournament			
Monday 22		Games for all grades				Bronze games				Twilight games	Wine & cheese...			
Tuesday 23														
Wednesday 24	Lawn mowing										Bronze games			
Thursday 25						Bronze games							Wright Trophy Egyptian Tournament	
Friday 26		Handicap games (all grades)												
Saturday 27	Committee meeting					Bronze games								
Sunday 28		Golf Croquet <1 lawn> (Jake Henzler's group)									Wright Trophy Egyptian Tournament			
Monday 29		Games for all grades				Bronze games				Twilight games	Wine & cheese...			
Tuesday 30														
Wednesday 31	Lawn mowing										Bronze games			

- Lawns available for independent play
- Bronze games
- Wine & cheese (lawns available)
- Committee meeting (lawns available)
- Games for all grades
- Golf croquet
- Tournaments
- Lawn mowing and maintenance
- Private hire
- Twilight games (all grades)