

# CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

## September 2009:

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

### **Cammeray Players excel in Gold Brooch**

Stephen Howes won this year's Gold Brooch with Neil Hartley a very close runner up

### **Cammeray players do well in NSW Open**

Alan Walsh and his partner, Mike Jenner, almost won the NSW Open Doubles. On the last day they started as joint leaders, won their first two matches 26TP-0, and only had to score three hoops in the last match to win the tournament. Sadly, they lost 0-26 to Tim Murphy and Alan Honey and had to be satisfied with second place.

It was good to see Dennis Faggotter returning to top level competition, partnering Alex Verge in the doubles. They performed creditably, winning four of their matches.

In the Open Singles, four Cammeray players got through to the quarter finals. Ted Griffin then lost to Peter Landrebe, Mike Jenner defeated Mike Hughes, and Alan Walsh was eliminated by Rosemary Graham. Peter went on to beat Rosemary Graham in the final.

In the Y-event (for players knocked out in the quarter finals) Ted Griffin demolished Ken Edwards (who is in the NSW State Team) 26-2 and 26-0, while Mike Hughes won against Alan Walsh. Ted then beat Mike in the Y final. This was a splendid effort by Ted, who was not ranked in the top eight.

Cammeray hosted the NSW Open Plate (for players who did not reach the quarter-finals). Stephen Howes represented Cammeray. Nick Macoun defeated Alison Sharpe in a dogged final 13-2. Thanks to the people who helped to manage and referee and cater for this competition, David Stanton in particular, who helped in a variety of ways, and also Georgie Ofner, Pamela Hardie, Mila Kotala, Warren Yates, Di Loveday, Nell Cooper and Bebe Abdullah.



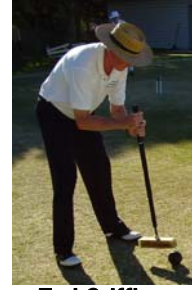
**Stephen Howes playing in the NSW Open Plate, with  
(in the background) Brian Smith, Nick Macoun and Gareth Bushill.**



**Alison Sharpe in the Plate final,  
with Nick Macoun watching**



**Chris Wilson of Canberra**



**Ted Griffin**

## **High- Low Tournament**

**Starting date:** 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**Playing times:** Thursday evenings from 6.30 p.m.

**Conditions:** handicap difference must be at least 6, and the combined handicaps must be in the range 16 to 28. This means that a 20-handicap player can partner anyone with a handicap of between 8 and 0; and a 12 handicap player can partner anyone with a handicap of 4 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.

Pairs need to fill out an entry form stating which Thursdays they are available, so we can do a draw. Note that lawns are being top-dressed the first two weeks in October, so there will be a break then in the tournament.

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

Contact Warren Yates on [info@cammeray-croquet.org.au](mailto:info@cammeray-croquet.org.au) for further information, or look up our website at <http://www.cammeray-croquet.org.au/>

## **Cammeray Bronze Championships**

The competition is getting intense in this; at the time of going to press, in block 1 Jake Henzler has three wins and no losses, Warren Yates has three wins and one loss, and Steve Baxter has two wins and two losses. In block two David Stanton has four wins and one loss, Gordon Schmidt has two wins and no losses and Sue Nicholas and Nancy Hickson both have one win and one loss. The scores are continually updated on the website in the members area under Check Event Scores. The final is on Saturday September 26

## **Lawn Maintenance**

The lawns will be closed for maintenance for the first couple of weeks in October.

## **Future Events**

October 4<sup>th</sup> is when daylight saving starts, and our popular twilight games will begin again on Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. followed by wine and cheese and scintillating conversation – as soon as the lawn maintenance is complete .

## **CNSW Yearbooks**

Orders for the Croquet NSW Yearbooks can be placed now. The yearbook is useful for croquet players who enter tournaments or play at other clubs. It lists all the CNSW and club tournaments planned for the following year, with the handicap range, dates, cost of entry and closing date. It has details of every club in NSW, together with a list of members of each club, and their telephone numbers and addresses – invaluable if you want to arrange a game! The cost of the yearbook is \$16, and place your orders with Mila Kotala (9909-1818).

## **Children's Day**

North Sydney Council will hold its annual Children's Day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October next to the Council Chambers. Cammeray Croquet Club always helps with this event by running mallet games for the children. We will need volunteers to help run our games. We will have a roster so that you only need stay for an hour or two. Tell Mila if you can help.

## **Referee Course**

We have just held a very successful referee course, and the four candidates are going to take their examination in September at Tempe. We are thinking of holding another referee course at the end of this year – contact Neil Hardie ([nhardie@ozemail.com.au](mailto:nhardie@ozemail.com.au)) if you are interested in coming to this course.

## **Security**

We are still having instances where the club is being left unsecured overnight. It may seem overkill, but to ensure that the club is properly secured let us each assume that we are responsible for checking that both gates, both doors to the club house and both sheds are locked before we leave. If there is someone still at the club when we leave, we should confirm with them that we are passing our responsibility for locking up to them. Let's set the target of zero reported security lapses between now and the end of the year.

## **Kitchen**

Apart from a security check could all members please do a kitchen check before they leave. Please wash, dry and put away glasses, crockery etc. that you have used. Also please empty the tidy bin on the bench and put the rubbish and empty bottles in the Council wheelie bin in the park. Plastic bags for the tidy bin are kept in the pantry cupboard". If you can't fit it in it can wait until next month.

## CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB PROGRAM: SEPTEMBER 2009

Tuesday	1	
Wednesday	2	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	3	Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Friday	4	
Saturday	5	Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Sunday	6	Golf croquet 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. all welcome
Monday	7	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	8	
Wednesday	9	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	10	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Friday	11	<b>Carers' golf croquet 10-12</b>
Saturday	12	Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Sunday	13	Golf croquet 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (special group)
Monday	14	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	15	
Wednesday	16	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	17	1.30-3.30 bronze games <b>6.30 p.m. – 9 p.m. High-Low Tournament</b>
Friday	18	<b>Carers' golf croquet 10-12</b>
Saturday	19	<b>Committee Meeting 8.45 a.m.</b> Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Sunday	20	Private hire 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday	21	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	22	
Wednesday	23	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday	24	1.30-3.30 bronze games <b>6.30 p.m. – 9 p.m. High-Low Tournament</b>
Friday	25	<b>Carers' golf croquet 10-12</b>
Saturday	26	Bronze Championship Final Social Event Barbeque with a Greek Flavour noon-2 pm
Sunday	27	Golf croquet 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (special group)
Monday	28	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Tuesday	29	
Wednesday	30	Bronze night games 6.30 - 9 p.m.