

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

Annual General Meeting

The next major event for the club is the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Saturday 14th February (St Valentine's Day!) at 10 a.m. Please come 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.

New Committee

We always want 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 Mila Kotala on 9909-1818 or Neil Hardie on 9958-7261.

The Wright Trophy - An Egyptian Night Tournament

This will be played every Tuesday night from 3rd February to 28th April at Cammeray, except when other events are being held. The games will be 90 minutes, 18 point, stop on the bell, handicap. Clips will start on hoop 5.

Two games will be played each night. The first session will start at 6.30 p.m., and end at 8 p.m. The second game will be from 8.15p.m. to 9.45 p.m. A warm-up will be permitted at 6.25 p.m. before the first session. AHS cards will not be used.

In Egyptian tournaments there is no draw; people play against whoever turns up on the night. You can come along whenever you are free, and you can enter the tournament at any time up to the end of March. The winner is the person whose rating has increased most during the tournament. This is a handicap tournament, ordinary play (no lifts). The cost is the normal night play fee - \$3 members, \$5 visitors.

Just come along on the next Tuesday night you are free from February on and try your luck in this tournament. For further information, contact Neil Hardie on 9958-7261.

Beginners' Tournament

This will be held on Thursday to Sunday 5th to 8th March. Any member can enter if they have played in no more than one tournament previously.

The entrants will be divided into blocks, and within each block each player will play all the others. The winner of each block will go on to the semi-finals and/or finals. The semi-finals and finals will be played on Sunday 8th March.

The games will be 18 points, 2 hours duration, and will have a referee in charge.

The blocks will be either day blocks, playing 9 – 11 a.m. and/or 3-5 p.m., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday; or night blocks, playing 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

When we know how many entries there are, and when they are available, we will produce the detailed draw showing when each of your games will be played and who your opponent will be.

Please write your name on the list in the clubhouse, or send your entries to Neil Hardie, saying whether you want to play at night or during the day, and specifying any sessions when you are not available to play.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 25th February.
The semi-finals will be played on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and the finals from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. There will then be a barbecue and the awarding of the trophy.

Privacy Policy

We need to conform to the privacy legislation that applies in Australia, so we have developed a privacy policy. This is included in the By-Laws which are in the clubhouse and on our website (under 'history'). We have also adapted our new membership form so that applicants give us permission to collect and use personal information.

We collect the following information about our members: name, address, phone number, and email address; and we gather information on their croquet prowess and qualifications (handicaps, coaching qualifications, tournament performance etc.). We also pass this information on to Croquet New South Wales, who publish it in their Year Book.

If any member wants any of this information to be kept confidential in any way, they discuss this with Mila Kotala or Neil Hardie. Note that the information listed must be available to the Committee of Cammeray Croquet Club.

Coaching on Thursday Nights

Until the end of February experienced players will be giving an hour of coaching to novice members from 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. The novices can then play games of croquet to try out the techniques they have been shown. We have a number of members who have only recently finished their coaching, and we look forward to seeing them at these sessions.

Grant

We have just received a grant of \$1480 from the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to buy a Supersopper and some new mallets under their Volunteer assistance program. The Supersopper is a machine which soaks up water from lawns and playing fields to make them playable after heavy rain. We have had to transfer or cancel several major events due to floods on our lawns, so we hope that this will help.



The 'Sandpiper' Supersopper

Spare balls

We recently cleared out the large shed, and found a number of old balls which we no longer need. If anyone wants to take a couple of balls for practice, they are in the clubhouse on the kitchen hatch.

Coming Events:

Croquet NSW Gala Day is on Friday 6th February. This is an entertaining day, with various mallet games and tests of skill. Cammeray always take part, and we need members to spend an hour or so helping to run the bagatelle game. The cost is \$5, bring your own lunch, and it starts at 10 a.m. Contact Mila if you can come.

Golf Croquet

A number of our members play some golf croquet. As a trial we are introducing golf croquet for all members on the third Sunday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or longer if the players want). Golf croquet members are permitted by our by-laws to play twice a month, so if any of them want to come along to these new sessions, they will be welcome.

Coaching in golf croquet

Dennis Faggotter has agreed to give an introduction to golf croquet on Thursday 5th February from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. This will cover the rules and some basic tactics. This will be useful for anyone wanting to try golf croquet; and also for those members who help at private hirings by showing visitors how to play golf croquet. This coaching is free of charge.

Mallet hire

There are several excellent mallets available for hire by members. Charges range from \$20 for six months to \$20 for two months depending on the quality of the mallet. We regularly add to our collection of mallets, and we aim to have examples of most of the major mallet makers available to our members to try out.

We will put the available mallets for hire on the racks behind the south door, with a list giving the type, weight, hire cost etc.

Contact Di Loveday 9428-3580 to arrange a hire.

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB PROGRAM: FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday	1	Golf Croquet 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Monday	2	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. Twilight games 5-7p.m. followed by wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	3	Egyptian Tournament 6.30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Wednesday	4	
Thursday	5	1.30-3.30 bronze games golf croquet coaching 4 – 5p.m. 6.30 –9.30 p.m. novice coaching followed by games
Friday	6	
Saturday	7	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games Private hire 4 – 5.30 p.m.
Sunday	8	Golf Croquet 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Monday	9	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. Twilight games 5-7p.m. followed by wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	10	Egyptian Tournament 6.30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Wednesday	11	
Thursday	12	1.30-3.30 bronze games 6.30 –9.30 p.m. novice coaching followed by games
Friday	13	Silver and over invitation evening 6.30-10 p.m.
Saturday	14	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games AGM 10 am (followed by Committee Meeting)
Sunday	15	Golf Croquet 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – all welcome
Monday	16	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. Twilight games 5 - 7p.m. followed by wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	17	Egyptian Tournament 6.30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Wednesday	18	Bronze invitation evening 6.30-10 p.m.
Thursday	19	1.30-3.30 bronze games 6.30 –9.30 p.m. novice coaching followed by games
Friday	20	
Saturday	21	Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m.
Sunday	22	Golf Croquet 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Monday	23	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. Twilight games 5-7p.m. followed by wine and cheese - \$7
Tuesday	24	Egyptian Tournament 6.30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Wednesday	25	
Thursday	26	1.30-3.30 bronze games 6.30 –9.30 p.m. novice coaching followed by games
Friday	27	
Saturday	28	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games