

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

January 2009:

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

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party was a happy and convivial occasion, with over forty people enjoying the sunshine. The early wind nearly blew over the marquee and kept removing the tablecloths, but then died down. The excellent catering was done by the Cammeray Golf Club. Many thanks to the various people who helped organise the event, especially Georgie Ofner and Di Loveday; Neil Hartley and Joan de Botton; Bebe Abdullah and Graham Maynard, Claire Givney and Mila Kotala among many others.



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.

Help Needed

North Sydney Council are holding an Aboriginal Sports Day on 1st February. They have told us that croquet is popular with aboriginals in Queensland, so some form of mallet sports will be included in the day's events. Let Mila know if you can help.

Coaching on Thursday Nights

From Thursday 15th January 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.

Farewell to Pat Wright

After over 20 years of playing croquet and serving the Cammeray Croquet Club, Pat Wright has decided that it is time to resign. Pat was President of the club from 1994 to 1997, and again from 2000 to 2002. She was a good silver player, and represented the club in pennants several times. She was always friendly and helpful to beginners, and would go to watch and support Cammeray members who played in competitions. Whenever there was a need for help at an event, she was usually available – at Children's Days, Seniors' Days, and making food for social occasions. We will miss her – but she is donating a trophy for one of our tournaments, so we will have something to remind us of her.



Pat Wright helping at a Seniors' Day May 2008

New Tournament

We are thinking of running a new tournament on Tuesday nights from the beginning of February, and want to see how much interest from members there will be for this. The tournament will be a great opportunity for members to try out their skills in a relaxed environment. The games will be 22 point games with bisques (and no Handicap cards!) with a 90 minute time-limit. Players can come along and play whenever they are available on a Tuesday night, and we will have a scoring system that works out the winner and runner up at the end of the tournament in March. The main rule is that you have to play at least 5 games to win. Contact Neil Hardie on 9958-7261 if you are interested.

Locker allocation

We have re-allocated lockers in the clubhouse. There were several new requests for lockers from regular players, and we reduced the number of lockers during the renovations; so a couple of long-term members who no longer play had to forego their lockers.

There are still some mallet racks beside the back door of the clubhouse; these can be used for any members who wish to leave their mallet at the clubhouse, but do not have use of a locker. These racks can also be used for storing mallets which have been hired from the club.

Some of the tournaments and prizes won by Cammeray Members in 2008:

Croquet Australia Events:

Australian Open – Peter Landrebe

Encouragement Award: Ted Griffin

Croquet New South Wales Events:

NSW Open Singles: Alan Walsh

3 and under singles: Alan Walsh

Fransted: Neil Hardie

Senior Citizens Week: Mike Hughes

Golf Croquet Open Singles: Peter Landrebe

Platinum Singles: Mike Hughes

Men's Open Singles: Peter Landrebe

Bronze Brooch: Lesley Fransen

NSW Open Doubles: Peter Landrebe (with Rosemary Graham)

NSW 'Y' Event: Peter Landrebe

Gold Pennants: Cammeray Team

Golf Croquet Div 1: Peter Landrebe

Club Events:

Manly Seabreeze Prestige: Neil Hartley

Manly Seabreeze Gold Div: John Fransen

Manly Armstrong: Lesley Fransen (with Ann Bradley)

Chatswood Crush (section 3): Neil Hardie

(Please let Neil Hardie know if there are any other prizes by members – we like to keep a record of our members' achievements).

Coming Events:

Croquet NSW Gala Day 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.

Spare Yearbook

We have a spare CNSW Yearbook available – the cost is \$14. This is extremely useful for any player who is planning to enter club or CNSW tournaments in 2009. Contact Mila if interested.

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB PROGRAM: JANUARY 2009

Thursday	1	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	2	
Saturday	3	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games Private hire 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday	4	
Monday	5	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	6	Night play (all grades) 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday	7	
Thursday	8	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	9	
Saturday	10	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	11	
Monday	12	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	13	Night play (all grades) 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday	14	Bronze Invitation Event – 6.30- 10 p.m.
Thursday	15	1.30-3.30 bronze games 6.30 –9.30 p.m. novice coaching followed by games
Friday	16	Silver and over invitation evening 6.30-10 p.m.
Saturday	17	Committee meeting 8.45 a.m.
Sunday	18	
Monday	19	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	20	
Wednesday	21	Bronze Invitation Evening 6.30-10 p.m.
Thursday	22	1.30-3.30 bronze games 6.30 –9.30 p.m. novice coaching followed by games
Friday	23	
Saturday	24	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	25	Golf croquet 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday	26	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	27	Night play (all grades) 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday	28	
Thursday	29	1.30-3.30 bronze games 6.30 –9.30 p.m. novice coaching followed by games
Friday	30	
Saturday	31	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games