

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2009:

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

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on a cold, wet day Valentine's Day (14th February). We had difficulty getting a quorum (25% of full members) but some phone calls persuaded extra members to come, and the meeting became official. Neil Hardie stepped down as President after his three-year term, and Neil Hartley took over. The full committee elected is as follows:

President: Neil Hartley
Senior Vice-President: Warren Yates
Junior Vice-President: Claire Givney
Treasurer: Mike Hughes
Secretary: Mila Kotala
Games Captain: Neil Hardie
Lawns Manager: Alan Walsh
Social Secretaries: Georgie Ofner & Di Loveday
Equipment Manager: Dennis Faggotter
Assistant Secretary (and webmaster) Warren Yates
Gold Representative: Neil Hardie
Silver representative: Barbara McDonald
Bronze/beginner representative: Nell Cooper
Housekeeper: Mila Kotala
Handicappers: Neil Hardie, Alan Walsh, Dennis Faggotter, Warren Yates

We welcome three new members to the committee, Dennis Faggotter, Barbara McDonald and Nell Cooper.

Two long-serving members of the committee have retired – Ken Clapp and Joan de Botton. We thank both these members for their many years of excellent service.

Australian Championships

Cammeray will be hosting the Women's Plate as part of the Australian Championships. This will be on Sunday 22nd March and Monday 23rd. March. Do come along and see some first-rate play by some of our best players!

Six Cammeray members will be entering the Men's Open Singles in the Australian Championships – Peter Landrebe, Neil Hartley, Mike Hughes, Stephen Howes, Ted Griffin and Alan Walsh. Unfortunately their matches are all some distance away – at Tempe, Sutherland, Epping and Port Hacking; but if you can, go along and cheer them on (21st to 24th March).

Alan Walsh has been selected to play in the Eire Cup, the Inter-State Teams Championship (25th to 29th March). The Tasmanian team had two late withdrawals, so they asked if local players could represent them. Croquet NSW sent a list of the top NSW players who were not in the State Team, and Alan (together with Nick Macoun of Killara) were chosen by Tasmania. He will come up against another Cammeray member, Peter Landrebe, who is representing New South Wales.

Beginners' Tournament

This will be held on Thursday to Sunday 5th to 8th March.

We have an excellent entry of 14 players, who have been divided into four blocks – two of four players and two of three players.

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.

Barbecue

On Sunday 8th March there will be a barbecue for all members, to coincide with the finals of the Beginner Tournament. This will start at 12.30 p.m., so we can watch the last stages of the final while we eat and drink. The cost of this is \$15. Let Di (9428-3580) or Mila (9909-1818) know if you are coming – by Friday 6th - or add your name to the list in the clubhouse.

Regular Bronze Sessions Cancelled

Note that the normal bronze sessions on Thursday afternoon and Saturday afternoon will not take place on 5th and 7th March due to the Beginner Tournament. We apologise to the players who may be inconvenienced.

The Wright Trophy - An Egyptian Night Tournament

The Wright Cup has been a great success, with seven or eight people turning up most nights.

This competition is played every Tuesday night from 3rd February to 28th April at Cammeray, except when other events are being held. The games are 90 minutes, 18 point, stop on the bell, handicap, with two games played each night. There is no draw, and players play against whoever turns up on the night. You can still join this competition by just coming along on a Tuesday night at 6.25 p.m. or at 8 p.m.

The present leader in the competition is Lesley Fransen, who has won all her games so far.



Bebe Abdullah playing in the Wright Trophy, which she helped to initiate.

Gold Doubles

The Croquet NSW Gold Doubles Tournament was won by Stephen Howes and Neil Hardie. They won all six of their games, although the field included a strong pair from Canberra.

Super-sopper

Our super-sopper – a specially designed machine to remove pools and puddles from our lawns – has now been delivered. We note that it has already been effective, as it seems to have deterred any heavy rain from falling at Cammeray – we have yet to use it.

Club Championship

The Club Championship will start at the end of March, as it has to be finished by 14th May in time for the Cammeray entry into the Champion of Champions Trophy. If you wish to enter, please put your name down on the entry form in the clubhouse, or contact Neil Hardie on nhardie@ozemail.com.au

NSW Gala Day

The Croquet NSW Gala Day was on Friday 6th February, and was a great success. Many thanks to Mila Kotala, Neil Hartley and Dennis Faggotter for managing the Cammeray side of the games; and Dennis and Neil won the Golf Croquet competition, even though Neil had never played a golf croquet competition before (fortunately Dennis is an old hand at the game!)

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.

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.

Committee Meeting

Please note that the committee meeting has been postponed to Saturday 28th March, as so many committee members will be playing in the Australian Championships.

Seniors Week

We are running our usual 'Come and Try Day' for the North Sydney Council for Seniors' Week on Wednesday 18th March from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, with refreshments provided. Some helpers will be needed to demonstrate golf croquet – contact Mila if you can assist.

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB PROGRAM: MARCH 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	Beginner Tournament 9.30-11.30a.m., 3-5 & 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Friday	6	Beginner Tournament 9.30-11.30a.m., 3-5 & 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Saturday	7	Beginner Tournament 9.30-11.30a.m., 3-5 & 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Sunday	8	Beginner Tournament - finals - 9 -11 and 11.30 – 1.30 Barbecue 12.30 p.m. – all welcome \$15 p.p. Golf croquet 2 p.m. – 8 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
Friday	13	Silver and over invitation evening 6.30-10 p.m.
Saturday	14	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games Private hire 4 -8 p.m.
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	Seniors week golf croquet demo – 10 - 12 Bronze invitation evening 6.30-10 p.m.
Thursday	19	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	20	
Saturday	21	Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. (note: players in the Women's Plate may want to practice today, but this is unlikely)
Sunday	22	AUSTRALIAN OPEN – WOMEN'S PLATE
Monday	23	AUSTRALIAN OPEN – WOMEN'S PLATE
Tuesday	24	Egyptian Tournament 6.30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Wednesday	25	
Thursday	26	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	27	
Saturday	28	Committee Meeting 8.45 a.m. 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	29	Golf croquet 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Monday	30	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	31	Egyptian Tournament 6.30 p.m. – 10 p.m.