



Cammeray Croquet Club



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

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Cammeray Croquet Club Inc. will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday 19 February 2011, commencing at 10 am.

Please come along 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. There will be coffee and refreshments after the meeting, and croquet later for those who want it.



The agenda for the AGM is as follows:

1. Minutes of last AGM, held 20 February 2010
2. Reports from President, Secretary and Treasurer
3. Election of new committee
4. Any other business which can properly be brought before an Annual General Meeting

New Committee – we are always looking for 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 Neil Hardie on 9958 7261 or Neil Hartley on 9922 1937.



(Photo by David Stanton)

Ball Scoop

Neil Hardie has made a couple of ball scoops (photo at right) to help players who have difficulty bending to get balls out of ditches etc. There are two hanging on the trophy cabinet in the clubhouse. Thanks, Neil!

Bird Bath

Many thanks to Lucy Rees who has kindly donated a magnificent terra cotta bird bath (photo at left) to the club.

Lucy previously donated a beautiful pottery bowl to replace the old ice-cream plastic bucket which sat under the tap near lawn 1. Unfortunately, this bowl proved unable to withstand the force of a black croquet ball leaving the lawn at some pace after a missed roquet. Thanks, Lucy, for your generosity and for your concern for our birdlife.



(Photo by Neil Hardie)

Cammeray Tournaments

1. Cammeray Birthday Tournament 2011

This is our premier event for the year, and is attracting quite a strong field, a good mix of Cammeray players along with players from other clubs. Entries close on Friday 4 February, and games will be from Thursday 10 February to Sunday 13 February.

There will be two playing sessions under lights on each of the evenings Thursday to Saturday, starting at 4 pm and 7 pm. An extra 1 pm session could be needed on 1 or more days of the tournament, depending on the number of entries. The Final and Semi Finals (if required) will be played on the Sunday 13.

Come along and cheer on the competitors at any of these sessions, particularly for the final, set down for a 4 pm start on Sunday. There will be a barbecue at 6:30 pm on Sunday, to which all club members and guests are welcome, at a cost of \$15 per person.

Some changes to regular game times have been necessary to accommodate this tournament. Bronze games on Thursday and Saturday will start and finish half an hour earlier, and Lyndey Milan's golf croquet group has agreed to move their day to the 3rd Sunday this month.

2. Senior Citizens' Competition

Entries for our play-off to represent Cammeray in the Croquet NSW Senior Citizens Tournament have closed, with four entries. Games will be played during February, predominantly on Wednesday afternoons, between Graham Maynard, Sue Nicholas, David Stanton and Warren Yates. The finals are at Tempe from March 14 to March 18.

3. Beginners Tournament

We will be holding a tournament for beginners in March, for players who have not played in more than one tournament previously. This tournament is a great way to improve your croquet by playing in a competitive environment. You can enter on-line at the club website, or on the form in the clubhouse. Games will be to 18 points, and will be played towards the end of March.

Croquet NSW Events

Croquet NSW is keen to see increased entries to its Association Croquet competitions. Entries have been disappointing over the last year or so, with a number of competitions being abandoned due insufficient interest. Most Croquet NSW competitions are played at Tempe, which is very easy to get to by public transport, being right beside Tempe railway station. The entry fee for most competitions is \$28, which includes morning and afternoon tea, but not lunch. Competitions in the next month or so are:

Competition	Dates	Handicap Range	Entries Close
Bronze Singles	21 to 25 February	14 to 24	4 February
Silver Singles	28 February to 4 March	9 to 12	11 February
Gold Singles	28 February to 4 March	5 to 8	11 February
3 and Under Singles	5 and 6 March	-3 to 3	18 February

If you haven't played in a Croquet NSW competition before, give it a go! Bronze and Silver Singles players will usually be required to play two games a day, one starting at 9:30 am and one at 12:30 pm. Gold and Platinum players and above will usually be required to play three games a day. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Croquet NSW website, and there is also a supply of them in the clubhouse.

NSW State Handicap Singles – Beryl Chambers Trophy

This competition is played each year in venues across NSW, with finals played at Tempe in mid-June. This year David Stanton is organising the local qualifying rounds, involving players from Cammeray, Chatswood, Manly and Mosman clubs. Entries close on 8 March, and should be accompanied by the entry fee of \$14. Winners of qualifying rounds play at Tempe, and are required then to pay a further entry fee of \$14. There is a booking sheet and entry forms in the clubhouse, and it is also possible to enter directly to Croquet NSW. If you enter direct to CNSW, please also let David know at david@dsapl.net.

Croquet Etiquette

This is the first of a series of articles by Neil Hardie based on the Oxford Croquet website.

Double-banked games

When two games are being played on one lawn, it is important for all players to avoid disturbing the other game. Check what is happening in the other game before you walk onto the lawn, and check before playing each stroke during your turn (except if it is a short one). You must avoid walking across the line of shots in the other game, and avoid playing shots near other players. Don't make loud noises or make extravagant movements if you are near someone playing a shot.

1. If players of different games get in each other's way, precedence of play is normally given to the player with a break, or the one most likely to get their manoeuvre over quickest. If one game is close to Time then that game is normally given precedence.
2. If a ball from the other game is likely to be struck by your play or is a hindrance you should consider marking it. Before touching the ball you **must** get both double banking players' permissions - it may be critically placed – 'can I mark red?' When you mark a ball use **two** markers across its width, preferably pointing at a peg or a hoop. Thus if one gets displaced by a ball you still have a good guide. You have a responsibility to the other players to mark and replace the ball as accurately as possible. When you have marked a ball, take it to a place which cannot be confused with its original position – put it off the lawn, or in the jaws of a hoop, or against the peg. Remember to replace the marked ball as soon as you have played through its position.
3. If a ball is critically placed in a competition (e.g. in front of a hoop, or wired from other balls) a referee or assistant referee may, with the agreement of the players from the other game, be asked to mark it.

From the January Committee Meeting

Rubbish Bins: Our recycling (yellow lid) and putrescible rubbish bin (red lid) can be put out if needed for collection on Park Avenue on Friday morning. Thursday afternoon players are asked to check the state of the bins and put out if needed, on the far side of Park Avenue opposite the path to the clubhouse. Friday morning players are asked to collect the bins if necessary.

North Sydney Council: Letter from Council re Seniors Day. Resolved to have this on Wednesday 23 February, from 10 am to 12:30 pm, with morning tea beforehand at 9:30 am.

Council to be asked to refurbish the notice board at the Ernest Street entrance. Thanks to Graham Maynard for his suggestion that this be done.

Croquet NSW: Change of date of 2011 Australian Open noted (now 5-13 November). Request for referees for CNSW tournaments noted. Members urged to enter CNSW tournaments and invited to attend Gala Day at Tempe on Friday 11 February.

Drainage: While the expert advice is that the installation of a complete network of sub-soil drains is necessary if the time between heavy rainfall and the lawns being playable is to be minimised, three projects have been identified that could provide some improvement. These are (i) improving the effectiveness of the drain along the tennis court boundary, (ii) improving the effectiveness of the drain between lawns 1 and 2 and (iii) surveying the surface height profile of each lawn and over a series of interventions involving manually building up low lying areas with topsoil, achieve a surface profile more supportive of run-off. Next step is a discussion with North Sydney Council and the enlisting of club members with a willingness to further this project

Website: Regular visitors to the website will have noticed some subtle changes being introduced over the last few weeks. Warren Yates and Ron Wiebe have been working on improving the site, even though it is already the best croquet club website in NSW. Warren will provide a full description of the changes in the newsletter once they have been completed, but in the mean time members might like to look at the new section containing the Agenda and Minutes for each committee meeting, and the section on Coaching Notes.

Golf Croquet Referee Training

As mentioned last month. Manly Croquet Club will be holding two Golf Croquet Referee Training sessions, on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 March 2011. They have invited any interested golf croquet players from Cammeray to participate in these sessions, for which a small fee will be charged to cover expenses and a light lunch.

Interested players should contact Lorraine West on 9981 5440 or tandlwest@bigpond.com.



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PROGRAM: February 2011

	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	
Tuesday 1			Gold/Platinum games				Beginner games								
Wednesday 2	Lawn mowing						Senior Citizens' Tournament					Bronze games			
Thursday 3							Bronze games								
Friday 4		Handicap games (all grades)													
Saturday 5							Bronze games		Private Hire						
Sunday 6		Golf Croquet (Denis Rolles' group)													
Monday 7		Games for all grades					Bronze games				Twilight games	Wine & cheese...			
Tuesday 8		Gold/Platinum games					Beginner games								
Wednesday 9	Lawn mowing						Senior Citizens' Tournament					Bronze games			
Thursday 10							Bronze games		Birthday Tournament						
Friday 11		Handicap games (all grades)							Birthday Tournament						
Saturday 12							Bronze games		Birthday Tournament						
Sunday 13		Golf Croquet (all welcome)							Birthday Tournament Final		Barbecue				
Monday 14		Games for all grades					Bronze games				Twilight games	Wine & cheese...			
Tuesday 15		Gold/Platinum games					Beginner games								
Wednesday 16	Lawn mowing						Senior Citizens' Tournament					Bronze games			
Thursday 17							Bronze games					Gold/Platinum Invitation games			
Friday 18		Handicap games (all grades)													
Saturday 19			AGM	Committee meeting			Bronze games								
Sunday 20							Golf Croquet (Lyndey Milan's group)								
Monday 21		Games for all grades					Bronze games				Twilight games	Wine & cheese...			
Tuesday 22		Gold/Platinum games					Beginner games								
Wednesday 23	Lawn mowing		North Sydney Council Senior Citizens' Day				Senior Citizens' Tournament					Bronze games			
Thursday 24							Bronze games								
Friday 25		Handicap games (all grades)													
Saturday 26							Bronze games								
Sunday 27							Golf Croquet <1 lawn> (Jake Henzler's group)								
Monday 28		Games for all grades					Bronze games				Twilight games	Wine & cheese...			

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| | Lawns available for independent play | | Bronze games | | Tournaments |
| | Wine & cheese (lawns available) | | Games for all grades | | Golf croquet |
| | Committee meeting (lawns available) | | Gold/Platinum games | | Private hire |
| | Coaching Sessions/Beginner games | | Lawn mowing/maintenance | | |