

# **CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER**

## **November 2008:**

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### **Lawn maintenance:**

We are planning our spring lawn maintenance 12<sup>th</sup> November for a couple of weeks – depending on the weather. North Sydney Council will be top-dressing the lawns lightly, which will help new growth and contribute further to the flatness and quality of our lawns. There will be no play for this period. We will try to keep you posted if there is any change to the schedule.

### **Refurbishment Party**

There was a splendid party to celebrate the completion of the clubhouse refurbishment, and thank all those club members who have helped with it. There were special tributes to Peter Landrebe, John Fransen, Alan Walsh, Georgie Ofner and Neil & Pamela Hardie, who all played a major role.



**Members, helpers and others enjoying the wine and barbecue at the refurbishment celebration**

The refurbishment is almost complete now; the final actions are to replace the blinds and to provide a cupboard for wine. The cost of the whole project has been low – thanks to the efforts of the members in doing the work and finding low-cost solutions to the needs.

## **Party to thank North Sydney Council**

Another party was held to thank the staff and councillors of North Sydney Council. North Sydney Council has been generous in its support of our club, including maintaining our lawns, looking after the clubhouse, helping us with recruitment, and recently putting in a new flooring section for the clubhouse. Ten council members came, and played golf croquet after a pleasant celebration.

## **Recent Tournaments**

Cammeray members have been active in tournaments lately:

Neil Hartley won the prestige competition at the Manly Seabreeze, while John Fransen won the gold and Neil Hardie was runner-up in the Singles Handicap. Lesley Fransen won the Armstrong Doubles (with Ann Bradley of Manly). John and Lesley also won some of the golf croquet competitions there (but we don't talk about golf croquet at Cammeray!)

Neil Hardie won Cammeray Gold championship after a close match with Fay Simpson to decide the winner.

## **Playing Days**

There has been a disappointing turnout to the gold/silver playing sessions on Wednesday afternoon and Sunday night. As we have only a few players in this category we have decided to do away with formal playing days, and we will contact each other to arrange games when we want to play.

We have also decided to make the Tuesday night sessions open to all grades to try and get a few more people coming to those sessions.

The twilight games are taking off, with a good turnout of players across a range of skills.

## **Grants**

We have applied for a Volunteers' Small Equipment Grant from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. The aim is to apply for money to buy a Super-Sopper (to dry out the lawns after flooding) and some new mallets for the club. Let us know if there are any other items of equipment you think we should buy.

## **Night Invitations**

We were going to have Night Invitation events in November, but the lawn maintenance period has made that difficult – so we will resume these in December.

### **Coaching:**

Dennis Faggotter is running several coaching sessions for small groups (3 to 4 players) of similar ability. The bronze-level group on Saturday afternoons (4 – 6 p.m.) is full, but there is room for one more participant for a gold player (or low silver) on each of the Thursday sessions 4 – 6 p.m. and 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. starting 23<sup>rd</sup> October . We also want to set up another session for experienced bronzes, probably on Saturday evening.

### **Waterbrook Open Day**

Waterbrook is a luxurious retirement village in Greenwich, at Ulunga Avenue, off Innes Road. They are promoting croquet to their residents, and have put in a small croquet lawn of artificial turf. They are holding an Open Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November where they want us to go and demonstrate croquet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It could be an interesting opportunity to go and look at the lavish premises!

### **Christmas Party**

Our Christmas Party will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 12.30 onwards. The cost will be \$30, which covers a buffet lunch and drinks. This is the main social event of the year, when all the members get together and have a good time – so do come along, especially if you are a new member, and meet everyone.

If you are coming, enter your name on the list in the clubhouse, or email me on [nhardie@ozemail.com.au](mailto:nhardie@ozemail.com.au), or phone Mila on 9909-1818 – and try and do this by the 1<sup>st</sup>. December so we can organise the catering.

### **Ailing Members**

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Alan Walsh who is making good progress in recovering from his triple bypass operation and to Doug Nicholas who for six weeks has been immobilised with a very truculent knee infection. Looking forward to seeing you both back on our lawns as soon as you feel up to it!

## CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB PROGRAM: NOVEMBER 2008

Saturday	1	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games (coaching session 4 - 6 p.m.)
Sunday	2	Golf croquet 10-3 p.m.
Monday	3	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. <b>Twilight games 5-7p.m. followed by wine and cheese - \$7</b>
Tuesday	4	<b>Night play (all grades) 7-10 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	5	
Thursday	6	1.30-3.30 bronze games. (coaching sessions 4 - 8.30 p.m.)
Friday	7	
Saturday	8	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games 4.30 - 6 p.m. private hire
Sunday	9	
Monday	10	<b>LAWN MAINTENANCE - NO PLAY FOR 2 WEEKS</b>
Tuesday	11	
Wednesday	12	
Thursday	13	
Friday	14	
Saturday	15	<b>Committee meeting 8.45 a.m.</b>
Sunday	16	
Monday	17	
Tuesday	18	
Wednesday	19	
Thursday	20	
Friday	21	
Saturday	22	
Sunday	23	<b>Golf croquet 2 - 6 p.m. (subject to lawn condition)</b>
Monday	24	9.30-12 games for all grades Bronze games 1.30-4 p.m. <b>Twilight games 5-7p.m. followed by wine and cheese - \$7</b>
Tuesday	25	<b>Night play (all grades) 7-10 p.m.</b>
Wednesday	26	
Thursday	27	1.30-3.30 bronze games (Coaching sessions 4.00 - 8.30 p.m.)
Friday	28	
Saturday	29	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	30	Golf croquet 10 a.m. -3 p.m.

### **Future events:**

**The Christmas Party will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Our big social event of the year!**