

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER

October 2008:

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

Refurbishment

We had a wonderful response to our call for club members to help with the refurbishment of the clubhouse. Twenty four members helped out in various ways and with various skills. Peter Landrebe loaned painting equipment, donated the paint, and did an afternoon of painting for us. John Fransen brought his builder's skills to bear on the gaps in the walls. We were especially pleased to see two of the new members helping – Jan Beutel and Jake Henzler.

The list of people who helped is:

Di Loveday, Georgie Ofner, Jan Beutel, Peter Landrebe, Warren Yates, Neil Hartley, Neil Hardie, John Fransen, Lesley Fransen, Sue Nicholas, Doug Nicholas, Mila Kotala, Stephen Howes, Alan Walsh, Barbara McDonald, Billur Kerdraon, Pamela Hardie, John Coleman, Dennis Faggotter, Jake Henzler, Pat Wright, Nancy Hickson, Ken Clapp and Claire Givney. We are very grateful to all these people.



Neil Hartley assembling a chair



John Fransen and Neil Hardie painting the ceiling



Alan Walsh sanding the lockers



Sue Nicholas preparing furniture

There is still some work to be done – putting up notice boards, painting the toilet, assembling the display cabinet, replacing the blinds and putting cupboards under the hatchway counter. If some handy people could come on Sunday 5th October to do these

last tasks, that would be splendid (any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.) – and if anyone can do some work before that, we will be very pleased.

Refurbishment Celebration Party

To celebrate the refurbishment, and thank those who helped, we are having a party on Saturday 11th October at 12.30 p.m. All the helpers are invited as guests. All others – members, partners and friends – are most welcome, and can pay \$15 for a barbecue, salad and wine (we are christening the new barbecue!). Let Mila know if you are coming – 9909-1818, or write your name on the sheet in the clubhouse, by Tuesday 7th October.

Twilight Croquet

Our popular twilight croquet will start as soon as daylight saving begins, so the first session will be on Monday 6th October. There will be croquet from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., then wine and cheese afterwards. Do come along and enjoy a very pleasant and sociable occasion. The cost is \$7 per person.

Coaching

Dennis Faggotter has agreed to run some more coaching clinics. These are limited to around 4 people of similar skill level, and cost \$10 per session. If you are interested, contact Neil Hardie on 9958-7261 or nhardie@ozemail.com.au. The probable timeslots for these coaching sessions are 4 – 6 p.m. and 6.30 – 8.30 p.m. on Thursdays, and 6.30- 8.30 on Saturdays, starting in October.

Children's Day – volunteers needed

North Sydney Council are running a children's day on Saturday 25th October next to the Council Chambers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We need volunteers supervise the Bagatelle and help the children for a couple of hours. North Sydney Council is extremely generous to us, so we like to help them whenever possible. Let Mila know if you can come and help for a while.

Thank-you Lunch for North Sydney Council

We are holding a lunch – followed by golf croquet – to thank North Sydney Council members for their support of our club. The committee will be hosting this on Friday 17th October at 12.30 p.m. Cammeray is fortunate when compared to other clubs in the assistance given by North Sydney Council. They maintain our lawns and clubhouse, they subsidise our website, they paid for the levelling of the floor, and they have been very cooperative with all our recent developments and activities. All the staff of North Sydney Council that we deal with will be invited to this party.

Mallet Hire

The mallet hire system is working well. We have just bought a brand new George Wood mallet from New Zealand for \$180 (including shipment costs). We plan to charge \$20 per 2 months for this mallet so that a number of members can have the opportunity to try it. The specification is: Weight 2lb 13oz; Length 34"; dark blue grip.

As we get more funds from the hire program these will be used to buy a range of good quality mallets so we have a good selection for members to try out. Contact Di Loveday 9428-3580 or Joan de Botton 9908-3334 if you want to hire a mallet.

Recent Tournaments

Two Cammeray members were in the Gold Brooch recently. It was a tough competition, as the other two competitors were in the State Team or in the State Squad. However, Neil Hartley played well to come second.

Website

Our website continues to improve and have new features on it. Members are encouraged to have a look at it. Some of the useful features include Tips and Tricks for players, the Mallet Mart with croquet equipment for sale, news items of interest to the club, and all the recent Newsletters in an archive.

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 may have to rethink the arrangements and make these sessions open to all grades. Let Neil Hardie know if you have any views on this.

Grants

We are about to apply 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.

Skateboard Park

Apparently there have been complaints from the local residents about the skateboard park, and the Council has agreed to put up a high fence around it and limit the hours to 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. in winter and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in summer. So far we have had little to complain about from the skateboard park – apart from a few bits of rubbish thrown over the fence – so we have not been involved in any of these negotiations.

Practice Lawn

Plans are being developed for the practice lawn, but there is a significant cost involved in it. We are planning to apply for a grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation towards this. Ted Griffin has offered some useful advice on what we should do, based on his experience in putting in a croquet lawn on his property in the Blue Mountains.

Night Invitations

Warren Yates is organising a Bronze Invitation Night on Wednesday October 15th where we invite members of other clubs to play against Cammeray members. Contact Warren if you are interested in taking part.

Neil Hardie will be organising gold/silver invitation nights starting in November.

CAMMERAY CROQUET CLUB PROGRAM: OCTOBER 2008

Wednesday	1	1.30-4 gold/silver games
Thursday	2	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	3	
Saturday	4	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	5	Golf croquet 10-3 p.m. Working bee for clubhouse 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Monday	6	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	7	Bronze night play and beginner games 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday	8	Gold/silver games 1.30-4 p.m.
Thursday	9	1.30-3.30 bronze games.
Friday	10	
Saturday	11	Refurbishment Party 12.30 onwards 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	12	Gold/silver night play 7-10 p.m.
Monday	13	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	14	Bronze night play and beginner games 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday	15	Gold/silver games 1.30-4 p.m.
Thursday	16	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	17	Thank-you party for North Sydney Council 12.30-2 p.m.
Saturday	18	Committee meeting 8.45 a.m. 1.30-4 p.m. bronze games
Sunday	19	Gold/silver night play 7-10 p.m.
Monday	20	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	21	Bronze night play and beginner games 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday	22	Gold/silver games 1.30-4 p.m.
Thursday	23	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	24	
Saturday	25	1.30-4 p.m. bronze games Children's Day (North Sydney Council) 10-2 p.m.
Sunday	26	Golf croquet 2 - 6 p.m. Gold/silver night play 7-10 p.m.
Monday	27	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	28	Bronze night play 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday	29	Gold/silver games 1.30-4 p.m.
Thursday	30	1.30-3.30 bronze games
Friday	31	

Future events:

The Christmas Party will be on Sunday 7th December. Our big social event of the year!