



Cammeray Croquet Club



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Tournaments

CNSW Women's Singles:

Barbara Mc Donald and Joanne Brown did well in this – they qualified for the semi-finals, and then in the best-of-three play-off for third and fourth, they had one win each before stopping as all other games had finished. Kerri-Ann Organ won the tournament, winning all her games.



Joanne Brown



Barbara McDonald

Beryl Chambers Metro Northern Qualifying

Lucy Rees, David Stanton and Rob Barrie were in this competition held at Cammeray, but sadly none of them qualified for the finals - three from Chatswood (Woodley, Barry and Albek) and one from Killara (Wafik Nassif) were successful. However, Rob Barrie, who was in the beginners earlier this year, had some good matches, and lost narrowly several times.



Ted Woodley



Rob Barrie



Wafik Nassif



Gerard Barry

Upcoming Tournaments

Cammeray Birthday Tournament This was to be played on June 3, 4 but there were not enough entries, so it has been postponed to October.

Manly Seabreeze: The Manly Seabreeze AC Tournament this year will be held from Friday 15th September to Tuesday 19th September, with entries closing on Wednesday 30 August.

This year the Seabreeze will have a singles event and a doubles event. No one will be expected to play more than 1 singles game and 1 doubles game on any day.

The singles will be round robin, level play where players are divided into blocks according to their handicap.

The doubles will be a handicap, round robin event – the organisers can nominate a partner for you if you don't have one.

Note - the format may change depending on entries received.

The entry fee is \$60 per player which includes a sandwich lunch, morning and afternoon teas, and drinks and nibbles after play on Tuesday 19th September.

Please come and catch up with old friends whilst enjoying the wonderful game of Association Croquet.

If you have any questions please contact David Gibson on 0433847524.

The flyer and entry form for this are on the Member's Website in the Noticeboard.

CNSW Platinum Singles: 5th to 7th June at Chatswood (entries closed)

An Interview with Alan Walsh

Alan is one of our best players; he has won the club championship many times. He has also been on the committee as lawns manager for many years. He agreed to answer some questions for the newsletter.



- 1. Where were you born, and where did you grow up?**
Born in Brisbane, 1945. Lived there until I was 14 then the family moved to Murwillumbah in the Tweed Valley.
- 2. You have been a top-level bridge player – where did you learn bridge, and how did you become so good? Did you have a mentor?** I learned Bridge at the University of New England, Armidale. No special mentor but I did read a lot of books on the subject.
- 3. What are some of your most interesting bridge achievements? What have you enjoyed most?** I Played my first tournament for the Australian Team in 1972 (the Asia-Pacific Open Teams in Singapore). Since then I have travelled to a dozen different countries to play representative bridge for Australia. Lots of fun!
- 4. You have represented both Tasmania and NSW in the Eire Cup – how did that happen?** In 2009 the Eire Cup was held in Sydney. The Tasmanian team were 2 players short when they arrived and asked if a couple of local players would fill in. Nick Macoun and myself agreed to help out. For me it was a lot of fun as I had not played in the Eire Cup before.

5. **You have had a very successful croquet career, including impressive wins in the World Championship. What have been the highlights?** The best result I have had in the world championship was in 2012 in Adelaide. I qualified from the block play to the KO section for the top 32. The first match of the KO was a best of 3 against David Maugham (one time world No. 1). I won but lost the round of 16.
6. **The lawns at Cammeray are probably the best in NSW; you have been our lawns manager for at least ten years. How has this remarkable condition been achieved? What was your role?** My role has been not very much. The real hero of the Cammeray lawns has been Mick Stokes who works for Nth Sydney Council and inter alia, looks after our lawns. Historically, at the end of 2004 the then existing Blue Couch and the many and various weeds were removed back to bare earth by the council and relaid with real couch. Unfortunately, the roots of the Blue Couch were not completely removed and after about 10 years the Blue Couch began to emerge through the real couch (Blue Couch is not actually a type of couch despite its name). Blue Couch is a more dominant species than real couch and began to spread and take over the lawns. Mick Stokes sprayed the lawns with a herbicide that kills Blue Couch and weeds and other types of grass (kikuyu, carpet grass, winter grass, summer grass) that were interfering with our lawns but does no harm to real couch. . That worked a treat but he still keeps an eye out for any emergent Blue Couch or weed and sprays it immediately.
7. **For a keen bronze or silver player, what aspects of the game do you think they should focus on?** Find a good mentor who can help you develop all the skills and strategies that are needed to be successful.

Pennants Teams

Cammeray has entered two pennants teams for this year's competition – a bronze team and an open team. The bronze team consists of Malcolm Sheldon (captain), Sue Nicholas, Mary Goldsack, Robert Barrie and the reserves are Warren Yates and Kristin Kool-Clarke. The other teams are Killara, Mosman and Canberra. Matches arranged so far are:

6 June am Cammeray v's Killara at Cammeray	30 June pm Killara v's Cammeray at Killara
9 July pm Canberra v's Cammeray at Canberra	17th July pm Cammeray v's Canberra at Cammeray.

The open team is David Stanton, Neil Hardie, David Surridge, Graham Maynard, Chris Brown, Michael Strickland (captain). In the open section (played with handicaps) there are five teams taking part – Cammeray, EDSACC, Chatswood, Mosman and Killara – which is very encouraging!

Survey by Australian Sports Commission

In partnership with sector stakeholders, the ASC is facilitating the development of Australia's first codesigned National Sport Participation Strategy. The objectives of the Strategy will be to:

- Connect and align stakeholders that support the delivery of sport participation
- Reimagine how participation is delivered in Australia, and define the strategic intent of participation
- Change the face of sports participation to ensure it reflects the broader representation of Australian society now and into the future
- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of the sport participation system across government and sport

We recommend our members to respond to this survey – the link is: <http://www.ausport.gov.au/participation2032>

Graham Maynard visits Jersey Croquet Club



Graham Maynard

Why did we go to Jersey? Well, my paternal great-grandmother was a Le Breton from Jersey and a cousin of one Emille Charlotte Le Breton, the infamous Lilly Lantry or Jersey Lilly, who was the daughter of the equally infamous philandering Dean of Jersey of the old Norman Church of St Saviours, in St Helier (every locality is named after a saint). Fortunately the philandering gene of the Le Bretons seems to have missed my generation!

After a half hour bus trip and a short walk we reached the Jersey Croquet Club at Les Quennevais Playing Fields in St Brelade, where we met Adam who was teaching Golf Croquet to two new members.

A member of the WCF and the UK Association, JCC have two fine lawns, down from a previous four, and share the facilities of a clubhouse now owned by the Jersey Cycle Club. He told us that these days they were mainly GC with about six AC players who would "Pop over to England for some real competition". Nearby, there was a large flourishing Petanque club with four active courts.



The Jersey Croquet Club

We were invited to stay and play, beginning at 4 pm, 'til dusk, but we had to decline because of the bus schedules which were hourly.

A little about Jersey in the Chanel Islands. It is an independent crown dependency with the Bailiff of Jersey being its civil head and like us, a Lieutenant Governor, representing the monarch. It has its own flag which is a diagonal red cross on white with an ancient Plantagenet crest of three lions, couchant. It has its own pound sterling notes and coins. All street and place names are in French and their dialect - Jerviais - a form of very old ancient Norman/Britany French, is spoken widely and taught in the schools. My limited standard French was no match for it. The Island has an excellent bus service called LibertyBus which is oddly enough owned by the Australian Kelsian Group! The fresh seafood was wonderful as was the spring crop of new potatoes, known as Jersey Royals.