

June 2023



Cammeray Croquet Club



Tournaments

Beryl Chambers

Rob Barrie had some good wins in the block, and just missed reaching the knockout finals; he then went on to win the Plate. Congratulations Rob!

Bronze Pennants

There are three teams in this – Cammeray, Killara and Canberra. Our team is Malcolm Sheldon, Sue Nicholas, Mary Goldsack and Robert Barrie; reserves are Warren Yates, Heather Sherlock and Kristin Kool-Clarke. So far only one match has been played, when Cammeray beat Killara 2-1. One member of Cammeray's team was overseas and another was unwell, so two reserves had to be called up – so they did well to win.



Warren Yates, Heather Sherlock, Mary Goldsack, Rob Barrie

Handicap Pennants

There are five teams in this – Cammeray, Mosman, Killara, EDSACC and Chatswood. We have played three matches so far, winning against EDSACC and Chatswood, and losing to Mosman.



Handicap pennants teams – David Stanton, Neil Hardie, David Surridge, Graham Maynard (Cammeray) Sue Butler, Larry Bryant, Eileen Dodds, John Gilmore (EDSACC)

CNSW Platinum Singles

Chris Brown was in this, but did not play to his usual standard.

Cammeray Club Championship

The club championship is under way, with Alan Walsh, Mike Hughes and Steve Miles.

AC World Championships

The AC World Championships will be held at Hurlingham in England from 15th to 23rd July. There are only a few Australians in this – Robert Fletcher, Dwayne McCormack, Stephen Forster, Kevin Beard, Callum Hyland and Lachlan Berryman. The top seeds are Robert Fletcher, Reg Bamford, Robert Fulford, James Death, Matthew Essick and Mark Avery. There are also players from Latvia, Iran, Sweden, Germany, Austria and Spain. It is not clear if there will be live video coverage of this.

Waverton Hub

The Waverton Hub is a social group for people living in the Waverton, Wollstonecraft and neighbouring areas. Seven of them came to a come-and-try day, and are interested in having a set of lessons.

Many thanks to all who made the afternoon a success. Joanne for the expert demonstration, Mary for the food, Graham for the arrangement and Warren for leading the program.



Members of the Waverton Hub trying croquet

Orders for Club Clothing

Orders for CCC Clothing will be placed in the near future; anyone requiring items could you please complete the required order forms and email to gailp03@optusnet.com.au.

The order form can be found on our website at:

<http://www.cammeray-croquet.org.au/pdfs/newsletters/current/ClothingMay2021.xlsx>

Descriptions of the items available are at:

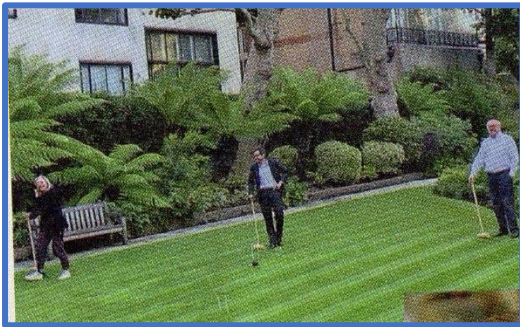
<http://www.cammeray-croquet.org.au/pdfs/newsletters/current/ClothingSizesPics.pdf>

Clearing the Sheds

Alan Walsh and Warren Yates spend a day clearing and organising the sheds, getting rid of anything that seemed to have no use (your editor managed to save some refereeing equipment that was rarely used). The sheds now look much tidier!



Croquet in the News



This is a photo of Liz Truss (former UK Prime Minister) playing croquet with George Brandis (former Australian High Commissioner to the UK) playing croquet on the croquet lawn at the High Commissioner's residence at Stoke Lodge. We suggest that next time any of you visit the UK you request a game on the High Commissioner's lawn.

An Overview of Croquet New South Wales by Steve Miles



Steve Miles

Steve Miles is a past president of Cammeray Croquet Club, and a fine croquet player (current handicap of 2). He has been treasurer of Croquet NSW for some years.

Croquet NSW (CNSW) is the state body of Croquet Clubs in NSW. Each state body is affiliated with Croquet Australia (ACA).

There are 69 member clubs representing more than 3,200 registered players. 70% of players reside outside Sydney. 3,000 players play GC but less than 500 play AC. Gateball and Ricochet are also increasing in popularity.

Through your affiliation fees, CNSW provides:

- Support for State Teams in GC and AC. Both NSW Teams are current Australian Champions. Cammeray members Joanne Brown, Peter Landrebe and Rosie Landrebe were members of the successful Eire Cup (AC) team.
- An administration portal and insurance programs. The insurance programs provide public liability insurance as well as accident insurance.
- Coaching and Refereeing Programs through ACA accredited programs all supported by CNSW resources.
- Tournaments for AC, GC, Ricochet and Gateball players at all levels
- State Government recognition. Most recently this has resulted in financial support for Croquet Clubs

You can find out more by reading the monthly CNSW newsletter which is emailed out to all clubs. Many clubs (but not Cammeray – though it is on our website) distribute this newsletter to members and you can see past issues at croquet-nsw.org.

Cammeray Croquet Club is a key supporter of resources for AC croquet. This includes providing referees and also hosting CNSW tournaments. David Stanton and Mike Hughes are members of the CNSW Tournament Committee and David in particular personally manages many tournaments.

A key concern is the decline in popularity of AC. GC players of course already have half of the skills needed to play AC but they are reluctant to play a game that takes so long. Most GC games are finished in 40 minutes. The challenge is to find a version of AC that maintains the skills needed but does not take so long.

There are new CNSW coaching programs which are yet to be adopted by Cammeray. These programs include video resources providing extra guidance to players and are worth investigating.

To support regional areas CNSW has established hubs to serve as a focus for providing services through courses and tournaments. These hubs exist at Coutts Crossing, Port Macquarie, Toronto, Strathfield, Canberra and Nowra. Sydney probably needs another hub. This could be an opportunity for Cammeray, perhaps in co-operation with Chatswood?

Like all volunteer run organisations things run smoothly if a lot of people do a little bit of work. Why not have a think about how you can help CNSW grow and support croquet in NSW?