



Cammeray Croquet Club



September 2023

Recent Tournaments

Manly Seabreeze

As with most years, many Cammeray players entered the Manly Seabreeze. It is always a delightful tournament, but this year it suffered from extreme heat – over 34 degrees on three of the days. On the last day several players withdrew from their competitions, and one player had to forfeit when heat overcame him in his game. The final doubles matches were reduced to 14 point games of one and a quarter hours.

Cammeray had two successes: Steve Miles won the top block, having to beat John Fransen in the last round to do so. In one of the doubles blocks Graham Maynard and his partner, Clin Bradford, were runners-up.



Steve Miles in the last round



Graham Maynard



Steve Miles receiving his trophy

CNSW Open Doubles

Cammeray was well represented here – Neil Hartley and David Stanton, Joanne Brown (with Paul Skvorc) and Rob Elliott (with Gareth Denyer). It was also nice to see Fleur Brockway taking a break from her operatic career to play in this tournament. In the final Rob and Gareth defeated Callum Hyland and Fleur Brockway 23-22. Joanne Brown and Paul Skvorc came third, and Neil Hartley and David Stanton fourth. This tournament had an interesting format – the players were required to play at least one game alternate strokes, and one game as normal doubles.

ACA GC Interstate Shield

NSW won the GC competition between states; no Cammeray player was involved, but Jamie Gumbrell on her return from winning the Women's GC World Championship, won all her games.

CNSW Gold Brooch

Michael Strickland was runner-up in this, with Joanne Brown third. It was won by Paul Skvorc of Cooks River.



Michael Strickland and Paul Skvorc relaxing during their games



Joanne Brown

CNSW Open Singles

Cammeray players in this were Alan Walsh, Peter Landrebe, Rosie Landrebe, Mike Hughes and Sue Eldridge-Smith. Peter reached the semi-final of the championship, but met an in-form Callum Hyland who went on to win the tournament. Alan and Mike each needed to win their last game to get to the semi-final, but both lost, and they came third and fourth in the Y-event.

Win Dickinson/Eva Short correction

In the last newsletter I said that Kerri-Ann Organ had won the Win Dickinson trophy. I had misunderstood the rules for this competition: the overall winner of the tournament won the Eva Short Trophy, while the best placed player with a handicap of three or more won the Win Dickinson Trophy. So Kerri-Ann won the Eva Short, while Joanne Brown won the Win Dickinson.



Kerri-Ann and Joanne with their trophies

Upcoming Tournaments

CNSW Selectors' Invitation: 30 September to 1st October – Mike Hughes is in this.

NSW ACA Bronze Medal: Peter and Rosie Landrebe have entered.

The Grasswill Golf Croquet Group



From left: Emma Diamond, Mary Goldsack, Suzanne Blake, Bruno Grasswill, Helen Grasswill, Alison Sharpe, Freddy Sharpe

This is a group which play golf croquet at Cammeray once a month on the second Sunday of the month. They have a special membership for this.

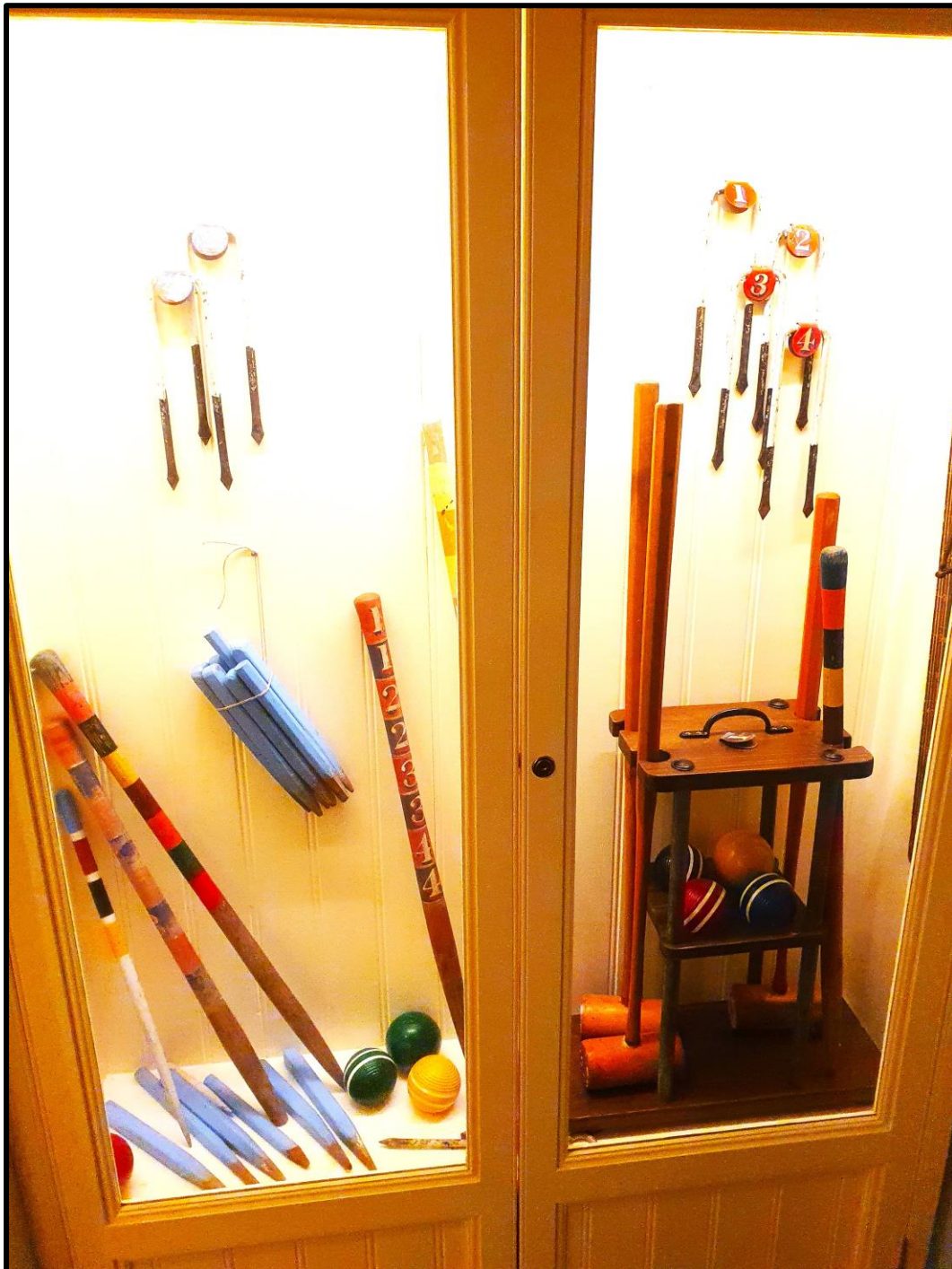
The Garden



With spring arriving, the club garden looks beautiful nowadays. We are very grateful to Liz Nash and her team for the work they do to achieve this lovely result.

Interesting Photograph

Malcolm Sheldon came across this curious croquet set at a stately home in Ireland.



It raises many questions: why are the balls striped? Why the strange numbering of the hoops? What is the purpose of the peg with the numbers 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 ? Why are there sets of blue stakes?

If anyone has any answers to these questions, do let us know!