



# Cammeray Croquet Club



## October 2023

### Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be held on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m.. The cost is \$20 and partners are welcome

### Shade

The committee has been looking at ways of providing shade for players during the summer. Graham Maynard has come up with three options:

**Option 1:** Shadowspec Square Unity Duo – a 6 m x 3 m rectangular twin shade single off-set pole Design – see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcRHhgARXqM> for details.



**Option 2:** Option 2: Shadowspec SU10 – a 5 m by 5 m square shade single centre pole design – see <https://www.shadowspec.com.au/products/su10-commercial-centre-pole-umbrella> for more information.



**Option 3:** Do nothing

We are conducting a survey of members on which option they prefer – please go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSFYTMD> to vote for your choice – voting closes on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Tournaments

### **CNSW Selectors' Invitation:**

This was played in 36 degrees. The winner plays in the ACA Bronze Medal held in Canberra. Mike Hughes reached the final – a best-of three against Kerri-Ann Organ. He was a game down as Kerri-Ann had won the block game. Mike won the first of the finals games, but then decided that it was too hot and he did not want to play in the Canberra tournament anyway – so he forfeited the next game, giving Kerri-Ann the win.

### **Over 50 World Golf Croquet Championship**

This was played in Bunbury, West Australia, with an impressive field. Peter Landrebe reached the knockout, but lost to Jeff Newcomb, who reached the semi-finals. However, Peter won the Bowl, defeating the former AC world champion Stephen Mulliner in the final. A great performance! The winner was Ahmed El Mahdy of Egypt, with Jenny Clark of New Zealand second.

## Cammeray Platinum Championship

This is currently in progress – a double round-robin with four entrants. It looks a close contest, with each player having won at least one game so far.

## Cammeray Bronze Championship

This will be played over the next four weeks on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday afternoons. It has an excellent entry of eight players.

## Premier League

This splendid competition between the leading players in Sydney is being played at Cammeray on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m.. Come along if you want to see top croquet!

## NSW ACA Bronze Medal 28-29<sup>th</sup> October

The winner of this then plays the winners of other states for the ACA Gold Medal. Cammeray players in the NSW event are Rosie and Peter Landrebe, and Chris Lavina.

## Cammeray Birthday Tournament 25-28<sup>th</sup> April

This is the main Cammeray tournament, open to members of all clubs. Details of the format will be available later.

## Vale Joan de Botton

We are sorry to report the death of Joan De Botton at the age of 96. She joined Cammeray Croquet in 1990, and played regularly until she resigned in 2021 at the age of 94. She served for many years on the committee and played in the bronze pennants. She was the inaugural winner of the Stephen Howes Award for the most improved player - at the age of 80.

Joan had an interesting life – she went to Paris when young and worked for several years at the US Embassy administering the Marshall Plan of post-war aid for the countries devastated by the second world war. In later years she took up teaching English as a Foreign Language at TAFE, getting a Dip.TEFL at Macquarie University and teaching academic English to a variety of professional newcomers to Australia.



Joan in later years



Joan in earlier times