



# Cammeray Croquet Club



**November 2023**

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

## Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drinks and finger food will be supplied. Let Mary Goldsack know if you are coming. The cost is \$20 per person, payable by bank transfer. Partners of members are welcome.

## Survey Results on Shading

Our members have had their say on their preference for the various shading options for the area beside lawn 1:

Option 1 – the Shadowspec square unity duo got 50%

Option 2 – the Shadowspec SU10 received 16.67%

Option 3 – do nothing - had 33.3 % support.

So the preferred shade system is the dual shade shown below:



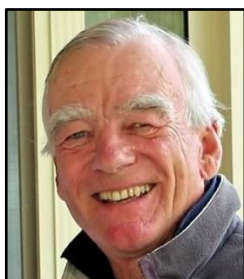
We now need to wait to see if our application for a NSW Government Community Partnerships grant was successful before we can proceed.

## Lawn Closure

The Cammeray lawns are probably going to be closed for maintenance for two weeks from January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024. This date could change depending on the weather.

## Tournaments

**Cammeray Platinum Tournament** was won by Michael Strickland with Barbara McDonald second.



**ACA Bronze Medal** Peter Landrebe came third; he would have won this if he had won his last game against Jim Nicholls. The winner was Stephen Pearce, who will now play the bronze Medal winners from the other states for the ACA Gold Medal.

**Premier League** In the semi-finals, Alan Walsh beat Rob Elliott, Peter Landrebe defeated Gareth Denyer. In the final Peter won 26TP -1 against Alan Walsh.



**Peter Landrebe**



**Alan Walsh**

### **Cammeray Bronze Championship**

This had an excellent entry of eight players. Graham Maynard played very well, winning all his seven games. He had a bad run in the Cammeray Silver Championship recently, and dropped from silver down to bronze, but his wins now put him back in silver.

Malcolm Sheldon also had a fine tournament, winning six games and only losing to Graham, and that by only one hoop.

Sue Nicolas came third with four wins.



**Graham Maynard**



**Malcolm Sheldon**



**Sue Nicolas**

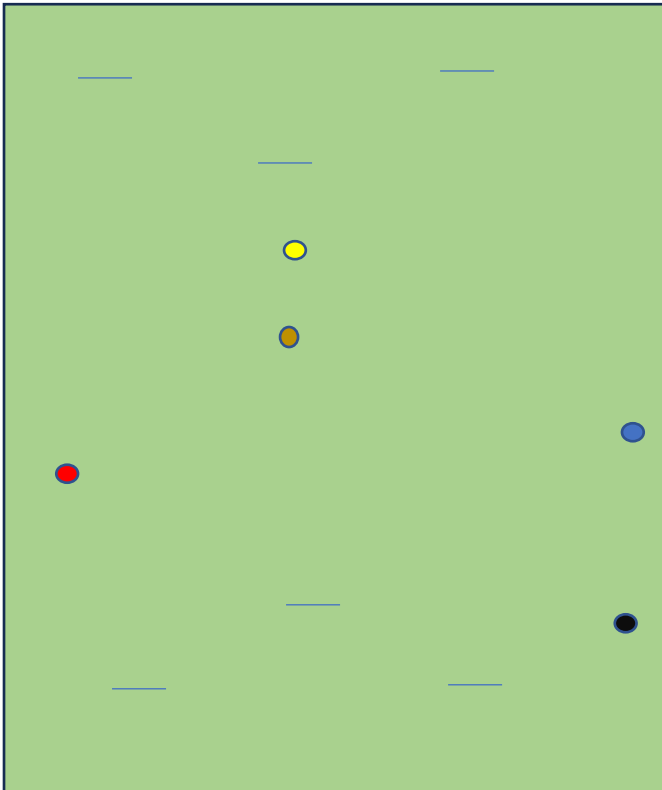
### **Australian Open Singles**

Ed Wilson beat Stephen Pearce in the final. Unusually, there were no Cammeray players in this event.

## PROBABILITY AND CROQUET Neil Hardie

Few croquet players would think that croquet involves probability, but in practice we are making frequent estimates of probability as we play.

If we look at the diagram below with red/yellow to play: It would be unwise to aim at blue or black on the boundary, as this would simply give the opponent an extra ball to use. The chance of a roquet for yellow/red or red/yellow is small so the main choice is between yellow joining up with red on the boundary, or red shooting hard at yellow and finishing on the north boundary. You make this choice based on whether you think your opponent can make a roquet. If you are fairly sure the opponent will miss the roquet, then you join up. If you think that it is probable that he/she will hit, then you shoot with red and leave your balls well apart. However, this means that on the next turn you have little chance of getting in.



You make this decision on the basis of several factors – how far apart your opponent’s balls are, how good they are at roquets, and how good the lawn is.

There is a third option if you are not sure whether the roquet will be made, which is the wide join. You shoot with yellow, but aim several yards away from red. This means you have a reasonably short roquet next turn, but that it will be difficult for the opponent to roquet one of your balls and get a rush on the other. It also means that the opponent cannot afford to hit gently, so that they join up if they miss the roquet, as this lets you in with a good chance.

Probability determines the distance you put yellow away from red– it has to be close enough for you to be fairly sure of making the roquet ; but far enough away for your opponent not to be able to get a good rush. So it depends on your own roqueting ability, the accuracy of your opponent’s take-offs, and the quality of the lawn along the boundary.