



Cammeray Croquet Club



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

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the club was held on Saturday 24th February. A good selection of members attended. The club is in a good financial position having recorded a profit of nearly \$8000. The secretary praised the involvement of members in running the club, saying that few clubs have so much commitment by the members. He added that if any member had an issue they wanted to raise about the operation of the club, they should speak to one of the committee members who can refer it to the committee meetings.

A new committee was appointed – no election was required as the number of vacancies matched the number of those willing to stand. Nearly all the previous committee members were happy to serve another year.



The new committee – standing at the back are Kristin Kool-Clark (Vice-President); Malcolm Sheldon (President), and Mary Goldsack. Seated are Joanne Brown, Warren Yates (Secretary), Mike Hughes (Treasurer), Ian Lucas, Rob Barrie (a new member of the committee), Alan Walsh, and Gail Parrott.

We are all grateful for the time and effort put in by the committee members.



The members who attended the AGM gathered for a pleasant coffee and cake and conversation before the meeting.

Tournaments

CNSW Three and under singles

Eight of the sixteen competitors in this were from Cammeray. Four of them reached the quarter finals, but Rosie Landrebe, Rob Elliott and Mike Hughes were knocked out at this stage; Peter Landrebe went to the semi-finals, was beaten by Trevor Bassett, but won the 3rd-4th play-off. Chris Lavina beat Alan Walsh in the final of the Y event. Mike Gidding of Ballina won the event.

CNSW Five and under mixed doubles

Three Cammeray members played in this. Rosie Landrebe – partnering Stephen Pearce from Canberra -won the event, with Joanne Brown – partnering Jim Nicholls of Wagga Wagga coming second.

CNSW GC Golf Squad (women)

Rosie Landrebe came second in this tournament, behind the current world champion Jamie Gumbrell.

Upcoming Tournaments

March 9-12 are the **Australian Men's Singles and Women's**

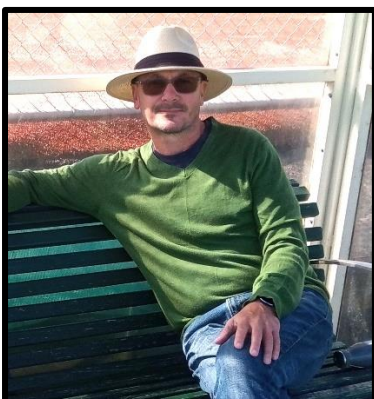
s Singles. The only Cammeray entry at this stage is Joanne Brown.

March 13-17 is the **Eire Cup**, the contest between the states of Australia. NSW won the last event with the help of Cammeray members Peter and Rosie Landrebe, Alison Sharpe and Joanne Brown.

April 5-7 is the **Mosman Bash**, an interesting and friendly tournament that Cammeray members are encouraged to enter.

April 25-28 is the **Cammeray Birthday Tournament** for players on handicaps of 12 or below. Support your local competition! See the website for entry details.

New Member



Paul Skvorc

Paul Skvorc has just joined Cammeray, one of the promising younger players on the croquet circuit. He now has a handicap of 3.5, but last year won the CNSW Silver Singles, and then the CNSW Gold Singles. He also nearly won the Champion of Club Champions, losing form only in the final deciding game.

Paul came to us from Cooks River croquet Club.

The unusual surname is Croatian.

CAN ANYONE HELP???

Do you have any useful contacts?

Before Covid, for several years Cammeray ran a prestigious invitation tournament each year colloquially known as “The Dixon” as the event was sponsored by that company. Prizemoney totalled \$5,000 plus travel subsidies for interstate plyers, and the field typically contained most of Australia’s top players including the World No 1. When the sponsorship stopped the event lapsed.

The Committee would like to reintroduce this type of event, and to do so we will be forming a sub-committee to approach potential sponsors, who are prepared to commit to funding it for several years. Unfortunately, nobody on the current committee has any experience in approaching organisations for money, or any particularly good contacts with businesses that might be prepared to sponsor this sort of event.

Is there any club member who has fund-raising experience, or has a good contact in an organisation that might provide sponsorship? If so would you like to join our sub-committee to take this further? If so please contact Malcolm or any committee member.



Robert Fletcher, the world no 1, playing in the Dixon Classic at Cammeray in 2020