



Cammeray Croquet Club



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Cammeray Birthday Tournament



Joanne Brown with her trophies



Di Scott getting the runner-up prize

The Cammeray Birthday Tournament was played in bright sunshine for all four days (apart from the night sessions). There were some great battles, with no-one dominating play. Bronwyn McGrane looked like reaching the final, but was defeated by Di Scott in the green knockout, and by Jo Brown in the brown knockout. In the final between Jo and Di the advantage changed several times, but Jo Brown eventually won 19-13.

In the plate Ron Humpherson played well (at the age of 92!) to beat John Fransen 23-17. Ron went on to play in the CNSW Silver Singles at Strathfield two days later; he also played in the Mosman Bash earlier in the month.

After the final a splendid lunch was provided by Mary Goldsack and Kristin Kool-Clarke and their team of helpers.

Out thanks go to Jo Brown and David Stanton who organised and managed the tournament, assisted by Michael Strickland; and to the referees – David Stanton, Helen Collins, Maria Morton, Neil Hardie, Steve Miles, Mike Hughes and Michael Strickland.



Rob Barrie and Micheal Strickland



David Surridge



Bronwyn McGrane



Kristin and Mary, the caterers



Ron Humpherson, plate winner



Getting lunch



David Stanton watching a hampered shot by Joanne Brown



Spectators at the tournament

CNSW Life Membership for David Stanton

At the last board meeting of Croquet New South Wales David Stanton was given life membership of the organisation. This is well-deserved as David has made an immense contribution to the organisation. For more than ten years he has been the main organiser of both AC and GC tournament in the state, as well as managing many of the tournaments and refereeing frequently.

David has also done a great deal for Cammeray Club; he was president for three years, has run many of our tournaments, been a useful handyman, and refereed when needed.

David has also been recognised for his work outside croquet; he was awarded the order of Australia for his involvement in Peer Partners Australia, an organisation that provided support and training in schools.



David Stanton

Other Tournaments

Mosman Bash

The first day of the Mosman Bash was played in torrential rain. The Mosman lawns are well-drained, but even they turned into lakes for a time, and play had to be suspended. At other times players were given relief when they landed in puddles or had to hit across puddles.



Chris Brown using an umbrella



Paul Skvorc dealing with puddles



The lawns when play was suspended

Cammeray members did very well in this tournament; there were four blocks at different handicap levels, and Cammeray people won three of them. Paul Skvorc won the top block, Margaret O'Brien won the second block, and Georgie Ofner won the third block.



Georgie Ofner in the Mosman Bash



Margaret O'Brien

CNSW Women's Golf Croquet Championship

Alison Sharpe won this event, losing only one game out of the 13 she played.

CNSW Men's GC Championship

Peter Landrebe reached the semi-final in this, but then met Robert Fletcher (who is currently ranked first in the world in golf croquet, and did not lose a game in this tournament).

CNSW AC Bronze Singles

Rob Barrie came second in this, losing only to Janelle Wilson of Canberra, who won the tournament.

CNSW GC Open Championship

Rosie and Peter Landrebe both played well to reach the knockout, but then Peter knocked out Rosie from the last sixteen. However, he went on to win the tournament, defeating the Women's world champion Jamie Gumbrill in the final in a close-fought match 7-4,6-7, 7-5, 5-7, 7-6.

Fletcher-Sharpe Invitational

Alison Sharpe and Robert Fletcher organised and sponsored this tournament, which attracted top golf croquet players from around the world, including New Zealand, United States and Britain. It was limited to players under 35. After four days of intense play, Robert Fletcher won the final against Englishman Aston Wade 7-3, 7-2, 7-2.

Hi-Lo Evenings at Cammeray

Hi-Lo games are on Thursday evenings from 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. In these, low handicap players are paired with high handicap players, and doubles games are played with alternate strokes. This is a great learning experience for the high handicap players, who get guidance on strokes and tactics; and it is an interesting challenge for the low handicap players who have to develop tactics which are suitable to the skills of their partner – and have to recover from difficult situations.

Fortunately Cammeray has a good number of low handicap players who can take part. The two evenings so far have been a great success, with a dozen or more players involved. In the last session Mary Goldsack and Joanne brown managed to peg out in their hi-lo game – an unusual achievement!



The turn-out for the hi-lo



Hi-Lo games in progress

Coaching by Peter and Rosie Landrebe

We have been remarkably fortunate in having Rosie and Peter Landrebe providing coaching to our bronze and silver members. Both are among Australia's top players, and both are highly respected coaches. Peter has been the coach of the Australian AC team for many years.



Peter and Rosie explaining the finer points of the game to our members

There was a good turnout for the sessions, and those who came were most impressed by the knowledge and insight of the Landrebes. A common comment was 'It was wonderful! I learned so much'.

We are most grateful to Peter and Rosie for their time and expertise; and we look forward to a significant improvement in the standard of play of our bronze and silver members.

