



Cammeray Croquet Club



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

Tournaments

CNSW Selectors Invitation

Paul Skvorc was runner-up; Joanne Brown came third; Margaret O'Brien was eighth. The winner was Don Wright of Cooks River.



Paul Skvorc



Margaret O'Brien



Jo Brown

Cammeray Bronze Championship

There is one game still to play in the Cammeray Bronze Championship, between Bronwyn McGrane and Sue Nicholas. If Bronwyn wins this, she wins the tournament; if she loses by more than two hoops, then Rob Barie will be the winner.



Bronwyn McGrane



Rob Barie

Club Championship

This has started with a good field of eight players – Alan Walsh, Chris Brown, Michael Strickland, David Surridge, Mike Hughes, Steve Miles, Barbara McDonald and Jo Brown.

Cammeray Silver Championship

This competition also has a good field – Margaret O’Brien, David McGrane, David Gibson, Sandra Colquhoun and Bernie Gibson. Play has not yet started.

CNSW Gold Brooch

Only four players entered this, so it was a double round-robin. Joanne Brown lost her first game, then won all the remaining five to win the tournament. Paul Skvorc played some very good games, but lost both his games against Joanne and came second.



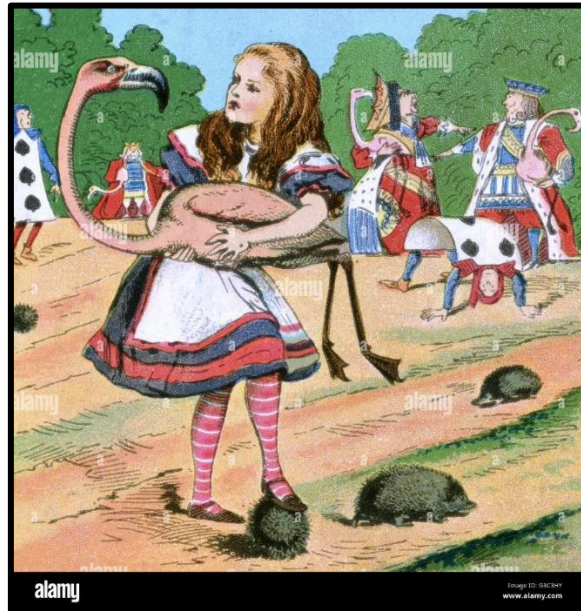
Tim Woolford-Smith, Joanne Brown, Paul Skvorc, Larry Bryant

The Queen's Croquet Lawn

An excerpt from *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll

Alice thought she had never seen such a curious croquet-ground in her life: it was all ridges and furrows: the croquet balls were live hedgehogs, and the mallets live flamingoes, and the soldiers had to double themselves up and stand on their hands and feet, to make the arches.

The chief difficulty Alice found at first was in managing her flamingo: she succeeded in getting its body tucked away, comfortably enough, under her arm, with its legs hanging down, but generally, just as she had got its neck nicely straightened out, and was going to give the hedgehog a blow with its head,, it *would* twist itself round and look up in her face, with such a puzzled expression that she could not help bursting out laughing; and, when she had got its head down, and was going to begin again, it was very provoking to find that the hedgehog had unrolled itself and was in the act of crawling away: besides all this, there was generally a ridge or furrow in the way wherever she wanted to send the hedgehog to, and, as the doubled-up soldiers were always getting up and walking off to other parts of the ground, Alice soon came to the conclusion that it was a very difficult game indeed.



(Just be grateful that our form of croquet is so easy!)

Upcoming Tournaments

31st August- 1st September: CNSW AC Open Doubles: There are some interesting pairings in this - Rob Elliott and Mike Gidding; Peter Landrebe and Robert Barrie; Paul Skvorc and Wafik Nassif; Rosemary Landrebe and Lucy Ress; and Jo Brown and Jim Nicholls. It should be an interesting tournament!

31st August to 3rd September: Australian Women's Open GC – Alison Sharpe is one of the top seeds in this.

31st August to 3rd September: Australian Men's Open GC – Robert, Malcolm and Greg Fletcher are all playing

4th to 8th September: GC Interstate Shield

6th to 10th September: Manly Seabreeze – there are always many Cammeray people in this

20th to 23rd September: CNSW Open Singles – Mike Hughes and Paul Skvorc

28th to 29th September: CNSW Selectors' Invitation: Mike Hughes, Paul Skvorc

Useful Website

WilsonFletcher Croquet - This is an interesting website run by two of Australia's top players - Ed Wilson and Malcolm Fletcher. It has some good instruction videos on it, such as hoop approaches and jump shots. It also has many videos of croquet play, including the remarkable one of Robert Fletcher doing a triple peel in under five minutes and seven seconds.

This particular effort was started by Ed Wilson when he filmed himself doing a triple in fourteen minutes, claiming this to be the fastest ever. Other top players then reduced this by a couple of minutes. However, once Robert Fletcher completed his triple in five minutes, no-one else tried any more.

Link: [WilsonFletcherCroquet - YouTube](#)