



Cammeray Croquet Club



December 2022

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Christmas party

A great time was had by all at the Christmas party, as the rain held off and the sun came out.



Members and partners enjoying drinks and food on a windy day at the Christmas party



Kristin Kool-Clark, Gail Parrott and Mary Goldsack, who organised the function



The spread of food at the party

Tim James, the State Member for North Sydney gave a brief talk, in which he promised to plant lots of trees on the Cammeray Golf Course; then Zoe Baker spoke, promising to pass on our thanks to the ground staff who maintain the lawns so well. She then handed out the various trophies.



Tim James, MP for North Sydney



North Sydney Mayor, Zoe Baker



Chris Brown, Handicap winner



Malcolm Sheldon, bronze winner



Margaret O'Brien, silver winner



Chris Brown, gold champion



Steve Miles, platinum



Alan Walsh, club champion (10th time!)



Mary Goldsack, Stephen Howes Award presented by Michael Strickland



Kristin accepting the Mila Kotala Award on behalf of Warren Yates

The Stephen Howes Award is for the Most Improved Player over the past year. Mary Goldsack narrowly beat Malcolm Sheldon for this trophy.

The Mila Kotala Award is for the person who made the greatest contribution to the club over the year. There were several contenders, including Alan Walsh for his work on the lawns and the gardening group, but Warren Yates received it for his great work over many years as secretary.

Lawn Maintenance

The annual lawn maintenance will be for two weeks from Monday 9th January to Sunday 22nd January. The lawns will be closed over this period.

Break in at clubhouse



Boarded-up window at club

On Friday 9th December at night someone threw a brick through the window. When Ian Lucas arrived to do his training he found a brick on the floor and glass scattered everywhere. He contacted the police who came and inspected, and dusted for fingerprints.

It appears that nothing was stolen except maybe a bit of money from the tin by the door. Colliers were very responsive as usual and had someone out to board up the window on Saturday afternoon while they organised replacement glass. A similar incident occurred at the Cammeray Golf Club the week before

Coaching by Neil Hardie

Neil Hardie is offering two coaching sessions on how to play the openings in Association Croquet. The first will be on Thursday January 5th from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and will deal with the standard opening and its variants (i.e. first ball to east boundary). The second will be on Thursday 26th January from 4 to 5 p.m., and will cover non-standard openings.

There will be a maximum of six participants; register on the booking sheet if you want to come. These courses are mainly aimed at bronze and silver players.

Twilight croquet

Do come along to Twilight Croquet on Monday evenings – play from 4 to 6 p.m., and wine and cheese (or whatever you want to eat and drink) from 6 to 7. Bring your own food and drink. It is a pleasant social occasion, and you can play against a better player to improve your game, or have a social game with no pressure.

Eire Cup

This competition between the States will be played in Melbourne in March next year. We congratulate Joanne Brown for her first selection in the NSW team. We also have Peter Landrebe, Alison Sharpe and Rosie Landrebe from Cammeray in the team. The team consists of four women and four men, so half the team is from Cammeray!

Fees for next year

The Committee has decided to increase lawn fees to:

\$4 for members

\$6 for CNSW affiliated visitors and

\$10 for other visitors.

For members, there will be a maximum of \$12 per week.

There will be no change to the annual membership fee.

Happy Christmas to all our members !

