



Cammeray Croquet Club



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Triumph for Bronze Pennants Team!

After a three year hiatus, the CNSW Bronze Pennants, last fully played in 2019, happened again this year. 2020 was completely cancelled and 2021 was aborted after just 2 matches due to the infamous lockdown. After all that, they were raring to go this year - so much so, that they managed to win all their 12 games over the series, pegging out in 4 of them. Graham Maynard pegged out in 2 of his matches, with Malcom Sheldon and Sue Nicholas also pegging out in one each of their games.



Sheldon, Colquhoun, Nicholas, Maynard

The Bronze team played against Mosman and Killara in a double round robin, and after various covid outbreaks and rain delays, finally completed the pennants on 7th July. The captain of the team was Sandra Colquhoun who excellently managed everyone so that all players showed their skills in both singles and doubles matches. As well as Captain Sandra, the team included Graham Maynard, Malcom Sheldon, Sue Nicholas with reserves Warren Yates, who played 2 games to fill absences, and John Potter. Fitting in practice was a bit difficult due to the continuing wet weather, and the occasional tournament on the Cammeray lawns, but it didn't seem to affect their performance, maybe it even enhanced it?

Because the Pennants matches are also a social occasion, we have revived the Cammeray tradition of, win or lose, we follow up with a light lunch. All new Cammeray players are encouraged to join in the Pennants next year to make new friends from other clubs and enjoy the lovely lunches provided by the hosting club, for example, Graham's pumpkin scones!

Sue Nicholas (and the bronze pennants team)

NSW GC Bronze medal

Peter Landrebe came second in this. There were three players with five match wins out of seven, but Peter lost to Jamie Gumbrell on a game countback, 6 versus 7.

Cammeray Win the Win Dickinson

The Win Dickinson Tournament is a CNSW tournament for women. Cammeray did well, with Barbara McDonald coming first with a clean sweep of her games, and Joanne Brown coming second.

Peter Montagu writes:

This year the Win Dickinson was a stand-alone tournament, unlike the past three years when it has been run as a composite event with the Eva Short and/or the Women's Open. Six players competed at Tempe in a single round robin, which was comfortably completed over two fine cold days, with some slightly troubling wind developing on the second day. The croquet was keenly contested, in a cheerful, friendly spirit.



Barbara and Joanne

Barbara McDonald was a strong winner, taking all 5 of her matches with total net hoops of 71, and Joanne Brown was the runner-up (winning 3 matches and with 15 net hoops). We are grateful to Ted Salter and Ron Buist for refereeing this event.

Mosman / Cammeray Bronze Invitation Days

Cammeray and Mosman Clubs will be trialling an Invitation Day for AC Bronze players. These days will be held alternately at Cammeray and Mosman, starting at Mosman. Mosman has decided to hold theirs on the first Tuesday of the month. The first one being on Tuesday 2nd August. The date of the next one will be in the first week of September at Cammeray. Members will be advised once the exact date has been agreed.

Mosman CC have allocated 3 of their lawns, allowing for a maximum number of 14 players- 5 single games + 1 doubles. Given the number restriction, interested players will need to email Bronwyn by Sunday 31st July pm.

Play will be for 2.5 hours, beginning at 9.30am, with a morning tea break for 15 minutes about 10.30. Mosman members will take turns to provide a tea bun or two. Visiting players need to pay a \$5.00 fee.

If you are interested, please email Bronwyn McGrane on bronwynmcgrane@gmail.com by Sunday 31st July pm.

This will be a fun morning, and will give our Bronze players exposure to a more varied field of opponents in a relaxed atmosphere. Hopefully we can all enjoy the day."

Vale Bill Westwood

Bill died peacefully on the 10th of July 2022, just short of his 86th birthday.

Bill was well-known at the club, a forthright character and a highly competitive player. He won the Beginners' Tournament in 2012, and the Bronze Championship in 2014. He was captain of the bronze pennants team for several years, and was assistant treasurer for the club committee.



Bev Westwood writes:

Although he was Dux of Fort St he did not go on to university, but to work at MLC Assurance Co where he was one of the very early programmers for their new IBM machines. At the same time he started work on his Actuarial exams by correspondence with the Institute of Actuaries in London. He qualified in 1962 and was later to move into management. At the ripe old age of 55 he retired to concentrate on what he loved most---playing sport and travelling. He was an accomplished tennis player, golfer, and was working on croquet when his balance problems led him to give it away before he was able to reach proficiency. Becoming housebound he turned his attention to his other love - contract bridge. He and two of his long time partners, Tom Goodyer and Roger Januszke played bridge online most days.

We shall miss him.

Maintaining our gardens

North Sydney Council does a wonderful job in keeping our Croquet lawns in top condition. Maintaining the lawns and gardens outside the playing areas is up to us. The club has acquired an electric lawn mower and Alan Walsh has taken on the job of mowing the periphery lawns. In recent years many individuals but especially Steve Miles, Marg O'Brien and Lucy Rees have contributed to the maintenance effort but they deserve a rest. Liz Nash has stepped up and has been quietly working away persevering with the arduous task of eliminating weeds with deep but easily broken roots with a view to establishing attractive native gardens both adjacent to the tennis court and to the North of Lawn 1. Liz would welcome some assistance. She is happy to coordinate a group of gardening volunteers who would undertake

planting and maintenance work on a regular but not too onerous a basis. If you would like to become a member of our gardens team, please get in contact with Liz on 0412 005 012 or liznash7@icloud.com

