



Cammeray Croquet Club



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

The NSW AC Open Women's Singles in conjunction with The Eva Short & Win Dickinson Memorial Trophies

There were 12 entries for this event, including 5 Cammeray members - Joanne Brown, Sue Eldridge-Smith, Rosemary Landrebe, Barbara McDonald and Georgie Ofner.

The top two seeds, Alison Sharpe (-1.5 hcp) and Rosemary Landrebe (-1 hcp) were promoted to The Championship Semi-Finals to be played as the best of 3 games on Saturday.

On Friday, the remaining 10 players, with handicaps ranging from 0 to 18, played a Championship Knockout qualifying event, to select the other two semi-finalists. The successful players were Kerri-Ann Organ (Canberra) and Barbara McDonald.



Barbara McDonald



Rosie Landrebe



Joanne Brown

In the semifinals, Alison played in dazzling form to beat Barbara 26-0 and 26TP-0. Kerri-Ann also played well in the other semi-final to beat Rosemary in straight games 26-13 and 26-1.

The Final between Alison & Kerri-Ann was played as a best of 5 starting Saturday afternoon.

Kerri-Ann made a great start, winning the first game 26-25.

Alison fought back on Sunday, winning the next 3 games, 26-1, 26-4 and 26-2 to claim the title and The Eva Short Trophy.

Congratulations to the winner Alison Sharpe, the runner up Kerri-Ann Organ and 3rd place Rosemary Landrebe.

Meanwhile, following the Championship qualifying event on Friday, the remaining 8 players, competed over 2 days for The Win Dickinson Memorial Trophy, awarded to the best player with handicap 3 or greater.

After 2 days playing in cold, wintery & rainy conditions, Elizabeth Monague (Killara) emerged as the winner, beating Joanne Brown in the final.

Joanne had an impressive tournament. She won 5 of the 6 games played in the Win Dickinson event, only losing to Elizabeth in the final. As a result, Joanne reduced her handicap from 16 to 12!

Well done Joanne!

Barbara McDonald

CNSW Platinum Singles

The CNSW Platinum Singles was played at Cammeray on 7th- 8th June, and three of the five entries were from Cammeray. It was played in fine weather on splendid lawns.

Sadly, the two outsiders came first and second. Neil Hardie was leading into the last round, but then played miserably, lost to Ted Woodley, and only came third.



Winner Don Wright (r) and runner-up Ted Woodley (l)

Doing the Dishes

If you are inclined to have a cuppa or a bite to eat before heading onto the lawns, and you add your cup or plate to the dishwasher, please check whether the dishwasher needs running. Do not wait for the bottom rack to fill. If the top rack is full or near to full, please put the dishwasher on, ideally before you start play, and if you remember, it would be great if you could empty it before you head home. The default is a short cycle, so it should be finished even if you are just there for a short practice session.

When you turn the dishwasher on, please turn the sign to "I'm clean, please empty me" so that if you forget to empty it before you go home, the next person to use it will know it is clean.

When you empty the dishwasher, please turn the sign back to "I'm dirty".

Dishwasher tablets are in the cupboard under the sink. If you notice they are running low, please let me know so they can be re-stocked. Thanks everyone! - **Joanne Brown**

Other Tournaments

Steve Miles won the Beryl Chambers Metropolitan North Qualifying Tournament, but was unfortunately unavailable for the Beryl Chambers finals.

Rob Elliott won the Cammeray Club Championship against Alan Walsh

Rosie Landrebe reached quarter finals of the NSW GC Open Singles

The Cammeray Gold Championship is underway at present, with the Brown brothers looking to add to their beginners, bronze and silver wins.

The History of Croquet

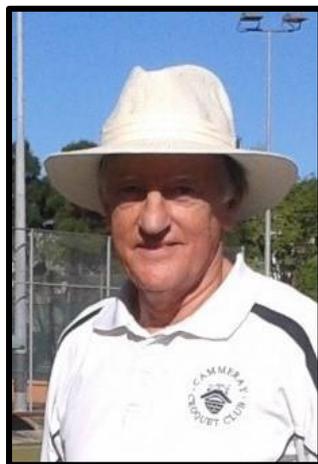
Strathfield Croquet Club have produced an excellent video on the history of croquet, which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YucjflNXwqQ>

People who keep the club running

Ian Lucas and Michael Strickland are the two people who spend a great deal of time teaching beginners and mentoring them after their lessons. We have had a large number of people going through our training system lately, so these two have contributed generously. Michael is also on the financial statement sub-committee, and chairs the handicap committee.

Kristin Kool-Clarke, as well as being social events co-ordinator, is the assistant to the treasurer.



Ian Lucas



Michael Strickland



Kristen Kool-Clarke

Pennants

The CNSW Pennants competitions are being played. Our bronze pennants team of Sandra Colquhoun, Joanne Brown, Malcolm Sheldon and John Potter beat Killara 3-0, beat Mosman 3-0. Our silver team of Georgie Ofner, Margaret O'Brien, Sue Eldridge-Smith and Graham Maynard have lost to Mosman. We fielded a gold pennants team, but there was only one other entry (Mosman), and for various reasons it was not possible to organise dates for the matches, so the gold competition was abandoned.

Use of Lawns

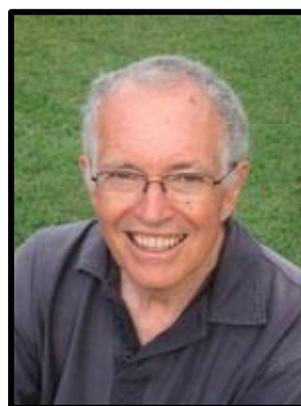
Council ground-staff have asked if we could try to play on Lawn 2 when we need only one lawn. The sun struggles to make it half way across Lawn 1 at this time of year, and that means less than even the usual meagre winter growth, and results in more wear in that area.

Website features

Our website was developed about fifteen years ago by Ron Wiebe and Warren Yates. It is, in the opinion of many, to be the best website for croquet in NSW with a wealth of information and many useful facilities.

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Warren writes: Ron Wiebe (a friend of Mila Kotala's) was the person who custom designed and coded our website using the language PHP. I worked with Ron to specify the features we wanted. These days glitzy websites are put together very quickly using building block modules provided by the likes of WordPress. Our website by comparison looks very dated but it has an amazing array of capabilities designed specifically for our needs. Most are not visible to members - they are designed to make the life of the secretary and the committee easy - but there are a lot of useful things members can do.



Warren Yates

Ron now spends most of his time in Norfolk in England where he has taken on developing not just the website for the local museum but modernising the displays via animated screens and buttons to press all based on the low cost do-it-yourself PC-on-a board called the Raspberry Pi. If every I have a problem with the website is only too happy to help.

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Some of the features that members should be familiar with in the members' area are:

* **CCC Documents:** Members can download many useful documents, including Basic Skills for Association Croquet; Club Constitution; Croquet Etiquette for tournaments; guide to AC laws and refereeing.

* **Your details: change your handicap and contact details:** whenever your handicap changes, or if you change your email or phone or address, you should update the information held by the club.-

***The notice board**, which has all other club AC tournaments (with flyers and downloadable entry forms) that CNSW advises us about. These vanish as soon as the entry date is reached