



Cammeray Croquet Club



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GC World Championships

This year's Golf Croquet World Championships were held in Melbourne at the end of February/beginning of March. It is pleasing to be able to report that **Peter Landrebe** won through to the knock-out stage, and through two further rounds, to get into the last eight. He could not quite make the semi-finals, however, going down to Felix Webby of NZ, who had won the u 21 World Championship only a week or so earlier. In the end, he played off for 5th- 8th place and finished 6th in the overall competition! Not too shabby, Pete.

The Annual 'Festival of Croquet' ...



Sadly, the *Birthday Tournament* at the beginning of March had to be called off, when it became apparent that we were fighting a losing battle with the elements, and the water was rising more quickly than we could mop it up. This competition will now be run from **Thurs 11th to Sat 13th May**.

But the DACC was a huge success. Apart from one or two passers-by who showed enough curiosity to drop in and enquire about the game, we were very pleased to be able to entertain visitors from Hazelbrook CC, Warrawee, Killara, Chatswood, Hunters Hill, Mosman, Strathfield, Marrickville, and Coogee.

Sadly, Tournament Referee **Stephen Howes** suffered a 'cardiac event' on the Thursday night before play even began, and spent the entire tournament in RNSH. But we are delighted to report that he is recovering well from multiple bypass surgery. Keep it up, Stephen!



Despite the very high standard of play, with much peeling of both partner and opponent, including a couple of 'bombard' peels, we had to wait until the final for a 'third ball nine'. And what a final!

It was Callum Hyland (Tas) who came up with the goods, hitting with his second shot, and running a 3-ball break to 4-back. Kevin Beard (Vic) then played his second ball into the game, but missed. Callum then ran his back ball masterfully through nine hoops, peeling his partner ball to the peg in the process. But when victory seemed inevitable, he managed to snatch defeat from its jaws, by 'blobbing' in 4-back. Aaaargh!!

At this stage, Kevin still had both clips on Hoop 1, and had not even taken croquet, but was able to take control of the game, and to finish 26tp-21. (Shades of Stephen Bradbury.)

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Editorial

There is never any shortage of material to report on at this time of the year.

Sadly, our own *Birthday Tournament* had to be postponed. But the *Dixon Advisory Classic* was another great success.

And on top of our own 'festival of croquet', Cammeray members have been involved in several of the many other competitions around the State, and indeed the country, which crop up in March.

The adjoining column attempts a brief review of results, with some advice of forthcoming events.

And there are a few items of interest from a recent meeting of the Committee which we detail further down this column (*ie* on the next page). Some of this is really very encouraging, as we think you will agree.

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AC Men's and Women's Singles

This year's national titles were held in Tasmania. In the women's event, Cammeray's **Barbara McDonald** won three out of her six matches in the Plate Competition, two quite convincingly, while losing three by narrow margins. And **Alan Walsh** met the ultimate winner, Robert Fletcher, in the second round, bringing a sadly premature end to his involvement in the main event.

Eire Cup

The annual AC interstate competition was also played in Tasmania, and despite the presence of Cammeray members **Rosie Landrebe** and **Alan Walsh** in the NSW team, we again came up short, having to accept second place to an undefeated Victorian side.

Marrickville 'Birdie Telfer' Trophy



Congratulations go to Cammeray member **Ralda Kirton**, who played splendidly, but again had to be content with second place, after a fascinating final against Diane Scott that went to a 'golden hoop'. **Sandra Colquhoun** was third, and **Lucy Rees** fourth. A great effort, team!

Mosman 'Mercedes' Bash

In the absence of Stephen Howes, a regular at this event, the task of upholding the Club's honour fell to **Steve Miles** who managed an excellent second place in the top division. **Georgie Ofner** came third in her block, and **Graham Maynard** second in his.

Strathfield 'May Gibbs' Tournament

This year, **Marg O'Brien** was the Club's sole representative, but managed to win three out of five in the top block, and to finish third.

Jamberoo

Always popular with Cammeray members, unfortunately this year's competition had to be cancelled due to the impact of the weather.

Invitation Days

A reminder that the invitation days to be held at Cammeray will be: First Friday of the month – Silver; Second Friday – Platinum; Third Friday – Gold; Fourth Friday – Bronze. Keep an eye on the website.

Ricochet on Sundays

The games of 'Ricochet', planned for the fifth Sunday of the month, will now start on Sunday 30th July.

Corrigendum*

In reporting on the CNSW Bronze Championship last month, we inadvertently omitted mention of **Ian Lucas** who won five out of seven matches and finished in third place. Quite how this oversight occurred is a mystery, but we are very happy to correct the record, and extend our congratulations to Ian. [*Latin for 'stuff-up']

News from the Committee Meeting held on 1st April

A few items which we hope may be of interest, if not positively heartening!

Parking

North Sydney have advised that the current 8-hour parking on both sides of Park Avenue, between Oaks Avenue and Sutherland Street, will become 4-hour parking. This should free up a few more spaces for croquet players! (Not to mention soccer mums and tennis buffs.) And the changes were to have come into force on 31st March, but we suspect the current roadworks may delay matters.

New Members

We have been pleased to elect as new members: **Lisa Kelshaw**, **Denise Elder**, **Margie Hughes**, **Tim Jackson**, **Mim McCutcheon**, **Susie Wright**, and **John Potter**. We do not yet have pics to show you yet, but if you encounter any of them, please make them welcome!

Footwear

In competition play, tournament conditions generally specify that appropriate footwear be worn. In social play, however, you can play barefoot if you really want to, **but you do so at your own risk!** There may not be any bindi-eyes in the lawn, but chemicals are used from time to time which may not be kind to any open wound, and you may find a ball does rather more damage to a naked foot than one which is properly shod.

Drainage

If, of late, you have found yourself gazing forlornly at 'lake Cammeray', take heart! Some little while back we obtained a report on the drainage of the lawns. This has now been taken up by the Council, who have apparently accepted a quote for some major works. Watch this space! (And the lawns.)

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