



# Cammeray Croquet Club



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## CNSW Pennant Competitions

The latest report follows:

**Bronze A** **Ralda Kirton, Graham Maynard, Sue Nicholas, Sue Eldridge-Smith, Lucy Rees, and Jan Thomas** enjoyed two more good matches, winning 3-0 at home to Killara, and 2-1 at home to Mosman, to finish runners-up behind only Cammeray 'B'.

**Bronze B** **Sandra Colquhoun, Peter Colquhoun, Roger Liles, Warren Yates, Michael Gill, Lisa Kelshaw, Bev Westwood, and Mike Hebden** finished with a 2-1 win at Mosman, thereby remaining undefeated, and winning the competition. Well done, team!!

**Silver** **Ian Lucas, Marg O'Brien, Bebe Abdullah, Georgie Ofner, and Graham Maynard** finished with a 2-1 win at Manly. Three teams managed four matches won and two losses, but Manly finished first on total games won, with Chatswood second and Cammeray third.

**Gold** As mentioned last month, there were no entries from other clubs in this Division, and the competition was abandoned.

**Premier** Cammeray play Killara at Tempe on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug.

## CNSW GC Open

The men's open singles event was played at Tempe over the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July, and won by Cammeray's **Peter Landrebe**, who lost only one game out of the thirteen he had to play (and even that was a 6-7 result). Hearty congratulations, Pete!

## CNSW 'Champion of Champions'

The annual competition for the champions of clubs from all over the State this year brought together a powerful field of winners from ten clubs – including Wagga Wagga, Canberra, and Newcastle, with a few stops in between – and was played at Tempe over the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July, in some beautiful sunny weather and on some lovely fast lawns. **Mike Hughes**, representing both Cammeray and Chatswood, had a good day on the Friday, with three wins, including a triple peel, but then went down to Jim Nicholls from Wagga Wagga, and David Hanbidge from Nowra. But another good win saw him through to the Plate Final, where he ultimately went down in a close game to Alison Sharpe of Killara. A pretty good effort, Mike. Well done yet again!

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### Editorial

Your editor had his finger poised to hit 'send' on this Newsletter, when an incoming message brought news which deserves to be shared. The long awaited shelter sheds (albeit still in kit form, or flat pack) have arrived!!

Weather permitting, the plan is to erect them during next week, starting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August, and to do so one at a time, so that interference with play can be minimised. Please make the construction team welcome.

For his part, the writer will be some five hundred kilometres distant, and at an elevation of some two thousand metres – legs in the customary skiing position, knees suitably bent and heels firmly rested on the rail of a comfortable bar-stool.

But having been taken to task by one reader of last month's edition for a carelessly flippant comment on Golf Croquet, it is with due deference and humility, nay pleasure even, that we report a major success in this form of the game in the adjoining column. A terrific effort by one of Cammeray's favourite sons.

And we would be remiss if we did not also mention that the Club now boasts a member of the NSW team which won the recent *Australian Bridge Federation* interstate teams competition. Well done, Mike Hughes!

*Comment on this issue, or contributions for future issues, can be sent to the editor:*

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## CNSW Bronze Brooch

The annual 'Brooch' competitions are aimed at players in a handicap range which straddles two Divisions. The first of these – the Bronze Brooch – is for those on handicaps from 11 to 16. This year's competition was played at Tempe from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, and Cammeray was represented by **Ian Lucas, Marg O'Brien, Graham Maynard, Ralda Kirton, Sue Eldridge-Smith, and Lucy Rees**, in a total field of eleven.

It is with pleasure that we report Ian's winning of the event, with Marg in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Ralda and Sue in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively. Well done all!



## Cammeray 'Ricochet' Day

A mid-year social function on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July saw some twenty members enjoy a game or two of Ricochet, and on a glorious sunny winter day. Our thanks go to **Sue Eldridge-Smith** and her team for a delightful lunch, and to **Steve Miles** for organising the games.

A little tuition went a long way for some people, who even managed to peg out!! The novel rules certainly require a fair amount of thought, and anyone who did get to the peg is worthy of congratulation.

It is understood that further sessions may be arranged next time there is a fifth Sunday in the month, which seems to be October, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of that month to be precise.

## And a couple of pictorial gems ...



The masterpiece on the left comes to us courtesy of the peripatetic **Juan Roberson**, who found his subject outside a restaurant in Oxford, and has been kind enough to share the result with us.



While the picture on the right is of **Lucy Rees** getting some tips from young Oliver Andrews – grandson of **Georgie Ofner**.

## Five minutes ...



*Ever wondered what to do in the five-minute 'warm-up' before a game? These notes have been put together by Cammeray's own **Juan Roberson**, who freely acknowledges their origins in the work of top New Zealand player, **Chris Clarke**.*

Juan suggests this routine before every game, and before you start a practice session. Don't hurry. The routine sets up the way you will play. Focus carefully on each shot, and *keep your head down*.

1. Set up your two balls for a 'dolly rush' (one that no-one should miss), and rush the ball about two yards along the West boundary.
2. Rush the same ball again, about four yards this time.
3. Roquet the same ball firmly.
4. From there play a 'take-off' across the lawn to the East boundary, trying to get close to the boundary but not over it.
5. Then send your other ball as close to the first ball as you can, but not over the boundary. (Hitting across the lawn like this will give you a good feel for just how fast or slow the lawn is playing.)
6. Set up a rush to a hoop. It can be 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 – depending on where you are and how good your rushes are.
7. Play several 'hoop approach' shots – the croquet shot that puts you in front of the hoop. If your approach is poor, do it again until you get it right. Include a 'take-off' from a yard behind the hoop.
8. Play a number of hoop-running shots, starting from twelve inches straight in front, then increasing the distance and varying the angle. If you fail a hoop, do it again until you succeed.
9. If you have any time left, practise longer rushes followed by a roquet. Focus on a good, smooth swing and keeping your head still.