



Cammeray Croquet Club



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CNSW Open Singles



Played at Tempe at the beginning of November, the main event proved fallow ground for Cammeray competitors. But **Alan Walsh** managed to win the Plate competition, and **Barbara McDonald** was runner-up.

ACA Open Singles

The Australian Open a week later, at Cairnleigh in Victoria, albeit with a substantially stronger field, was scarcely more productive for Cammeray. But this time **Mike Hughes** managed to win the Plate, a trophy which we are told has gone to either him or Alan Walsh on each of the past five occasions.



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CNSW Bronze Handicap

Congratulations to **Ralda Kirton**, who managed third place in this event also played at Tempe early in November.

Cammeray Platinum Championship

As mentioned in our last issue, the eight entrants played off in two blocks, producing a final between, **Steve Miles** and **Stephen Howes**. The match has now been played, and we can report that Steve prevailed 26-10. Well done again, that man!

Club Christmas Party

Some forty souls assembled at the club on a balmy evening on the last Sunday in November. Once again we were delighted to welcome our local Mayor, Jilly Gibson, both to present the various trophies and awards, and to hear us say thank you for the great work which the Council has done for the club in recent times.

Another who came in for thanks was Julian Todd, from *BackVintage* wines, who has been a very generous supporter of the Club.



Editorial

The adjoining column has the final round-up of results and sundry other items which we hope may be of interest. Here we must start by reporting a great Sunday morning's work at the Club, re-painting those sad-looking old seats in the new shelter sheds.

This was a classic example of a daunting task made so much simpler by just a few people getting together and contributing their bit – and then sitting back as Peter Landrebe comes along and does the lion's share!! (Only joking. Although he did do rather more than the rest of us put together.)

But it was inspiring to see so many members pitch in. Heaps of thanks to Ian Lucas, John Clayton, Alan Walsh and Barbara McDonald, Juan Roberson, and David Stanton, as well as to Sue Eldridge-Smith, Penny Garrett, and Marg O'Brien for keeping us fed and watered. And super thanks to Pete and Rosie.

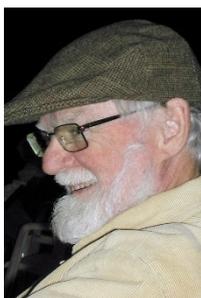
This was a wonderful note on which to end the year.

Enjoy your holiday!

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We have already reported the winners of the various Club Competitions, who have now been presented with their trophies, but for the benefit of those who couldn't be there, we must add that **Neil Hardie** was a very deserving recipient of the *Mila Kotala* Award for outstanding service to the Club – as a long-time committee member, recording two (separate) terms as President, regularly involving himself in coaching beginners, and still finding much time for the Club even as he now fills the onerous position of NSW State Director of Refereeing. Great work, Neil!



And **Ian Lucas** is to be congratulated on winning the *Stephen Howes* Trophy for the most improved player of 2017 (which, unfortunately, could not actually be presented. If anyone can find the trophy, we would all be most grateful!)



In the meantime, extreme thanks are owed to the catering team. Sue Eldridge-Smith was engaged elsewhere, but **Ralda Kirton** stepped up and led the crew of **Lucy Rees, Kerry Phillips, Bev Westwood, Marg O'Brien, Penny Garrett, and Sandra Colquhoun**, who did a first-class job, aided by Bev's delightful granddaughters again providing a splendid waiting service.

Golf Croquet Rules

Some of you may not have known that there were any! Others may have chosen simply to ignore them. But a few of the more curious have asked for guidance, and on **Sunday 4th February 2018** at 2.00pm, **Stephen Howes** will go through the basic rules and the penalties for faults. Come and learn what you should be doing when someone plays the wrong ball, or is found to be offside, etc.

And all are welcome to stay for the regular Sunday afternoon game.

More Dates for the Diary

- The Club AGM will be on Saturday morning, **17th February**.
- The Dixon Advisory Classic from **Friday 2nd** to **Sunday 4th March** (with 'qualifying' on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th) and
- The annual Cammeray Birthday Tournament will run from **Thursday 10th** to **Saturday 12th May**.

Green Fees

Last month we noted that Annual Subscriptions (*viz.* \$200pa for full membership and \$85pa for restricted membership) will remain the same for 2018, and you should receive an invoice shortly.

It was also noted that, **from 1st January**, Green Fees would increase to \$3 per day (plus \$1 for the use of the lights).

Now your Committee has decided to increase the *weekly maximum* green fees (excluding any payment for lights) to \$8.

This will in fact generate just about enough additional income to offset the usual increase in rent for the year.

Curiosity Column

... a few small matters which caught your editor's attention during the year.

In the recent *Manly Seabreeze* competition, a Cammeray player had just played a shot (which neither made a roquet nor scored a hoop point for itself) when 'time' was called *while his ball was still rolling away*.

At that stage he was a couple of hoops behind. But he had a bisque. And he wanted to use it! Had he missed his chance?

He knew that bisques cannot be used at the end of either of the two turns which constitute the 'extension period'. But did that apply here?

Law 4 governs 'end of turn', and refers to the last stroke of a turn having been played *and the balls and clips being correctly positioned*. But, in order to avoid any unseemly scramble close to time, this Law has been qualified by Australian Tournament Regulation 16.3.1(a), which reads: 'for the sole purpose of determining whether a striker's turn has ended before or after time is called, it is *deemed* that the turn ends ... *when the striker, in the last shot of his turn ... strikes the striker's ball*'.

So our striker's turn had clearly ended. His opponent was 'in play' when time was called. And if he had not had a bisque, his opponent would have played his turn, and the striker would simply have been entitled to a further turn after that turn ended.

But Law 37 provides that a player in receipt of a bisque may take it '*at the end of any of his turns*'. Our striker was asking to be allowed to use his bisque after the last shot of a turn which was deemed to have ended when the ball was struck *before time was called*. And that turn was clearly not part of the extension period.

What do you think? Sound reasonable?

The answer is to be found in Reg 16.4, which specifically holds that *if a player does not play the first stroke of a bisque turn before time is called ... the opponent's turn is deemed to have begun* (and the bisque therefore cannot be used). But ...

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That Painting 'Bee'

Mention has been made elsewhere of the success of this little exercise. What has not been reported, however, is that we were honoured and delighted to have **Chris Lavina** and Leanne drop in for a visit in the middle of proceedings. They are now living in the Philippines, and Chris is recovering from major heart surgery only a few weeks ago, but both seemed full of the joys of life.

And it has probably not escaped attention that there are still some seats to be painted. More on this next month!

Seasonal Reflections

Last year, we produced a 'bumper Christmas issue', with all sorts of seasonal nonsense. Happily, one suspects that most of it was quickly forgotten (or at least overlooked). So time for more ...



We were not sure what to make of the character on the left, whom we encountered outside a surf shop in Mosman only the other day, and we promptly made enquiry as to whether any animal had been harmed in the production of such an effigy.

The response was bewilderment. But none of Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Donner, Blitzen, or their ilk was anywhere to be seen, and one was left to conclude with some sadness that they should never have been induced to 'hang five'.

Last year also, we pre-empted the 'bon mots' you might find in your 'bon-bons' with a selection of our own favourites. One cannot claim (or admit to) authorship of any of these, but some of them did prompt a groan, and if we have had to groan, then so can you ...

Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.

A gossip is a person with a strong sense of rumour.

If it's true that money talks, why does it so rarely say more than 'goodbye'?

A fool and his money may be easily parted. More interesting is how they got together in the first place.

If at first you don't succeed, then sky-diving may not be for you.



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Curiosity Continued

Interestingly (for some of us!) Regulation 16.4 also provides that if play continues *after the end of the extension period* (ie if scores are tied and the game goes to a 'golden point') any half-bisque or bisque may be played at the end of any *subsequent* turn. So, if you can make it through the 'extension period', any bisques you may still have in hand are effectively revived, and can be called in aid.

Talking of 'golden points' reminds us of another situation which arose during the year, this time in a club competition at Cammeray. Time had been called, and at the end of the 'extension period' scores were level, so the first point scored would win the game. And no bisques were involved on this occasion.

Player A surveyed the lawn, saw that it was not going to be easy to get into a hoop-running position [is it ever? Ed], but decided to give it a go nonetheless. Sadly, the attempt not only failed, but left Player B with a [relatively] easy finish.

What the hapless Player A overlooked, in concentrating on scoring a 'golden hoop', was that partner ball was for the peg, and was within easy striking distance! So instead of struggling to make a hoop, all that was needed was to peg it out.

Worth remembering that what is often called 'golden hoop' is really 'golden point' ... and includes 'golden peg'!

Your editor also witnessed another 'golden point' game, in which a Cammeray player managed to stick in a hoop that would have won the game. Equanimity was restored when the opponent also failed to score. So it was with a cheerful flourish that our hero returned to the fray ... only to tap the ball through the hoop ... *in the wrong direction!*

Looking for some Christmas cheer? Look no further than another of our very generous sponsors. Julian Todd's ...

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