



Cammeray Croquet Club



NEWSLETTER

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Answers to last month's Question 1



Jill's Yellow has come to rest *in* the hoop, in contact with Blue, clearly making a roquet.

Jill takes croquet, with the balls as they lie, and her ball completes running the hoop.

But Jack asks if the hoop has been scored.

Answer: The hoop has NOT been scored. Yellow became a ball in hand, and its position, breaking the plane of the non-playing side, means Law 14(d)(4)(A) applies.

And Question 2

Jill has been responsible for leaving Jack's Blue ball against the leg of the hoop from where it cannot be played to any other ball.

Jack plays Black instead, and finishes his turn by carefully placing his ball short of Corner I, where Blue still cannot hit it.

Jill misses with Yellow at Red, but Blue still has no shot at any ball.

Jack asks if he may still lift Blue, and play from A-Baulk.

Answer: He may. Jill remains responsible for the position of Blue, and Jack has no obligation to do anything about it. See Law 13.

GC Fun Day Sunday 29th January

Never one to let the grass grow under her feet, our Social Secretary, **Sue Eldridge-Smith**, has hit the ground running, and has arranged to open the year with a light-hearted GC day for all, before the serious AC stuff starts (see below). There are notices up in the clubhouse, or a copy can be found on the website -

<http://www.cammeray-croquet.org.au/pdfs/Noticeboard/GC.pdf>

Come along and enjoy a relaxing day with friends!

Club AGM - Saturday 18th February

Our Annual General Meeting, including the election of two new Committee Members, will be held in the Clubhouse, on Saturday, 18th February 2017, starting at 10.00am.

Annual 'Festival of Croquet' in March



This year's *Birthday Tournament* will be held over the weekend of Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th March. This is a very popular open Handicap event, attracting many players from other clubs, with entry limited to those on handicaps of 0-12. If you would like to play, please contact our Games Captain, **Steve Miles**.

Happy New year!!

By the time you read this, you may well have already broken many of those resolutions that seemed so demandingly appropriate in the heady dawn of the New Year.

Never mind. Don't sweat the small stuff!! Concentrate on the important things in life – play more croquet!

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Editorial

The new year brings nothing to report in the way of results, with no competition play in December. Much of this issue is therefore concerned with letting you know what is happening now and in the near future.

But we do have to comment on the extended time it took to bring the lawns back from their annual renovation. Last year, there was no top-dressing involved, and the work of coring and scarifying was completed in very short order. This year, it took longer than usual for the growth to come back through the top-dressing, and the lawns were out for some weeks. But the results are certainly worth the wait!

At the same time, the Council have been making some very encouraging noises about rectifying the longstanding drainage problems we have experienced.

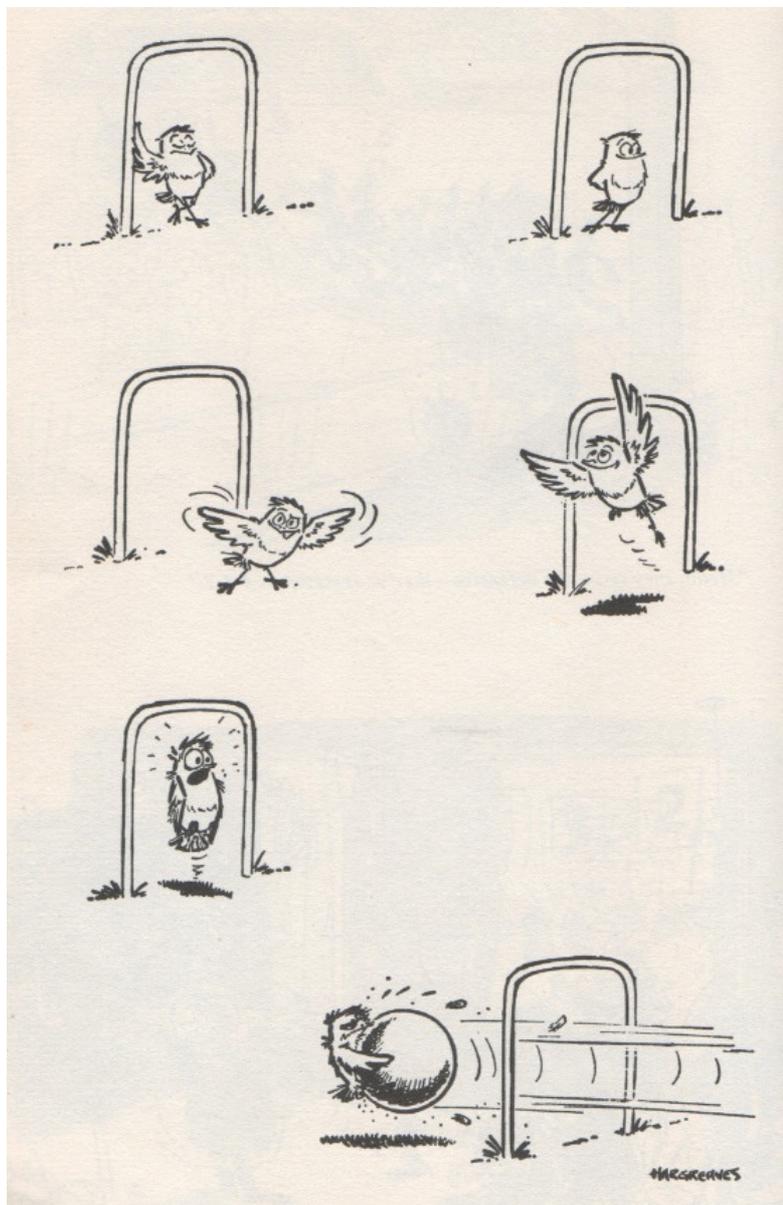
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And this will be followed by the fourth annual *Dixon Advisory Croquet Classic*, with qualifying during the intervening week, and play over the weekend of Friday 10th to Sunday 12th March.

A number of players come from 'out of town', and we shall again be looking for billets. If you think you may be able to help over the latter weekend, a bed and a warm welcome is really all there is to it! And many members report having enjoyed the experience in recent years. More on this when we have a clearer list of entrants.

Comic Corner

In the meantime, and to brighten everyone's day, we offer this little gem, which **Juan Roberson** has been kind enough to share with us ...



... with apologies to our resident bird warden, **Lucy Rees**.

And in case anyone may be harbouring doubts, we should stress that no living creature was harmed in the making of these images!

And we can also report that our plea for members to consider putting themselves up for election to the Club Committee did not fall entirely on stony ground. We have two excellent candidates!

But we are still keen to make the acquaintance of someone with a bit of an accounting background – not to serve on the Committee, but to put in just a couple of days' work each year as an internal auditor of the Club's accounts.

If you think you can help, or know someone who might, please contact the writer.

Medical update

Lucy Rees is getting about well, managed lunch at the CNSW presentation day, and should be back in action early in the year!

Maureen Cope, is going to take a little longer. Her damaged shoulder is preventing her from using a walking frame – effectively immobilising her. We shall be thinking of you, Maureen, and waiting for more of Mal's reports on your progress.

And despite the best efforts of your editor, and the very clear admonition last month that the distaff side of the membership should exercise more care, we have to report yet a third fall! **Barbara Gordon** has also gone down heavily. Her hip has apparently mended, but both it and a painful wrist require serious physiotherapy. So sadly no croquet for a while.

To cap it all, **Barbara McDonald** found herself spending a couple of very uncomfortable weeks in hospital before Christmas, while the medical profession struggled to keep everything functioning in kidneys which we hear bore some resemblance to a quarry site.

We can only wish all of you a healthier and happier time of it in 2017!

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