



# Cammeray Croquet Club



NEWSLETTER

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

## Congratulations!



### David Alan Stanton AM

If any doubts remained about the indomitable character of our President, they are dispelled by reports on the recent Queen's Birthday Honours, when David was made a Member of the Order of Australia.

The award recognizes more than thirty years significant service to the community, through his involvement in *Peer Support Australia* – an organisation

established to develop leaders, combat bullying, and prevent youth suicide and drug addiction within the student community.

It seems David was introduced to the fledgling program in 1983, and promptly set himself to bringing it to life and delivering it to as many young Australians as possible. In doing so, he served as Director for more than thirty years, and Chairman for five of them. The organisation's achievement over that period is awe-inspiring.

Take the time to look more closely at:

<http://peersupport.edu.au/uncategorized/david-stanton-am-is-recognised-in-queens-birthday-honours-2015/>

## Other Stuff

### Japan calling ...

Before we actually get down to Croquet, mention must also be made of a class being conducted by Cammeray members, **Jeff Burgess** and **Jen Holt**, on how to survive and thrive as a tourist in Japan – what the guidebooks don't tell you. If you are planning a trip at some stage, plan to attend this session, from 10.00am to 12.00noon on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July. See North Sydney Community Centre classes.

<https://www.northsydneycentre.com.au/courses/26/CLS106809/languages-travel/japan-travel-class>

### Golf Croquet Trans-Tasman Trophy

More congratulations and good wishes are due to two club members, **Peter** and **Rosie Landrebe**, who have been selected to play for Australia in the inaugural GC Trans-Tasman Trophy. This will be hosted by New Zealand, and played in Nelson, from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

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## Editorial

Yet again we can thank some pretty ordinary weather for keeping your scribe indoors long enough to knock out this month's offering. Even as these words are keyed in, the rattle of water in the gutter and downpipes is proving quite maddening – not at all what a chap paid his Ten Pounds for (as the writer has regularly had to point out over the past forty years or so).

Never mind.

And this Newsletter business is not all 'beer and skittles' either. One has an obligation not just to inform and entertain, but also to 'enlighten'. So the following page (in this column) includes a couple of 'educational' items ... an explanation of the terms "Duffer Tice" and "Tea Lady Shot". You may not have heard of either, or you may simply not have been aware of their origin. Fear not. All is explained. And if at the end you are none the wiser, you will at least be better informed!!

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# Results

## NSW Pennant Competitions

Matches are well underway, and we can report:

- Bronze #1** started with a 0-3 loss to Cammeray 2, but then beat Chatswood 2-1, and beat Mosman 3-0 .
- Bronze #2** started with a 3-0 win over Cammeray 1, but then suffered a 1-2 loss to Killara, before beating Strathfield 2-1
- Silver** have had a 2-1 win against Mosman, a 3-0 win against Sutherland, and a 2-1 win against Manly.
- Gold** have had a 3-0 loss against Maitland, and a 3-0 win also against Maitland, to play off in a final at Tempe, *possibly 16 July*.

## CNSW Women's Open Singles

Congratulations to winner **Rosie Landrebe!**

## Club Championships

For the sake of completeness (and in case you weren't paying attention) we repeat that the Club Championship was won by **Alan Walsh**, who beat last year's champion **Mike Hughes** in the final.

And now we can report on the Bronze Championship. Eight entrants, in two blocks, produced a final between **Sue Eldridge-Smith** and **Margaret O'Brien**, which Sue won 12-10. Well done!

## Sydney Premier League

Finals night was meteorologically unpleasant, or so your correspondent concluded from the warmth and comfort of the restaurant to which he was confined for the duration. But **Alan Walsh**, Ted Salter (Hunters Hill), **Peter Landrebe**, and Alison Sharpe (Killara) seem to have made light of it.

With Peter beating Alan (26tp – 9) in one semi-final, and Ted beating Alison (26 – 6) in the other, the stage was set for a fascinating final, with Peter looking to defend the title he won last year.

It seems that Peter made the first break, and ran a regulation nine. Ted hit in, and ran six, which included peeling Peter through 4-back, and set what I am told is known as a 'New Zealand TPO leave'\* – opponent's balls cross-wired at Hoop 1, and own balls in Corner III. Peter had no lift, of course, but incredibly managed to hit the 'tea lady shot' – a roquet of close to 25 yards! And from there Ted never took croquet again. Peter 26, Ted 6. Congratulations, Peter!!

\*If Peter had not hit, we are reliably informed that Ted would have proceeded to take his back ball round to the peg, peeling his partner ball through as many hoops as he could, but more important, peeling his opponent through Penult and Rover, before pegging-out both his opponent's and his ball. That would have left a game of 'one-ball', with Ted several hoops in front. (Phew!)



Peter Landrebe and Ted Salter – impervious to the elements.

## Reminder

North  
Sydney Council  
Community Fair  
2015



Michelle Nixon reminds us of the Council's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Fair in St Leonard's Park, on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**, from 11.00am to 3.00pm,

As in past years, Michelle is looking for volunteers from the Club to assist in setting up and packing up, and in 'explaining, demonstrating, and instructing'. A two hour shift, in either the morning or the afternoon, would be a great help! The plan is to have four volunteers for each session.

Michelle can be reached via e-mail: [michelle@northsydneycentre.com.au](mailto:michelle@northsydneycentre.com.au)

Or by phone: 9929 5969

*And a couple of educational items ...*

## The Duffer Tice

A "Duffer Tice" is laid by the player of the second ball going to B-baulk, and hitting his ball to somewhere near and a little to the east of Hoop 6. It's tice length, but not safe for the player of the third ball to shoot at hard – a miss might go into or near A-baulk. It is often ignored, as trickling at it can easily leave a double target for the fourth ball.

The shot is named after Duff Matthews, a leading Irish player of the early twentieth century, and one of several who popularized what we now know as the 'Irish' grip. It does not imply a silly opening (or require a silly response!).

## The Tea Lady Shot

It seems that during the NZ Championship Doubles in Christchurch, quite some time ago, Bob Jackson and Joe Hogan (then current Doubles World Champions) were entered, but in order to avoid their having a bye in the first round, two of the ladies who were there to provide refreshments were persuaded to make up the numbers. In their game with Bob and Joe, they were left facing just the sort of the long shot as described on the left. The first tea lady stepped up and hit the roquet. Later in the game, either Bob or Joe made the same leave, only to have the second lady step up and hit! Hence the expression: a 'Tea Lady Shot'.

*Sourced (of course) from none other than Oxford Croquet: <http://oxfordcroquet.com>*