



CNSW AC Pennants – June & July

The NSW Pennants Competition has shrunk considerably in recent years, with not nearly so many clubs now entering teams. One can understand this in some of the remoter areas, where travel is clearly a problem, but even metropolitan Sydney is short of entrants. Cammeray has been to the fore, however, managing to win both the Gold and Silver competitions, and finishing second and third in Bronze. Results to date are listed hereunder:

Bronze A **Graham Maynard, Sue Nicholas, Warren Yates, Sue Eldridge-Smith, and Roger Liles**

started with a 3-0 win at home to Strathfield, and then won 2-1 at Mosman, but lost 1-2 at home to Killara, and then lost 1-2 at Chatswood,

Bronze B **Sandra Colquhoun, Peter Colquhoun, Lucy Rees, Ian Lucas, and Ray Kidd**

started with a 2-1 win at Killara, but then lost 1-2 at home to Chatswood, before winning at Mosman 2-1, and winning 2-1 at home to Strathfield

Silver **David Surridge, Marg O'Brien, Matt Carden, Georgie Ofner, and Sue Eldridge-Smith**

had a 2-1 win at home to Mosman, followed by a 3-0 win at Manly, a 3-0 win at home to Maitland, and a 2-1 win at home to Chatswood, before losing 1-2 at Killara but still managed to win the competition.

Gold **Annette du Preez, Barbara McDonald, Sue Nichols, David Stanton, and Steve Miles**

had a 2-1 win at Killara, and a 2-1 win at home to Killara, to win the competition!

Congratulations to everyone who has made this year's CNSW presentation lunch in December one to look forward to!

Sydney Premier League



The famous trophy

This is the third year that Cammeray has hosted this event, which brings together some of the top players in the Sydney region. Cammeray's **Rosie Landrebe** and **Alan Walsh** are currently first and second respectively, with another round to go before the **finals at 5.00pm on Tuesday 26th July.**

And remember that for a very modest consideration) you can also enjoy a bowl of hot soup and/or a glass of wine. Well worth coming along!

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Editorial

Plenty of results to report again this month, so much so that mention must be made here of a couple of items which haven't found room elsewhere.

First, that the tools and equipment in the 'little shed' now include (1) a clamp for re-gluing the ends of dismembered mallet heads, and (2) a 'cone' for rolling a rubber grip onto your mallet handle. If you need any guidance, please ask the writer.

Second, that the drainage of the lawns seems to have improved markedly over the past six months, but there is more to be done, and plans are afoot!

One of the most enjoyable features of this job is unearthing items of interest for you. It is remarkable what can be found in the course of a wet day's web-browsing.

The item which takes over this column on the next page was something your scribe stumbled across in just such a fashion [doubtless leading you to ask why he wasn't looking where he was going].

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

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Cammeray Bronze Division Championship



The Club Bronze Division Championship has been played over the past few weeks, and a close call it has been. All six entrants won at least one game, and all six also lost at least one.

The final, featuring **Peter Colqhoun** and **Ian Lucas**, was to have been played on Saturday 4th June ... when the rains came ... but was eventually played on Friday 10th June, when Peter won 15 - 6. Congratulations, Peter! [That is that you under there, isn't it?]

Cammeray Club Championship



The four entrants in this year's championship were **Alan Walsh** (champion in 2015), **Mike Hughes** (champion in 2014), **Ken Edwards**, and **John Gilhooly**, who played a 'round-robin' of single games in the middle of June, which yielded the two contestants, Alan Walsh and Ken Edwards, for a 'best-of-three games' final on 22nd and 24th June. The result was a win to Alan in just two, 26-14 and 26tp-0.

Hearty congratulations yet again, Alan!

Cammeray Competitions coming up ...

You will doubtless recall seeing a note from the Games Captain in last month's Newsletter, listing the dates of the various Club events to be held in the second half of the year. That note has now found its way onto the notice board in the clubhouse, and [in keeping with the ecclesiastical theme of the adjacent column] you are urged to 'read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest'. Or at least have a look!

Coaching update

Coaching is now available for **all grades** at **12.30pm** on **Mondays** when you can get help with 'take-offs', stop shots, hoop approaches, rolls, short roquets, rushes, setting-up a break, continuing a break, and pegging out.

Then, at **12.30pm** on **Wednesdays**, we have started some slightly more advanced sessions, but **also open to all** whose thirst for understanding the game is still not satisfied.

If you have any questions about these sessions, or would like some more specific private help, please contact either Steve Miles on 0449 737 530 or stevemiles@hotmail.com.au or ask the writer.

And a brief note from our major sponsor ...



... who continue to help clients with their life savings and retirement plans, and from now on will be sharing a series of valuable insights with Cammeray members, starting this month with:

The renewable factor – why solar is now a solid investable asset class.

To see why Dixon Advisory considers solar energy both a solid investable asset and a socially responsible investment, go to:

<https://www.dixon.com.au/partnerships/cammeray-croquet-club>

Croquet & the Church



For the following little exegesis we are much indebted to one, Richard Barnes, of Exeter, UK, who has seen fit to unburden himself of "some personal views", styling himself "the

Square on the Hypotenuse" at the late Perpendicular expression of Church that is St Pythagoras & All Angles

"I know it's easier to satirise than to sanctify, but, with our dear 470-year old Church of England having one of its mid-life crises, it's hard to resist. In a weird game of chess, knights and bishops have been issuing green reports willy-nilly, telling us how we can be better pawns – sorry, disciples – if we do Church their way.

In the spirit of such reports, I have been developing a Lent Discipleship Course ... based on the game of Croquet, beloved of Edwardian Vicarage lawns. The Genesis of Croquet is hidden in the long grass of time, but when *I* did Croquet, it was played by earnest young men and intelligent little old ladies – a veritable microcosm of the C of E in its heyday.

Croquet is like a cross between Snooker and Quidditch, played on grass, and is a parable of the religious life, with many hoops to be run, hopefully twice, before pegging out."

It is all wonderful stuff, concluding with ...

"Temptation: even though the C of E has written the Devil out of its Baptism promises, the Dark Lord will still try and tempt you by "laying a tice" – playing his ball a tempting distance from yours to entice you to shoot and miss ...

Fellowship: to win at Croquet, you have to help your partner ball run all the hoops as well as your own; isn't the Christian life a bit like a game of Croquet?"

... you be the judge!



A croquet lawn of the pre-Christian era.