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Cammeray Handicap Competition



After much disruption by all the drainage work carried out in May, this competition eventually yielded a final, which was played on Saturday 3rd June.

Peter Colquhoun, then playing off 14 (but now reduced to 12 and elevated into Silver to boot!) met **David Surridge**, playing off 8. Handicap play is designed to provide an even contest, and both players had their chances to

seize the game, but Peter ran out winner 21-8. Well done, that man!

CNSW Pennant Competitions

Matches started in June, although the first round on 8th June had to be postponed! Results to date are listed hereunder:

Bronze A **Ralda Kirton, Graham Maynard, Sue Nicholas, Sue Eldridge-Smith, and Lucy Rees**

started with a 1-2 loss to Cammeray 'B', then won 2-1 at Killara, and had a 2-1 win at Mosman, before losing 1-2 *again* to Cammeray 'B' [with home matches against Mosman and Killara still to come].

Bronze B **Sandra Colquhoun, Peter Colquhoun, Roger Liles, Warren Yates, Michael Gill, and Bev Westwood**

started with a 2-1 win against Cammeray 'A', then had a 3-0 win at home to Mosman, followed by a 3-0 win at Killara, then a 2-1 win at home to Killara, and a 2-1 win against Cammeray 'A', [and have just one match, at Mosman, to come].

Silver **Graham Maynard, Marg O'Brien, Bebe Abdullah, Georgie Ofner, and Ian Lucas**

had a 2-1 win at Chatswood, followed by a 2-1 win at home to Mosman, before losing 0-3 at home to Manly, and losing 1-2 at home to Chatswood, then winning 2-1 at Mosman [and have one match, at Manly, to come].

Gold Sadly there were no entries from other clubs and this competition was abandoned.

Premier Cammeray will play Killara on Monday 7th August.

More on all this in our next edition.

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Editorial

Shock! Horror! For the first time in living memory (a period which seems to be getting somewhat shorter of late) the Club has been obliged to pay an electricity bill!

Since the installation of solar panels several years ago, we have consistently generated more than we use – even with the overhead lights. But a combination of the less favourable terms now imposed on us, and a long spell of dismal weather, has seen us fall behind. Never mind. We are still in a very healthy financial position.

And in case anyone might be unkind enough to suggest that we are stuck in a time-warp, and never trying anything new, we have to remind you that our next 'social event' will include our first 'Ricochet Day' from 10.00am on Sunday 30th July.

Notices and entry forms can be found in the clubhouse and on the website. The cost is just \$10, which includes soup and sweets, bubbles and beer, as well as "instruction" in the game of Ricochet.

What more could you ask!

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



Steve Miles

Alan Walsh

Mike Hughes

Ken Edwards

The annual Club Championship was played through June, and produced some interesting results.

Mike Hughes managed a successful triple-peel in beating **Ken Edwards** 26-2. And Ken then went on to beat **Alan Walsh** 26-21.

Ken then beat **Steve Miles** 26-0, while Alan beat Mike 26-22.

In the last of the 'round robin' games, Steve beat Alan 26-9, and Mike beat Steve 26-10.

All this produced a final between Mike and Ken, which was played as a 'best of three games', with a 3-hour time limit on each, all on Wednesday 5th July. The first game went to the limit, with Mike still only on 18, and Ken just behind on 16, but it has to be said that this was a 'double-banked' affair. The second game, played without such distraction and delay, was more orthodox, and Mike was able to peg out in under two hours with Ken on 11.

So Mike adds the Cammeray club championship for 2017 to the title he won at Chatswood the week before, and now goes to the CNSW 'Champion of Champions' competition at Tempe at the end of this month, wearing two hats. Hearty congratulations, Mike!!

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, and will be played from Monday 31st July to Wednesday 1st August. If you fall into this category, give it some serious thought!

Manly Seabreeze

Always very popular with Cammeray players, this year's *Seabreeze* will run from Tuesday 3rd to Saturday 14th October. The first week offers various GC competitions, but the serious stuff starts on Saturday 7th. For details and entry form, click on:

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



Did you know ... ?

Following is a miscellany of items which cry out for wider dissemination, some of which may even be of interest to a few readers, although not all will share quite the same concern for them as the writer evidently does.

Lost Property

More observant members may have noticed that the plethora of discarded clothing which had been accumulating in the clubhouse has recently been bundled up, boxed up, and placed on a shelf inside the mower shed. If you are missing something – that is where you may possibly find it.

Invitation Days

In response to popular demand, the longstanding *All Grades (Handicap)* session has been restored to (most) Friday mornings.

The Silver Division invitation day will remain on the first Friday of the month, but all other invitation days held at Cammeray have been moved to Thursday.

Bronze will be on the second Thursday; Gold on the third Thursday; Platinum on the fourth Thursday.

Defibrillator

The Club now has a defibrillator, which should be visible on the kitchen counter directly in front of you as enter the clubhouse, below the 'Resuscitation' poster. It is planned to hold further sessions of instruction in its use. Watch this space!

Handicap Committee

Chairman Stephen Howes has retired, and we thank him for his efforts over the years. But Steve Miles and Ian Lucas continue, and Sandra Colquhoun has kindly joined them. Thanks to all. And if you want to know more, consult a new section on page 16 of ...

... the Club Handbook!

This is a fascinating document, which can be found on the Club website:

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

and we shall no doubt return to the subject in a future Newsletter.