



Cammeray Croquet Club



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CNSW Beryl Chambers H'cap Tournament



The qualifying competition, played in regions throughout the State in recent months, produced two blocks of six for the finals played at Tempe over four days of the June long-weekend (*whatever you like to call it*).

The eight best-performed entrants then played two knock-out rounds, before the final, which turned out to be an all-Cammeray affair, with **Sue Eldridge-Smith** playing **Steve Miles**. The match could easily have gone either way, but it was Steve who ultimately prevailed 26-18, pegging his second ball out with a shot from Corner IV. Great to see. Well done both!!

CNSW Pennant Competitions

Matches started at the beginning of June, and results to date are:

Bronze Roger Liles, Warren Yates, Michael Gill, John Clayton, Sue Nicholas, and Ray Kidd

started with a 1-2 loss at home to Mosman, followed by a 1-2 loss at Strathfield, then a 1-2 loss at Manly, a 1-2 loss at Mosman???? before a **2-1 win** at home to Strathfield [with a home match against Manly to come.]

Silver B Sandra Colquhoun, Peter Colquhoun, Sue Eldridge-Smith, Evelyn Humpherson and Ralda Kirton

started with a 0-3 loss at Manly, then had a 0-3 loss against Cammeray 'A', followed by a 1-2 loss at home to Manly, and 1-2 loss against Cammeray 'A'.

Silver A Graham Maynard, Marg O'Brien, Georgie Ofner, and Ian Lucas

had a **3-0 win** against Cammeray 'B', followed by a 1-2 loss at home to Manly, and a **2-1 win** against Cammeray 'B', before a **3-0 win** at Manly, **which we understand gives them the Pennant!!**

Gold David Stanton, Barb McDonald, David Surridge, and Tim Woolford-Smith

started with a 1-2 loss at Chatswood, then had a 1-2 loss at home to Mosman, and a **2-1 win** at home to Chatswood, [and have one match, at Mosman, to come.]

Editorial

This Newsletter was compiled in some haste, as your editor was tidying up to go away ... and then had to be re-written after a splendid win at Manly by the Cammeray 'A' team in the Silver Pennants! But it is a pleasure to have to do it. Well done, Team!!



Graham Maynard Marg O'Brien Georgie Ofner Ian Lucas
CNSW Silver Pennant Winners 2018

But while we celebrate a hard-won victory, we are also mindful that the Club has just lost a wonderful member of whose exceptional generosity we wrote only last month ...

Vale Maureen Cope

Sad to relate that Maureen died on 26th June, at the age of 95. Mal Russell assures us that it was a painless and peaceful end, and that she was ready to go.

It seems that she was a great friend of Mal's mother, and was an A-grade tennis player in her younger days, subsequently taking up bowls – at which she also proved to be no slouch – before turning to croquet some forty years ago, and joining Cammeray.

Here the competitive flame seems to have dimmed a little, and she is reported to have enjoyed the social side of things, rather more than the hurly-burly of tournament play.

In Maureen's honour, Mal has very kindly donated no less than \$1,000 as prize money for next year's Birthday Tournament. Thank you, Mal! And we extend our condolences.

Comment on this issue, or contributions for future issues, can be sent to the editor: Michael Strickland stricko@ozemail.com.au

CNSW Pennant Competitions (cont.)

Cammeray Bronze Pennants team after a win



Ray Kidd

Warren Yates

Mike Gill

Sue Nicholas

The Premier Division Competition will be played at some stage in the coming few weeks, at a place to be determined. Cammeray has entered, but we await details of other participants.

More on this in our next edition.

Forthcoming CNSW events

Still time to enter ...

- from Monday 30th July to Wednesday 1st August: the **CNSW Bronze Brooch** (for players on handicaps from 11 to 16). This is Level Singles play;
 - from Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th August: the **Fransted Trophy** which is a Handicap Singles event;
- and
- from Friday 31st August to Sunday 2nd September: the **CNSW Gold Brooch** (for players on handicaps from 3 to 6). Again, this is Level Singles play;

[Have a look at the CNSW website, or speak to David Stanton.]

Cammeray Platinum Division Championship

At this stage, we can report that your correspondent has made an inglorious exit from one block, leaving **Tim Woolford-Smith** and **Stephen Howes** to fight it out. While in the other block, **David Stanton** has recorded a win over **Barbara McDonald**, but at the time of writing **Steve Miles** has yet to get out of bed.

CNSW GC Open Singles

A field of 25 started the championship, but for the second year in a row, **Peter Landrebe** was able to lift himself above the pack – and snare the title.

Peter won all five block games, before two “best-of-three” rounds in which he did not drop a game, followed by a “best-of-five” semi-final and final, both of which he won 3-2. Another great effort, Peter! [Which *almost* merits a new photograph.]



And **Stephen Howes** ran out winner of the Plate Competition. Well done, sir!

And a few more items which may be of interest

Tuesday Morning Play

In response to suggestions raised at the latest Committee meeting, a new session has been inserted into the weekly programme of play.

Tuesday mornings, from 9.30 to 12.30, will now be designated as “Silver plus” games, for those with handicaps ranging from 8 to 16. This is a wide range, intended to attract rising Bronze players, as well as those who are on the cusp of Gold. It is left to participants to determine whether they wish to play ‘handicap’ or ‘level’ games, and whether ‘lifts’ should be given.

Croquet NSW

Coming up, at 11.00am on **Saturday 25th August**, is the Annual General Meeting of Croquet NSW, which will be followed by a discussion forum and a light lunch.

This may not sound very exciting, but it is worth mentioning that substantial changes are afoot! These include

- proposals to amend the constitution,
- a proposal to remove the administration of CNSW from Tempe over the next few years, and
- a further proposal to form a new Croquet Club, based at Tempe, which would be able to develop the lawns and the amenities with the help of some of the funds which CNSW has accumulated over the years (when the intention had been to acquire ‘a new home’ elsewhere).

Dates for your diary

On Sunday 30th September, from 10.00am to 4.00pm, we shall be holding another ‘New members Day’ – a social gathering offering some fun and games, including a light lunch **and a champagne tasting**, and a chance for longer standing members to meet more recently joined members and *vice versa*. Watch this space – and the notices which will be placed in the clubhouse.

And the Committee has even set a date for the **Club Christmas Party** and presentation of trophies (which this year will incorporate our annual charity effort). Make a note of: **Sunday afternoon, 2nd December**.