



Cammeray Croquet Club



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A thing of the past!!



What a difference a year makes!

The 2018 Dixon Advisory Classic

Day 1 of the qualifying competition produced glorious sunshine, no wind, and lawns that have never played better. In just the first 15 minutes, we saw several very long roquets head straight for the target without an inch of deviation.

And a sight which will stick in the writer's memory, was the legendary **Tony Hall** from Canberra playing a "Hogan Roll" from Corner IV, sending the croquet ball to Hoop 3 and his own ball to Hoop 2 – a shot which he assured us he bettered later in the day. [Oh to be so young!]

Day 2 saw **John Levick** from Newcastle and **John Bartrop** from Killara win through to the main event. Then the afternoon was given over to a "Pro-Am" Golf Croquet competition. Eight very experienced players, who had arrived to participate in the tournament proper, teamed up with eight *Dixon Advisory* staff members, and the coaching they provided was very apparent in the styles which their protégés adopted! Another wine-tasting kindly provided Julian Todd of *Backvintage* rounded out a good day's fun.

The highlight of the opening day of the main event was **Trevor Bassett** rising to the challenge of the 'Peeling Competition', and casually peeling his *opponent's* ball through no less than six(!) hoops before pegging it off – gaining him a SXPO to go with a TPO and a 'common or garden' Triple Peel in his three Block matches. And **Peter Landrebe** [pictured] deserves a mention for coming along after work and rattling off three good wins between five-thirty and closing time.



The final, on Sunday afternoon, had **Kevin Beard**, who had already won twice before, playing **Greg Fletcher** who had won once. Interestingly, Kevin had managed to lose two of his three block matches, and Greg had lost one. But they had both fought on, and were worthy finalists, with Greg ultimately prevailing 26TP-22.

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Editorial

Members with a semblance of memory will know that since the major drainage works were completed last year, we have (until very recently) had scarcely more than a light shower to contend with. But in the last month or so we have experienced two substantial downpours, which in the past would have rendered the lawns unplayable for a day or more.

Suffice to say that neither of these precipitations occasioned the loss of any playing time at all.

And while a brief report on the Dixon tournament can be found in the adjoining column, it is worth adding a comment on David Stanton's extraordinary efforts in keeping the event up to standard. With two late withdrawals, he was able to round up replacements both of whom qualified comfortably for direct entry based on World Ranking, and both of whom amply justified their entry by winning their blocks.

Finally, a big thank you once again to all who helped out and provided generous hospitality. We have often heard it said that the billeting is a particularly endearing feature of the competition, and there were plenty such comments this year.

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

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2018 Eire Cup



Sadly, even with the help of two Cammeray members, **Alan Walsh** and **Barbara McDonald**, the NSW team could manage only third place, behind this year's winners, South Australia, and last year's winners, Victoria. We are slipping!

The 2018 Mosman Bash

As might be expected, given the proximity of the two clubs, Cammeray was very well represented at the annual Mosman open competition. This is a handicap event, but played in four blocks of six, with the players in each block being 'close' to each other in handicap. And unlike the Cammeray format, no 'finals' to follow.

Resisting all temptation to modesty, your writer is obliged to report having struggled past **Steve Miles**, **David Stanton**, and two others, to win Block 1 by the narrowest of margins, while **Peter Colquhoun** and **Graham Maynard** finished out of the money in Block 3, and **Michael Gill**, and **Sandra Colquhoun** were equal third in Block 4, with **Ralda Kirton**, behind them.



And the temperature on the Sunday was up to 35 degrees!!

Beginners' Competition

Four new members of the Club played off recently, with **John Potter** beating **Margie Hughes**, **Suzie Wright**, and **Kristin Kool-Clarke** to win the trophy. Well done, John!

Cammeray Birthday Tournament

This year's event will be played from **Thursday 10th** to **Saturday 12th May** (Sunday 11th is Mothers' Day apparently). The sixteen spots have been filled by entrants from Cammeray, Mosman, Chatswood, Manly, Killara, Epping, Canberra, and Southport (Qld).

Some interesting competition is assured, with a wide range of ability in each Block, and 'knock-out' final rounds on a modified 'double-elimination' (or repechage) basis.

CNSW Pennants Competitions

Competition starts in June. We are looking to enter two Bronze (h'cap 14-20), a Silver (9-12), and a Gold (5-8) team. This is a great introduction to slightly more competitive croquet.

Club Bank Account!!!

As was noted at the AGM, and subsequently resolved by the Committee, the Club has closed the existing CBA Bank Accounts, and now has just one account – a new **Suncorp** account for which the relevant details are **BSB 484 799, Account No 169786996**. Please amend your records!!

Coming events ...

Our Games Captain has diligently compiled a Schedule of future Cammeray and CNSW events for 2018. You can download the whole thing from: <http://www.cammeray-croquet.org.au/pdfs/2018Events.pdf>

Of immediate interest will be:

- Cammeray Club Handicap Championship played from Tuesday 10th to Thursday 26th April (entries closed);
- CNSW 'Beryl Chambers' Handicap Competition (Northern Sydney) played at Cammeray from Monday 16th to Wednesday 20th April (entries closed);
- CNSW Platinum Singles at Tempe over the weekend of 21st and 22nd April (entries close Friday 13th April);
- Cammeray Club Championship to be played from 22nd April to 8th May (entries close Sunday 15th April);
- Cammeray 'Alternate Stroke' doubles competition on Sunday 29th April;
- CNSW Gold Singles and Silver singles during the week of Monday 30th April to Thursday 3rd May (entries close Friday 20th April);
- Cammeray Birthday Tournament (entries closed).

All of which still leaves room for mention of two generous sponsors of the Club ...

*Our good friend **Julian Todd** will be at Cammeray again on Sunday 8th April, for the annual Oxford and Cambridge Croquet Day.*

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