



Cammeray Croquet Club



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Important Notice

Club Christmas Party

This is a final reminder that the **Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 29th November**. Drinks and tapas from 4.30 to 6.30pm. Fun and games ditto. Please respond on or before 22nd November, by entering your name on the list at the Club, or contacting either **Jan Thomas** on 9953 8708 (or mobile 0416 186 072) or **Marg O'Brien** on 9439 3168 (mobile 0412 750 078).

The preferred method of payment of the **\$20** is by direct deposit to the Club Bank Account (CBA Neutral Bay) BSB 062-210 Acct 10137878 (with the usual indication of who is paying for what!)

Results

NSW Open Singles

The NSW Open Singles competition was held over the weekend of Friday 30th October to Monday 2nd November. No less than five Cammeray members were involved: **Alan Walsh, Mike Hughes, Stephen Howes, Rosemary Landrebe,** and **David Stanton** – the last-mentioned as Tournament Manager.

Alan Walsh was looking good, winning the first seven of his eight pool games. But he stumbled at the last, going down to Ted Salter, who thereby took top place, with eight out of eight.



In the semi-finals, played by the top four, Ted accounted for Cammeray's **Mike Hughes** (26-21), while **Rosie** beat **Alan Walsh** (26-12). And the final saw **Rosie** topple Ted (18-17).

The only female in the field triumphs again! Well done, Rosie!! And how lovely to see you coaching beginners at the Club only days later.

Manly Seabreeze 2015

The GC competition was reported on last month. But a full week of AC followed.

Cammeray's **Sue Eldridge-Smith** came second in her Block (by just one hoop!) was runner-up in the Handicap Singles, and winner of the trophy for the most points scored in the tournament by a Bronze player. Great stuff!

And it was **Sue Nichols** who beat Sue E-S in the final of the Handicap Singles competition.



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Editorial

Top and bottom of the news this month are a couple of dates worth noting – the Christmas Party on Sunday 29th November, and the AGM on Saturday 13th February next year.

In between these items lies the usual catalogue of results and notices, including reference to our annual 'festival of croquet' – the Birthday Tournament and the Dixon Advisory Classic.

But because we know your thirst for knowledge is insatiable, and extends way beyond such matters, we have continued this column over on the next page with a further look at 'peeling', and particularly what all those weird initials mean.

Comment on this issue, and/or contribution to the next, can be sent to ...

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David Stanton won his Block, with **Barbara McDonald** on the same number of wins but just two hoops behind, and David teamed up with **Neil Hartley** to win the Handicap Doubles Final by just two hoops against a pair which included the writer.

Mike Hebden won his Block, with **Margaret O'Brien** second, and **Graham Maynard** third.

Bathurst City AC Carnival 2015



The Club was again well represented at this event, with two members featuring in the top block – **Annette du Preez** and your editor. And it is pleasing to report the result as a Cammeray double, with Annette graciously settling for second place.

Club Championships

On the home front, we are at long last able to report that the Gold Division Championship has been won – by **Sue Nichols**, who triumphed 26-1 over **Steve Miles** in the final.

The Silver Division final was more of a tussle, and involved **Margaret O'Brien** and **Graham Maynard**. Marg ultimately got the upper hand, beating Graham 16-9.

More Notices

Cammeray AC Handicap Competition

Our diligent Games Captain, Steve Miles, advises that he still plans to conduct this annual event, but it must await the conclusion of ...

Annual Lawn Renovation

Work is due to start on **Monday 16th November**, and will involve scarifying, coring, fertilising, and a light top-dressing. For all that, the lawns are expected to be unavailable for play for little more than a week. **Please keep a close eye on the Club website.**

Birthday Tournament and DAC

Next year's **Birthday Tournament** will run from **Friday 19th to Sunday 21st February**. This is open to Cammeray members and members of other Clubs within the handicap range of 0 to 12.

During the following week there will be a qualifying competition for the last couple of places in the **Dixon Advisory Classic**, which will run from **Friday 26th to Sunday 28th**. With the substantial prizemoney again offered by Dixon Advisory, we can look forward to a quality field, playing some top croquet. Which brings us to ...

Billets wanted

In past years, we have been able to offer a billet to every visiting player in need of accommodation, and we would like to be able to do so again this year. If you think you may be able to help, please contact the writer on 0407 092 686 or via stricko@ozemail.com.au

Club AGM

The AGM is planned for **Saturday morning, 13th February, 2016.**

More on Peeling TP, STP, TPO, OTP, QP, QNP, SXP ...

Peeling presents a challenge for most, but the nomenclature associated with this facet of the game is only slightly less daunting – as you may have found in looking at results on www.croquetscores.com.

Happily, your correspondent has been treated to a brief explanation of the terminology, and feels bound to pass on at least some of what he thinks he learned.

It seems the expression **TP** is generally a reference to a 'simple'(!) Triple Peel – the action of peeling one's partner ball through its last three hoops (4-back, Penult, and Rover) – not just to show-off, *but to avoid giving a second lift-shot to the opponent*.

And a sub-species of the TP is the *Straight Triple Peel*, or **STP**, which describes the peeling of a ball through those three final hoops *at the same time* as the striker's ball is set to run each such hoop.

Then there is the **TPO** – the peeling of one of the *opposition* balls through the last three hoops, with a view to pegging it off and leaving the opponent with just one ball to play with against your two.

But what is this **OTP**, you may ask. Opponent's TP is a successful peeling of the opponent, but a failure to win the match. (As the medics like to put it: the operation was a great success, but sadly the patient died.)

Then we have the 'quadruple' peel, or **QP**, which we understand is significantly harder than a 'triple'; and harder still, the 'quintuple', or **QNP**; leaving us with the paradoxically more common 'sextuple' or **SXP**. Paradoxically, because it is of course tougher, but more common because of the value which it offers the player capable of it. By peeling partner through all of the last *six* hoops, one can avoid giving *any* 'lift' at all.

And in case you are minded to ask, history does record the playing of successful 'octuple' peels in competition – which of course is where these things count.