



# Cammeray Croquet Club



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

## The Manly Seabreeze

Last month we reported on the *Golf Croquet* competition, which precedes the *Association* event. The following week, the sun shone, and fourteen Cammeray members were able to enjoy seven days of delightful *Association Croquet*.



**Steve Miles** won Block 1. In fact, Cammeray players filled the first four places. This would have been five, had David Stanton not been summoned for Jury Duty. [The sacrifices we make!]

And **Sue Nichols**, was second in Block 1, as well as being runner-up in the Handicap Singles competition, and winner of the prize for the most peg-outs (seven). Another great effort, Sue!



**Sandra Colquhoun** was second in Block 5.



And **Graham Maynard** (taking leave of absence from the Club herb garden) was winner of the Mary Duckworth Trophy for the most hoops scored by a Bronze player – a trophy that he had to take to a ‘shoot-out’ at the peg, in order to fend off another competitor with the same total.

This was another thoroughly enjoyable fortnight hosted by our friends at Manly. If you have half a mind to enter next year – do! They have something for everyone.

## CNSW Open Singles 2016

This annual event attracted only eight entries this year, but three of them were from Cammeray: **Alan Walsh**, **Mike Hughes**, and **Stephen Howes**. And once again we have to congratulate Alan on yet another good win, and Mike for a well-played third place.

## Novices' Competition

This has still not been completed. But we can tell you that the winner is **John Clayton**, to whom we offer congratulations!

## Club AC Handicap Competition

We are told that the final, between **Ian Lucas** and **Lucy Rees**, will be played on Friday morning 11<sup>th</sup> November. More anon.

## Club Gold Division Championship

Unbelievably, this has still not been completed. *What goes on!*

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## Editorial

The adjoining column will bring you up-to-date on recent achievements of Cammeray members, both high and low handicappers, and both at home and further afield.

And in the same column on the next page, you will see that two of the Club's State players have generously volunteered to coach us 'lesser lights'.

All this speaks of a very healthy club.

And we do have a very active membership, many of whom play a large part in helping to run the Club and organise events. But it would be a sad state of affairs if the burden always fell on the same people.

So we are looking for help – both occasionally with social events, and more formally with the business of the Club.

Two members of the current Committee will not be continuing next year. If you think you may have something to offer, please have a quiet word with the writer.

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

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## Coaching

We are delighted to report a very generous offer from **Rosie** and **Peter Landrebe** to give a series of lessons, Rosie on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.00 to 9.30am, and Pete on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5.30 to 7.00pm.

So whether you are a 'morning person' or someone who is not at your best until later in the day, there are sessions for you. Details can be found at the clubhouse, [or check the 28-day programme on the Club website](#), or contact Rosie, via [rosienuews@yahoo.com.au](mailto:rosienuews@yahoo.com.au)

Apart from the usual green fees, you will be invited to make a 'gold coin' donation to a charity of the Landrebes' choice.

## Closure of lawns

We have recently been advised that annual lawn renovation is likely to be undertaken by the Council from **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**, with lawns being out of action for no more than a couple of weeks.

**But it is also possible that Lawn 2 may be closed a few days earlier, in order to let the ground staff attempt to unblock the drain which runs under it. Keep an eye on the Club website.**

## Departures

Last month we welcomed a swag of new members. This month we bid farewell to **Annette Du Preez**, and to **John Gilhooly**, who have headed north to shark-infested Ballina. [The croquet lawn should be safe enough, one hopes.] We shall miss them, and trust they will still visit from time to time.

## Christmas Party on Sunday 20 November

Just before the lawns are due to be closed, our social events team will be in action again, with another seasonal celebration for all, from 4.30 to 6.30pm, offering drinks, finger food, and good company for the bargain price of just \$20.

A notice has been posted in the clubhouse, and you are asked to add your name to the list, or to contact either **Sue Eldridge-Smith** on **0431 772 846** or **Marg O'Brien** on **0412 750 078**

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And another brief note from our major sponsor ...



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This month:

### **[The story of China – cutting through the media hype](#)**

The Australian share market has changed. While many signs point to a slowdown, China's consumer-led growth is the area to watch.

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## More Croquet Humour...

*In keeping with our penchant for plagiarism, we once again acknowledge (but shamelessly extract from) the work of another writer, David Appleton, who some twenty years ago compiled a slim volume under the title "The Lighter Side of Serious Croquet".*

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Not long ago, your scribe was engaged in a little light-hearted banter with some fellow players, when the subject of a well-known croquet cartoon was raised.

This is the one in which a small crowd has gathered on the edge of the court, but all are shown with their backs to the game in progress, and wholly intent on examining a bench seat on which has been left a sign – "Wet Paint".

Happily, one of those involved in the aforementioned banter (with the writer, that is, not those watching the paint dry) subsequently lent me a book, with the assurance that it contained the drawing in question ... *and it did*, along with many other amusing items.

Importantly, the author reveals that croquet was played much earlier than the time conventionally attributed to its emergence from the Irish peat bogs and its first encounter with an unsuspecting British public.

It seems that Shakespeare knew a thing or two about the game, and has King Duncan in *Macbeth* railing against "*the damnation of his taking off*". We can sympathise with him, as with Julius Caesar, who uses the expression "*unshak'd of motion*", not to mention Mark Anthony's bemoaning of "*the unkindest cut of all*". And Othello is quoted as speaking of "*some distressful stroke*."

But the author excels himself in his interpretation of the witches' incantation: "*double, double, toil and trouble*" as a warning of the perils in leaving the balls too closely aligned, before going on to remark that all these quotes are from tragedies, suggesting that the Bard was probably no better than a 6 handicap, or possibly that in 1599 and 1605, when he wrote *Julius Caesar* and *Macbeth*, he was rather off his game.