



Cammeray Croquet Club



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

Recent Results

Unless memory has completely faded, we have still not given you the result of the Club 'silver division' championship. This year's competition was won by **Peter Colquhoun**, who defeated **Werner Kos** in the 'best of three' final.



And away from home we can report on yet more notable success by Cammeray members.



The ACA 'Bronze Medal' event for NSW was won by **Peter Landrebe**, who will now represent NSW in the ACA 'Gold/Silver Medal' event next year. And more recently **Peter** also topped the ACA 'President's Eights' event, winning all seven of his matches in the 'First Eight'!

Then we had the CNSW 'Tempe Open', (played to 'super advanced' rules) which saw **Rob Elliott** in first place and **Mike Hughes** in third.



And to round things out, just a couple of weeks later, **Alan Walsh** won the NSW Open against a very strong field of local and interstate players, losing only one game over the four days, but going on to beat the one person to take a game from him in the 'round-robin', 26-18 and 26-1, in the 'best of three' final.

Well done, all those good people!! Have a rest.

Coming up ...

The Club's annual presentation ceremony and Xmas celebration will be held this Saturday – from **4.30pm on Saturday 7th December**, to be precise – with the presentation starting at 5.00pm. If you haven't already responded, contact Sue Eldridge-Smith without delay.

And after all the partying, annual lawn maintenance begins, with the Council ground staff moving in for a few days of coring, scarifying, and top-dressing. Please watch the Club website to follow progress, and check when the lawns may be re-opened for play. Shouldn't take long.

The herbicide spraying to date is proving very successful, if unsightly, and with luck we shall be left with just the ideal 'couch' grass we have been aiming at – none of the paspalum, kikuyu, carpet grass, and sundry weeds.



Then in the New Year, you may like to note that the AC World Championship is to be played in Melbourne in February, before the action returns to Cammeray for the annual **Dixon Advisory Croquet Classic** over the weekend of **28th February to 1st March**. You will hear more!!

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From the Ghost of Xmas past



Anyone volunteering for a position in Cammeray Croquet Club, may need to know that it's a bit like the legendary Hotel California ...

"You can check out any time you like, But you can never leave!"

Certainly, the position of Newsletter Editor can prove [redacted] But while you are trying to leave, you can have a lot of fun. And anyone [redacted] enough [redacted] to write this stuff need not fear the heavy hand of the [redacted] censor, or any other [redacted]

In fact, [redacted] you can say whatever you like about [redacted] and even pretend that you always wash up, dry, and put away your coffee cup. No-one will ever [redacted] a word.

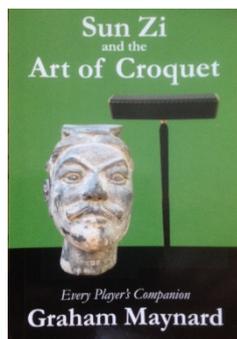
How good is Cammeray! And isn't it a [redacted] great country we live in!

Enjoy your Christmas holiday!

Comment (and job applications) can be sent to the President, Steve Miles:

president@cammeray-croquet.org.au

Back to the present ...



Something else you will no doubt hear more of is the recent publication of the latest work to drip from the pen of Cammeray's own **Graham Maynard**.

Alison Sharpe was moved to write: "... an inspired and brilliant piece ... throw away all the other coaching manuals!"

And Callum Hyland added: "The idea of applying Sun Zi's masterly approach to the art of war to the game of croquet is brilliant. I am only surprised it has not been attempted before."

Your personal copy, signed by the author, can be had for a mere \$15.

Beginners' Competition ...

This year's crop of new players gave us a field of 10, divided into two blocks of 5, (sadly reduced to one of 5 and one of 4 just before we started) who played in the annual end of year competition last month.

Extraordinarily, in the block rounds, no less than three players (all pictured here) succeeded in 'pegging out' a game. And the eventual winner, **Brian Ray**, went on to repeat the dose in the final, overcoming **John Felton** 18-2. Well done all!



Brian Ray



Philip Britten

And well done **Ian Lucas** for patiently leading the several courses conducted through the year, **Sandra Colquhoun** for organising the event, and **Neil Hardie** for ensuring a qualified referee for each game.

Thank you. Great work, all!



John Felton

As they say in the classics, "this part has been deliberately left blank" ...

... a reflection of the writer's state of mind, perhaps!

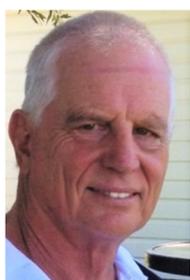
Buying a Mallet

The dust hardly settled, conversation after the Beginners' Competition turned to mallets, and it was suggested that mention could be made in these pages of what might be involved in choosing and buying a mallet. Your correspondent has little experience in these matters, but recalled something once seen on the Club website. And it is still there! Go to ...

http://www.cammeray-croquet.org.au/pdfs/BUYING_A_MALLET_-_webversion.pdf

It may benefit from a little updating, but the principles still hold good.

Due Recognition



We cannot let the year pass from view without further mention of the honour recently bestowed on our president **Steve Miles** as North Sydney's "Older Australian of the Year"!

Fortunately for the rest of us, there are people in this world who simply cannot hold back from getting involved, and Steve has been deservedly recognised for his leading roles in both Surf Lifesaving and Bushcare, as well as Croquet – as to which we note with awe that he is now not only President of Cammeray, but also Secretary of CNSW.