



Cammeray Croquet Club



NEWSLETTER

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Novices' Competition

Bev Westwood has done a sterling job in organising the latest batch of recruits to the club into playing a Novices' Competition. Several matches have been completed, but play has been suspended during the absence of two competitors, and it would be premature to report on results. [Although such things are not entirely unknown! See below.]

But this is an opportune time to thank both Bev and **Juan Roberson** for their work in mentoring beginners, and **Neil Hardie** who has kindly taken over giving lessons for prospective members.

Silver Division Championship



Last month we also reported that the Club Silver Division competition had just been won by **Marg O'Brien**, who beat every other entrant. Your correspondent was subsequently taken to task for misleading readers. Marg did of course beat everyone else, but ... what we overlooked was the provision for a final to be played between the first place-getter and the second. [Huh?]

In the event, Marg was able to fend off a challenge from **Graham Maynard** to win 17-7. [So your reporter was right ... eventually.] Congratulations, again, Marg!!

National u21 GC Championship

If you have really been paying attention, you will recall that Peter and Rosie Landrebe have recently been coaching a few juniors in the mysteries of Golf Croquet, with a view to their participating in the National under 21 championship and even the World event, which is also to be held in Melbourne next February.

At the National titles last month, one of their protégés, **Charlie Sharpe** [name sound familiar?] made it to the final, losing only at the last hoop. He is nevertheless now ranked #1 in Australia, thanks to another Cammeray-trained player, **Lana Sexton**, who beat the winner in an earlier round of the championship. Great work, all!!

The Manly Seabreeze

Mention of this annual gathering is made in the adjoining column, and the first week of the month has already seen the *Golf Croquet* competition, which precedes the *Association* event.

The sole entrant from Cammeray, **Sue Nichols**, was runner-up in Block B, missing the winner's circle by just one hoop. Well done, Sue!



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Ethics, schmethics!

Cammeray members have a diverse range of interests outside croquet [if you doubt this, see the continuation of this column on the next page] and it has even been suggested that we think of ways in which such interests might be 'brought to light', as it were.

All this was prompted by the writer letting slip that he was involved in giving 'ethics' lessons in a local primary school, and discovering that other members were similarly involved ... fascinating.

But getting back to croquet, by the time you read this the annual madness that is the Manly Seabreeze Croquet Carnival will be upon us, and our own lawns will be almost empty, with no less than fourteen Cammeray players entered, (including five of the six in the top block).

So plenty to report next month!

Comment on this issue, or contributions for future issues, can be sent to:
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Club AC Handicap Competition

Please note that the annual club AC *Handicap* Competition will be played on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** evenings, from **5.00pm**, starting on Tuesday 18th October, and concluding with a final on Wednesday 16th November. Matches can be played outside these times by agreement between opponents.

There is an entry form in the clubhouse, or you can simply e-mail: stevemiles@hotmail.com.au

Closure of lawns

We have recently been advised that annual lawn renovation is likely to be undertaken by the Council **from Tuesday 23rd November**, with lawns being out of action for no more than a couple of weeks.

Spring Social Function

To inaugurate the barbecue donated by **Annette Du Preez**, and to welcome new members, the Club hosted a 'sausage sizzle' on Saturday 17th September, which was extraordinarily well attended.



Derry Simonds

In splendid spring-like weather, some forty souls heard tell of Annette's generosity in not only making the donation but arranging its delivery. What they didn't hear, but can now be revealed, is that **David Stanton** went to some lengths to convert it from natural gas to LPG – in the process adding 'honorary club plumber' to his growing list of titles.



Mark Sherriff

The 'social events' team of **Sue Eldridge-Smith, Marg O'Brien, Jan Thomas, Penny Garrett, and Kerry Phillips** not only organised the whole affair, but provided a superb catering service, and ensured a very enjoyable occasion.



Lisa Kelshaw

Recently joined members **John Clayton** and **Barbara Gordon** both sent 'apologies for absence', but we were delighted to welcome in person **Derry Simonds, Mark Sherriff, Lisa Kelshaw, Catherine Mathews, Carolyn McDonald, and Trish McGrath** (the last two managing to escape the camera!).



Catherine Mathews

Please look out for them, and look after them! You may even find them at the ...

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**



One learns something new every day ...

*We are much indebted to **Graham Maynard** for taking the trouble to write and explain to us what has been happening under our noses in the purlieu of the club premises.*

Cammeray CC Herb Garden

Just as light was being shone on the varied interests of members mentioned above, an e-mail arrived detailing the establishment and progress of the "Cammeray Croquet Community Herb Garden", something which had hitherto completely escaped your editor's attention. This startling news at once prompted shameful thoughts of what 'weeds' he might have been ignorantly guilty of trampling on, or even extracting! But we digress.

It seems that Graham, and his fellow horticulturalists, **Margaret O'Brien** and **Steve Miles**, have been quietly appropriating and cultivating vast swathes of club land as a "kitchen garden", boasting "a large range of herbs, flowers, and even strawberries!" And we are told that the herbs include "a very healthy mint, thriving Italian parsley, coriander, and chives", which are alarmingly reported to be "just for a start" – a claim well borne out when he adds:

"By the fence near the soccer ground is a healthy curry-leaf tree – the leaves being exactly the same as those found in genuine sub-continent curries" which Graham assures us we can use in a curry, either whole or chopped up. And "close by are a young perennial basil and rosemary", which he enjoins us to "allow a bit more time".



Hidden away along the same fence, but under the olive trees, he tells us, "the seeker of culinary-boosting flavours will find oregano and thyme".

So as you rush from the lawns to prepare a meal, avail yourself of this wealth of interesting ingredients – "just snip some off and enjoy their freshness". All that is asked, it seems, is that you help in watering the garden if the weather is very hot.