



# Cammeray Croquet Club



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## CNSW Bronze Brooch

The annual CNSW 'Brooch' competitions are aimed at players in a handicap range which straddles two divisions – the Bronze Brooch being for those on handicaps from 11 to 16.

And we are delighted to report that Cammeray member **Margaret O'Brien** was runner-up in this year's event, held at the beginning of August, lowering her handicap to 10 in the process. Well done, Marg!



## NSW Selectors' Eights

The first eight invitees did battle at Tempe over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September, with a howling gale proving something of a distraction on the Saturday. But Sunday saw Cammeray's **Mike Hughes** emerge in third place, with five wins out of seven, and **Ken Edwards** fourth, with four wins. Congratulations, both!

The second eight played over the same weekend, but at Killara, and it was another good weekend for Cammeray. **Ted Griffin** came first overall, with the writer trailing in his wake as the fourth of the finalists. While **David Stanton** won the Plate Competition, fending off a challenge from **Barbara McDonald**. Both Ted and David won all three of their matches on the final day (when the sun really did shine down on us).

## CNSW Gold Brooch

For those on handicaps from 3 to 6, this year's competition included two Cammeray members, **Steve Miles** and your scribe, neither of whom set the world on fire, but neither of whom disgraced themselves either, in case you may have thought it possible. In fact, they finished fourth and third respectively.

## Cammeray Silver Division Championship

The Club Silver Division competition has just been won by the unstoppable **Marg O'Brien**, who beat every other entrant.

## Cammeray GC Championship

Originally set down for Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, but currently adjourned *sine die*. Watch this space.

## More Club Competitions

The Gold Division Championship is scheduled to be run this month, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, with a final on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

And our Games Captain assures us that there is more to come.

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## Editorial

Almost everyone has been kind enough to ask, but if you just haven't got around to it yet, let me tell you that the Strickland family enjoyed another terrific week's skiing last month. But now it is back to diddling the keyboard and churning out this sort of stuff.

Happily, the Club has thrived in the interim, and is a joy to return to. There are even signs of some Spring growth in the lawns, which are playing beautifully.

And to mark the change of season with a bit of fun, as well as to welcome some of our newer members, our 'social events' team have arranged a social function – a 'sausage sizzle' – on Saturday morning 17<sup>th</sup> September from 11.00am. No charge, and don't bring a thing!

I hope to see you there.

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

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## Spring Social Function – Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Sept

To inaugurate the barbecue very generously donated by **Annette Du Preez**, and to mark what we hope is the start of some spring-like weather, the Club will be hosting a 'sausage sizzle' on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, with fun and games beginning at 11.00am.

Apart from anything else, this is a great opportunity for new members to meet others, (and vice versa), and for everyone to enjoy a bit of socialising. No charge, but please put your name on the list in the clubhouse, or advise either **Sue Eldridge-Smith** or **Marg O'Brien**.

## Jamberoo 2017

Several Cammeray members (your correspondent included) have enjoyed the trip south in recent years. The Jamberoo club could well be described as 'hospitality personified', and the bucolic setting is truly hard to beat.

The original dates set for next year's open AC event would have clashed with our own competitions in March, but we are delighted to report that Jamberoo have been kind enough to re-arrange matters, and their annual AC Carnival will now run from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> **March** 2017. Thank you, Jamberoo!

## Locking up ...

Yet again it has been noticed that gates have been left unlocked overnight, and in one case even one of the equipment boxes, too.

If you are the last to leave, please make sure that **both** entrance gates are locked (**not just the one you are leaving by**).

## Playing a competition match ...

If you have entered one of the many club competitions held through the year, and are looking for a suitable time to arrange your matches, please try to pick a time which does not coincide with any of the designated weekly playing sessions. Club membership is growing, and most of these regular sessions attract sufficient numbers to require both lawns.

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*And another brief note from our major sponsor ...*



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This month:

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## Yet more Croquet Trivia



*Back in 1996, an article by a Louis Nel appeared in a US publication titled The Mallet. It followed an earlier report describing a bizarre end to a game ...*

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## 26-26 – you're kidding!

It seems that a player by the name of Doug Grimsley, [perhaps harbouring visions of immortality!] chose to finish a three-ball break in the last turn by pegging out his partner ball, and then, instead of just pegging himself out, roqueted his opponent's ball only a few inches short of the timber, *and pegged out both remaining balls simultaneously*, creating a 26-26 tied game. The score was reported as a tie to the Tournament Director and was allowed to stand as played.

Louis found the situation intriguing, and tried to reconstruct how it might have happened:

“... it could not have happened on the roquet shot. The opponent's ball, being a few inches from the peg, could have been rushed into the peg, with the striker's ball hitting the peg thereafter in the same stroke. But this would have caused the striker to be a 'ball in hand' at a moment when the match was already won by the opposition. The striker must have taken croquet, playing a full roll or something close to it. No other croquet shot would cause the two balls to hit the peg simultaneously.”

He then goes on to suggest another way in which a tie might occur, without supernatural intervention:

“Suppose blue and red are the only balls left in the game – red for the peg and blue for rover, blue playing a two-ball break. In its approach to rover, blue croquets red so that it comes to rest against the peg. Red is not pegged out, because blue is not yet a rover. Now blue runs rover, and lands in a position approximately equidistant from red and the peg. The referee is called to observe the crucial shot at peg. Blue shoots and hits the peg and red simultaneously! There is a rule governing a simultaneous hit of two balls but no similar rule about a ball and the peg. In a situation not covered by any rule, it is up to the Tournament Director to make the final decision. A possible ruling is that both balls pegged out simultaneously. That would result in a legitimate final score of 26-26.”