



# Cammeray Croquet Club



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

### CNSW Selectors' Eights

The First Eight played at Tempe over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August, and Cammeray was represented by **Alan Walsh** and **Mike Hughes**. Alan won six of his seven matches, to win the competition, and Mike finished fifth.



The Second Eight fought it out at Forster over the same weekend. **Steve Miles** and **Stephen Howes** both won through to the finals, with Steve finishing as runner-up to Bill Blowes of Wagga Wagga, and Stephen in third place.  
Good stuff!

### CNSW Pennant Competitions

With the Bronze Pennant already won by Cammeray, and a good performance in the Silver Division, we looked forward to the Premier Division play-off at Tempe on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Your scribe was detained elsewhere, but reports of the encounter with Chatswood have subsequently filtered through.

It seems that a howling wind played havoc with attempts to control the ball on lightning fast lawns, and indeed only one of the ten games played was pegged out.

Cammeray (**Peter Landrebe**, **Alan Walsh**, **Mike Hughes**, and **Neil Hardie**) managed five games, and Chatswood (Alison Sharpe, John Bartrop, Rob Elliott, and Bob Green) also won five. But we have to congratulate the Chatswood team as winners, based on their having scored 172 hoops to Cammeray's 138.

Well done all!

### CNSW AC Open Doubles

This was played at Tempe over the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August, and attracted a small but strong field, including four State players. Cammeray's **Alan Walsh** teamed up with Alison Sharpe, while **David Stanton** paired with **Neil Hardie**. With just four pairs competing, the event was run as a double round-robin. The Walsh/Sharpe combination managed five wins out of six, and triumphed over Nick Chapman (Canberra) and Simon Hockey (Jamestown SA) by virtue of a somewhat better net hoop score.

[Editor's note: *The CNSW 'Gold Brooch', played on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September, will be reported on next month.*]

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### Editorial

Thank you for asking. Yes, your editor did enjoy plenty of snow last month, and plenty of a lot else besides. But only after burning the midnight oil in order to fulfill his obligation to get the monthly dose of news out to you first. This is a serious business.

How wonderful then to come back to lawns that had been transformed by the erection of four new shelter sheds! All is not quite finished, but we have confidence that patience will be rewarded. And there is a working bee planned, to attend to the painting of the seats. Watch this space.

This month's issue has the usual report on competitions held last month, some mention of what is coming up, and a few snippets of general information we felt duty-bound to pass on. But if it has ever occurred to you to unburden yourself of something more substantial than the trivia which your editor seems committed to churning out, please take note of the usual admonition below ...

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## Cammeray Competitions

The Gold and Silver championships are now underway, and the Platinum competition will be starting soon. Remember that you can play “up” in these events. In other words, a nominally Silver player is welcome to play in the Gold or Platinum.

## Social Event

The fifth Sunday in the month (which our actuarial friends tell us occurs four times in most years) has been set aside for social occasions. We missed January for reasons which are lost in history. In July we had a ‘Ricochet’ day. And **coming up, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October**, a further event is planned, at which our irrepressible Games Captain will introduce you to the game of ‘Scarborough’, with which some may already be familiar. Promises to be great fun. Put it on your diary now!

And the post-proximate ‘fifth Sunday’, as you will no doubt have calculated already, falls on 30<sup>th</sup> December. We shall just have to see what Santa brings.

## Coaching

This month sees the start of a new ‘Beginners’ Course’, with four ‘candidates’ looking to be initiated into the mysteries of the game. Lessons will be held on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings over the next few weeks.

It is worth mentioning here that those same time-slots are also given over to ‘supervised play’, for those who may have made a start on the game but feel the need of more help before diving into ‘serious’ play. If that describes you, please feel free to join us.

And our Games Captain has plans for further formal coaching sessions before the end of the year.

## Positions Vacant

If you feel yourself to be ‘time-poor’, or simply unable to commit to any regular engagement, here are two simple and undemanding possibilities to make a useful contribution to the running of the Club, and neither involves a great deal of time or effort ...

- **Internal Auditor**

This requires attendance *just twice a year*, in the company of a co-auditor, to go through the books. A guide to the procedure can be found on the Club website. See *Audit Plan* in CCC Documents.

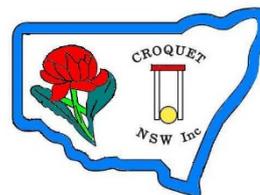
- **Printing of the Green Fee Register**

This has been undertaken for ever by David Stanton, but it is high time for someone to take it over. The spreadsheet has been carefully crafted, and all that is required is to check the book periodically to make sure there are enough sheets.

## Have Mallet will travel ...

We have recently received advice from *Go See Touring* of croquet tours to Chiang Mai in February, Vanuatu in June, and Tasmania in October 2018, followed by Norfolk Island at some stage in 2019. Details are on the notice board in the Clubhouse.

## Croquet NSW ...



*These notes were compiled after the recent Annual General Meeting of Croquet NSW Inc. on 19<sup>th</sup> August.*

The AGM was to have been preceded by an Extraordinary General Meeting to consider various proposals to amend the CNSW Constitution. But appropriate notice of those proposals had not been given, and the motions were withdrawn, leaving just a regular AGM.

Of principal interest was the election of directors. The story is almost Byzantine, and I may still not have grasped it completely. As I understand it, however, for most of the past year, the Board of seven Directors was chaired by Peter Coles. But Peter resigned shortly before the meeting, joining John Levick, who had resigned in June, and creating two ‘casual vacancies’, which had not been filled at the time of the meeting.

Of the five remaining Directors, Jim Nicholls and John Compton had finished their two-year terms, and did not offer themselves for re-election. So that left just three. Of them, Tricia Vierra continued in office, and John Eddes and Stephen Thornton stood for re-election, along with four new candidates.

In the event, John and Stephen were both re-elected, and were joined by Brenda Wild and Nerida Taylor, the latter having since been elected to chair a Board which for now comprises just five Directors – there being two vacancies still unfilled.

## Postscript

Members are encouraged to check and update their personal details (handicap information, contact details, etc.) on the CNSW website, by going to:

<https://www.croquet-nsw.org/dbHelp.aspx>

Of particular importance is the ‘date of birth’ field, as this information is needed so CNSW can report the ‘age profiles’ of Croquet players – *a condition of getting funding from NSW Sport and Recreation.*

Because the information is needed only for statistical purposes, it is OK to put just 30/6/19xx, whatever your actual day and month of birth. *Please do this before 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.*