



Cammeray Croquet Club



September 2020

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

Twilight Croquet

Daylight Saving starts on Sunday, October 4 which means that Twilight Croquet starts Monday October 5. This year we would like to play 14 point games with lifts after hoop 3 and 5. This is the same as the Summertime tournament. Games will go for 1 hour and there will be two games. The first game will start at 4:45pm and the second at 5:50pm, so this allows you to leave early, arrive late and still get a game or play in both games. Bisques are half of the normal bisques calculation with $\frac{1}{4}$ rounded up to $\frac{1}{2}$.

We look forward to being able to have a friendly drink as the sun sets but unfortunately this is not yet possible under COVID-19 rules.

Beryl Chambers

The Beryl Chambers tournament is a regional AC handicap tournament. Games are 26 point games but there are no lifts! The Metropolitan North qualifying round is on at Chatswood on Friday October 9 to Sunday October 11 but most likely we will only need two days. There will be some flexibility in scheduling games. Entries close on October 2 and NSW is hoping to have at least eight competitors – there are currently five.

You can enter on the NSW website croquet-nsw.org.au

Thursday Golf Croquet Playing Rules

Thursday golf croquet days are growing in popularity but what should you do when there are odd numbers? The best approach is to have a game of three where two players form a pair sharing two croquet balls and the other plays as a single with two croquet balls e.g. one player in the pair plays blue and the other plays black with the third player (the singles player) playing red and yellow. That way if another player shows up late, they can easily be slotted in as a partner to red and yellow.

Games are usually doubles. Play starts at 10am (so arrive before 9:50). Two games are played, and partners are mixed for the second game. You will be finished before noon.

Golf croquet is great practice for roquets, rushes, hoop running and ball placement which are all skills needed to improve your AC games

Website Bookings

We have had some trouble with bookings disappearing on our online booking system. Every edit anyone makes causes a new version of the booking sheet to be created and we can access all previous versions, so it is possible to find out what triggered the vanishing entries. It is caused by people keeping the booking sheet open rather than closing it after making their edit. This causes the version that was current at the time they made their edit to become the current version thus overwriting all changes that other people have made in the meantime. S

So, it is best to open the sheet, make your entry and close it again in rapid succession, **always remembering to hit the 'Enter' key before closing**. Also, if you open the sheet and find someone else also has it open (you can see who else has it open at the top right hand of the screen) close it again and come back when you and you can get exclusive access. The screenshot below shows what Steve Miles would see if he logged on when Marg O'Brien was already at work.

	Sun September 20	Mon September 21	Tue September 22	Wed September 23	Thu September 24	Fri September 25	Sat September 26
1	Do not play if you are unwell or have been in Victoria in the last 14 days. Include your phone number						
2							
3	Hcaps	Free for practice or pot luck games	12 and Under	All	8 and Under	Golf from 10am	All
4		Barbara McD 99585764	Graham	David Stanton	Gail Parrott	Lucy Rees 0403589040	Beginners tourname
5		Neil Hardie 99587261	Lucy Rees 0403589040	Steve Miles 0449737530	Barbara Alderdice	Beginners tournament	Michael S 0407 092
6		Michael S 0407 092 686	Marg O'Brien 0412750078	Barbara McD 99585764	marg hughes 94277769	Chris Gingell 0407856256	Joanne Brown 0420241864
7		david surridge		Neil Hardie 99587261		Georgina Lighterwood	Peter Brown 0447665601
8	Morning 9:30		Sandra C	Michael S 0407 092 686	Margaret W. 0413896228	Michael S 0407 092 686	Margaret W. 0413896228
9			Peter C	Alan Walsh 99585764		Graham 99221913	
10						Marg O'Brien 0412750078	
11						Georgie Ofner 0400248509	
12						Steve Miles 0449737530	
13							
14	Hcaps	Golf from 2pm	Free for practice or pot luck games	14 and Above, Beginners	Coaching and Mentored Games	All	Free for practice or pot luck games
15		Gail Parrott	Peter Brown 0447665601	Gail Parrott	Beginners Tournament:	Neil Hardie 99587261	Liz Nash pr 0412005012
							Di Loveday 0414775

What's been happening with Cammeray's lawns – Alan Walsh reports

About a year ago, the man who looks after the North Sydney Council ground maintenance team, Mick Stokes, asked me how would we like to have just one type of grass in the lawns. He said words to the effect that the lawns contained Couch, Blue Couch (which it turns out is not really a couch at all), Paspalum, Carpet Grass, Kikuyu, sometimes Winter grass, Summer grass plus various types of broadleaf and other weeds. I replied that it would be lovely if there was only true Couch but to get rid of everything else looked like too big a job to be a practical possibility. 'Not so' said Mick. 'I have a poison that kills everything it comes in contact with, except true Couch'. I replied that we would be delighted if he could do it.

Now, a year later, after a tremendous effort, Mick and his team have delivered us a lawn that basically consists only of true Couch.

In addition to re-furbishing the lawn growth, Mick also has done a huge job in restoring the lawns to a level playing field by top-dressing as necessary. A significant bit concerns the strip beside the west boundary on lawn 1. When the drains were installed around the lawn boundaries, it was necessary to put in a new drain from near the flag-pole to near corner 1 on lawn 1. Unfortunately the covering of the drain subsided and it

was necessary to relocate the west boundary resulting in some loss of playing area. Mick has done good work on renovating that area to its original height and it is now showing some signs of grass re-growth. We should be able to reclaim it eventually.

In summary, the lawns are still showing a few sandy patches where extra top-dressing was required but it is expected that in just a few weeks they will look magnificent.

NSW AC Gold brooch final - Stephen Howes reports



**David Stanton on his way to winning the gold brooch
(beginners – note how he keeps his head down after playing the shot!)**

Two Cammeray players battled it out for the coveted Gold Brooch after a thrilling tournament.

Eleven players competed for the Gold Brooch at Cammeray recently with David Stanton and Michael Strickland coming into the final by winning their semi-finals from the runner-up positions in their blocks – a great effort.

The game started slowly with both players struggling to find their rhythms, but some acute-angled hoops from Michael and some long range hoops from David eventually saw Y and B on four-back and R and K on three, all tied up on 11 points.

At this point the crowd of spectators had swollen to six and although it could not be described as one of the classic games, we all enjoyed watching the battle.

David crept ahead and Michael made a number of hoops but could not contain David who demonstrated his power by running penultimate (trying to reach K between the peg and rover) through to the south boundary, a shot worthy of an Egyptian GC player. David went on to win 23-16 and add another Gold Brooch to his collection. Congratulations.

Platinum championship

The Cammeray Platinum Championship is being played at present – the final will be between Steve Miles and Neil Hardie in the near future.



Steve Miles

Summertime Tournament

This will be played at Cammeray on 7th and 8th November – an unusual format with 14-point advanced handicap games. Open to anyone within 30 km of Cammeray. It proved to be a popular format, as it was over-subscribed within two days of entries opening.

Club Championship

The final of this is yet to be played as both finalists have been incapacitated. They were both injured playing tennis, which is a warning to all croquet players.

Beginner's tournament

We had eight entries for the beginners' tournament this year – a great tribute to Ian Lucas and Michael Strickland who have been coaching and mentoring our beginners. All the entrants are playing to a reasonable standard, and several of them are showing considerable promise.



Five of our beginner tournament competitors – Margaret Widjaya, Chris Gingell, Peter Brown, Joanne Brown and Liz Nash (missing are Heather Sherlock, Mary Goldsack and Georgina Ligertwood).

The block play has ended with Peter Brown winning one block (he won all his games and pegged out twice!) and his sister Joanne Brown winning the other block on a hoop count-back after three players finished with two wins out of three. So the final will be on Saturday 3rd October as a family affair.

Umpiring Course

Neil Hardie is intending to run an umpiring course in early November. If you are interested in becoming an umpire – or if you would just like to know the laws of AC croquet better – contact Neil Hardie on nhardie@ozemail.com.au