



# Cammeray Croquet Club

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## August Newsletter

### Tournaments

Cammeray members have had several successes in the last month (especially James Carlisle!).

### CNSW Platinum/Gold Brooch

James Carlisle won all his games, and finished 88 hoops ahead of the second place player.

### Selectors Invitation

This was played in dreadful weather. Joanne Brown and James Carlisle won all their block games, and their semi-finals, but the rain washed out the final between these two.

### CNSW Open Doubles

Rob Elliott and James Carlisle won all their block games, then had a fine win in the final, beating Trevor Bassett and Stephen Pearce 26-14 in the final. Rosie Landrebe and Linda Nickels were third, and Jo Brown and Jim Nichols won the Y-event.

### Port Macquarie AC Carnival

#### Bernie and David Gibson travel to Port Macquarie



We had an enjoyable time at Port Macquarie's annual tournament. We caught up with old friends – we may only see them a couple of times a year but have been playing croquet with them for years. We had one wet morning but the rest of the playing times were fine. Our results were not good but the play is the thing! The two top blocks played a double round robin – six games- the other groups played 5 games. There was time for

socialising and holidaying. The group went out together one night and the club provided a presentation dinner on the last night.

Next year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary carnival so watch out for the entry form on the Croquet NSW website- it is sure to be popular. The drive home in torrential rain was less fun.

## Special Report from Michael Strickland on recent tournaments

As noted earlier, August has been a particularly busy month for Cammeray member, **James Carlisle**.

Over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, he played in the NSW AC Platinum/Gold Brooch at Tempe.

Six players, from as far afield as Canberra in the south and EDSAAC on the central coast, played a round-robin of 3 games on the Saturday and the other 2 on the Sunday. Having only just managed to beat Ted Woodley of Chatswood (16-15) in his opening match, James knuckled down, and won all his remaining 4 matches very convincingly, pegging out in every one of them, and allowing his opponents a total of only 8 hoops in the process! A great effort, for what James estimates is his first croquet trophy for 35 years.



The following weekend, 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> August, James paired with fellow Cammeray member, **Rob Elliott**, in the NSW Open Doubles competition, played at Eastwood. Eight pairs entered, and played in two blocks of four, giving three games on Saturday, and a semi-final and a final on Sunday.

Black Block was won by Trevor Bassett and Stephen Pearce each of whom is highly experienced and exceptionally capable, as borne out by their results – three wins without a point being scored against them: 26tp-0, 26-0, and 26tp-0.

In Yellow Block, James and Rob did *almost* as well, winning: 26-0, 26-2, and 26tp-0, with Rob contributing the triple in the last game.

### Rob admires James' first hoop ...

The semi-finals went as expected, leaving James and Rob to face Trevor and Stephen in the final. This was one for the ages. Stephen had an early ball around to 4-back, before James, after one false start, did likewise. Then followed a tight tactical game with a few errors on both sides, leaving Trevor and Stephen ahead by two points with 20 minutes to play, and with Trevor's ball on 6 and Rob's on 4. In a tense finale, Rob was then able to pick up and play a 'clutch' break to the peg, quitting the lawn with seconds on the clock. Trevor failed to make any further hoops, time was called, and with the game already won, James finished off his last three hoops and pegged out, to make the final score 26-14. It is worth noting that Rob has now won this event three years running, with three different partners. James says that anyone wanting to partner him next year will have to deal with him first.



... before having a go himself

# Upcoming Tournaments

## **Cammeray Handicap Tournament 3/9 to 15/10**

We have six entries for this, with a wide range of handicaps.

## **Cammeray Championship 15/9 to 8/10**

Entries close on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **GC Gold Medal 3-5 September**

Peter Landrebe is representing NSW

## **Australian GC Women's Singles 6-9 September – Alison Sharpe**

## **GC Interstate Shield 10-14 September**

## **CNSW Bronze Brooch – Rob Barrie, Lucy Rees**

## **CNSW AC Open Singles – Jo Brown, James Carlisle, Rob Elliott, Mike Hughes**

# Rosemary Landrebe appointed as the next Secretary-General of World Croquet Federation



The WCF Management Committee is very pleased to announce that Rosemary Landrebe from Australia has been appointed Deputy Secretary-General with effect from 1 September 2025.

As previously announced, Debbie Lines will retire on 31 December 2025 on the completion of her four-year term, and it is the intention that Rosemary will become Secretary-General from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. She will be eligible to be appointed for a second four-year term from 1 January 2030 to 31 December 2033.

Rosemary has been a senior manager in various roles, specialising in operations management and analysis. She has experience of managing stakeholders at all levels

working across sporting and not-for-profit organisations. She has also spent time supporting Croquet Australia and the New South Wales boards, working on various implementation and improvement projects and coaching programs.

Rosemary has been playing croquet for more than 40 years, plays both AC and GC at the top level, and has represented Australia and New South Wales on several occasions.

The MC believes that Rosemary's passion and commitment to croquet and professional experience make her an ideal candidate for the role.