



# MCC Newsletter – October 2018

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BIG Month coming up, for all – in November!!!

## Diary Dates:

**The Mosman Prize, 2-4 Nov 2018:** This is our biggest event of the year. **Volunteers are NEEDED.** Come and watch top Golf Croquet!! And come to the **Winetasting on Friday 2 Nov, from 3:30pm.**

**Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Tues, 6/11/2018:** No cost – bring a plate to share. Play GC, Bridge, or MahJong.

**Monthly Bridge and MahJong:** Bridge on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday; MahJong on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month.

**Improving your Game:** Series of talks (including a sausage-sizzle) on Monday evenings, starting 12/11/2018

**SAVE THE DATE:** our MCC Christmas Party, 8/12/2018 – *Details to be circulated later*

## The Mosman Prize

The Mosman Prize for Golf Croquet is on next weekend, 2-4 Nov 2018. Detailed information was circulated last week, seeking lots of assistance from members. Thank you to all who have offered their services, so far. **We still need more helpers** for catering, for lawns setup, water-boys, etc. **PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST** at the clubhouse.

**Everyone is invited** to come and see some excellent croquet, and come for lunch on the Sunday at 12:30 (Cost \$15 – put your name on catering list).

Do wear your MCC name badge and club T-shirt if you have one, so our visitors can identify their hosts.

**HOT OFF THE PRESS:** There will be a **Wine Tasting** provided by “BackVintage” at the clubhouse on Friday 2 Nov, from 3:30pm. **Everyone Welcome!**

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## Association Croquet Update

### Welcome to New Players in AC

Increasing numbers of players are showing an interest in learning about AC. Ron Humpherson has been running introductory AC sessions on a Thursday afternoon, as well as setting up some games of Ricochet which provides a good cross-over experience for those already skilled in GC.

In addition, the Hi-Lo AC sessions on a Saturday morning are open to GC players wanting to learn about the different strategies in AC play.

*For all AC enquiries, contact Ron Humpherson at [rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au)*

## Golf Croquet Update

### GC Club Championships

The Division and Club Championships have continued throughout September and October, and results will be known by the end of the month. This has been a great opportunity for Division 3 players to get outside their comfort zone and play some competitive singles matches.

### Lester Hughes' MasterClass

Former MCC member and recent Australian Open Golf Croquet winner, Lester Hughes, returned to our club recently and provided some excellent coaching tips to a small group of advanced players. This was followed-up by a further clinic held by Ron Humpherson where players were filmed and their techniques were analysed.

Long-standing club members have very fond memories of the series of “Lester's Lessons” which Lester provided to the club, as a gift to all, when he was about to move interstate.

*For all GC enquiries, email Richard Westgarth: [richard@westgarth.com.au](mailto:richard@westgarth.com.au)*

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## Croquet Play and Skills

### Manly Seabreeze Tournament 2018

We were pleased to see large numbers of Mosman players entering our friendly neighbours' Manly Seabreeze competition, held early this month. In GC Tournament, Penny Paterson and Fidy Westgarth won their Singles Blocks, and Rob Wright was runner-up in his Block.

In the GC Doubles, Anthea Piddington & Heather Sherlock won their Block, while Richard & Fidy Westgarth and De Howarth & Penny Paterson were runners-up in their Doubles Blocks.

In AC, Rob Wright and Fidy Westgarth were each runners-up in their Singles Blocks, and under the guiding hand of Manly's Graham Lichfield, Fidy & Graham took out the handicap Doubles Knockout competition.

**WELL DONE, all !!!**



*De Howarth, Cali Craig and Penny Paterson with Manly's Roseanne White – at The Seabreeze*

### **Wanting to improve your game?**

....then keep four Monday evenings free commencing **12th November**. **Come along to a series of talks given by Rob Wright** (one of our more senior players and a recently accredited coach for both GC and AC). Each half-hour talk will commence at 6.30pm sharp and will be preceded by a sausage sizzle (Bunnings style). Further details will be sent to all club members after the Mosman Prize weekend.

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## **Club Matters:**

### **Our Lawns**

The Grounds Team is working towards having our lawns in best condition for next weekend's Mosman Prize. In Lawn 1 the ground pearl bugs have taken hold again during the recent winter drought, and 'lawn transplants' have been required. Please assist the Grounds Team in any way you can, especially when they need to close down lawns for serious repair.

### **Our Tidy Clubhouse**

A lot of hard work has been taking place in the last few weeks. BIG, BIG Thank You's go to a small band of club members: Penny Paterson, Patricia Petterson and Ann Toben who have de-cluttered and given us a tidy library; also thanks to Pip McLachlan for her work re-sorting the equipment room so that everything is now visible and accessible; and of course more thanks to our President, Mary Gibson, who continues work tirelessly behind the scenes.

### **Club Membership Contact Details**

Thanks to all who advised on their preferences for their details to be available to other members in the Club Membership List.

### **Defibrillator**

The defibrillator has now arrived and has been installed by Robert Gibson, in the clubhouse bathroom, on the wall between the two toilets. Brief instructions have been placed in several locations around the lawns. Please make yourself familiar with how to access and to use the defibrillator – just in case you are ever called upon to use it.

Thank you to Hugh Lander who generously donated the wall bracket for the defibrillator.

### **New Club Members**

Welcome to new member over the last month: Robert Wright (not to be confused with long-standing member Rob Wright). Robert has joined with enthusiasm for the game, and has already met many other members playing in GC games.

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## **Other Types of Croquet .....**

### **Gateball, anyone?**

The Gateball equipment has now arrived. Those keen to get started will receive information once the excitement of The Mosman Prize is over.

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## **Enjoy The Mosman Prize**

and, after that.....

***See you on the Lawns!!***