



MCC Newsletter – August 2018

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Diary Dates:

Golf Croquet Rules Workshops: 2.00-2.30 pm on 23 and 30/8/2018: run by Michael Morton-Evans.

Defibrillator First-Aid Training Workshop: 11:00 am on Wed 12/9/2018

Participants, please write your name on the List at the clubhouse.

WELCOME Meeting: 11:00 am on Mon 17/9/2018 – for new and old members.

GC Division and Club Championships: ENTRIES CLOSE 27 August

Everyone is eligible. Competition will run throughout September and October

Bridge Days recommencing 6/9/18: First Wednesday of each month, \$5 – put your name on list in clubhouse.

AGM and New Committee

The MCC Annual General Meeting was held 28 July, with 62 members in attendance. The “Blue Skies” Transition Report and subsequent new Club Constitution were fully signed-off, and a new, smaller committee was elected, as follows:

Mary Gibson, Club President
Ian Pedley, Vice-President
Fidy Westgarth, Club Secretary
Janet Bickett, Treasurer
Ron Humpherson, Games Captain
Ron Barratt, Grounds Captain
General Committee members:
Marjorie Lehmann; Hugh Lander; Lynn Snedden

Life Membership of Mosman Croquet Club was awarded to Mary Gibson, and Robert Gibson was farewelled as Club Grounds’ Captain. To honour the many years Robert has worked tirelessly in this role, an inscribed garden seat was presented and has been set in place overlooking Lawn 3.



Mary and Robert Gibson, trying out the Garden Seat



Newly-elected Committee, MCC 2018-19

Following the AGM, members partook of a light lunch followed by a 7-Hoop Doubles Golf Croquet competition.

WELCOME Meeting, 17/9/2018

A Welcome Meeting for new members will be held on **Monday 17/9/2018 at 11:00am**. This meeting will explain a lot of the workings of our club and is open to all members. It will be a great chance to meet and greet new members. Bring a sandwich for your lunch, and stay on to play croquet with other members during the afternoon.

Defibrillator & First Aid Training

The defibrillator has been delivered and is mounted on the wallspace between the two toilet doors in the Clubhouse. Resuscitation Charts and Basic Life Support Flow Chart have been posted at various places across the Club. An additional Red Cross training session has been arranged for **Wed 12 September at 11am** – participants, please write your name in List at the clubhouse.

Association Croquet Update

AC Club Championships

Our AC Club Championships 2018 are all complete. John Fransen has once again retained his title as Association Croquet Club Champion.

Edith Wimble Tournament

The Edith Wimble Knockout Handicap AC Doubles Championship was won by Ron Humpherson and Bronwyn McGrane in a gripping finish over David McGrane and Denis Edelston, Score: 10-8.

The Mayor's Trophy

In a David and Goliath match, Fidy Westgarth won the Mayor's Trophy over John Fransen. The 16 bisques allowed to the AC newcomer were a great help but, as John said, Fidy played strategically, with great hoop running and well-placed rolls. Well done Fidy.

Have you tried Association Croquet?

If you would like to try AC, please come to the AC club session at **11.30 on Saturdays**. The AC players will be happy to introduce you to the code by playing doubles with you, in a game where GC players can take an active part.

Association Croquet is an intriguing variation from Golf Croquet. It requires considerable tactical ability and judgement, uses a wider range of shots, and, once mastered, the results can be hugely satisfying. Learning AC is also a great way to improve your overall croquet skills, one reason why all the top players play both codes.

AC Coaching is held at MCC **every Thursday afternoon at 2.30 pm** and Ricochet is played as an introduction to AC. For enquiries, contact Ron Humpherson at rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au, or talk to any of the AC players.

Golf Croquet Update

MCC GC Division and Club Championships

ENTRIES CLOSE 27 August. Competition runs from **1 Sept-31 Oct**. Blocks of play will be arranged for round-robin competition, with block winners to play-off at semi-finals.

GC Rules Workshop

Puzzled about the difference between a crush and a double tap? Want to know what to do when a wrong ball is played? These questions and many others will be answered in the Rules Workshops being run by Michael Morton-Evans, Thursdays **23rd and 30th August, 2.00 - 2.30 pm**. The sessions

are open to all members but will be particularly aimed at newer players.

MCC Ladder – Geoff Grist Competition

During July, Ian Cameron reminded us that you can still have a big points' increase in a month, with a 16 point gain over his previous month. While his main reward is knowing he did well, we have a nice souvenir for him – a 42°S Pinot Noir from Tasmania.

Other Matters:

Fencing and Irrigation

The installation of the new water tanks behind the clubhouse, the sprinkler system for the practice lawn, and the fencing along the Alexander Ave boundary east of Croquet Lane are all now complete. Thank you to Ron Barratt for supervising these projects.

Do you like gardening?

The Grounds Captain is looking for a member to head up a small group to maintain and improve the club's three garden areas. It would only mean a few hours a week.

The gardens could become a real feature of our club. If you are interested please call Ron Barratt on 0413 752 099

Monthly dinner, 6.30pm on Tuesday 4 Sept

at Relish Noodle Star restaurant, 9/81 Military Rd, Neutral Bay. Bookings required by 28 August. To book contact Judy McDonald, on 0419 253 501.

HELP with MCC Website

A small group has commenced reviewing the Club Website, to make it more useful and more interesting. If you have any experience in website development, we would LOVE your input. CONTACT: Fidy Westgarth at E: croquetmosman@gmail.com

When the GC Championships start in September, it is planned to introduce:

1. Entering the results of matches in the clubhouse computer so the website will display results; and
2. Booking lawns for matches on-line.

REMINDER:

Don't forget..... if you are last on the Lawns, near Clubhouse or near Annexe, PLEASE put away all equipment and close blinds and lock doors, checking to ensure they are fully locked.

...AND never, ever leave our Australian flag on the flagpole overnight!!

See you on the Lawns!!