



MCC Newsletter – November 2018

As predicted, we have had a very busy month at Mosman Croquet Club – and more to come.

Diary Dates:

Club Christmas Party, Saturday 8 December 2018 commencing 1.30pm:

ALL WELCOME!!! Don't forget to RSVP on List at the clubhouse. Cost is \$25/head.

'Improving your Game' each Monday at 6:00pm: Series of talks by Rob Wright (including a sausage-sizzle).

Gateball Coaching commences: Wed, 5 December. For details, see Flyer to follow

Monthly Bridge and Mahjong: Bridge on 1st Wednesday, Mahjong on 2nd Wednesday of each month

The Mosman Prize

Our club provided superb hospitality to 32 GC players on 2-4 November 2018. Every player played 10 matches over the course of the tournament, all games with free turns allocated to players according to their handicap level.

All prizes were generously donated by Geoff Grist of Richardson & Wrench Real Estate. **The winner was Ron Johnstone from Sutherland Club**, who was runner-up last year, and who has been coming to The Mosman Prize for 17 years!



Major prize winners, L⇨R: Alan Robinson, Manly 3rd Place; Ron Johnstone, Sutherland, 1st Place; John Reynolds, EDSACC, 4th Place; Greg Deakin, Killara, 2nd Place

The event was brilliantly organised by our Games Captain, Ron Humpherson – who then found he had to play in the tournament, himself, following a last-minute cancellation.

The weather was fine, and rather hot. We were greatly dependant on the assistance of nearly 70 volunteers from our club who assisted with daily lawn set-up, timekeeping, refereeing, catering, and general runabout jobs as well as being so welcoming to all our guests.

The competition was strong, and the atmosphere friendly at all times – and we thank our volunteering club members for their very generous

help. Without you it would not have been such a great tournament. We look forward to more great tournaments in 2019.



Big Thank You to all Mosman Club – and to Geoff Grist

GC Club Championships

Our club championships have had great participation, but have suffered some delays over the last few weeks to complete all the finals.

Our overall **Club Champion is David Snedden**, with Ron Humpherson runner-up. **For Division 2, Champion is Rob Wright**, and runner-up Denis Edleston. **Div 3 Champion is Di Stafford**, with Tony Michaels runner-up.

The remaining match waiting to be played is:
Div 1 Final: David Snedden vs Ron Humpherson

Congratulations to all CHAMPIONS !!

Melbourne Cup

Around 30 members gathered to celebrate Melbourne Cup at the club on 6 Nov. There was spirited competition in novelty games, and even more for the "Best Hat" – cleverly won by bookmaker Charlie Chookhouse (aka Brian Day).

Rob Wright's Sanger Series.....

Rob Wright's series of sausage sizzle and learning sessions is proving very popular. Around 35 club members, of all different levels of play, have been attending at **6:00pm on a Monday evening**, where Rob puts on an excellent program, both entertaining and informative.

Always brief, and always finishing at 7:00pm, Rob is a master of time management and of explaining the principles of croquet skills and strategy.

THANKS Rob – it is a great initiative!

Club Matters:

Christmas Party on Sat, 8 Dec

We hope everyone can come to the Christmas Party!! We will follow our usual Christmas Party format with short GC doubles games from 1:30pm, vying for The President's Trophy. Doubles teams will be drawn randomly from the RSVP List.

The Mayor is attending from 5:00pm to award prizes to our 2018 Club Champions and this will be followed by the party from 6:00pm, with catering arranged by the Club.

Cost is \$25/head. Put your name on the RSVP List at the clubhouse.

Our Club Property Lease Renewal

Notice of impending lease renewal has been posted in Mosman Daily and on our club gate, seeking responses. Our renewal should be finalised by April 2019, once approved by Mosman Council. Fingers' crossed, all will go smoothly.

New Club Member

Welcome to a very special new member!!

Alison Sharpe has recently re-joined Mosman Croquet Club, which was her original croquet club.



A keen AC player and national champion, she also plays GC at State Team level and is Captain of the 2018 NSW GC Interstate Shield Team.

Alison was 2016/17/18 Australian Women's GC Champion, and current Singles and Doubles Champion. She has also represented Australia several times in international tournaments and is very happy to share her skills and experiences. Alison's primary croquet club is Killara.

Lawns 3 & 4 Refurbishment

It is annual Lawn renovation time! Scarifying commenced for Lawns 3 & 4 mid-November, and the lawn renewal process will take 4-6 weeks, depending on the weather. The new baby grass has been growing beautifully during the last week.

Please be patient with this important process, which limits our Lawn use at this time. Lawns 1 & 2 will then be refurbished after Christmas.

Melbourne Cup winner:
Brian Day's hat!

