



MCC Newsletter – September 2018

Lots happening the next month – social events, competitions, and more.....

Diary Dates:

Bridge Day on Wed 3 October: Flyers have gone out. *Put your name on the list at the clubhouse*

Mah-jong Day on Wed 10 October: Flyers have gone out. *Put your name on the list at the clubhouse.*

The Mosman Prize for Golf Croquet, 2-4 Nov 2018

Come along and see some great play from NSW and National experts. Also we will be seeking lots of help from members to volunteer for hosting and catering roles. *Put your name on list in the clubhouse.*

Melbourne Cup Day, Tues 6 November: Come and watch the big race at the Croquet Club. **SAVE THE DATE.** More information to follow.

Golf Croquet Update

Top of “The Ladder”

The Geoff Grist GC Singles (Ladder) Competition 2018 was won by David Snedden. This is an open handicapped competition. Over a 5-month period we had 41 entrants playing a total of 107 games.

Others finishing in the Top 10 included a range of players from expert to inexperienced:

Michael Morton-Evans, De Howarth, Vaughn Pairman, Gordon Scott, Di Stafford, Deb McDowall, Rob Worrall, Penny Paterson, and Griselda Prins.

Congratulations to David – and well done ALL, for having a go!!

Championships Season

The annual competitions for GC Club Champion and for Division Champions have commenced, with good participation. We have 10 entrants vying for Club Champion. They will finish initial competition by end-September with Semis and Finals play-off completed by end of October.

There are 38 entrants for the Division 1, 2, and 3 Championships, with round-robin competition to be completed Sunday 21st October. Entrants must play everyone in their Block. Block winners and runners-up proceed to Semis & Finals, completing by end of October.

Members Note: During this time there will be a lot of lawns reserved for matches, during Open Play sessions.

New Rules for Golf Croquet

Just when you thought you had it all sorted.... the World Croquet Federation has released new rules for GC (5th Edition). These will **commence on January 1st 2019**, across Australia. For those of us who can wait, MCC will arrange some training sessions for members in December, to explain any changes to the rules. For those who are desperate to find out about the new rules, see <http://www.worldcroquet.org.uk/index.php/croquet-information/golf-croquet> or read the printed copy at the clubhouse.

For all GC enquiries, email Richard Westgarth: richard@westgarth.com.au

Association Croquet Update

Paparazzi Moment

Sorry we missed this photo opportunity in last month's Newsletter: our Edith Wimble Doubles AC Trophy winners 2018, Ron Humpherson and Bronwyn McGrane.



Congratulations Ron and Bronwyn!!

Scott Weekender Competition

The Florence Scott Trophy for AC Handicap 18 and higher will not be held this year, due to lack of available players. This competition will continue for AC 'beginners' in 2019. We are pleased to see several new players developing their AC skills.

For all AC enquiries, contact Ron Humpherson at rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au

Croquet Play & Skills

Wanting to improve your game??

Coming soon will be a series of twilight information sessions at the clubhouse for those of us wanting to know something more about our game of croquet.

Questions that more-experienced players often hear are along the lines of

- *What can coaching do for me?*
- *Why are there so many ways of holding a mallet?*
- *What role does topspin play when stroking my ball?*
- *How do I maximise my chances of getting my ball to go exactly where I want it?*
- *What is the difference between a hitting point and a target point?*
- *When do you cut a ball in GC? in AC?*
- *What are the eight things I have to practice to ensure my ball goes through the hoop?*
- *Why doesn't stalking my ball work for me?*
- *Should I stalk every ball?*
- *What are the differences between GC and AC?*

Questions on the tip of your tongue, and questions that you would never ask are going to be answered! And the answers for those keen members attending will be preceded by a Sausage Sizzle (and maybe a glass of wine) around the veranda of the clubhouse.

Further details will be forwarded to all club members, later.

Club Matters:

Information Day & New Members' Welcome

On Monday 17 September, an Information Day was held for all members, with a special focus on welcoming recent new members to the club.



As well as learning about the club, members were invited to share their various skills to assist with club activities. Take-home messages for the day were: Don't bash the hoops in too deep, AND use the hoop-lifter if the hoops are difficult to remove – never ever wriggle the hoops out!

New Club Members

Please welcome recent new members Pam Strudwick and Colin and Helen Franklin to our club.

Club Membership Contact List - FEEDBACK

A contact list was recently circulated to all members, containing names and phone numbers only. We have received several requests to include email addresses in the contact list.

If anyone does NOT want their email address

included in the Club Membership List for circulation to all members, **please advise Club Secretary by 10/10/18:**

Email: croquetmosman@gmail.com

See you on the Lawns!!

