



MCC Newsletter – November 2023

Diary Dates:

MCC Christmas Party, Sunday 3/12/2023 – from 3:00pm. RSVP by 27/11/2023

Games start at 3:00pm, presentation of annual awards from 5:30pm, and dinner at 6:00pm. **\$50.00 / head.** RSVP on-line ([HERE](#)) or on list at the Clubhouse.

LAWN CLOSURES: Lawn 3 is currently closed for annual renovation.

Lawn 4 will close later in December, and Lawns 1 and 2 will close for January and some of February 2024.

DON'T FORGET: Social Saturday GC afternoons, each Saturday in December.

Also, come for **Social Sunday from 3:00pm on 10 December.** Bring some nibbles to share.

The Friday BBQ planned for 24 November has been cancelled, and will be arranged for a different date.

HELLOooooo 100 years Coming Up

Episode 3: Difficult Times – Depression & War

In 1932 and again in 1933 a proposition at the AGM for admitting men to the Club was lost by a few votes. In **March 1934** the meeting tabled a letter from the Council with regard to end of the Club's 10 year lease. At a following meeting it was proposed and passed that all members be asked to pay 3d a month towards cleaning the club house.

In 1939 a decision was made for Mosman Council to take over the responsibility of the lawns. In 1940 it was recorded that a bridge afternoon be held in aid of the Lord Mayor's Comforts Fund. The Minutes for 1940 reveal card parties to raise funds for war organisations.

In 1941 a Special General Meeting was held to ascertain whether there were sufficient members to enable the club to carry on - membership was down to 16 croquet and 5 bridge members and it was also considered offering one lawn for a Ladies Bowling Club. At the meeting 18/10/1941 it was suggested to write to Mosman Council and offer the sum of £80 per annum for rental and upkeep of the 3 lawns. Council agreed, but did not agree in 1942 to a reduction in rent request from the Club.

In 1943 it was decided to have three Club tournaments, all three to be played 'American-style'. The Minutes in 1944 report the club has improved vastly in its full membership.....

FROM:

Mary Gibson, Member since 1993

*Former President, Vice-President, Secretary
Life Member of MCC*

COVID numbers are RISING....

Please put all glasses, crockery, cutlery in the dishwasher after use – *do not rinse and leave to drain.*

Keep your COVID vaccinations up to date
AND..... **Do not come to the Club** if you, or close contacts, are unwell.

The Mosman Prize, 3-5 Nov

Thank you to all the helpers who made our GC tournament, The Mosman Prize, such a success. Our visiting participants felt very welcomed.

Especial thanks to all who assisted with catering and time-keeping. You helped everything run very smoothly.

We were very grateful to O'Gorman Partners for sponsoring the event. Results as follows:

Winner: Andrew Killen, Royal Sydney GC
Runner-Up Wafik Nassif, Killara CC
3rd Place Michael Morton-Evans, Mosman CC
4th Place Penny Paterson, Mosman CC
Plate: 1st Rob Wright, Mosman CC
Plate: 2nd Blake Thompson, Manly CC



Finalists Wafik Nassif and Andrew Killen chatted with Alison Sharp before starting the Finals

2024 Competitions Update

Competitions are now finished for 2023, and trophies are being engraved ready for the annual presentation of awards, at the Christmas Party.

The Competition Calendar for 2024 will be released shortly. There will be changes for next year's program, as GC Pennants for all three Divisions will not start until July. Therefore the usual schedule for our Club championships will change to accommodate the statewide Pennants schedule.

MCC Membership, and Visitors

Our club is very active, with the majority of our members playing croquet several times per week. The membership limit of 150 full members was introduced 3 years ago, to restrain wear-and-tear on the Lawns.

Our Waiting List has grown to over 80 applicants. Applicants who are very keen to get started playing croquet may consider joining another club – to develop their skills while they are waiting.

PLEASE NOTE: invited visitors are permitted to play at MCC no more than 6 times per year. Visitors (or their host) pay greens fees of \$10, whenever they come to play croquet – or \$5 if they are member of another croquet club.

Club Matters:

Club Maintenance

Getting ready for the Mosman Prize was a great chance to tidy-up the Clubhouse and grounds. Members' help was much appreciated, especially those who assisted with the gardening working bee, last month. Also thanks to **Michael Chambers** who repainted the clubhouse bathroom.

ANYONE FOR BRIDGE?

For some years, a group has been meeting on a Tuesday morning for a relaxed game of Bridge.

There is room for additional players. If you would like to come and play, contact the Club Secretary E: secretary@mosmancroquet.org.au

NOTE: MCC Social members are very welcome.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023!!!

This year two of our newer members, **Helen Clugston** and **Belinda Kerr**, are organising the Christmas feast! Thank you for offering.

We will need help setting up tables and chairs, and putting away afterwards.

Sue Clubbe is organising a Christmas Hamper, for raffle. Members are asked to donate any special favourite items for the Hamper, at the Clubhouse.

From the President

Dear all,

Thanks to those who completed the survey regarding the venue for MCC Centenary Celebration, the sub Committee can now move on with planning the event, with full support and appreciation from the MCC Committee.

Thanks also, to everyone from MCC who supported the recent Mosman Prize. Without the support of our wonderful timekeepers, catering team, Grounds team, and all those who supplied cakes and slices, Mosman Croquet Club would not be able to host the events which are so important to the Croquet Community.

Thanks to Michael Chambers for being Tournament referee, and to Michael Chang, Helen Collins, and Michael Morton Evans, for refereeing.

Looking forward to the Christmas Party and Games,

Joanne



(Left to Right) Sponsor for The Mosman Prize, O'Gorman Partners' Anthony O'Gorman, presenting the prizes to the winners; Joanne Nimmons (Tournament Manager); Rob Wright; Wafik Nassif; Andrew Killen; Blake Thompson; Michael Morton-Evans; Penny Paterson

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