



# NEWSLETTER

November 2022

## DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

**2 November – Felicity Wilson**, our well known local Member of Parliament is visiting us next Wednesday for morning tea and a game of croquet and to view our completed Lawns 1-2 fencing and gardens project. Without the two Government Grants totalling \$65,000 the club certainly wouldn't have been able to undertake these major works.

**4 November - Mosman Prize**— Our major annual GC tournament is taking place from Friday 4 November to Sunday 6 November with 32 competitors. Come along and watch some really good GC and give a helping hand over the 3 days. There are lists in the clubhouse for volunteers and for cakes and slices for Friday and Saturday.

**November 25<sup>th</sup> Friday - Twilight Croquet and BBQ** – With our first Twilight Croquet and BBQ such a success, the next one is taking place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. An RSVP sheet will be in the Clubhouse after the Mosman Prize is held.

**November 30 – Gourmet Christmas Market – 9.30 – 11.30 am.** It is our first Gourmet Christmas Market and we are looking for members who would like to contribute with their homemade gourmet treats. If you can contribute, please contact Cali Craig 0437 031 077 or Maureen McCabe 0418 442 684.

**12 December Christmas Lunch** – games from 3.00 pm followed by a festive dinner. More information will be forwarded shortly.

## SECRETARIAL ROLE

We are delighted that Joanne Nimmons has offered to take on the Secretarial role from the end of November, thank you Joanne. We also thank Maureen Gillingham for her commitment since the AGM.

## POSITIONS VACANT

On another note, we need someone with IT experience to help and learn from Ron Humpherson about the website, the email addresses and other programs. It would be a shame if we had to employ someone to take over these roles, particularly as it would add to our membership fees. Hopefully there is a member out there that can help fill these roles.

## YOUR COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEES & VOLUNTEERS

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AC Games Captain	Ron Humpherson	0403 966 264
Club Maintenance/ Garden Supervisor	Greg Breden	0408 980 527
Lawns Committee	Hugh Lander, Tony Michaels, Michael Morton-Evans and Rob Boyer	
Games Committee	GC: Penny Paterson and Joanne Nimmons AC: Ron Humpherson and Bronwyn McGrane	
Clothing	Madeline Gray	
Website	Fidye Westgarth	
Housekeeping	Libby McDonald, Kate Chambers, Joanne Beattie and Kathy Abbott	

### CONGRATULATIONS AND A BIG THANK YOU!

Our members are indebted to Ron Humpherson and Richard Westgarth who for many years have organised and successfully run all our various major and intra club tournaments, pennants and championships over the years. Their contribution has been enormous and fortunately we will be able to draw on their expertise as our new Games Committee is formed.

### GENERAL UPDATES

**MCC Survey** – By now you would have received your Survey which will provide the Committee with valuable information for the future of our Club and how the Club is presently used. Please complete the Survey to ensure that we get as much information as possible on which to base our future planning.

**The “Square”** - Since COVID we are becoming a cashless society and members paying for events, functions and equipment was becoming harder. The Committee has agreed for a new payment system which we are about to put in place "The Square". This is a device which will allow you to "tap and go" and use a credit/debit cards for any purchases/membership fees and the like (other than the bar). More information will follow. We are hoping to trial this system for payments at our Gourmet Christmas market.

**Grounds under Repair “GUR”** – Please be aware that if this sign is up, the area is “under repair” and members should not stand there or remove the sign. The GUR is used particularly at the starting area when it gets too much wear and tear.

**AC/GC Hoops** – Hopefully everyone knows the difference however I have been asked by the Lawns Committee that GC players ensure that the hoops are in the GC holes, i.e. the outer holes. I have also been asked that AC players, at the end of play, put away all hoops unless other members are waiting to play in which case the hoops should be placed in the GC holes. The AC holes are the holes used for our competitions and therefore need to be kept in good condition.

**Friday Singles – Definitely the way to improve your game!** Come along to singles on Friday mornings and have some really good singles practice. Give it a go, it definitely helps. We will shortly be trialling Advantage Croquet on Fridays. This is the new approach to handicap play. It will be a learning curve for all of us.

**Lawn Maintenance** – as previously advised, we have been taking out one lawn each Monday until the Mosman Prize to enable Scott to carry out necessary repairs and maintenance. This final week **lawn 4 will be closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

**Please note the Lawns Committee have advised that on Wednesday November 2 lawns 3 and 4 are out of action from 11.00 am – 2.00 pm for last minute maintenance before The Prize.**

**Lawns 1-2 Boundary Project** – Congratulations to David McGrane, John Fransen and Greg Breden for all their hard work in co-ordinating and completion of the fences and gardens around Lawns 1-2. How good does it look everyone. A brilliant effort, thank you.

**Club Name Badge** – do you need a Name Badge? – if so, contact Michael Chambers at [emailthedoc@yahoo.com](mailto:emailthedoc@yahoo.com).

**Mallets** – Can you please check to make sure you are taking home the right mallet. Many of us have similar looking mallets so having your name or identifying ribbon etc will help to make your mallet easy to recognise – and also save you a special trip to the club to collect your mallet and return the one inadvertently taken.

### GC UPDATE

The club’s 2022 GC competitions are almost completed and we can soon start engraving the winners’ names on trophies for presentation at our Christmas Party. Division 3 was finalised earlier in the year and **Deb McDowall** was the winner. Now, Divisions 1 and 2 have also finished.

- **Division 2**, with eleven entrants, was split into two blocks and required a finals series contested by Rob Wright, Penny Paterson, Michael Chambers and Michael Chang. Our winner was **Rob Wright** with **Michael Chambers** runner-up.

- **Division 1, Rob Elliott** was the standout winner, losing only one game and two hoops in the whole competition. And while **John Fransen** was runner up, he also lost only two hoops (but two games). Special mention should then be made of Rob Wright who continued the theme, losing three games and three hoops but showing his consistency by actually having a higher net hoop score than anyone.

The two **Club Championships** blocks have been completed and final is scheduled to be played next week with **Denis Edleston**, playing **Michael Chang**.

Photo: Rob Elliott and Michael Chang looking relaxed after their finals deciding game.



Congratulations to all players for their commitment and enthusiasm.

- That's it for this year so far as competitions are concerned.  
**Thankyou**

## AC UPDATE

**John Fransen's in form.** John Fransen has hit top form at the right time. He won the AC Club Champion for 2022 (Ron Humpherson was runner-up) and has taken out his block in the Forster AC Carnival. He won all five matches, pegging out twice against some strong opposition. Congratulations John.

### MacRobertson International Shield for AC

Our own Alison Sharpe is the 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve for the MacRobertson International Shield being played in November 2022 at Cairnlea in Victoria.

This competition is the "Olympic Games" for croquet in the World.

The Team itself consists of the top 6 players in Australia. The event consists of three five-day tests and 21 matches. The countries that participate in the event are Australia, England, New Zealand and the United States. The series is played every 4 years.

Australia won the MacRobertson Shield in 2017 and it was our first victory for 82 years.

**GO AUSTRALIA!**