



# NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2021

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**COVID RESTRICTIONS**— for latest restrictions see notice in Club house. Please ensure you check in.

**BOOKING SYSTEM**— The booking system is **no longer** available for regular play. Bookings can be made through Penny Paterson at [info@mosmancroquet.org.au](mailto:info@mosmancroquet.org.au) for coaching, pennants, special events etc. If you are coming to the Club to play, **please check the booking system** first to ensure there are lawns available.

**LAWN MAINTENANCE**— Lawns 3 and 4 will be out for maintenance from about 17 November — they will not be available for play till approximately 14 December. Lawns 1 and 2 are being cored and scarified and are unavailable from 15 December—26 January 2022.

**MELBOURNE CUP** – We have not organised a Melbourne Cup luncheon this year due to Covid. If you are arranging a group to attend the Club, please note that masks must be worn inside and social distancing respected – i.e. the 4 metre rule.

**SAVE THE DATE**— **XMAS PARTY AND CELEBRATION FOR MARY GIBSON**—12 December— Arrangements are being finalised – an invitation will be forwarded shortly.

**SOCIAL SATURDAYS** – we are trialling “Saturday Social” from 1.30 pm with a draw at 1.45 pm. Come along and join the fun.

## VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU

Without volunteers our Club would not/could not function. We wish to give a big thank you to all our volunteers -

- The Housekeeping team who purchased all the toiletries, sanitiser, paper towels and keep the kitchen stocked with tea, coffee, cleaning products etc.
- The new Lawns team under Greg Breden. Greg is looking for volunteers to help him manage this important job. Are you interested? If so, contact Greg Breden. Mobile No. 0408 980 527
- The AC team who put out the garbage bins every Thursday for Council collection.

- During Covid the eight volunteers who put up their hand to clean the clubhouse and annexe each fortnight as our regular cleaner was not able to leave her LGA out west.
- The new gardening group, who along with volunteer club members, will be having a working bee this weekend to remove most of the old tired garden next to practice lawn, remove all the asparagus grass from under hedges on the lawns and finally prune and reshape many of the shrubs that have gone wild over the years around lawn 2. We are most grateful to Libby Cameron for her horticultural expertise and Greg Breden our Lawns Captain for his input. Some members have offered to donate towards replacement shrubs for the new garden on the practice lawn. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Greg or Cali

We can always use more volunteers and will have our first social Sausage Sizzle to feed the troops at the working bee on Sunday. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Cali Craig.

Do you have any special talents which you think could be put to good use at MCC and are interested in becoming part of a team - whether it be catering, housekeeping, helping with tournaments, the gardening group or the grounds team, please let us know at [info@mosmancroquet.org.au](mailto:info@mosmancroquet.org.au).

## GC NEWS

### DIVISION 1 PENNANTS TEAM

L-R: Vaughn Pairman, Denise Howarth (reserve)  
Lynne Day, Denis Edleston, Michael Chang (reserve)  
Alison Sharpe (Captain), Rose Anne White (absent, reserve)



We're looking forward to watching Alison Sharpe lead our first **Division 1** team in some years. They will be playing at home against Killara on Friday morning 12<sup>th</sup> November and will be worth watching. Please note that this booking will reduce the number of lawns available for the regular GC Singles session on that day.

Wishing the "A" team the best of luck—we look forward to seeing the trophy at MCC!

### DIVISION 2 PENNANTS TEAM

Michael Morton-Evans' Mosman Blue has already won Metro North and will play in the finals at Tempe on 8th February.

### DIVISION 3 PENNANTS TEAM

This week Anthea's Mosman Black team hosted Cali's Mosman Blue in the first of the remaining few Tests that will determine the NSW Metro North **Division 3** regional winner.

Mosman Black won the matches 2-1, with some excellent play from both teams made watching the games enjoyable and informative. One result (7-6, 6-7 and 7-5), in particular, highlighted a contrast between two different types of player. Full results can be found in the GC Competition Folder and on Croquet Scores.

Coming up, our last Division 3 Tests have been booked at Mosman on 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November. We are hoping to have one of our teams make it to the top spot – it's still possible.

Finally, we can now start preparing for 2022. After all the 2021 finals have finished (mid-February) we will have a very short time before Divisions 2 and 3 start again on 1<sup>st</sup> March. So, if you have played before or not, now is the time to start thinking about skills, handicap cards, availability, commitment, leadership – the list goes on.

## **AC NEWS**

### **“WHO’S FOR ACT” (Rob Wright)**

I commenced my croquet journey by playing Golf Croquet. When I saw my first (and second and third) game of Association Croquet being played I was mystified and perplexed. No matter what I predicted the player's next stroke would be, I was wrong! The four balls were all over the lawn without any apparent order to them and not getting any closer to a hoop. What were they playing at!?

After about a year or two of playing GC and with some apprehension I was formally introduced into Association Croquet. After expert tutoring from members of the AC playing group I took around six games to have a reasonable idea of the game.

So what are the differences between the two most popular games under the croquet umbrella?

Let's start with the similarities. Both games have Blue/Black versus Red/Yellow. Both can be played as a singles or doubles game. Both games are won by having the maximum number of hoops scored and both have hoops scored in the same order – hoop 1 through to hoop 12.

The most important characteristic that I find for both GC and AC, is they are delightful and satisfying to play – no matter whether you are playing with an experienced player or a newbie. I have found both games have helped me in my overall croquet skill development.

So what are the differences between GC and AC? I'll leave this until next time in “Who's for AC?”

## **COACHING**

What an amazing response to our next three coaching sessions:

- Basic tactics
- Basic GC rules
- Skills and drills
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Obviously everyone is interested in improving. Due to numbers however some members have been deferred till after Xmas when we will schedule more coaching sessions – you will not be forgotten!

## **NEW MEMBERS**

WELCOME to our new members: Trudy Crittle, Beverley Wither, Diana Elsom, Sallie Johnston, Belinda Kerr, Grahame Mellis, Dana Mellis, Merrilie Slack Smith, Jenny Adcock, Gail Harris, Helen Clugston, Susan Lowe - Please make sure they are made to feel welcome. The Committee has arranged a welcome afternoon of croquet for these members on 4<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00 pm.

## **KNOW YOUR RULES**

### **GOLF**

In a doubles game, Peter is playing the blue ball. His Partner, Peta inadvertently plays the red ball – what happens next? See Rule 10

What is “the Striking Period” and when does it start? See rule 6.2

### **ASSOCIATION**

Ron plays a croquet stroke in which he is trying to peel Yellow through 4-back. He is so successful that Yellow does not touch the sides of the hoop as it is peeled and goes off the court. Is that the end of Ron's turn?

Answer: See Law 18.7.1

### **MAHJONG**

Mahjong is back! Wednesdays at 11.00/11.30 am – Note: Masks must be worn inside the clubhouse and social distancing adhered to.

## **CROQUET NSW AND REGIONAL UP AND COMING EVENTS**

There are always lots of competitions happening with Croquet NSW and lots of croquet clubs in NSW have events and croquet carnivals. If you are interested in competing or just want to have a fun few days away, go to Croquet NSW's website – the events page sets out all events for both AC and GC tournaments both in Sydney and in regional areas.

## **MEMBERS INPUT TO THE NEWSLETTER**

If you have any newsworthy item that you would like to share with our members, please feel free to email Penny Paterson at [info@mosmancroquet.org.au](mailto:info@mosmancroquet.org.au).