



# MCC Newsletter March 2024



## Diary Dates:

**The Mosman Bash: 5-7 April 2024** – **NOTE: LAWNS will be UNAVAILABLE FOR CLUB MEMBERS**

Our annual open Association Croquet tournament: We need helpers, spectators, and great cakes!

**Social Sunday: 14 April from 2pm** – All welcome.

Join us for a few games, and then some refreshments as the sun goes down.

**The Gibson Trophy: 4-5 May**

Advantage GC Singles Tournament. This year there will be prize money.

\$150 for the winner and \$100 for the runner-up. Register NOW – on-line, or at Clubhouse!

**SAVE the DATE: Centenary Celebrations for Mosman Croquet Club, 16 June 2024.**

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## MCC Centenary Celebrations

The key event for celebrating our centenary will be held on **Sunday 16 June** with a reception held at the Club at 1:30pm. With the marquee and catering booked, the Centenary Committee are working hard finding sponsors to help offset some of the costs.

More information will be coming in the next few weeks but the most important thing is to **save the date**. Invitations will be circulated soon. Payment is required when you RSVP, to ensure we know our numbers for the event.



*Will you come dressed in 1920's style or will you come as a croquet devotee from the 21<sup>st</sup> century?*

We are delighted to acknowledge and thank the first of our local businesses and members who have generously agreed to be **Platinum Sponsors**:

- O'Gorman and Partners Real Estate
- Bendigo Bank
- North Shore Audiology
- Frenchie's Café

Other businesses which have generously donated prizes for our **Centenary Raffle** include:-

- Fourth Village Hamper \$150
- Public Dining Room Voucher \$200

## Centenary Celebration Sponsorships:

All sponsors will be acknowledged in our newsletter each month and will be displayed at the entrance to marquee on the day.

Some of our club members have also donated to be a Platinum Sponsor. If you would like to donate, or know of a business who would like to become a sponsor, contact **Cali Craig** 0437 031 007 for details: Platinum \$500, Gold \$250, Other \$...

## The Mosman Bash: 5-7 April

This is an open tournament, inviting players from other clubs to experience our tournament and hospitality. All places are filled. Information has been circulated to Club members, to learn more about the tournament.

Come and watch some great competition. **We need help from our club members** to welcome our visiting players, and to assist providing cakes for morning tea, and setting up and putting away at Sunday Lunch.

For all AC enquiries, contact **John Fransen** at [johnfransen@jandlfransen.com](mailto:johnfransen@jandlfransen.com)

## Golf Croquet Update

### GC Advantage Play

Enthusiastic club members have been getting used to Advantage Play as an alternative to Handicap (free turns), and have enjoyed the small twilight mini-tournaments arranged by **Rob Wright**.

Advantage Play is being used increasingly across NSW clubs, and our Centenary competition is likely to played under this format.

### NSW GC Pennants Competition 2024

Requests have been sent seeking GC players who wish to go in Pennants this year.

If you wish to enter the Pennants competition, contact Penny Paterson ASAP:  
E: pennyp2086@gmail.com

### Ricochet: Saturdays at 11:15am

Four of our members visited Strathfield Club early in March to learn about using tactics in Ricochet. The information is being shared with other players at our Saturday morning sessions of Ricochet.

Around 10-14 players are coming to play Ricochet on Saturdays. We are all learning...  
Come and join us – it is fun!

Mosman is hosting the NSW Division 3 Ricochet Championships in June, so we hope a few of our new players will be brave enough to enter the competition against players from other clubs.



### MEM Trophy

The MEM Trophy was played 27-28 February between Division 3 players from Mosman, Elanora and Manly Clubs. The finals were between Elanora and Manly with Elanora's **Jan Marich** and **Wendy Quinn** undefeated throughout – a great result. Well done to **Michael Morton-Evans** and **Richard Westgarth** who made it to the semi-finals losing by a brilliant back-door clearance by Jan on the 13<sup>th</sup> Hoop – very frustrating!

Thank you to Elanora for providing the refreshments for the celebrations afterwards.

### Club Matters:

#### Opening of the Lawns Party, 2 March

Around 55 members joined in games and a sausage sizzle to celebrate the new Croquet Season 2024. Big thanks to **Greg Breden** for doing the BBQ, and to **Helen Clugston** and **Belinda Kerr** who have recently taken on the role of catering for the club events.

We were delighted to be visited by the Mayor and some of the councillors, who enjoyed seeing the club in action – with beautiful renovated lawns – and enjoyed having a game of croquet.

#### Greenskeepers' access for Mowing Lawns

Credit for the great condition of our lawns goes to **our greenskeeper Scott Denham**, who has been working with our Grounds Team to improve the quality of the lawns.

Recently there have been instances when Scott or Snowy had to wait for members to complete their games before they could mow lawns.

Members need to

**ALWAYS cease play and remove the hoops whenever the greenskeepers come to mow lawns.**



MEM winners, Wendy Quinn & Jan Marich



Elanora, Manly and Mosman Teams – at start of the MEM Tournament 27-28 February



## HELLOoooo 100 years ..... Coming Up

### Episode 7: Electricity – and a Lease

On **6 October 1952** Mrs Giles reports that 200ft of lighter gauge chain wire and one coil of 8 gauge wire were necessary for the sides of the lawns. Mrs Giles also states that 28 yds of timber was necessary for the bottom edge of the lower lawn.

At the meeting on **5 October 1954** it was proposed that a letter be sent to Mosman Council asking them to please do something about the roof because the rain was ruining the ceiling. **In 1955** it is proposed by members that the gas jets be removed and electric light be installed, the poles for electricity having been brought along the road for the former migrant camp. The next few years deal with general club matters and the amalgamation of the Croquet Players Association with the N.S.W. Association.

**In 1958** the president said she had been in touch with the Mayor of Mosman and he was quite agreeable to donate a shield and would also give 2 trophies as well. At a meeting on 23 June 1958 a letter was tabled from the Council stating that as from January 1, 1959 they could no longer undertake any part of the upkeep of the Mosman Croquet Lawns but were prepared to grant a lease of the premises and lawns for the sum of £10 per annum. At the meeting on **1 September 1959** it is reported that the lease had now been finalized and placed for safe keeping with Messrs Hill Thomson & Sullivan, Solicitors.

The minutes of the 37th Annual Meeting held on **5th July 1960** are the first typewritten minutes.

The 5th November 1963 meeting reports a very amicable discussion taking place with a committee from the Mosman Women’s Bowling Club regarding the proposed new green at the Bowling Club to be placed adjacent to the western boundary of “our club”.

**In 1964** it is decided to obtain quotes from various roofers for the repair and/or renewal of the clubhouse roof.

1966 commences with a resolution that all members be asked to submit ideas and plans for alterations to the clubhouse.....

#### FROM:

**Mary Gibson, Member since 1993**  
Former President, Vice-President, Secretary  
Life Member of MCC

### Letter from the President

Dear all,

Wonderful opening of the Lawns and the MCC season, great tribute to our Grounds Team. Great fun, lots of laughter and friendship, all in the true spirit of Mosman Croquet Club.

Thank you to everyone for making a very memorable occasion, and to the Grounds Team, and Scott, for all their work in ensuring the lawns at MCC are absolutely fabulous.

Have a great Easter,

*Joanne*

### Some photos from Opening of the Lawns:



*A very enjoyable day: The Opening of the Lawns*



**See you on the Lawns!!**

