



# MCC Newsletter – October 2020

## Diary Dates:

### The Mosman Prize: Fri 30 Oct – Sun, 1 Nov 2020

We have many club members helping at The Mosman Prize tournament, and many MCC members are playing this year. We still need a few more helpers for timekeeping. Come and watch a great competition.

**Wednesday 28 October, at 12:30:** Halloween Luncheon will be held. Dress in your ghoulish best. Contact Cali Craig on Mob: 0437 031 007, to see if any places are still available

And **SAVE the DATE** for our Christmas Party – on Sat 12 Dec, 2020.

## New Members' Welcome

We were pleased to hold a special new members' welcome mid-October, with some late-afternoon croquet together and welcome from the Committee.

Our club has had 17 new members since the start of 2020. What a difficult year for them to get started in the club, without all our usual social activity.



New Coaching Coordinator for the club, **Michael Chambers**, had the great idea to arrange this activity. The event was simple and welcoming, and 'socially-distanced', and the new members enjoyed getting to know each other.

## Association Croquet Update

With so many people spending time at home these days, instead of away on holiday, it is good to see larger numbers of players enjoying AC sessions.

In addition we have a growing group of AC learners who have now developed their skills and are starting to enjoy real games. Thank you to **Rob Wright** who has spent the last 2 months of Sundays providing coaching and introducing these newcomers to the delights of AC.

For all AC enquiries, contact Ron Humpherson at [rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au)

## Golf Croquet Update

### Changed Start Times on Wednesdays & Fridays

With Wednesday and Friday morning golf croquet being so popular in recent months, there have been some problems fitting everyone on the lawns. The mornings are beautiful, and it was decided to start an hour earlier, at 8:30am, and commence with a supervised draw to mix people up and to get groups on and off the lawns.

The new structure has been in place for several weeks and is working well. Wednesday morning is normal play, and Friday morning is singles games only. Thank you to **Cali Craig**, **Penny Paterson**, **Michael Chambers** and **Ian Pedley** for setting the changes in place, AND for giving up a lot of their own croquet-playing time to manage it.

### The Mosman Prize, 30 Oct-1 Nov

There has been a wonderful response from club members to help out with our big annual GC tournament, The Mosman Prize. With so many people helping, everyone will have a great time, and share the load. **Ron Humpherson** will provide training this Wednesday at 1:30pm, for all who have offered to help with timekeeping.

We just need a couple more cakes donated on Friday or Saturday. Phone **Cali Craig** on 0437 031 007, if you can offer another cake or slice or fruit platter.

The tournament has 32 competitors playing round-robin in four blocks, allocated according to handicap. With prize-money donated by **Geoff Grist of Richardson & Wrench** Mosman/Neutral Bay, and with everyone getting lots of games, this is always a popular event on the Croquet calendar. Geoff Grist has been kindly supporting this event at MCC for over 10 years.

## Get Involved.....

### Ricochet, anyone?

There are more people coming to play Ricochet on Saturdays at 11:30am. Also starting on Tuesdays at 9:30am – you may need to get a group together on Tuesdays, to ensure there are enough starters.

### Take a holiday in NSW and play croquet along the way!!

### Tournaments, anyone?

With greater interest in Tournament play, check out what's on at the Croquet NSW website, for CNSW events and various club events: <https://croquet-nsw.org/events.html>

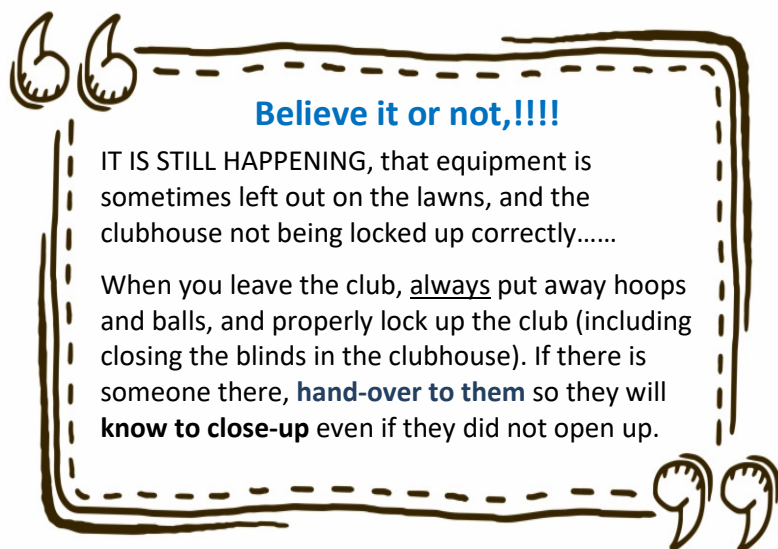
## Club Matters:

### Caring for Hoops & Holes

You will notice the great posters on the equipment cupboards on each Lawn, demonstrating how you should insert the hoops each time you come to play.

There is now no excuse for bashing the hoops too far into the ground and making the holes too loose. Just get some *Sphagnum moss* from the cupboard and fill up the hole if the hoops are going in too far. Easy!!

The posters were prepared by **Hugh Lander**, with artwork and design by **Jo Charlton**. Thanks for the excellent information. Everyone received their own personal poster in a mailout to all, yesterday.



**See you on the Lawns!!**

### Rabbit Runs

With only a few days to go before we hold The Mosman Prize, the **Grounds Team** are preparing the lawns for the tournament. They are building new hoop holes to carry the stress of so much intense play during the Prize.

Big thanks to the Grounds Team, spending so much of their own time meticulously measuring, digging and repairing the hoop runs. Where would we be without you?

### COVID Update:

We are pleased that NSW is maintaining control of COVID across our state. Also our club continues to follow government guidelines.

The key principles for coronavirus prevention remain in place at our club:

- Maintain a distance of 1.5m from other people
- Wash hands (20 secs) or sanitise, frequently
- No more than 10 people per lawn
- Everyone must record name in Attendance Book whenever they come to the club.
- Stay outdoors as far as possible. No more than 9 people in the clubhouse.
- Our kitchen is open, but good hygiene must be maintained.

We have a COVID Safety Plan in place, and are following it.

### Broken Bones, etc.....

We have a few of our members out-of-action this month from various misdemeanours.

**Richard Small** broke his hip early in October. He is now in rehab, and working hard to get himself fit again

**Deb McDowall** is having an extended recovery from a very complicated hip replacement operation, and is yearning for the day when she will be back for a game of croquet.

**Gordon Ingate** is also out-of-action, with a set of broken ribs. Rumour has it that he was wrangling a steer, at the time.....

### New Club Members

Welcome to two new members over the last month: **Jo Beattie** and **Grahame Kelly**.