



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March – The Mosman Bash – NOTE: Lawns are unavailable for usual club play.

WE NEED Members help looking after referees, morning teas, etc., as well as providing some cakes and/or slices. Volunteer lists in Clubhouse. Further details in the AC update below.

29-30 April – The Gibson Trophy – Handicap singles event – watch this space!

Every Saturday - Ricochet - Come and play every Saturday at 11:15am. If you haven't played before, give it a go. New players are welcome.

Every Wednesday – Mahjong – from 11.00am in Clubhouse

OPENING OF THE LAWNS PARTY

Our Opening Day was a great success with over 55 members enjoying the casual day of croquet and BBQ. Our special guest Felicity Wilson Member for Lower North Shore was able to join us for lunch and later walk around the new lawn 1-2 fencing and gardens and inspect the new mower which was made possible from successful \$10,000 CBP Grant.

Our thanks go to all the helpers who made the day such a success and especially Greg Breden who slaved over the BBQ cooking all those snags and onions.

The winner of the day was Rosie Portus and runner up Ian Pedley and they were presented with their “mystery” prizes.

GENERAL UPDATES

Lawn Booking System: Pennants, Top 10, Coaching Clinics

The 2023 Pennant competition is now underway. This will mean that the lawns may be booked for pennants matches. These matches take place in “Open Play” sessions of the MCC Weekly Program of Play. The Top 10 is also still in progress and coaching clinics are booked together with the AC Mosman Bash which taking place at the end of the month.

Please check the Lawn Booking System before coming for a social game to ensure the lawns are available.

General Reminder – Please make sure that all gates and clubhouse are locked if you are the last players to leave after each session.

Lawn Mowing – During summer months the Greenkeepers mow the lawns either Monday or Tuesday and Friday each week from 12.00 noon to 1.30pm. Please ensure that all hoops are packed away prior to 12 noon.

Covid - Is still with us. If you are unwell or have a cold, please **stay at home**.

GC UPDATE

Pennants – Pennants begins in March and Teams have now been selected – we have two Division 2 teams and three Division 3 teams. Go Mosman!

MEM Trophy – Our annual competition between Manly and Elanora. Wow, what a competition, unfortunately Mosman didn't quite manage to make the semi finals with Elanora and Manly battling it out and Manly, for the second year running, winning the trophy. A great effort from Mosman and thank you to everyone to played. Playing a Div 2 player with a Div 3 player was a great experience for all the players. A big thank you to Ron for sorting the computer program, Joanne and Jim Patterson for helping put it all together and to our timekeepers and slice makers! Also thanks to Elanora for sponsoring the drinks and food for the prizegiving – definitely appreciated. Mosman, next year, we have to bring it home!



CNSW Event – NSW Division 3 Singles Championships – 12 – 14 July. Entries are now open on the CNSW website for this event. Entering into tournaments is one of the best ways to learn new tactics, techniques and improve your play. If you haven't played in a tournament, then now is your opportunity. Depending on registrations this may be increased to a 3 day event. If you wish to enter and don't have a handicap card, please contact Penny Paterson on 0409 848 309.

CNSW Event – NSW Division 3 Doubles Championships – 10 - 11 July, this is being hosted by the Chatswood Croquet Club. What can I say that I haven't already said about

the Singles Championships. Grab a partner and give it a go! Depending on registrations this may be increased to a 3 day event.

Manly Seabreeze – 9 – 12 May, yet another opportunity to get in some tournament play and to meet some fellow croquet players. I would recommend putting in your entry as soon as possible as this is always a popular tournament.

AC UPDATE

The Mosman Bash, 24-26 March

The Mosman Bash is our annual open Association Croquet tournament, where we invite players from other clubs to play in a 3-day tournament. It is limited to 24 players, playing in 4 grids organised according to handicap level. Games are handicapped according to players handicap level, and everyone stands a fair chance of winning their grid. It is an enjoyable tournament.

MCC members are invited to come and watch some excellent games of Association Croquet

Our club is renowned for our hospitality, and for a well-organised tournament. To achieve this, we need input from all our members (not just the members who play AC). **WE NEED HELPERS to make sure everything runs smoothly.** If you can help, ***please put your name on the list*** in the clubhouse.

If you can help, please put your name on the list in the clubhouse especially for:

1. **Cakes and Slices** - so that we can provide our visitors with a supply of delicious goodies throughout each day.
2. **General Assistants/runners** – checking the urns and keeping players and referees supplied with water/tea/coffee/cakes
3. **SUNDAY: Setting up tables and chairs** prior to lunch (from approx. 12 noon)
4. **Packing up** after the event, on Sunday afternoon.

Everyone is welcome to join the group for Sunday Lunch, from 12:30pm on 26/3/23. Please RSVP on the list at the Clubhouse – Cost is \$20 per person.

Ricochet at MCC

On Saturday 11 Feb a large group attended the Club for an introduction to the game of Ricochet. This is a game which combines concepts of Golf and Association Croquet, and is a lot of fun.

After some initial outline of the basic rules of the game, new players were allocated to more experienced players and everyone played doubles games, with hands-on guidance provided by the more experienced partner. Players had a great time throughout the morning, and then had lunch together before the usual Saturday afternoon GC commenced.

All club members are invited to come at **11:15 am each Saturday**, if you wish to join the Ricochet games. New players are welcome. Don't worry if you have not played Ricochet before – everyone is very helpful.



COACHING UPDATE

The first coaching sessions have now taken place with Alison providing a session to each of our Division 2 and Division 3 pennants teams. Thank you to Alison and Michael for arranging these sessions.

Upcoming coaching:

Improve your game with Rob Wright

Monday March 20, 9.00 am

Suitable for players with handicaps 8-12

On lawn.

Improve your Basic Skills

Monday March 27, 9.00 am

Small groups. Aimed at players early in their career, with no handicap, or handicap >11.

Please **register** for these coaching sessions and just don't turn up as coaches are based on the number of registrations. If you wish to register, please contact Michael Chambers. 0488187328 <emailthedoc@yahoo.com>

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS?

For your information we now have a folder in the Clubhouse with some of the flyers for various tournaments which are happening around New South Wales. **This folder is kept near the computer and the competition folders.** Some of the tournaments that are coming up are:

March

Wed 15th - Sat 18th	GC	Wagga Wagga 15th Annual Golf Croquet Carnival
Fri 17th - Sun 19th	RC	Sawtell 3 days of RC
Mon 20th - Thu 23rd	GC	Forster Golf Croquet Autumn Carnival

Fri 24th	GC	Parkes Masters Games
Fri 24th - Sun 26th	AC	Mosman Bash

May

Tue 2nd - Fri 5th	GC	Taree Wild Fig
Tue 9th - Fri 12th	GC	Manly Seabreeze GC
Fri 26th - Sat 27th	RC	NSW Open Doubles (Nowra)
Sun 28th - Tue 30th	RC	NSW Open Singles (Nowra)

All these events get booked out very quickly. The Croquet NSW website is where you will find more information, together with flyers and registration forms. If you want help navigating the CNSW website, give Penny a call on 0409 848 309.