



# NEWSLETTER

July 2022

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Vicki Westfall  
Catherine Drury  
Peta Neil

Nicole Shrimpton  
Michael Wilkinson  
Jane Trousdale

Tony Boyle  
Suzy Howarth  
Rosemary Christmas

Michael Chambers is arranging coaching for these new members and hopefully you will meet them on the lawns soon so please make them feel welcome.

## DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

**Saturday August 27 2022, 11.30 am - Annual General Meeting** - The Notice of the AGM together with the relevant papers, will be emailed in due course.

## LAWNS 1-2 BOUNDARY UPDATE

Members will be aware that the first stage of the Lawn 1-2 Masterplan has been completed on time.

The new Buxus hedging has been planted on Lawn 1 and the Subcommittee have installed temporary soaker hoses to water the new plants on a regular basis whilst they become established.

We have received many compliments about the project to date and wish to congratulate the Subcommittee chair David McGrane and his team of Chris Gingell, John Fransen and Greg Breden for a very successful Lawn 1 project.

The subcommittee have had preliminary discussions regarding the Lawn 2 boundary project and are in the process of obtaining quotes for the next stage of the Masterplan.

## GENERAL UPDATES

### Gardens.

Thank you to those members who spent several hours last Monday tidying up the practice lawn garden and trimming shrubs.

When the weather warms up, we are proposing to have a Spring garden working bee to prune shrubs and do a thorough clean-up of the area down by shed on lawn 1.

**Clubhouse** - We have started a spring clean and a big thank you to Libby Moline who has reorganised some of the kitchen cupboards. We are missing quite a few mugs and small plates so please report any breakages so that the items can be replaced.

The internal clubhouse blinds that were covered in mould have been taken down and professionally cleaned.

**GC Rules** – From 1 July, the rules for Golf Croquet have changed. For further information, see the GC update in this newsletter.

**Mahjong – Do you want to learn?** Mahjong is played at approximately 11.00 am on Wednesdays after croquet and beginners are more than welcome. To make life easier, Mahjong books are used. If you are interested in learning, please contact either Marlene Thomas or Rosie Mott.

**Covid**, colds and flu are definitely around. Please do not come to the Club if you are unwell.

**Club Clothing** – Do you need any Club clothing, eg, polo shirts, jackets, vests etc? If so, please contact Madeleine Gray (0414 531 357) who will look after your requirements. A list will also be in the Clubhouse that you can add your order to.

### **CPR AND AED REFRESHER DEMONSTRATION**



A team from Surf Life Saving came Club to give a CPR update. It was well received. Thank you to Michael for arranging this.

### **COACHING NEWS**

Michael is also offering any member who seeks basic skills fine tuning, to contact him and he will arrange a coach to get you back on track.

### **GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

The Grounds Team comprises Greg Breden, De Howarth, Heather Sherlock, Peter Stevens and Lindsay Wood.

Greg is working towards developing a lawn maintenance program shortly which will involve fortnightly maintenance on two lawns. If you would like to help with the lawns and learn how to set the hoops etc., please contact Greg Breden directly.

## GC UPDATE



**The Gibson Trophy** – Well done Denis Edleston who, with a huge number of extra turns against him, managed to win the club's GC handicap Trophy. Also well done to Michael Chambers (runner up) and our other finalists - Cathy Cripps, De Howarth, Rob Wright, Jim Clarke, Diana Wayland and Lindsay Wood. And special congratulations go to the new faces there.



**Division 3 Championships** – Play is now underway in this, the first of our outright (level play) GC championships. It is for players with a handicap of 9 or above. We have four blocks with only 4 or 5 players in each so we should have plenty of time to complete them before starting the finals on 21<sup>st</sup> July. At this stage no clear finalists have been identified but Anthea Piddington and Deb McDowall are looking good.

**Division 1 and 2 Championships** – Following right on the heels of division 3, our Club Competition Calendar shows we are starting similar competitions for divisions 1 and 2. These are for players with handicaps of 4 or less (division 1) and 5 to 8 (division 2). However, it is not unusual for competitors to play up a level, and maybe (?) even win. You can now enter on the website or in the folder at the Club. Entries for both of these close on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July. Competitors will be divided into blocks and play the others in their group from 1<sup>st</sup> August. If the number of entrants require it, as did division 3, a final series will be played between the block winners and runners-up to give us our champion by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**GC Rules (Reminder).** From 1<sup>st</sup> July, the 6th edition of the World Croquet Federation's GC rules will apply to all GC games - competition and social. The good news is that most of the changes will not significantly affect your usual game. For example, a simple change is that the winner of the toss for blue & black balls when starting a game can then choose to start or go second. Another is the clearer grouping of Wrong Ball actions under rules 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 and 10.5.

To give you a better overview, Croquet NSW has provided two helpful documents on their website (under Refereeing). These are:

- A Player's Guide to the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the GC Rules, and
- Scenarios introducing new concepts in the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the GC Rules

The new Rule Book is available to purchase at the Club for \$10.00. If you are playing in a competition, it might be the time to brush up on the latest rules.

**CNSW Division 2 Handicap Doubles** – Well done to De Howarth and Penny Paterson who were runners up in the Division 2 handicap Doubles which were played in Nowra.

## AC UPDATE

### Coaching News - Introduction to AC

A number of GC players have taken up Rob Wright's invitation to extend their croquet skills and learn AC. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Rob (0416 161 863) or Bronwyn McGrane (0411 684 720).

If you would just like to get an idea of what AC is all about we will be running some demonstration sessions on the practice lawn during the **Wednesday morning Club Play on 6 July**. Come and join us when you are sitting out between sessions.

### AC News

This year Mosman entered teams in Gold, Silver and Bronze but sadly the lack of entries from other clubs resulted in only a Bronze competition. Our Bronze team has played two matches so far and although we did not win, they were hard fought battles. With several AC beginners having their first go at outside competition play, it was a great effort.

The Club AC Championship is underway and next month the AC Silver Championship begins. If you have not already entered please put your name in the AC Competition register in the clubhouse. (Handicaps >8).

## SUN ZI AND THE ART OF CROQUET

The club has been presented with a copy of this book by its author Graham Maynard, a member of Cammeray CC. Graham contends that the principles enunciated by Sun Zi in his Art of War can be applied to croquet. If you believe playing croquet is a battle this is a must read. If not, it is an interesting read as an intellectual exercise. Look for a yellow folder in the clubhouse with the book and a borrowers list.

