



NEWSLETTER

December 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID RESTRICTIONS — The current restrictions are still in place so far as the QR Code, masks and square metre rules are concerned. The Committee has also requested that you sign in to the attendance book when arriving at the club.

CORPORATE EVENTS – There are few Corporate Events happening in December – please check the website and the notice board to see dates and times for these events.

XMAS PARTY AND CELEBRATION FOR MARY GIBSON—12 December—See flyer in Clubhouse and annex.

LAWN MAINTENANCE— Lawns 3 and 4 are out for maintenance till approximately 14 December. Lawns 1 and 2 are being cored and scarified and will be unavailable from 19 December—26 January 2022.

SOCIAL SATURDAYS – Still happening - Come along and join the fun.

2022 CLUB COMPETITION AND PENNANTS CALENDER – this will be published shortly

BAR PRICES – Due to ever increasing costs our Bar prices will be rising by a minimal amount in the New Year. Our thanks go to Jim and Lorrie who purchase and keep our fridges stocked for our enjoyment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Over the next few weeks we will be hosting several Corporate and community groups for their Christmas parties. Not only does it promote community awareness for our club but it brings in much needed funds that are always so welcome. This interrupted year with COVID has not allowed us to have any fundraising events so we need to encourage these groups from outside.

We need 3-4 volunteer “coaches” for each booking and a volunteer list will go up at the club today with the function dates. PLEASE HELP – these are FUN events and several are return bookings or from recommendations from previous years.

At this busy time of year and with lawns 3-4 out for maintenance members are reminded to look online to make sure that lawns 1-2 are free for play. There is a list of the Christmas bookings on white notice board in clubhouse and in diary.

Our Christmas Party plans are well underway and the booking sheets for attending and to assist with setting up/cleaning up are in clubhouse. If Possible, can members please pay by EFT / cash ON THE DAY they book – this is a safeguard for us just in case we need to restrict numbers. Of course

only those who are fully vaccinated may attend the dinner. Fun games start on the lawns from 3pm with Carols at 5, presentations at 5.30 and our Christmas feast around 6pm.

Our amazing “Raffle Queen” Christine Ferguson is organising our Christmas Raffle again this year so please bring your delicacies and place in box in clubhouse. Last year we raised over \$450 so we want to beat that this year.

Our gardens are starting to show their potential, new planting in the practice lawn garden, new shoots on the Abelias, and the front garden has had a complete makeover for Christmas thanks to our garden team.

Peter Coles has very generously given us one of his practice mallets as a fundraiser and we will be looking at raffling this at the opening of the lawns in March 2022.

GC NEWS

DON'T GIVE UP - We're getting close to finishing our regional Pennants Tests and are really hoping we can have State finalists in all three divisions -

DIVISION 1 PENNANTS TEAM – On 3 December, they are playing their last pennants match against Sutherland. After this, they will know if they made the finals which are taking place in the Hunter Valley in mid-January. They have played with a courage that was best shown by their come from behind win in the doubles against Killara. Down 5-3 Vaughn very discreetly advised Denis that “we have to win the next hoop no matter what”. Denis agreed, they did, and even though the other team won the next to make it 6-4, the pressure was on - and they made a mistake. Mosman didn't. As Vaughn said “never give up and make each shot count”. He also noted he doesn't like losing.

DIVISION 2 PENNANTS TEAM – Mosman Blue has made the finals which are to take place at Tempe February 2022.

DIVISION 3 PENNANTS TEAM - Heather's White team is currently sitting on top while they wait on the outcome of one last test between two Chatswood and Warrawee. They have a good chance.

For all those who played in pennants this year, well done and I hope you all enjoyed the competition.

CNSW GC DIVISION 1 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS and the winner is:



Our very own Alison Sharpe – congratulations Alison!

Alison Sharpe won the GC Division 1 Singles Championship at Tempe. Alison led the field of 10 after the block play and then successfully contested the X knock-out to beat David Scott of Ballina Cherry Street 2 games to 1 in the final.

SILVER BROOCH AND BRONZE BROOCH are being held at Maitland in December – Michael Chang is playing in the Bronze Brooch and Penny Paterson is playing in the Bronze Brooch. Good luck to both Michael and Penny.

For all GC enquiries, email Richard Westgarth:
richard@westgarth.com.au

AC NEWS

At Eastwood Rob Wright and Ron Humpherson both competed in the AC Silver Brooch. It was a hard fought and exhausting contest with players required to play three 2.5 hr games on some days. In the end Rob came out on top, winning all his games with Ron not far behind as runner-up. We'll done Rob and Ron.

COACHING

We have had two very popular and worthwhile coaching sessions in November. Our thanks to Alison Sharpe, Mary Gibson, Fidy Westgarth, Penny Paterson and Denis Edleston for their time and expert tuition. Those members who have missed out on these coaching sessions will be included in next year's sessions which we are in the process of planning

The Rules session is being presented by Michael Morton-Evans, next Monday, 1 December.



Tactics with Denis

KNOW YOUR RULES

GOLF

When a red ball cleared the boundary, the owner of the red stopped it with his foot after it had crossed the boundary line – his opponent said that this was a fault – y/n – Rule 6.5

In doubles, blue inadvertently plays black – what happens – Rule 10.3.1.

ASSOCIATION

Ray has just played a croquet stroke with Red off Yellow leaving a big double for Blue. Ray then leaves the court without playing the continuation stroke. Bab then plays a stroke with Blue by shooting at Red and hitting it. Ray then remembers he did not play his continuation shot and asks to be allowed to play it so that he can remove the double. Is this permitted? Law 7.6.6

MAHJONG

Mahjong seems to be gaining strength with two tables last Wednesday. If you are interested, Mahjong is played after croquet on Wednesdays at 11.00/11.30 am – Note: Covid rules apply so please wear masks.

CROQUET NSW AND REGIONAL - UP AND COMING EVENTS

Here are a few of the up and coming events for 2022:

24-28 February	AC – Orange City Autumn Carnival
10-13 March	GC – Young Autumn Carnival
18-19 March	GC – Wagga Wagga 14 th Annual Golf Carnival
1 -4 April	Nowra Singles and Doubles Carnival
5-8 May	Cammeray Croquet Club Birthday Tournament

All these and more are on the Croquet NSW website however you should be aware that you need to get in quick – people are travelling so these events are really popular.