



MCC Newsletter, February 2024

NOTICES:

Lawns Update: ALL LAWNS NOW OPEN: Opening of the Lawns PARTY, Sat 2 March, 2024

Mosman Croquet Club's annual Season Opening Party with games and sausage sizzle, 11:00am-3:00pm.

RSVP and PAY: \$12.00 BYO Drinks & Glasses

Social Sunday, from 3:00pm on 3 March:

Everyone welcome – come and play some games and socialise afterwards.

Register for GC ADVANTAGE Games: Use this [LINK](#)
Registration closes 24 Feb.

Mosman-Elanora-Manly (MEM) Competition:

On Tues 27 Feb, come and watch your Div3 clubmates battle it out..... Will they win the MEM Trophy?

Lawns 1, 2 & 3 closed: from midday 26/2/24 for mowing and Lawns setup, and on Tues 27/2/24 for the MEM games.

Club Apparel – Orders CLOSE 23/3/2024

Update you address in the Members' List, if you have moved address since joining MCC.

Golf Croquet Update

GC Club Competitions

MCC competitions are now underway. **The Top 10** is nearly half-way through, with still many games to be played.

Division 3 players are playing doubles competition in the **MEM**, to be held at Manly and at Mosman on 26-27 Feb. This is a great opportunity for handicaps 9-and-over to play in competition. Players will gather afterwards for a celebration kindly provided by Elanora.

Division 3 Club Championships will commence soon. Don't forget to register!

ADVANTAGE GC

Rob Wright recently held an information session at the club, introducing many of us to the concepts of Advantage GC. The ADVANTAGE rules ensure every player, whether playing in a singles or doubles comp, will have a 50% chance of winning – no matter if they are a weak or strong player! Participants were able to play a game afterwards using this different method of handicap play.

There will be further opportunities for practising ADVANTAGE Rules in competitions this year. The first competition will be held in March, with registrations closing on the 24/2/24.

See more details on this competition is at the clubhouse.

For GC enquiries, email

Penny Paterson, E: PennyP2086@gmail.com

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Association Croquet News

The Mosman Bash, 5-7 April

The Bash is fully subscribed. Save the date to come and watch some great AC battles! We will be seeking assistance from club members during these games.

Club Competitions

It is time to check out the Competition Calendar and put your name down for the club comps. Florence Scott for novice players will be held in March.

For AC enquiries, contact John Fransen at johnfransen@jandlfransen.com

Club Matters:

Club Uniform Orders

Madeleine Gray is placing orders for T-shirts, winter jackets, etc, **on 24 March**. Order your items on the Order Form near the Attendance Book, at the Clubhouse. For any queries contact her directly by email, or phone 0414 531 357.

Australia Day: Twilight Games & BBQ

Around 30 members got together, late afternoon, for games and BBQ on Australia Day. The weather had been blisteringly hot all day, and then turned magically balmy as people arrived at MCC.

After a few mixed-around games everyone was happy to stop for a drink and a chat, and finished up with a BBQ and loads of lamingtons. Thank you to all who helped set up for the meal, and the others who tidied-up afterwards. There were lots of willing hands!

Hero of the day was **Greg Breden** who not only set up and supervised the BBQ but also wore the best Vegemite socks!!

Volunteer Champions!

BIG thank you to **Michael Chambers, Bronwyn and David McGrane, Libby Moline** and **Lindsay Abbott** for the massive clean-up they did recently in preparation for the Council collection next week.

Letter from the President

Dear all,

A great start for 2024, with the very successful and well attended Australia Day BBQ and twilight games.

All out thanks to Greg and Marion Breden.

Also, thanks to Rob Wright who, as Coaching Coordinator organized twilight sausage sizzle and games using Advantage system of handicapping, everyone enjoyed the evening, and general approval of Advantage play. Rob organizing further events using the Advantage system, and everyone interested in competitive play encouraged to put names down on the online list. Rob has initiated a program which is aimed at encouraging croquet skills development among all MCC members.

Thanks must go to Helen Clugston and Belinda Kerr for taking over the Catering Team from Janet Bickett, who is stepping aside this year, but will be on call for the Mosman Prize and the Mosman Bash. All our thanks to Janet and the new catering Team for their wonderful commitment to MCC.

The lawns are looking wonderful, thank to the hard work and attention by Tony Michaels and his team, and the opening of the practice lawn.

The MEM teams are in full swing (so to speak) practising for the upcoming MEM Tournament. Thanks to Penny for organizing Coaching Session for the team and Ron Humpherson and Alison Sharpe for their valuable input. All welcome to come and watch at Mosman on Tuesday, 28th February. Many thanks to Elanora for providing the food and wine at the presentation at completion of the Tournament.

Take care,

Joanne

See you on the Lawns!!

HELLOooooo 100 years Coming Up

Episode 6: The early 1950s – Changes afoot

The AGM held **18 July 1950** tabled a letter received from the Croquet Players Association NSW (CPA NSW) asking that they might engage the club premises when needed at £1 a time rather than a rental of £10 per annum. A letter was also received from Mosman Council asking the club to help the Fund for the Mosman War Memorial. It was decided that Col. Saalfeld organise a tournament for this purpose.

The first meeting in **1951** held 9 January reported two newspaper articles; one reporting that £10 was handed to Mosman Council towards the War Memorial, the other that the Croquet Players Association NSW would entertain Mr Hamilton-Miller, English Open Amateur Champion 1946.

Minutes during 1951 report **the necessity of a Waiting List** and the use of Club Lawns by the CPA for the “Jubilee” Tournament. Proposals to permit play on Sundays, and encourage the younger generation by allowing children to play by some sort of family membership, were defeated. An Extraordinary General Meeting held on 17 July to allow a committee of 8 members instead of 6 was passed with two gentlemen, Col. Saalfeld and Major Tingey being added to the present committee. At a meeting on November 6 it is reported that the Assoc. Shield was won by Manly, the Wall Trophy by Marrickville and the Epping Shield by Mosman.

At the AGM held **1 July 1952** the office of “Immediate Past President” was created. It was also decided that two members from each croquet grade be elected to the Committee. In the event of a committee member moving to a higher grade they automatically resigned. At this meeting a letter is tabled written by Col Saalfeld as secretary of CPA NSW regarding amalgamation with the NSW Croquet Association.....

FROM:

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

HAVE YOU MOVED ADDRESS since joining MCC??

Many of our club records are out of date. If you have moved address since joining MCC, update your address in the Members’ List, by emailing: Secretary@mosmancroquet.org.au