



MCC Newsletter – February 2021

Diary Dates:

Opening of the Lawns Party, 2021: RSVP essential, by 28 Feb 2021 – pay \$10/head

Our annual Opening Party will be held at the Club on **Saturday 6 March commencing 11.00am** with a fast-and-furious Golf Croquet doubles competition, and a sausage sizzle light lunch. Everyone is welcome. You will be randomly allocated to a partner for the doubles competition.

CNSW Golf Croquet Pennants start from 1 March 2021

The Mosman Bash, 21–23 May 2021: open Handicap AC Tournament

Coaching! Coaching! Coaching!

As 2021 gets started, we find there is a huge amount of interest in coaching amongst our club members. Our Club Coaching Calendar 2021 has been put together by Games Captain, **Ron Humpherson**, and Coaching Coordinator, **Michael Chambers** and the program for the first quarter was recently circulated.

You will find the events, dates and contact persons on the MCC Website:



Most of the coaching sessions are provided *gratis* by volunteers from within our Club, and additional private professional coaching can also be arranged with **Alison Sharpe**. (Mob: 0423 105 913).

Furthermore, we have several members planning to get training and accreditation to become coaches, in 2021. Please contact **Michael Chambers**, if you wish to take training to become a club coach E: emailthedoc@yahoo.com

Association Croquet Tournaments, 2021

Entry forms for this year's Club AC tournaments are now available in the Competition Register folder, in the clubhouse.

Click [here](#) to see the **Club Competition Calendar**, or go to Playing Information, in the MCC website.

Players Pathway to Excellence Program (PPEP)

Mosman Council awarded a partial grant to our club to provide this special coaching program to many of our Club members. PPEP is a focused two-day program for players wishing to improve their chances in tournaments. We will hold 4-5 of these sessions throughout this year, to small groups.

The PPEP provides a proven training and mentoring program to enable members to increase their skills and feel confident to participate in state championships and inter-club events. We are very fortunate to have World Champion **Alix Verge**, who developed the program for Croquet NSW, to deliver the sessions and provide advice to our members. It is a culture-changing experience.

In February, we held a two-day session each for GC Division 2 and Division 3 players seeking to improve their competitive edge. In March Alix will deliver the program to a group of AC players.



Div 2 PPEP Group (Alix Verge is 4th from right)

Golf Croquet Update

NSW GC Pennants Competition 2021

Nearly 50 MCC members have put up their hands to participate in the NSW Pennants Competition, which opens on 1/3/2021. Croquet NSW supervises the competition and divides the state into regions

for the preliminaries, with the finals being held at Tempe later in the year.

Pennants is a great way of playing competitively with other local clubs, meeting other croquet players, and finding out more about croquet culture in other places. Each Pennants Team has 6-8 members, and there are some reserves.

We have entered two Division 2 teams and three Division 3 Teams in the Pennants. The team captains are: **Michael Morton-Evans**; **Ian Cameron**; **Cali Craig**; **Anthea Piddington**; and **Heather Sherlock**. They will organise dates with other clubs, whether playing at-home or away, and will coordinate their team's participation in the competition.

Anyone needing a Club T-shirt should check supplies at the Clubhouse, and place an order with Fidy e if necessary to order more.

At Mosman, the at-home games will be arranged during any 'Open Play' times in the Weekly Program of Play, and may occasionally be held on Friday mornings taking up some Friday Singles lawns and the Clubhouse. Remember to check the **Lawn Booking System** on the MCC website to see when Pennants games have been booked.

Top 10 Challenge

The Top 10 Challenge is a GC competition between our MCC players of lowest handicap, and will be held during March and April.

Check out all the tournaments in the **2021 Club Tournament schedule**, on the MCC website at <https://www.mosmancroquet.org.au/club-tournaments>

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

Other Opportunities to Play

External Tournaments in March?

- 16-27/3 Eastern Seaboard Open (at various venues across Sydney) – AC Mixed Doubles,
- 18-21/3 Eastern Seaboard Open – AC Singles
- 26-28/3 Sawtell – Ricochet
- 17-20/3 Wagga GC Carnival
- 22-25/3 Forster Autumn GC Carnival
- 27-29/3: NSW GC Open Men's Singles Champ'ships

For entry details and fees see Events/2021 on **Croquet NSW website**: <https://croquet-nsw.org/>

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NOTE: a lot of events are already fully subscribed or filling up quickly – so if you want to play in the Tournaments, you need to register quickly.

Club Matters:

Refurbishment of Lawn 1 Fencing

We have received a grant of \$35,000 towards stabilising the boundaries of Lawn 1. We are commencing with the northern boundary as the hedge has deteriorated (after 95 years) and has died or disappeared in patches.

The plan is to stabilise the boundaries of Lawn 1 with concrete footings and fence to be surrounded by appropriate green plantings. Work will commence within the next few months, and we will complete other sections in stages.

Lawn Bookings

The Weekly Program of Play indicates when AC and GC 'Club Play' times are being held. No one should be booking when coming to play in 'Open Play' times, unless for pre-arranged coaching or groups training as well as official matches or private functions. These are to be booked via the Club Secretary. We recommend you check the Booking System before you come during 'Open Play', especially during Pennants season. It is easy to access the **Lawn Booking System** button from the Home Page of the MCC website.

Contact **Club Secretary** if you need to make a booking for a specific purpose:
E: croquetmosman@gmail.com

Use of the Lawns.....

NOTE – from our Grounds Team:

Let's spread the load on our Lawns, across all Lawns whenever possible. Please arrange **only one group playing on each Lawn** until all available Lawns are in use – then double-bank, as additional games commence.

ALSO: Club Courtesy....If all Lawns are full and there are people waiting to play, NOTICE that there are people waiting!!

Stop playing after one game and allow others to come onto the Lawn for a game. As games finish on other Lawns, your group can commence to play again.

This is a courtesy – and we wish to uphold consideration and courtesy, in our Club.

See you on the Lawns!!