



# MCC Newsletter, September 2023

*HELLOooooo 100 years .....*

## *Coming Up*

Our Club foundation meeting was held at the Mosman Town Hall on **12 June 1924**.

Our **Centenary** is next year.

*Let us start Celebrating with a bit of History.*

Mosman Croquet Club's foundation meeting was held at the Mosman Town Hall on 12 June 1924. The mayor reported that a local women's croquet club had been formed and desired two lawns on Rawson Park. The cost would be £500 or £625 if constructed separately. The Club would pay £350 with Council to provide the balance. The club would have a membership of 80 members, and would have a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary and 6 members of committee.



**Mrs Spring** was elected president, **Mrs Burrows** and **Mrs Fraser-Clark**, Vice-Presidents, **Mrs Garland**, Treasurer, **Mrs Simpson**, Hon Secretary, and **Mrs Samuels**, **Mrs Wines**, **Mrs Dickson**, **Mrs Fallack**, **Mrs King** and **Mrs Ardice Thomas** were elected to the Committee.

A meeting on 14 September 1924 decided that the club affiliate with the Croquet Association of NSW and that the Club colours would be pale and dark blue.

*Watch this space for the next Episode!*

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

## Diary Dates:

**Sunday 24/9/2023: The Martyn Prins Trophy**

Bring your lunch.

Join the crowd to watch the finals, from 1:00pm.

**Sunday 8 /10/2023: Social Sunday**

Arrive to play GC from 3:00pm. Bring something to share with drinks afterwards. Last month's 'Social Sunday' was a gourmet feast with delicious finger food and drinks enjoyed by 20 members. Everyone welcome.

**Wednesday 18/10/2023, at 11:00am:**

**Club Information Morning:**

Come and find out what's what in MCC.

Everyone welcome, especially new members.

**WATCH THIS SPACE - Dates to be advised:**

**Springtime Garden Working Bee**, followed by Sausage Sizzle

Formation of **MCC Bookclub**, - any one interested should contact Joanne Nimmons at: [president@mosmancroquet.org.au](mailto:president@mosmancroquet.org.au).

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Association Croquet News

#### Manly Seabreeze AC Tournament 2023

Members of Mosman Croquet Club had unheard-of success at the Seabreeze tournament mid-September – everyone who entered from our club won a prize!!

**Steve Miles:** Winner, Group 1

**Rob Wright** Winner, Group 2

**Ron Humpherson:** Runner-up, Group 2

**Fidye Westgarth:** Winner, Group 3

**John & Lesley Fransen:** Winners, Handicap-Doubles Group A.

Our Manly neighbours were excellent hosts over the 5-day tournament, and we all had a great time.

For all AC enquiries, contact John Fransen at [john.t.fransen@gmail.com](mailto:john.t.fransen@gmail.com)

### New Referee for MCC

Congratulations to **Michael Chambers**. He has recently qualified as a **GC Referee** !!!

## Golf Croquet Update

### Division and Club Championships

Following completion of Division 3 last month, our Division 1 & 2 and Club Championships are in full-swing now (and into October). Division 1 is going well, with nearly all of their 21 games completed. Division 2 group still have a lot of their 28 games to play, and will need plenty of activity (and maybe some changes) to complete in time. All our Division 1 players are continuing in the Club Championship but do have extra time before the winner is declared.

Casual GC players should note there will probably be a lot of lawn bookings by competitors during Open Play sessions over the next month. Some games may also need playing at other times.

For GC championships enquiries, email Richard Westgarth: [richard@westgarth.com.au](mailto:richard@westgarth.com.au)

## Club Matters:

### Festival of Mosman "Come and Try Croquet"

On Sunday 29/10/2023, 12:00 – 2:00pm our club is open to all comers who would like to try croquet. This is a great chance for our newer club members to have a go at doing some coaching.

We will **need at least 6 coaches** on the day. It is always fun coaching new players in how to play the game.

If you are available, please email Joanne Nimmons at: [president@mosmancroquet.org.au](mailto:president@mosmancroquet.org.au)

## Coaching News

### GC Coaching in September

Many of our Division 3 level players attended a GC Skills session and a separate GC Tactics session. Thank you to our coaches who assisted at these clinics: **Mary Gibson, Rob Wright, Penny Paterson, Michael Chang, Greg Deakin, Richard and Fidy Westgarth, and Michael Chambers.**

Do keep an eye out for these sessions occasionally offered throughout the year. They can be a great help for improving your enjoyment of the game.

**See you on the Lawns!!**

### Ricochet Coaching Session, 9 September

Roberta Flint and Charles Britton from Marrickville Club met with ten of our MCC Ricochet players, to provide some advice on strategy and tactics. The coaching was much appreciated!

Players in our club are mostly new to the game of Ricochet, and now have a much better idea of the approach to the game



Roberta Flint and Charles Britton coached the Ricochet players in strategy, at MCC in September

Ricochet is played every Saturday at 11:30am. Anyone wishing to try Ricochet should contact Madeleine Gray:  
Email: [madeleine.gray@bigpond.com](mailto:madeleine.gray@bigpond.com)

### From the President

Many thanks to **Michael Chambers** for organizing the new whiteboard in the Clubhouse, and to **John Fransen** for organizing new seating on Lawns 1&2, plus other general repair work. All looks great.

It was a great honour for our Club to be part of Mosman Garden Club's 80th Anniversary celebrations last Friday, recognising our MCC lawns as their first site in 1942, for their vegetable garden.

Best wishes to all in the upcoming Martyn Prins Tournament, a greatly loved feature of the MCC Golf Croquet Competition Calendar.

Take care,

*Joanne*