



# MCC Newsletter – August 2019

Welcome to our August Newsletter: See what's happening at Mosman Croquet Club.

## Diary Dates:

**GC Club and Division Championships:** Commencing 1 September. **Entries close on Tuesday, 27th August**

**Next 'Monthly' Dinner, on 6/10/2019:** The monthly dinners are now being held every two months. Check Clubhouse Noticeboard in September, for details of this event.

### The Gibson Trophy, 17-18 Aug

The inaugural Gibson Trophy was held over the weekend 17-18 August, as was hailed as a great success! There were 24 entrants from all different levels across the club. Participants were divided into four blocks of six, ranked according to their GC handicap, and played level singles games. After everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch, the winners of each of the four blocks played-off in semi-finals, and then finals, playing extra turns according to their handicaps.



*Viewing the Gibson Trophy, before Finals play-off*

The Finalists were: Rob Wright (Platinum Block, Richard Westgarth (Gold Block), Judy Larsen (Silver Block) and Peter Larsen (Bronze Block).

AND the winner was..... **Richard Westgarth!!!!**

But we were all winners, really – players and supporters all had a great time. Catering team Cali Craig and Ian Pedley, and their amazing group of helpers were absolute champions. Also, big thanks to those who brought cakes and slices – and Greg Breden is the best barbecuer of sausages ever!! Thank you all.

Also huge thanks to Ron Humpherson who magically pulled together the whole tournament draw and lawn allocations, and kept everything in

good order. Special thanks to **Mary and Robert Gibson** who have initiated this tournament. Everyone agreed it is a great addition to the Tournament calendar.

## Association Croquet Update

### The Barry O'Keefe Trophy

The Barry O'Keefe Knockout Handicaps Doubles Championship was won by **Helen Collins** and **Lindsay Thompson** beating Ron Humpherson and Fidy Westgarth.

### AC Spring Trophy

The Spring Trophy, handicap singles competition, is in progress

*For all AC enquiries, contact Ron Humpherson at [rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au)*

## Golf Croquet Update

### Geoff Grist Ladder 2019

With only a few days to go, it's looking very likely that **Penny Paterson** will be the Ladder WINNER. Penny is now on 121 points, followed by Richard Westgarth on 114 and Ian Cameron on 110. See full results in Players Noticeboard on MCC website.

Penny was co-leader at end of July, and **Jim Clarke** won the category of Most Improved Player.

### Mosman GC Championships

The Club and Division Championships commence 1st September. **REGISTER by 27 August**, in the GC Competition Folder in the Clubhouse.

### CNSW Silver Brooch – 1-3 August 2019

Mosman Club was pleased to help Manly Croquet Club by providing two of our lawns on the Thursday of the inaugural Silver Brooch Competition. And we were extra-pleased to see our club member **Rob Elliott** do so well as runner-up in the competition, narrowly defeated in the

final, 7-6, by winner Mark Scruton (Canberra). Congratulations, Rob!

**NEW GC Rules Book – Available**

The GC Rules introduced Jan 2019 are now available in a little red book, for purchase at \$7.50 each. Leave your money in an envelope at the Clubhouse, with your name on it, and we will provide you with a copy.

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

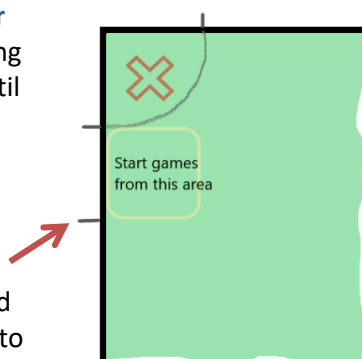
**Club Matters:**

**Caring for our Lawns**

Thank you to all for the extra care you are taking for our lawns during the slow-growing winter season, especially by avoiding using Lawn 2.

The **starting corner for GC games** is also getting worn, on all lawns. Until late Spring, would you please use the area beside the corner, instead?

The Greenskeeper has marked an extra 1-yard line to indicate where to stand.



If you see a notice in the corner saying GUR, it means “Ground Under Repair” – as a reminder.

**Badges**

Fidye will be ordering badges early in September. Write your name clearly on the List at the Clubhouse, if you would like a Name Badge ordered for you. Badges cost \$10 each.

**Club Apparel**

We will be ordering club tops and jackets in the next few weeks and will leave an Order Form at the Clubhouse, for your requests.

**NEW WEBSITE COMING!!**

On a steep learning curve, a small group of club members headed by **Ron Humpherson** has developed a new website for our club. The new site will contain the previous information useful for the general public, but will also contain a lot of information about club activities and competitions of interest to our members.

For those who are comfortable with on-line access, you will be able to register for events and competitions. In addition, our club Newsletters, Constitution, Committee Minutes and Members’ Contact List will be available.

Stand by for the announcement, and instructions for accessing the site.

**New Club Members**

Welcome to new members over the last month: Gill Burke and Lesley Gibbons.

**The Odd Shot.....**

**Cali vs Kookaburra!**

Cali Craig can put up a good fight, however she met her match at The Gibson Trophy when filling the water bottle at the tap on Lawn 2. Kookaburra flew in and sat on the bubbler, strategically above the water bottle, and WOULD NOT GO AWAY.

The winner was the kookaburra – until Cali raided the kitchen and lured him away with some kooka fast food.



***See you on the Lawns!!***

