



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022



EASTER BONNET PARADE AND LUNCH

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL

CROQUET— FROM 8.30 AM

LUNCH FROM 12 NOON

Register in Clubhouse

Cancellation of the Opening of the Lawns

Due to our very wet summer our first social event has been cancelled for this year. (Ironically Sat March 6 was a beautiful day of sunshine).

Thank you to all those members who donated their money back to the club. However, we still have several members who we owe money to but to date haven't heard from them. If you are waiting on a refund or would like to donate the money to the club, please contact Janet Bickett or send an email at info@mosmancroquetclub.org.au advising what you wish to do.

Boundary Lawns 1-2 Update

The Committee and members are indebted to the Lawns Subcommittee chaired by David McGrane, Chris Gingell as secretary, John Fransen and Greg Burden.

They have worked tirelessly for the past two months accessing the scope of works, getting Geo tech and Engineers reports, employing landscaper and just recently a fencing contractor.

They are to be congratulated for their enormous effort to bring the lawns 1&2 Masterplan to fruition.

As some of you may have noticed work has now started on Lawn 1 removing the decaying Privet hedge and the lawn is closed for play for at least this week.

GENERAL UPDATES

Signing In

As part of our COVID Plan and for the safety of members and the club we ask that you sign in the Attendance book each time you play and use the clubhouse.

The clubhouse recently was found to be unlocked, and on one occasion the door was left open and blinds up.

Clubhouse and Annexe/Cleaning

We have received a complaint from a member about the way the clubhouse was left after a group workshop.

The room was untidy, chairs and tables everywhere, the garbage bins were foul smelling and weren't emptied and the tables and kitchen bench not wiped.

We are still in COVID and need to take care and apply simple hygiene measures.

The club has a cleaning contract once a week, it is the members responsibility to empty the bins, wipe down tables after use and keep clubhouse clean even when using socially or filling in competition cards.

It should not be left to one or two members to take out garbage, bottles or replace bin liners.

Housekeeping

We urgently need two or three people to help Rosie Mott (whose wrist is in plaster) to share the load with housekeeping. Housekeeping entails purchasing everything for the club from toilet paper to milk and everything in between and endeavouring to keep the kitchen/bathrooms clean and tidy.

Membership lists

For your information, the latest membership list has been uploaded to the website.

The New Lawn Booking System

There still appears to be some issues with members logging on. If you are having issues, try logging in to the website using the log in on the top lefthand side of the website and if necessary either get new password or sign in using the "new to this site". If you are still having issues, please contact Penny Paterson at info@Mosmancroquet.org.au.

Please remember at present you can only book for competition play. However, the booking system is useful for members to see what lawns are available and if there are any competition matches or events taking place.

Name Badges – If you require a name badge, please contact Michael Chambers at emailthedoc@yahoo.com

Ground Committee report.

KEEN ON GARDENING? Greg has advised that we need two or three members who are willing to meet for a couple of hours once or twice a month to help get the gardens back in order. Once up to scratch, Greg has suggested it will only be a monthly get together. If you are interest, please contact Greg on 0408 980 527.

SPONSORSHIPS WANTED

After our plea to members to consider sponsorship opportunities, I am happy to advise that Michael Chambers has managed to get sponsorship for the Mosman Bash through Mercedes Benz Northshore which is absolutely fabulous – a big thank you to Michael for arranging this for us.

We are always looking for new sponsors for our events. If any members know any businesses that may be interested in sponsoring one of our tournaments could you please provide details to Penny Paterson at info@mosmancroquet.org.au.

AUSTRALIAN AC CHAMPIONSHIPS AND EIRE CUP

March 2022 (Hosted by NSW) by Alison Sharpe



NSW was very relieved that the Australian Championships & the Eire Cup did go ahead this year. The venues used were Cammeray, Warrawee, Tempe, Chatswood and Royal Sydney Golf Club.

Australian Championships –

Alison had a tough few initial rounds in the first couple of days but with her continued focus and determination she continued to win matches and found herself in the Final. Alison met Rosie Landrebe in the Final, her fellow NSW State Team player. They both played very well and Alison eventually won the match in 2 games winning 26-2 & 26-4.

Congratulations to our very own Australian Women's Champion: *Alison Sharpe* – *Well done Alison.*

The Eire Cup

The Eire Cup is one of the most prestigious events in the AC calendar and it's always a great contest between the States. The Patron of Croquet NSW is The Honourable Margaret Beasley and all the State Teams were invited to Government House on the eve of the Eire Cup and the teams had the opportunity to meet Her Excellency and get a chance to see inside Government House.

The Eire Cup was donated to Australia by Ireland and the first Eire Cup challenge was back in 1949.

The winner of the Eire Cup for 2022 was *New South Wales – go the Blue's!*

COACHING NEWS

Our sessions each Monday till April are booked out, but as cancellations do arise, please let Michael Chambers know if still interested.

April 4 Basic skills and drills with several coaches.

And, coming up later...

- Brush up on your basic skills
- Using AC shots in GC
- Introduction to Aussie croquet / Ricochet



Intense concentration – Basic tactics with Rob Wright



GC UPDATE

Talk about in your face!

Luckily both Alison Sharpe and Steve Miles could see the humour in Steve using his hat brim as storage for his 10 extra turn clips in their recent game.

This highlights the fact that handicap events like the Top 10 and the Gibson Trophy do bring together players of various levels. And either can win – using their overall skills or, for the lower ranked player, their ability to use extra turns. Good tips are available on our website.

In this year's Top 10 we have players with handicap differences up to 8 and with the longer 19 hoop format (first to 10) they can have up to 12 extra turns. For the Gibson Trophy's 13 hoop game we only use the standard handicap differences.

Top 10: Because of the recent rains, we have extended this competition by two weeks - to 14th April.

Rob Boyer has played extremely well to move into the lead. With six wins from his eight games and some big wins, he has a net 20 hoops. Steve Miles is in second place with wins in five of his six games and a net 15 hoops. But, with twelve more games to play, others still have a chance.

Our new club handicap championship, the Gibson Trophy, has many more (32) players but plenty of time still available. Of the four blocks, Block A has played a high proportion of their 28 games and the other blocks are just starting to warm up. At this early stage we can't announce standout performances but Patricia Petterson's win against our current Club Champion is certainly worthy of recognition.

Pennants: Our chance to play home and away Tests against other clubs is always a highlight for the year. This year, the division 2 teams are again in the Metro North Zone but division 3 have been placed in Metro South with some clubs we wouldn't normally meet - Cooks River, Strathfield and Marrickville. Our first four tests have been played and results are on both Croquet Scores and our clubhouse competition notice board (along with the upcoming test details).

NOTE: Results for the Top 10 and Gibson Trophy are now recorded in both the GC Competition folder and our online system.

MAHJONG

Remember Mahjong is back again – Wednesdays from 11.00/11.30 am – Anyone interested, just turn up and join the fun.

UP AND COMING COMPETITIONS

Improve your competition play - Have a look at Mosman Croquet's website – we have a few Club Competitions coming up and for those interested in a couple of days away, look at the CNSW website and see what events are coming up – eg, Nelson Bay, Maitland, Forster, Taree, Urunga and closer to home - Manly Seabreeze! You need to think ahead for these events as they get booked up very quickly. The Nelson Bay competition we have been advised is now fully booked and it was only advertised in the last 3 - 4 weeks.