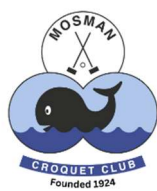


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Mosman Croquet Club Newsletter



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Upcoming Events 2026

Pennants
Div 2 and 3
March – July

AGM
11th July

**AC Women's
Singles
Championship**
19th to 21 June



From Joanne our President

Dear all,

Thank you to all, for our wonderful Mosman Croquet Club Opening of the Lawns 15/03/26. Tim Cormack dealt admirably with the dodgy BBQ, and all our thanks to Tim and his team, for setting up and taking down the marquees, and as always thank you so much to Tori, Helen and Belinda for their care and attention, so greatly appreciated by all. All our thanks also to Tony Michaels and his Grounds Team, Michael Morton-Evans, Rob Boyer, Richard Westgarth and Chris Gingell, for the spectacular MCC lawns. Our thoughts are for Greg Deakin, still recovering from a recent accident.

Congratulations to Fidy Westgarth for another successful MCC AC Bash, and to her successful efforts in obtaining Audi sponsorship. The raffle for the accommodation at Bannisters at Mollymook, with the use of an Audi car, drew a lot of interest, and raised over \$1000 for MCC. Rob Wright's win was very popular, well done Rob.

Great news! We have received notification that our application to the Local Sports Program 2025, to build shade structures on Lawns 3 & 4, has been successful, many thanks to Chris Gingell for preparing the Grant submission. We are awaiting the NSW Office of Sport to send details on claiming the grant.

Really nice to have a chat and an Easter bun on Wednesday, many thanks to all for your company.

Many thanks to Michael Chambers, for restoring the hoops on lawns 3 & 4 with heat wrapping. The hoops look great. Members are kindly advised, when using scoring clips, to attach them to the legs of the hoops when possible, to preserve the tops, and save a yearly replacement. Lawns 1 & 2 will be restored in the next few weeks.

Happy birthday Gordon Ingate OAM, from all at Mosman Croquet Club. Gordon turned 100 this month, Gordon is not only the longest-living Australian Olympian, but a true gentleman, a great croquet player, and an inspiration to all. Please see additional information attached in the separate PDF.

Have a happy and safe Easter everyone,

Take care,
See you on the lawns,
Joanne

Setting up for the Opening of the Lawns



Games, socializing, lending a hand and prize giving





From Chris our Vice President and Membership Coordinator

Some additional information on the grant we received from the NSW Office of Sport:

The Local Sport Grant Program offers grants to grassroots sporting clubs in NSW to increase participation, improve facilities, and support inclusive community sport initiatives. Up to \$4.65 million is available to support sporting clubs and associations across NSW with \$50,000 available in each State electorate.

The grant is for additional shade cover for the northern end of Lawn 3 and the southern end of Lawn 4.

An interesting side note: our green keeper, Scott Denham, installs shade structures for clubs in our area.

From Tony our Grounds Captain

GC Hoop Holes (outside hoops) are ready to be used in regular play. Following the Bash Tournament these holes are capped with a small plug of spag moss; they can now be reused by just inserting the hoops and a gentle tap down. There is no need to dig out the plug as they help to stabilise the hoops. Interchanging the hoops from inside to outside position will assist the lawns in wear and tear and prevent rabbit run damage.



Let's Hear from You

Your contribution to our newsletter would be appreciated.

Stories, poems, crosswords / puzzles/fun activities, photos you have taken of club events. Your contribution will be acknowledged. This way other members can get to see we are all part of a wonderful croquet community at MCC.

You can send your contributions to gingellmonique@gmail.com



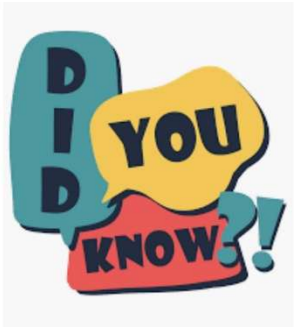
Social Saturday starts from 1.30 pm. All welcome. Have a game or two, bring drinks and nibbles and join other members.

Social Sunday, the first Sunday of every month from 2.30 pm. Same as social Saturday. Because of Easter the April social Sunday will be on 12th April

Ricochet Saturday mornings start at 11.30 am. All welcome. No previous experience is needed. You will be partnered with someone who can help.

Ricochet is great for GC players wanting to practice roquet shots of all lengths and positioning the striker ball directly in front of hoops.

After Ricochet, join the Social Saturday players for a round of GC.



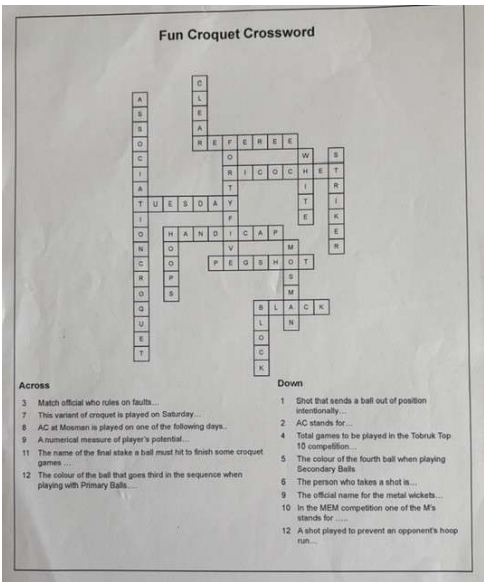
Croquet in Japan exists in two distinct forms: the traditional European game and a popular, fast paced local variant known as ‘gateball’ created in 1947.

Gateball developed in Hokkaido due to a shortage of rubber, using available wood to create balls and mallets.

Traditional AC croquet is played at Showa Kinen Park in Tokyo. They have two full size lawns, an artificial and a turf lawn.

How did you go?

Answers to last month’s crossword.



See You On The Lawns