



NEWSLETTER

January 2023

A very Happy New Year to all our members and their families.

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 26 January Australia Day BBQ - Come and join other members for a game of golf croquet and a BBQ Sausage Sizzle from 12 noon. \$10 per head, BYO drinks Booking and payment sheet in clubhouse.

Saturday 11 February - Come and Try Day - Ricochet/AC - 9.30 am - 12.30 pm – Why not try something new and give it a go.

Saturday 4 March– Opening of Lawns celebrations.

GENERAL UPDATES

Christmas Party – Everyone got into the Christmas spirit with the games set up on lawns 1-2, followed by Christmas Carols and then our festive dinner.

This year the meal was catered for but there is always an enormous amount of work done by our volunteers who set up the games, setup and served the meal and at the end of the day who washed up, packed up, dismantled the marquees and stacked the chairs so a very big thankyou to you all.

Locking of lawns and clubhouse - Members have been advised that additional padlocks have now been added to the gates on lawns 1-2 and we ask all members to lock all gates at the end of play each day.

Your master key should open the gates to all lawns, the clubhouse and equipment boxes. Members will now need to bring a key with them each time they come to play and we ask that you check your key to make sure it opens all gates as we have had several members keys that are faulty. Can you please advise Michael Chambers 0488 187 328 if your key does not open gates to both lawns 1-2 and 3-4.

Lawns Re-Opened - All lawns 1-2-3-4 and the practice lawn are now open after their yearly renovation. We thank our lawns committee for their meticulous measuring and digging the hoop holes. With the start of competitions over the next few weeks please look at the online booking system for any lawn booking.

Lawn Mowing – Please note that Greenkeepers mow the lawns every Friday from 12.00 noon to 1.30pm. Please ensure that all hoops are packed away prior to 12 noon.

Club Clothing – We are about to order some new Club t-shirts etc. There is a “clearance sale” happening on the present stock so if you need a t-shirt etc., have a look and grab a bargain. There is a new price list at the Club should you wish to order any clothing – please note that sloppy joes are now available.

Volunteers – Our club would not function if our members did not offer their expertise and volunteer their time. We always need volunteers, in particular to assist our Grounds Team. If you would like to volunteer with events, maintenance, gardening, supervising our croquet mornings, have communications or computer skills and are unsure about what is involved please contact Cali Craig 0437031007.

Signing in - Members are requested to sign in the Attendance book each time they come to the club. This allows us to see the lawns used each day and also provides us with information should if we need to contact you for any reason.

Covid - Is still with us and we ask that all used crockery and glassware is put into the dishwasher. Please **do not** handwash cups or glasses. Disposable cups and the water dispenser are there for members use.

If you are unwell or have a cold, please **stay at home**.

GC UPDATE

2023 Competition Calendar – The Competition Calendar has now been circulated. Look at the calendar and see what up and coming events may be of interest to you.

MEM Challenge – This Challenge is between Mosman, Elanora and Manly. This year it will be a doubles competition with six teams from Mosman and Manly and 3 teams from Elanora. Each doubles pair will comprise a Division 2 and Division 3 player. As numbers are very limited, the Games Committee has chosen the members who will compete.

Top 10 Competition – This is being finalised and will be starting in February.

Pennants – We asked members for an “Expression of Interest” in taking part in the pennants teams. The Committee will now formulate teams with pennants starting from 1 March, 2023.

AC UPDATE

The Mosman Bash will take place on Fri 24 – Sun 26 March. This is our annual AC tournament, where players from other clubs compete as well as many of our own members, and will occupy all four lawns for 3 days.

We will be asking for volunteers shortly to assist with setting up, catering, cakes, etc. If you are able, please help in any way you can.

MCC Bronze Championship: Entries required by 27 Feb. Matches to be played between 28 Feb-29 April.

COACHING UPDATE

Michael Chambers has advised that he has arranged the following coaching program for February and March. Thank you Michael for arranging this for our members.

IMPROVE YOUR BASIC SKILLS

Monday February 13 – 9.00 am

(Aimed at players early in their careers, with no handicap, or handicap >11) Small groups on lawn.

COACHING DIVISION 3 PLAYERS - ALISON SHARPE

Friday February 24, 2.00 pm

COACHING DIVISION 2 PLAYERS - ALISON SHARPE

Monday February 27, 9.00 am

IMPROVE YOUR BASIC TACTICS.

Monday March 6, 9.00 am

(Suitable for players early in their careers with no handicap, or handicap > 11).
On lawn, small groups.

IMPROVE YOUR GAME WITH ROB WRIGHT.

Monday March 20, 9.00 am

Suitable for players with handicaps 8-12
On lawn.

IMPROVE YOUR BASIC SKILLS

Monday March 27, 9.00 am

Small groups

Aimed at players early in their career, with no handicap, or handicap >11.

Please forward your expressions of interest to Michael Chambers.

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UP AND COMING TOURNAMENTS?

Feel like a few days away? Check out the Croquet NSW website for up and coming events. By way of example (and these are only some of the Club events that are up on the website at the moment):

March

Fri 3rd - Mon 6th	GC	Nowra Croquet Annual Golf Croquet Singles and Doubles Carnival
Thu 9th - Sun 12th	GC	Young autumn carnival
Wed 15th - Sat 18th	GC	Wagga Wagga 15th Annual Golf Croquet Carnival

Fri 17th - Sun 19th	RC	Sawtell 3 days of RC
Mon 20th - Thu 23rd	GC	Forster Golf Croquet Autumn Carnival
Fri 24th	GC	Parkes Masters Games
Fri 24th - Sun 26th	AC	Mosman Bash

May

Tue 2nd - Fri 5th	GC	Taree Wild Fig
Tue 9th - Fri 12th	GC	Manly Seabreeze GC

All these events get booked out very quickly so if you are interested, I suggest you go on to the Croquet NSW website where you will find more information about these events together with flyers and registration forms. If you want help navigating the CNSW website, give Penny a call on 0409 848 309