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Mosman Croquet Club Newsletter

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Upcoming Events 2026

Mosman Prize
Singles GC
6th - 8th November

Christmas Party
6th December

From Chris our President and Membership Coordinator

I am hoping when I say what wonderful Spring weather we are having, that it stays that way!

Monique and I were overseas during much of September and the maximum temperature in Malta was consistently over 40 degrees Celsius with high humidity to boot! Europe was having a stinker and many of the croquet lawns I saw on social media in England looked quite brown.

El Niño is likely to affect Australia harshly this summer too and our club has taken precautions to make our lawns as resilient as possible. A huge new rain tank has been installed on Lawn 3, and a smaller tank will be installed adjacent to the Practice Lawn in the coming weeks. We hope to collect as much rainwater as possible to reduce reliance on expensive tap water. Thank you, Tony Michaels, for organising the water tanks.

As the weather hots up, we encourage members to consider their playing times and avoid the heat. The best times are in the mornings and late afternoons. For much of the year our lawns are vacant after 4.30 pm, even in daylight saving when the temperature is cooler and the UV low. Whenever you play, please stay hydrated and stop if you are feeling unwell.

Michael Chambers has organised a first aid refresher course at 11 am on Wednesday 21 October. We urge you all to attend. It could save a life!



Alison Sharp is having a wonderful year in 2026 and seems to be regularly winning AC and GC Competitions. We are fortunate to have Alison representing Mosman in these State and National competitions. In November, she has qualified for the GC Worlds to be held in Egypt from 21 to 29 November and wish her all the best.

We respect and appreciate the time Alison devotes to coaching our members for success.



We also congratulate Michael Chang on being appointed CNSW's State Co-Ordinator of Refereeing, Golf Croquet, and wish him every success in this key role.

The CNSW subcommittee appointed to find a replacement for the much - respected David Scott, who recently stepped down from this position, noted that "Michael demonstrated the strongest skills required for the role".

A big shout out to all members who competed and volunteered to help in the Martyn Prins this year and especially to:
Griselda Prins: who presented the trophy to the winners.
Winners: Fidye and Richard Westgarth.
Runners Up: Joanne Nimmons and Susie Allerton
Tournament Manager: Sue Clubbe





Your Committee has made the decision to close the Waiting List to join Mosman Croquet Club for the next 12 months. The club has 174 members and 86 on the Waiting List, many of whom may have to wait up to five years to join. The size of the Waiting List has grown to half the size of our total membership. It seems prudent to focus on the applicants we currently have on our books.

Now for a personal plea. If you see some great play at Mosman, and have your smartphone or camera ready, please take a photo or short video and send it to me. I am always looking for content for the club's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Chris Gingell
President

From Steve Anthony our Games Captain



Congratulations:

Alison Sharpe won Australian GC Women's Championship and NSW GC Singles (mixed) Championship.

Alison Sharpe and Aniko Osvald also represented NSW in the Interstate Shield in which NSW were narrowly beaten by Victoria.

Aniko Oswald also won the NSW GC Doubles with her partner, Rob Ey.

Richard and Fidye Westgarth on winning the Martyn Prins Trophy.



Richard and Fidye were deserved and popular winners of a successful and enjoyable event. Thanks to Sue Clubbe for her work as Tournament Manager and Michael Chambers for refereeing the semifinals and final, and all the other members who supported Sue in running the event. Congratulations to Joanne Nimmons and Susie Allerton who were runners up. It was wonderful seeing so many people watching the afternoon games especially Griselda who presented the trophy named to honour her late husband.

Aniko Osvald who has reduced her GC handicap to 0, Denis Edelston to 1, Charlie Osvald to 4, Lindsay Wood to 7 and Rob Marich to 8.

Division 1 GC Pennants:

Alison's team has won all their pennants matches and will contest the finals.

Division 1 GC Pennants						15/10/2026
Date	Home Team	Away Team	Singles 1	Singles 2	Doubles	Result
10/8/2026	Mosman Green	Cooks River	Alison 7-0, 7-6	Aniko 7-3, 7-3	Bob Berry & Rob Elliott 5-6, 6-5, 6-5	Won 3-0
29/8/2026	Mosman Green	Marrickville	Alison 7-2, 7-4	Aniko 7-6, 7-3	Bob Berry & Rob Wright 7-2, 7-6	Won 3-0
14/9/2026	Manly	Mosman Brown	Chalie 7-3, 7-5	John 3-7, 2-7	David Adams & Michael Chambers 7-4, 3-7, 5-7	Lost 1-2
23/9/2026	Manly	Mosman Green	Alison 7-2, 7-4	Aniko 7-6, 7-6	Denis Elderston & Bob Berry 7-4, 7-6	Won 3-0
5/10/2026	Mosman Brown	Killara	Charlie 7-6, 7-4	John 7-5, 5-7, 6-7	David Adams & Michael Chambers 4-7, 7-5, 5-7	Lost 1-2
10/10/2026	Mosman Brown		David 3-7, 2-7	John 5-7, 3-7	Michael Chambers & De Howarth 3-7, 7-3, 4-7	Lost 0-3
		Mosman Green	Alison 7-3, 7-2	Bob 7-5, 7-3	Rob Elliott & Denis Edleston 7-3, 3-7, 7-4	Won 3-0
12/10/2026	Mosman Green	Killara	Alison 7-1, 7-3	Bob 7-6, 5-7, 7-4	Rob Elliott & Rob Wright 7-5, 5-7, 7-6	Won 3-0
20/10/2026	Marrickville	Mosman Brown				
28/10/2026	Cooks River	Mosman Brown				

NSW GC Division 1 Pennants - Metro Zone	Tests			Matches		Games		Hoops		
	Wins	Losses	Draws	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses	For	Against	Net
Mosman	5	0	0	15	0	30	4	226	145	81
Killara	3	2	0	7	8	18	22	227	238	-11
Marrickville	2	2	0	6	6	15	15	164	167	-3
Cooks River	2	2	0	5	7	13	19	157	181	-24
Manly	1	4	0	4	11	13	23	191	210	-19
Mosman Brown	0	3	0	2	7	8	14	109	133	-24

Division 3 Ladder:

The Division 3 Ladder has commenced with results impacting handicaps and will be used as the main factor for selection of 2027 Division 3 Pennants teams. All full members with a handicap of 9 or higher are welcome to enter including members not wanting to play pennants. The Entry Sheet is in the Division 3 Development Folder.
Ladder Manager, John Hirst, 0417 228 385.

Division 2 & 3 Monday Practices:

We have commenced organised practice drills for Div 2 and Div 3 Players hoping to play pennants in 2027 on Mondays 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm. Everyone is welcome including members not wanting to play pennants.

AC:

We also commenced AC Drills for members wanting to learn AC on Tuesday 13th Oct 2026. These will occur once a month. All members are welcome even if they only want to learn AC skills to improve their GC.



AC Invitation Day 8th Oct 2026

Next Bronze Invitation Day 22 Oct 2026

Ricochet:

Members are welcome to play ricochet every Saturday from 11.30 am. We have commenced a monthly ricochet day for GC players on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Ricochet is a great game and good for learning skills that will help you improve your GC. Please let Madeleine Gray or Steve Anthony know if you'd be interested in participating.

Coaching:

Members who would like professional coaching will be able to receive it from Alison Sharpe or Rosie Landrebe.
Rosie charges $120 per 1h 30m session for groups of 4 or 6 players (ideally of similar standard).
Alison's coaching fees are $60 per hour per person, $40 per person per hour for 2 players, $30 per person per hour for 4 – 6 players or $20 per person per hour for 7 or more players.
Members can arrange personal coaching directly with Alison.
Division 3 players can contact me on 0414 996 400 or steveanthony1863@gmail.com if you'd like to enrol for group coaching with Rosie.
Members wanting personal coaching by a senior player can contact me, and with David Adams we'll try to arrange for someone to coach you.

Club Championship:

In our GC competitions, the Club Championship is underway. Block B has finished with Michael Chambers and Bob Berry the top two placegetters, and they will proceed to the finals. Block A is yet to be decided and will be completed shortly. The finals series will follow, and we hope to advise dates before they play.

Block A		AO	RW	DH	DA	MC	WINS	Hoops FOR	Hoop Again
Aniko Osvald	0402 503 585			10			1	10	5
Rob Wright	0416 161 863			10	10	10	3	30	18
De Howarth	0405 353 266	5	7		10	7	1	29	39
David Adams	0416 237 333		4	9		10	1	23	29
Michael Chang	0408 280 599		7	10	9		1	26	27

Block B		BB	JF	MC	CO	RB	WINS	Hoops FOR	Hoops Against
Bob Berry	0450 204 729		10	7	10	10	3	37	34
John Fransen	0412 212 228	8		8	10	10	2	36	31
Michael Chambers	0488 187 328	10	10		10	5	3	35	29
Charlie Osvald	0448 326 487	9	8	4			0	21	30
Rob Boyer	0408 464 000	7	3	10			1	20	25

I hope to see you all on the lawns playing or watching competition matches.

Steve Anthony
Games Captain



Martin Prins Cup



Referee at work



Happy times

From Fidye Westgarth, Tournament Manager, The Mosman Prize 2026

The Mosman Prize will be held at our club on 6-8 November. Hoops will be set for the tournament on the afternoon of 5 November, and lawns will remain closed for Club members' play until 3:00 pm on 8 November.

Thirty-two golf croquet players from 18 different croquet clubs across NSW will be contesting for significant prize money (generously donated by our sponsors, O'Gorman & Partners Real Estate). Competition will be tight, and timing critical to get through 140 games across the 3 days. All 4 lawns will be in use, with the Finals being held at 1:30 PM on the Sunday. You are very welcome to come and watch.

This is our largest tournament of the year, and we hope many of our members will assist with different aspects of running the tournament. A request will be sent shortly seeking Volunteers to assist with timekeeping, hospitality and other aspects of the event.

Fidye Westgarth, Tournament Manager, the Mosman Prize.

From our Grounds Captain Tony



GUR Posts placed in the starting box area are there for a very good reason (GUR = Ground Under Repair) and should not be removed without prior consultation from the Grounds Group or Greenkeeper.

Our lawns are showing excessive wear and tear around the starting box and to protect this area for the upcoming Mosman Prize tournament (Nov 6 - 8) members are requested to play outside the damaged area.

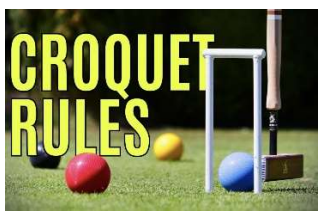
Garden and Grounds, Working Bee, scheduled for Sunday 1 November from 8.30 am.

Many hands make light work - but, please only if you have a desire to assist in tidying up our grounds in preparation for the Mosman Prize.

Thank you for your understanding and compliance.

Tony Michaels

From Michael Chambers one of our referees



DISPUTED RULINGS (no referee present)

1. Disputed fault

If opponent calls striker's shot a fault, and striker disagrees

- discuss shot between players

- is there a referee in vicinity to try and assist?

- is there a witness who might assist?

- if no agreement, the striker of the ball has final say.

2. Disputed position where ball crossed sideline.

- ideally, it should be placed as soon as practicable off the court where it crossed the boundary.

- if players dispute this position, the player who struck the ball (not necessarily ball owner) has final say where it should be replaced.



- It is the responsibility of each member to correctly install and remove hoops. If unsure how, please refer to chart in the clubhouse. Soil is available in buckets on all lawns.
- If you see anything that needs to be repaired on the lawns, contact Tony Michaels or one of the Grounds Group. Please don't burden Scott Denham with your concerns.
- Request for event ideas; please send response to Cali Craig.
- If your contact details have changed… address, phone number or email address, or you know of someone whose details have changed, please contact Monique on gingellmonique@gmail.com to update and ensure all communications are received.



Do you need MCC clothing items?

MCC tops in preparation for 2027 competitions.

To order, write your name on the list in the club house or contact **Madeleine Gray.**

Mobile: 0414531357

Email: madeleinegray@hotmail.com



- A ball near a boundary can sometimes be easier to defend because opponents have fewer tactical options.
- When hitting an opponent away, try and put their ball where they can't see your balls.
- Jawsing is easier from an angle, rather than directly in front.



Mahjong

A new Mahjong group has started. It meets fortnightly on Wednesdays from 11 am to 1 pm in the Clubhouse. More members are welcome. Next meeting is on Wednesday 28th October.



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- **Working Bee** in preparation of the Mosman Prize is on Sunday 1st November.
- **Mosman Prize** 6-8 November.
- **Social Saturday** starts from 1.30 pm. All welcome. Have a few games, bring drinks and nibbles, and share the rest of the afternoon socialising with members.
- **Ricochet** Saturday mornings **11.30** start. Now that some of you have been taking Ricochet lessons Come and Play.
- **Social Sunday**, **1st November**, the first Sunday of every month from 2.30 pm. Same as social Saturday.






Social gatherings

Save the Date



MOSMAN CROQUET CLUB

★❄CHRISTMAS PARTY❄★

Sunday 6 December

$55 per person

Games begin @ 3 pm

RSVP & PAYMENT
by 14 November

Booking sheets will be available in the clubhouse.

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See you on the lawns