



Diary Dates:

Australia Day Twilight Games and BBQ:

EVERYONE WELCOME!! Games start **4:00pm on Friday 26/1/2024**. Come and join the games, and/or the BBQ later on. BYO food and drinks. *Come 3:30pm if you can, to help set up tables and chairs.*

“ADVANTAGE Handicap” Update, 5:00pm on Mon 29/1/2024:

For all club members: Introduction to ADVANTAGE Handicap play for Golf Croquet, at 5pm in the Clubhouse.

MEM Challenge: 26-27 February: Come and watch at Mosman 26 Feb and at Manly on 27 Feb

Gibson Trophy: SAVE THE DATE: afternoon of 4 May and all day 5 May. Notice for entries, coming soon.

HELLOoooo 100 years Coming Up

Episode 5: Mosman Croquet Club

The first meeting in **1949, Tuesday 25 January**, showed a bank balance of £103.15.6 “which was very satisfactory”.

A gift of £5 was made from Mrs Dunn to buy a trophy for a **Golf Croquet Annual Competition**. The committee was unanimous that the competition be embodied each month in the Social Day games with the scores of each entrant entered on an individual card to be kept at the Club, and that the highest aggregate score at the end of the year be judged the winner.

Also enquiries were to be made regarding the cost of an **Honour Board** to embody the names of all champions from the inception of the Club, 1924.

Following the breakdown of the mower it was decided to **purchase a petrol mower** (as there was no electric power available) for £122.18.6. The treasurer reported that £42.18.6 could be paid from club funds leaving an adverse balance of £80 to be found. Offers of unconditional loans were accepted from Mrs Drake, Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Coward.

1950 commenced with the **25th Anniversary Event** opened on 18 March by Mayor Alderman G I Ferris with between 70 – 80 people present. There were 9 events: -

- (1) Open singles championship of Mosman
- (2) Open doubles championship of Mosman
- (3) Singles handicap
- (4) Junior A handicap
- (5) Doubles A & B Grade
- (6) Level singles B Grade
- (7) Handicap singles B Grade
- (8) Level singles C Grade
- (9) Handicap singles C Grade.

85 entries were received from different clubs – one as far away as Grafton. Col. Saalfeld was Manager and the Tournament was finished in under 4 weeks.

The Prize Giving was a “most successful day – a big number of people being present”.

A Notice of Motion dated **23 June 1950** reads: “That to help the Club finances, advantage be taken of the recent formation of The Croquet Players Association (NSW) to offer them Headquarters Facilities at the Mosman Croquet Club”

FROM:

Mary Gibson, Member since 1993

*Former President, Vice-President, Secretary
Life Member of MCC*

LAWN CLOSURES – for ANNUAL RENOVATION:

Lawns 2, 3, & 4 are currently available. Lawn 2 is scheduled to be shut down after Australia Day .

Re-opening of Lawn 1 is dependent on the regrowth of grass through the top dressing applied in its annual maintenance – and then availability of volunteers for line marking and hoop placement.

Curious about Association Croquet ??

Workshop INVITATION – Introduction to AC

Led by **Peter Landrebe**: at Strathfield Croquet Club, 50 Redmyre Rd, Strathfield.

On 22 Feb 9-12noon ; or 23 Feb 1-4 pm

(depending on numbers). Groups of approx. 8 each session.

RSVP Date : 15/2/2024

Contact: Petula Shun.

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Golf Croquet Update

MCC Top Ten Challenge

Entries have closed for our Top Ten Challenge, sponsored by Torbreck's Wines. This is a GC handicap competition for our top ten available players. Players will start to arrange their matches shortly. Each game will be best of 19 points.

MEM Challenge: 26-27 February.

This is a Division 3 tournament between Mosman, Elanora and Manly Clubs. The Mosman team is:

- Heather Sherlock & Monique Gingell
- Joanne Nimmons & Sue Clubbe
- Patricia Petterson & Deb McDowall
- Richard Westgarth & Michael Morton-Evans
- Lorrie Clarke & Cathy Cripps
- Jim Clarke & Bronwyn McGrane
- Lindsay Wood & Dianna Wayland

Come and watch play on 26-27 February and wish our teams luck. We are hoping to see the MEM Trophy come to Mosman this year.

TRY Advantage GC

Come to play Singles on Friday mornings, and give Advantage GC a go. This is an alternative to using 'extra turns' in Handicap play, and is becoming more and more popular. Singles of course is a great way to also improve your croquet, so why not give it a go. When the players are on an equal handicap, then you both start on 0:0. It only becomes different when there is a differential in handicaps.

Come and Try Ricochet:

Our numbers are growing, and we are enjoying the game. Come and join us while we are all learning how to play Ricochet – every **Saturday at 11:15am**. See photo below, from last Saturday.



Coaching News

COACHING: Learn about Advantage GC

A "must do" activity for GC players: Coming shortly will be an introductory session to ADVANTAGE Handicap play for Golf Croquet (Advantage GC)

Besides an introductory talk from **Rob Wright**, there will also be an opportunity for some to be the first to play an ADVANTAGE GC game. This is a scoring system is replacing the old handicap system. It is proving to have wide acceptance in the UK and is now being embraced by Australian clubs.

Details and registration will be forwarded to members a week prior to the event

Coaching CornerTIPS!

The first Golden Rule given by Ian Burrige in his book "Golf Croquet for Tournament Players" is taking POSITION. This normally means seeking to have your ball in a position "where your opponent (when they take their next stroke) will feel the need to prevent (your) ball from scoring the hoop, whether that is by clearing, blocking, or even attempting the hoop themselves".

Should you have a favourite coaching tip you would like to pass onto to other members, please forward it to our [Coaching Co-ordinator \(Rob Wright\)](#), where he will compile a monthly 'Coaching Corner' tip for our newsletters.

*Wishing you all the best for 2024
See you on the Lawns!!*