



MCC Newsletter – September 2021

NO Diary Dates, this Month!!!! – just enjoy being able to play at the club

COVID UPDATE

In mid-September it was announced that people in Greater Sydney can now exercise and take outdoor recreation in groups of up to five persons – on the proviso that all are fully-vaccinated.

This is great news for our club members, that we can now have a doubles game of croquet as long as we abide by the COVID regulations, including the 5 Km restriction which is still in place for everyone using Mosman Croquet Club.

Please check the MCC Website for full Conditions.

<https://www.mosmancroquet.org.au/>

The conditions will change over time as NSW opens up. Current Conditions of Play are summarised below:

The Club is available for play, with the following COVID restrictions:

- **Up to 4 players**, per lawn – if all players are fully vaccinated. *If any player is not fully vaccinated: 2 players per lawn is maximum*
- **ALL play must be BOOKED** via MCC On-line Booking system (access from MCC Website homepage)
- **Clubhouse and Annexe are CLOSED**, except for using bathroom, or borrowing a mallet. **DO NOT USE** Club provisions, glasses, crockery, etc
- **Social play**, only
- **Do not travel more than 5 Kms** from your home. No car-pooling when travelling to play croquet.
- **Masks must be worn** – unless exercising, eating or drinking.

When making a booking in the club's online Booking System, REMEMBER to include your players' names. If you are happy to have a foursome, and you have a space, others can contact you to ask if they might join your game.

THE AGM

For the first time in history, our club held its AGM electronically, by Zoom, because we were (at the time) still unable to meet in groups larger than two people. We had 50 members join the meeting, which is almost as many as the numbers who normal attend the AGM. Thank you, all, for your support.

This was the final AGM for **Mary Gibson** as President, after giving over a quarter of a century on the committee of MCC. In stepping down from this role, Mary provided a very gracious thank you to all the members for all their contribution towards making it such a vibrant and enjoyable club.



We were all disappointed that COVID restrictions took away our opportunity to join in a big celebration of Mary Gibson's huge contribution to Mosman Croquet Club. However we are looking forward to the time when we can have this celebration once COVID restrictions lift.

The Treasurer reassured us that the club is in good order financially and capable of managing well over the next 12 months.

The new Committee is:

Club President	Cali Craig
Vice President	Ron Humpherson
Secretary	Fidye Westgarth
Treasurer	Janet Bickett
Club Captain	Alison Sharpe
Grounds Captain	Hugh Lander
3 general Committee Members: Michael Chambers, Chris Gingell and Penny Paterson	



New President, Cali Craig



Club Captain Alison Sharpe

Games Update

New Club Captain

Over the last five years as the club has grown there is increased interest in furthering skills development and participating in competitions. Also there are more competitions being played.

A new position of Club Captain has been developed by the Committee to oversee all aspects of games and competition. **Alison Sharpe** is our new Club Captain, and will head up a team of members looking after different aspects of games and development. There will be more news later, as this new role is developed.

Club Matters:

Garden Group

Many hands make light work.....

A new garden group is being formed to help maintain the gardens. We envisage quarterly cleanups and occasional gardening, with perhaps occasional BBQ to say thankyou.

Contact **Greg Breden** if you would like to join the group
E: gandm.breden@gmail.com

Coaching Information:

GC Drills and Exercises booklets are available for those keen on doing some structured play on the practice lawn. Contact Michael Chambers
E: emailthedoc@yahoo.com

Most members know this already, but there are still a few who do not understand:

DO NOT PRACTISE jump-shots and repeated hoop-running on Lawns 1-4.

Practising these shots harms the lawn around the hoops, and spoils the lawn for others.

The Practice Lawn is now set up with Quadway Hoops, same as Lawns 1-4, so all can use the Practice Lawn to hone their skills.



Jim Clarke shows his style

The Ladder

There is no doubt that COVID seemed the winner as we were restricted very early by rules relating to competition in general, and assembly of more than two people for recreation.

Participants played a total of just 13 Ladder games, well down on previous years. We can't declare a winner for the year because of the small number of games played. However, the good news is that we can award **Jim Clarke** two prizes for the highest index increase in both May and June. Congratulations Jim, you played well, used extra turns efficiently and won all your games by big margins.

For feedback on the Ladder, email Richard Westgarth:
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See you on the Lawns!!

