

# President's Letter #4

## TO OUR WONDERFUL MEMBERS

**EASTER represents Renewal and Hope.** The lawns are looking fabulous, begging to be used. *Rein in the stampede!* Let me **announce** that the committee has an **Action Plan** for when we get the “green” light.

**DO YOU KNOW** the various games of Croquet that have been played at our Club?

**1 ASSOCIATION CROQUET.** It is the only croquet game which involves the “two balls together” stroke. When you hit your ball onto another ball (roquet), you pick up your ball and place it against the ball you have hit. You can place it anywhere around that ball and do a croquet stroke. There are 6 croquet strokes – Stop Shot, Drive, Half Roll, Three-quarter Roll, Full Roll, Pass Roll – and don’t forget the “Split Shot”. Great for practising on your own –even on the carpet.

**2 ONE BALL.** This is an AC game with players only using one ball. It usually starts with a shot at hoop 1. The tactics are the same as AC but it has the advantage in that you can enjoy a game in 30 minutes. Great “fill in time” game.

**3 GOLF CROQUET.** Are you aware that 50% of players in the world finals are Egyptian? But did you know that our very own Alix Verge (RSCG Club) won the Women’s World GC Championships in 2009 against Iman Faransawi with her famous “jump” shot. One of the most exciting finishes in a match. See it on YouTube.

**4 AUSSIE CROQUET.** A wonderful introduction to croquet for beginners. The club’s Schools Program taught this game to school children. The rules are simple. When you “run” a hoop you have another stroke. If you hit a ball you have another stroke. You go around the six hoops in correct sequence and the game ends by hitting the peg after you run hoop 6.

**5 RICOCHET.** This game has an “add on” to Aussie Croquet in that when you “run” a hoop you have another stroke, but if you hit another ball you have two extra shots. Like AC the game involves 13 hoops x 2 balls. It is gaining popularity.

**6 PIRATES.** We must have a “Pirates” afternoon. It is so much fun. When you “run” a hoop you get 1 point. However, if you have run, say, 4 hoops and have 4 points, another player can roquet your ball and takes your 4 points away from you and adds those points to their score! Cries of jubilation or despair but lots of laughter.

**Can’t Wait to get Back to Croquet at Mosman**

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