



NEWSLETTER

April 2023

**WE WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS A VERY
HAPPY AND SAFE EASTER**

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat- Sun 29-30 April – Gibson Trophy. This is a seeded handicap singles tournament over Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning with a lunch followed by the finals. Details in Clubhouse. Closing Date for entries **21 April, 2023**

May 7 NEW Social Sunday 2pm onwards

Wed May 10 – Mother’s Day Lunch - Light lunch, glass of bubbles and dessert.

Cost \$25 per person. Payment by eftpos/Square, RSVP sheet in Clubhouse.

Beautiful Mother’s Day Raffle \$5 ticket - 3 for \$10. Raffle tickets can be purchased online using Square (Mothers Day Raffle Icon)

Saturday July 1 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023-24

GENERAL UPDATES

Lawn Mowing – Scott has advised that the growth of lawns is slowing and he will now only be mowing on Fridays until further notice.

Social Sundays - EW once a month commencing Sunday May 7 Same format of play as Wed/Sat. Everyone welcome.

Lawn Booking System – With many pennants matches taking place in “Open Play” it is well worth checking the booking system before coming up to the Club.

Competition Club Uniform – members are to be encouraged when representing MCC in Pennants team or in outside competitions, to wear our club T shirt and navy blue shorts, skirt or pants.

Thankyou - To all our wonderful members who helped make our Mosman Bash so successful.

Congratulations to Fidy Westgarth as Tournament Manager, and Helen Collins our Tournament Referee.

Bouquets to Janet Bickett and her team in the kitchen looking after the players and referees, members who baked cakes and slices for each day.

Special Thanks to our Lawn Curator Tony Michaels who was up at the crack of dawn each day during competition repairing the lawns from damage done by the bandicoots.

Positions Vacant –We still need someone to take over the role of Communications Director. This position involves the Newsletter, Flyers, etc., The Newsletter is not difficult as members provide the various articles for inclusion. For more information, contact Penny Paterson on 0409 848 309.

GC UPDATE

Gibson Trophy – This weekend competition is lots of fun and we encourage all our members to enter. This is a “seeded” handicap event which means that there are “extra” turns to our less experienced players. We have organised a BBQ lunch on Sunday and then we get comfortable to cheer on the finalists. Denis Edleston our Club Champion is going to provide a coaching session on using “Extra Turns” for those who have entered.

Entries close 21 April.

Pennants – Pennants has now begun with some mixed results. There is a long way to go yet so I won't say anything further other than “Go Mosman”!

CNSW Event – NSW Division 3 Singles Championships – 12 – 14 July. CNSW has requested us to host this event. Come on Mosman, what a great way for our Division 3 players to hone their skills, learn new ones and all from the benefit of their home Club. Registrations are now open on the CNSW website so put your name down. Obviously during this three day event we will be requiring lots of volunteers including time keepers, sandwich makers, cake and slice makers and help generally so if you can't play, please try and come along and help in some way.

CNSW Event – NSW Division 3 Doubles Championships – 10 - 11 July, this is being hosted by the Chatswood Croquet Club. Grab a partner and give it a go! Depending on registrations this may be increased to a 3 day event.

Forster Tournament –



Cali Craig, De Howarth, Penny Paterson and Roseanne White just returned from a four day tournament in Forster. De came 2nd in her singles block, Cali and her partner, won their doubles block and RoseAnne and her partner came 3rd in her block.

These tournaments are such a good way to meet fellow croquet players and see how other players play.

AC UPDATE

The 11th annual Mosman Bash open singles AC handicap tournament was held on 24-26 March 2023. 24 players registered, filling our maximum capacity of 6 players in each of the four blocks

The games concluded with a sit-down lunch outside the clubhouse, followed by presentation of prizes. Alison Sharpe presented the prizes. Having just returned from the Eire Cup played the previous week in Victoria, Alison announced to all present that NSW had won the Eire Cup 2023. She showed the Cup to all present and provided a little background to the competition.

The results from The Bash were:

| | WINNER | RUNNER-UP |
|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Blue Block | Chris Brown, Cammeray Club | Ted Woodley, Chatswood Club |
| Red Block | Ron Humpherson, Mosman Club | Marg O'Brien, Cammeray Club |
| Green Block | Paul, Skvorc, Cooks River Club | David Surridge, Cooks River Club |
| Yellow Block | David Gibson, Manly Club | Bronwyn McGrane, Mosman Club |

The tournament is dependent on input from a lot of club members and others. Our thanks go to:

- A. **Lawns Curators:** Many of the players who had played at Mosman in previous years declared that the lawns were in the best condition they had ever encountered.
- B. **Referees:** Our thanks go to all the referees who supervised the games, with special mention to Helen Collins our Tournament Referee who engaged the referees to fit the times required and looked after the refereeing schedule and any issues arising, as well as working as a referee for the whole of the 3 days, herself. In addition, we appreciated the assistance of four of the players who gave of their time to act as referees when not involved in their own games.

C. **Hospitality:** The hospitality provided to our guests is a critical component of the tournament. Each day teams of volunteers provided support to the players and referees by making lunches, providing cakes for morning and afternoon tea and generally checking everything was in place and the referees were cared for. They were also friendly and welcoming, creating a very pleasant environment for any of our visitors. Particular thanks go to Janet Bickett, Jo Charlton and Rosie Portus who managed both food and people, and kept everything in order.

CONCLUSION:

Overall, the competitors greatly enjoyed their involvement in the tournament, and said how much they enjoyed the club hospitality and games organisation.

Thank you and congratulations to Fidy for all your hard work as Tournament Manager for this event. As we know, not an easy task.

Winners and Runners-up for all blocks, plus Alison Sharp, far right and Fidy Westgarth, far left.

Photograph: Richard Westgarth



Eire Cup - NSW won the Eire Cup 2023, recently which was held at Cairnlea, Victoria. Alison Sharpe, a member of the State Team, brought the trophy to show us, during the Mosman Bash.

COACHING UPDATE

Mentoring Program - The Club is presently putting together a Mentoring Program. This program will be available for any member, at any level, who is interesting in improving their game and will continue indefinitely. A list of mentors will be sent to all members, with an explanation of the concept, shortly.

Gibson Trophy – thinking about entering the Gibson Trophy? Denis Edleston has kindly agreed to provide a coaching session on “extra turns “session for those who have entered Gibson Trophy. Details will be forwarded to entrants after the closing date.

Further coaching sessions to resume after pennants.



Coaching Session
Improve your game with Rob Wright

UP AND COMING TOURNAMENTS?

For your information we now have a folder in the Clubhouse with some of the flyers for various tournaments which are happening around New South Wales. This folder is kept near the computer and the competition folders. These are some of the tournaments that are coming up -

| May | | |
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| Tue 2nd - Fri 5th | GC | Taree Wild Fig |
| Tue 9th - Fri 12th | GC | Manly Seabreeze GC |
| June | | |
| Sat 3rd - Sun 4th | Gateball | Newcastle National Park - Gateball Triples |
| Sat 3rd - Sun 4th | AC | Cammeray Birthday Tournament |
| Mon 19th - Fri 23rd | AC | Urunga AC Carnival |
| July | | |
| Sat 1st - Sun 2nd | GC | Newcastle National Park - Golf Doubles Carnival |
| Mon 24th - Fri 28th | AC | Port Macquarie 2023 AC Carnival |
| August | | |
| Fri 4th - Mon 7th | | Sawtell 4 days of GC |
| Mon 28th - Sat 2nd September | AC | Forster Spring Carnival 2023 |

For further information go to the Croquet NSW website for flyers and registration forms. If you want help navigating the CNSW website, give Penny a call on 0409 848 309.