



## Diary Dates:

**Season Opening Party, 11:00am on Sat 7 March 2020** – Croquet Games and a sandwich lunch.

Cost \$10 – put your name on the list at the Clubhouse (and leave payment).

If you are able to help with lunch preparation, please put your name on the Helpers List.

**Easter Get-Together on Wed 8 April:** a lunchtime party with an Easter Theme – SAVE THE DATE

**NSW GC Division 3 Championships, at Mosman, 15-19 July 2020:** SAVE THE DATES

## NSW Division 3 GC Championships

A group of club members has commenced preparing for the NSW Division 3 Championships to be held at Mosman Club 15-19 July 2020,

Penny Paterson will be the Tournament Manager. Ron Humpherson has been working on tidying up the equipment. [See 'Hoop Pampering', next page]

- **Come and play** – we hope as many as possible of our Div 3 players will enter the Championship. (*Entries Close: 29 June*)
- **Come and watch** – we hope members will come and watch the games and support their mates.
- **Come and help!!** – we hope that you will put your name down to help look after our guests (*Helpers lists will be available for signup in the clubhouse after Easter*)

For Entry details go to the Events Calendar 2020 on **Croquet NSW website:** <https://croquet-nsw.org/>

## Association Croquet Update

### Club Championships.

The Tournament season starts on 1st March with the AC Bronze and Platinum Championships. Entries close for these two events on 23rd February.

This year we are introducing something new on our website: **on-line Tournament Entry**. In addition to the usual Tournament Register in the club, members will be able to enter from home. All AC tournaments are now on the website at [Club Tournaments Entry](#) in the 'Members Only' Section. The GC Tournaments will be set up later.

### 2020 Croquet World Cup – in AUSTRALIA

Australia is hosting the 2020 AC World Cup at Cairnlea in Victoria, 15-23 February. Our club member, **Alison Sharpe**, has won several games in the first few days.

There are 28 Australians competing in the World Cup, in a field of 73 competitors. For details go to [www.croquet-Australia.com.au](http://www.croquet-Australia.com.au). They will be live-streaming the last three days, 21-23 Feb.

### Lawns 2, 3 & 4 ARE OPEN!

Lawn 2 and the Practice Lawn have re-opened, following annual renovation. Our greenskeeper is cutting the lawns somewhat long at present till they are strongly established, and will gradually shorten the length in the next few weeks.

Lawn 1 is still having intensive treatment to manage the ground pearl infestation, so that it will be in good condition for the upcoming tournaments.

Thank you to the Grounds Team for measuring up and setting the lawns for us.

## Golf Croquet Update

### NSW GC Pennants Competition 2020

The Pennants competition commences this month. We have four teams entered this year, and around 30 members are participating.

Teams and Captains are as follows:

Div 2 Blue: **Michael Morton-Evans (Capt)**

Div 2 White: **Ian Cameron (Capt)**

Div 3 Blue: **Anthea Piddington (Capt)**

Div 3 White: **Heather Sherlock (Capt)**

### GC Referees

The Club badly needs more GC referees. We have only two out of a membership of nearly 150. (Compare Forster Club's ratio 11:100). Becoming a referee is a great way to be able to contribute to the Club and the game, at the same time developing your own skills. You do not need to be a low handicapper or a player with years of experience.

Over the next few months the Club will be running a development program to help aspiring GC referees to learn the job and to become qualified. The first step will be an information session to explain the role of the referee and the process to become qualified. Stand-by for the announcement date.

**Improve your Croquet Strokes**

Mary is conducting croquet strokes practice for beginners and pennants players **8.45-9:15am**, before GC sessions each Wednesday and Friday.

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**Club Matters:**

**LAWN BOOKINGS during Pennants Comp.**

Following an effective starting date of 14th February, Mosman's home matches for Pennants will be starting soon.

Either **two or three lawns will be booked** by team captains and registered in the Attendance book, as well as being listed on the Club Notice Board. They will be booked during Open Play time slots, but sometimes two lawns will also be booked on a Friday morning during the Singles sessions.

**Farewell**

The Club is wishing a sad farewell to our visitors Geoffrey and Heather Longson who have returned home to England after their enjoyable stay in Sydney. We thank them for their exceptionally generous donation to Mosman Croquet Club for the time they spent with us.

**New Club Member**

Welcome to **Libby Cameron**, who has recently joined the club. Libby is married to club member Ian Cameron, and has already met quite a lot of our members.

**Hoop Pampering**

The battered and chipped crowns of our hoops have been restored to their former glory following a visit to the sandblaster and powder coater. Please continue this pampering by carefully storing the hoops in their new hoop racks, and by avoiding knocking the crowns together when carrying and setting up.

**Hero Spot.**

**Dennis Paton deserves a Medal!!**



We have a silent master-carpenter in our midst.... Have you seen the very beautiful hoop racks in the equipment cupboards? They were **made by club member Dennis Paton**. These racks have been installed to help prevent our refurbished hoops from chipping.

We are in awe of Dennis' ability with woodwork, but also he is very generous about fixing things around the club. If he notices something wobbly, he just fixes it!

Many club members don't know Dennis, because he plays AC, only, but he recently met quite a few at the Friday Twilight BBQ – when we were all relaxing with a drink, and Dennis was painting the white safety lines on the steps to the clubhouse from Lawn 1.

***THANK YOU, Dennis!!***

***See you on the Lawns!!***

