

MCC Newsletter – June 2020



Coronavirus restrictions are still in place, however members are managing to get a lot of play time using the Mosman Croquet Club Booking System, on-line.

We will have a great PARTY together, once the coronavirus restrictions are lifted!!!

Diary Dates:

NSW Division 3 Championships Tournament, 15-19 July 2020

Mosman Croquet Club is hosting this tournament. Come and support club members in the competition.

We will **NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS** to assist with running the Tournament. *See more information, below.*

NOTE: our lawns are unavailable for club members' social play 15-19 July

AGM on Sat 29 August 2020 at 11:00am – followed by celebrations (if permitted!!!)

NSW Division 3 GC Championships, 15-19 July

Planning for this State Championship Tournament was put on-hold during coronavirus shutdown. Now croquet clubs are partially re-opened, and there is a lot of interest in this event.

This is our big focus for July. It is a great opportunity to showcase our club, and show CNSW how well we can do such events. There are 40 entrants in the Doubles, and 15 entered in the Singles. At least 18 of our own Division 3 players have registered to play.

This is a lot of people to look after, and we need to do it whilst still meeting coronavirus restrictions. **We are seeking helpers to register** their availability over the course of the Tournament 15-19 July. Keep a lookout for the email notice requesting volunteers.

You can register on-line by clicking this link https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bbe48aZpXN XvcVnK4ZnYMsLUK-5tkwvgQp_9pzTD6Ac/edit?usp=sharing

Penny Paterson is the Tournament Manager. If you have any queries, contact Mb 0409 848 309. Email: PennyP2086@gmail.com

Golf Croquet Update

Division 3 Up-Skilling Sessions

There has been an enthusiastic response to the Club holding up-skilling sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays, with around 32 members enrolled for training and competition tips.

Training is being provided by **Alison Sharpe, Mary Gibson, Penny Paterson** and **Greg Deakin** with a focus on improving swing and skills such as stop

shots, blocking, jump shots and positioning, as well as tactics for improving sophistication of play, especially in competition. Also some revision of basic rules is being covered in the sessions.

Due to the popularity of these sessions we will look at doing future sessions for Division 3 players, later in the year.

Especial thanks go to Alison, Mary, Greg and Penny for giving up so much of their time to assist the Division 3 players.

The "Top Ten" Challenge

The "Top Ten" Challenge is proceeding well, with around half the matches played already. Players are scheduling their competition matches into normal timeslots in the Booking System.

The GC Ladder Competition

The 2020 Ladder will commence in a few weeks' time. This year's competition will run under slightly different conditions to former years, and will encourage all different levels to play in handicap competition.

Review of GC Handicaps

Richard Westgarth has updated everyone's GC Handicap Card results into the Croquet NSW database. Our club now has:

- 8 players in Division 1,
- 19 players in Division 2, and
- 63 players in Division 3.

If you need or want a handicap card please contact a member of the **Handicap Committee:**

Ron Humpherson: rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au
Marjorie Lehmann: marjorielehmann@bigpond.com
Richard Westgarth: richard@westgarth.com.au

AC Club Championships

The Bronze Division Championship games are mostly completed. The Silver Division Championships commenced mid-June.

For all AC enquiries, contact Ron Humpherson at rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au

Coronavirus UPDATE

There will be new conditions announced for NSW adult sport, from 1 July. Our club will need to be ready to adapt, once we find out what the changes will allow.

Despite a lot of easing of restrictions across the state, we must continue to observe the Conditions of Play under coronavirus restrictions, and the Booking System will continue for the time being.

Players use Mosman Croquet Club **at their own risk.**

DO NOT COME to the Club **IF YOU HAVE ANY COLD OR 'FLU SYMPTOMS.**

CONTINUE the **standard COVID-19 precautions:**

- Social distancing 1.5 metres, to be maintained at all times.
- Hands to be sanitized, or washed 20 secs, before and after touching other surfaces.

The clubhouse continues to be out-of-bounds except for hand-washing and use of toilets – only one person inside the clubhouse at any time.

Many members have asked about returning to the Weekly Program of Play. The plan is to re-introduce the former schedule, and if people want to make suggestions, they should send them to the **Games Captain, Ron Humpherson:** rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au.

Club Matters:

Orders for Name Badges and Club Uniform

If you want to order a Name Badge or Club monogrammed T-Shirts and Jackets, order by Mon 29 June. Contact **Fidye Westgarth ASAP:** croquetmosman@gmail.com

Conserving Hoop Runs for the Div 3 Tournament

All players please note:

The inner hoop holes (often called the AC holes) have been filled in by the Grounds Team to give the hoop runs time to repair in readiness for the **Tournament 15-19 July.**

These inner holes are the correct placement for ALL croquet competitions.

In our club, we create the outer holes in order to share the wear-and-tear around the hoops associated with repeated GC hoop-running. The two sets of holes will be re-opened after 20 July.

Get well soon!!!!

We have 2 very ill members who need a little TLC – nothing to do with COVID-19:

Robert Wright is still recuperating from fractured vertebrae, in Lady Davidson Hospital.

Helen Franklin has had a terrible time since breaking her ankle a while ago, and is receiving treatment in Prince of Wales Hospital.

They would love a phone call now and then, if you are able.

Correspondence.....

End of Coronavirus???

Recently received this query from a member, who was *'just asking on behalf of a friend'*.....

During the Middle Ages they celebrated the end of the Plague with wine and orgies.

Does anyone know if we have anything like that planned?



See you on the Lawns!!