



# MCC Newsletter – August 2020

Diary Dates: / **See URGENT NOTICE re. COVID CHANGES**

**Annual General Meeting, 29/8/2020:** Mosman Croquet Club's AGM will be held at the Club, in the open air on Lawn 2, and by Zoom, on **Saturday 29 August 2020, at 11.30am.**

## COVID CHANGES for Mosman Croquet

Following increases in COVID-19 in NSW over the last month, the Chief Health Officer has asked for **greater restrictions** in community sport, to reduce risk of disease transmission.

- The Mosman Bash 2020 (4-6 Sept) is cancelled
- **Non-croquet activities need to stop** for the time being: 'Turn Up, Participate, Leave'. This means no Bridge/Mahjong; no group morning teas, drinks, etc.

### REMEMBER to:

- Always **SIGN-IN** when you come to the Club;
- Keep sanitising hands, before and after using any club equipment.
- **KEEP DISTANCE of 1.5m**, always.

## Golf Croquet News

### THE 'TOP TEN'

Congratulations to **David Snedden**, winner of the 2020 'Top Ten', closely followed by **Lyn Day** and **Denis Edleston**. *(More information next month)*

### THE LADDER

The 'Recovery' Ladder is proving very popular this year. We have had 29 of our 33 entrants complete 43 games in the first four weeks. **Jim Clarke** has now won six of his seven games to lead on 118 points, with **Michael Chambers** just behind on 117.

But, while Jim can celebrate top spot on the Ladder, his wife will be supplying the drinks. **Lorrie Clarke** gained 14 points over the fortnight to earn the prize for this fortnight's biggest scoring player. Congratulations to both of you.

It has been particularly good to see newer players so involved in The Ladder.

### GC Club Championship

The Club Championship is currently in progress. Sixteen players have entered. These are non-handicap long-game GC matches: Each match will be decided by a single 19-point game, where the winner is first to score 10 hoops.

### The Martyn Prins Trophy

With so many events cancelled, this year, we were delighted to be able to hold the Martyn Prins Trophy on 16 August. The weather was perfect, and the event was fully subscribed: 32 members turned out to do battle for the Martyn Prins Trophy, the club's annual Doubles Handicap Championship.

In the morning, teams competed in four blocks of four with the winners going through to the finals after lunch. The four block winners were:

- **Rosie Portus** and **Monique Gingell**
- **Cali Craig** and **De Howarth**
- **Michael Chambers** and **Les Jackson**
- **Kay Bergin** and **Peter Lewis**

The semi-finals resulted in Cali and De playing off against Michael and Les in the finals. Both teams were undefeated and playing well, but the boys would have the advantage of three extra turns. It turned out to be a great battle going to the last hoop, but in the end after some tense manoeuvring around the 13<sup>th</sup> Michael slipped his ball through to victory.

Congratulations to Michael and Les for their first tournament win!



*Michael Morton-Evans refereed finalists in the Martyn Prins Trophy: Les Jackson & Michael Chambers (Winners) vs Cali Craig & De Howarth.*

*For all GC enquiries, email Richard Westgarth: richard@westgarth.com.au*

## Association Croquet Update

### Gold Division Championships

Gold Division Championships are being played this month, and AC Club Championship next month.

### The Mosman Bash, 4-6 September 2020

The Bash was postponed in March (due to COVID shutdown) and moved to 4-6 Sept. This tournament has now been cancelled, on the orders of the NSW Chief Health Officer.

For all AC enquiries, contact Ron Humpherson at [rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au)

## Club Matters:

### Club Etiquette AND Security

If you have booked a Lawn – **please allow others to share**, if other Lawns are full (unless you are specifically COVID-isolating). Even if you are playing competition you should permit double-banked play on your lawn, requesting that the second group permits you to play through.

### PLEASE CLOSE THE CLUB CORRECTLY after play:

We have recently had some instances where the Hoops were left up overnight on a lawn, and the Clubhouse was not closed up correctly.

If there is no-one present to play after you have finished your games, please **put away all the equipment** – no matter what time of day. Also **close the blinds and turn off the heaters** when locking up the Clubhouse.

### New computer

Our Club has recently been given a brand new computer!! Our thanks go to our **unknown donor** who approached Ron Humpherson and asked him to organise a state-of-the-art computer for our club's use – and thank you to Ron for investigating what would best, and for arranging purchase and installation.



## Changes to the Handicap Committee

**Marjorie Lehmann** has recently resigned from the MCC Handicap Committee. Thank you to Marjorie for holding this role for many years, and to **Alison Sharpe** who has agreed to take over from Marjorie. Ron Humpherson continues as the Club Handicapper: E: [rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au)

### Club Uniform and Badges

Fidye will order Name Badges at end of August (\$10 each). **If you want a name badge**, please write your name on the **Order Form** at the Clubhouse, or **Email**: [croquetmosman@gmail.com](mailto:croquetmosman@gmail.com)

We still have plenty of Club monogrammed polo shirts (\$32/\$35) and cosy fleeces (\$50) available for purchase. It is recommended to wear club uniform when playing in competitions: white polo shirt, navy jacket, and white or navy pants.

### Special "Thank you"

We are still enjoying feedback about the wonderful time people had at the 2020 NSW Division 3 Championships, 15-19 July. Our club and lawns looked great, and we want to thank **Pip McLachlan** and **Penny Paterson** for doing a HUGE cleanup in the Clubhouse, as well as the Grounds Team for preparing the lawns so well.

### New Club Members

Welcome to new members over the last month: **Stephen Ingate**, **Peter Stevens**, **Libby McDonald**, and **Lindsay and Kathy Abbott**.

## Dam Buster !!!.....

### Shot of the Div 3 Championships, 17-19 July

When you're 1 yard in from the backline, directly behind your opponent's ball (sitting in hoop 11), what do you do?

**Michael Chang** does a **double-bounce jump shot** that hits the inside of the hoop, drops down to push his opponent **back** and spins forward to halfway. Hoop won!

See Michael's style below!

