



MCC Newsletter – August 2021

Diary Dates:

Annual General Meeting, Saturday 4 September 2021

Mosman Croquet Club's AGM has been re-scheduled to **4/9/2021, at 11.30am**.

The meeting will be held by Zoom. Agenda papers were re-circulated on 16/8/2021.

COVID Stay-at-Home Orders continue, till end-September (at least). See information below

COVID Restrictions

The COVID Lockdown which commenced in June continues, and is becoming more stringent as case numbers increase in various locations across Sydney and NSW. We are very fortunate to be able to keep our lawns open for croquet, in compliance with the increasing restrictions.

THANK YOU to all our members for respecting this privilege, and complying with the restrictions. The club booking system is working well, and everybody is keeping 1.5m distant as they play.

In summary:

Under the current STAY-AT-HOME Orders:

We are permitted to leave home for exercise or outdoor recreational activity, if essential.

The Club is available for play, with the following restrictions:

- **No more than 2 players** on each lawn.
- **ALL play must be BOOKED** via MCC On-line Booking system. (*RECORD other player's name in your on-line Booking Title*)
- **ALWAYS Check-in using QR Code**
- **Clubhouse and Annexe are CLOSED**, except for using bathroom, or borrowing a mallet.
- Do not travel more than 5 Kms from your home. No car-pooling when travelling to play croquet.
- Continue to hand sanitise before and after play, and social distance at all times (**at least 1.5 metres**)
- **Masks are required**, unless *strenuous* exercising
- There are no designated Club Play sessions, and no coaching sessions
- No socialising – **arrive, play, and go home**

For any COVID-related queries, or enquiries about the Booking System, phone:

Fidye Westgarth, Club Secretary on 0419 703 050

E: secretary@mosmancroquet.org.au

Lawns Bookings and HOOPS

When you have finished your croquet session, **PLEASE put away the equipment** if there is no one actually present waiting to commence play. This includes the Practice Lawn.

You cannot assume that others are coming after you (even if they have made a booking) unless you actually see them waiting to use your lawn.

The hoops were again left in on a lawn, earlier this week – and another member had to pack everything away. We should not have to make a roster to check that the equipment is put away.

Each member must be responsible for how they leave the club after they have finished playing.

Games Update

GC Division 3 Championship

Quick thinking and quick action has given us a Division 3 GC champion for 2021.

Congratulations **Chris Gingell** for winning the Championship, and possibly being our only GC Champion this year, and congratulations **Peter Larsen** for making the final. Our other semi-finalists were **Anthea Piddington** and **Gill Burke**.

When the government imposed our new 5Km travel limit Peter was concerned he might be out of range and unable to play any more games. So, he and Chris organised and played their final game... with just a couple of hours to spare! No members were there to watch but we believe they would have seen two good players enjoying themselves in a great challenge.



Chris continued his recent improvement, and won the game 7-4. The Division 3 standard has risen this year and there are some more players showing potential for moving up a level when we can get some more competition.

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

Club Matters:

Annual General Meeting to be held by ZOOM

Following continued changes to the Stay at-Home Orders, a normal face-to-face AGM will not be possible for many months. We cannot keep delaying our AGM, and so the Committee has decided to hold the AGM electronically, this year.

The **AGM will be held by Zoom, 11:30 on 4/9/2021.**

The AGM papers were re-circulated to all members on 16 August, and all members are invited to participate by Zoom. A notice will be circulated shortly, asking members to **register to attend**. For those unsure of using Zoom, instructions will be circulated and two practice sessions will be held.

If you have access to the internet whether by computer, tablet, or even smartphone we hope you will participate in the AGM.

Volunteers Wanted

The club is seeking volunteers for Catering role, under the new committee for 2021-22.

The **Catering role** is responsible for organising the food for our two annual open tournaments, and for occasional club parties. You do not have to make the food yourself, and there are always others to assist.

This is a very special roles for keeping our club vibe elevated, in the good times. All costs are reimbursed by the Club.

For information, contact **Cali Craig: 0437 031 007**

Hoops and Holes

With the lawns constantly in use this winter, even though there are only 2 players per lawn, our hoop runs and the hoop holes are requiring a lot of attention.

Please thank the Grounds Team for the great work they are doing, continually looking after the lawns. *Remember not to bash the hoops in too deep - and do fill the holes with sphagnum moss if the holes are getting loose.*

Improve your Croquet Play & Skills

Croquet during Lockdown?

Clearly we can have no group coaching sessions, but some members would like to do their exercise with a more experienced player, for tactics and stroke correction.

Don't be frightened to ask others for a game! Our experienced players are always happy to share their knowledge with newer players.

If you wish to play with a better player and are not sure who to invite, do contact Michael Chambers to put you in touch with his list of several motivated members happy to assist.

Contact: Michael Chambers at: emailthedoc@yahoo.com

Can you help???

Temporary Cleaning.....

Under COVID Stay-at-Home Orders, our cleaner is unable to come and clean the Clubhouse and Annexe.

We need to **start a weekly roster** for members to help to clean bathrooms and kitchen benches for Clubhouse and Annexe.

The more offers we get, the less work it will be. Please contact Fidy if you can spare 40 mins during this difficult time.

Email: secretary@mosmancroquet.org.au

