



MCC Newsletter – April 2021

Diary Dates:

The Gibson Trophy: 15-16 May 2021

Twenty-four MCC members have entered this annual GC singles competition. Come and watch them play, especially for the finals when the block winners play for final honours AND the Gibson Trophy. **Come for the BBQ Sunday 16 May at 12:30 (\$10/head, BYO drinks) and cheer-on your colleagues.** RSVP at Clubhouse.

The Mosman Bash: 21-23 May 2021:

This is our annual Open AC Tournament, with visitors from many croquet clubs across Sydney and NSW. We **need volunteers** to help host our visitors – especially with cakes and slices for morning tea and lunch.

The annual **GC Ladder Competition** will commence on 1 May.

Annual Subscriptions are due by 30 May. Email will be sent soon, requesting your Subs.

Does anyone remember April 2020?

This time last year our club was closed for play. And didn't we miss it!!!

A lot of us found out how much our club means to us, and how we missed the simple pleasures of a game of croquet – and we missed each other.

Ground-Breaking NEWS !!!!....

The Practice Lawn is now set up with Quadway Hoops (same as on Lawns 1-4) to assist your practice and expertise. None of our lawns now use the old-style iron hoops.

Everyone knows we have a long-held rule at our Club: **NO PRACTISING jump-shots or hoop-running on Lawns 1-4.** This is to save the integrity of our hoop runs.

Please use the Practice Lawn and the Quadway hoops, for practising these repeated shots. The Practice Lawn hoops and balls are stored together in the mallet room.

Note: the Allen keys in the equipment cupboards (for tightening Quadway hoops) are newly fitted with big wooden "key-rings" so you will never put them in your pocket and take them home !!

Lawn Use

(during periods of increased competitions)

The **Weekly Programme of Play** lets us know when and how we play on the four lawns. Our chart shows **Club Play** sessions in green and blue, and these sessions are set aside for social GC and AC (including ricochet) games. The rest of the week is **Open Play** and is available for official competitions,

functions and coaching, as well as casual social play and practice.

Reservations for competitions, functions and coaching can be made during Open Play, using the online Booking System, and bookings can be viewed by members at the club – or elsewhere, on computer, tablet and smartphone.

While the schedule and booking is simple there are a few extra points to be aware of, for **Club Play**, during increased competition activity.

- All AC, and Wednesday & Friday morning GC have a start-time and are selected by draw
- AC is singles or doubles, and GC is doubles play (but singles is OK if lawns available)
- Competition is OK during Club Play but only if there are lawns available
- GC Pennants may sometimes be booked on Friday mornings, if cannot be arranged in Open Play.

Association Croquet Update

Florence Scott Trophy

The winner of the Florence Scott Trophy 2021, was **Chris Gingell**, with runner-up **Susie Curtis**. This is a Handicap 18-20 Singles competition for members new to AC competition. After the finals the winners shared their glory with the other participants, having a well-earned lunch together at the Buena.

AC Pennants 2021

Gold, Silver and Bronze Pennants Teams are forming, ready to commence AC Pennants 1 May – 30 June 2021.

AC Club Championship: starts on May 1. Register in AC Folder, in the Clubhouse.

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

Golf Croquet Update

NSW GC Pennants Competition 2021

GC Pennants are now underway for Divisions 2 and 3. We are experiencing moments of glory, and moments of disappointment. Everyone is enjoying the opportunity to play in their teams and to meet other clubs.

GC Ladder

Our annual GC Ladder Competition will commence on 1 May. This is a singles handicap competition, where participants arrange their own games. It is a great way to experience playing others of different standards, and for practising extra turns. **Register your entry** on the list in the GC Competition folder in the Clubhouse.

For all GC enquiries, E: richard@westgarth.com.au

Club Matters:

CPR Training at Mosman Croquet

On Monday 29 March, over 40 members gathered for a most professional presentation on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and use of a defibrillator. For our memory reinforcement, the mnemonic is D R S A B C D: **D**anger, **R**esponse, **S**end for help, **A**irway, **B**reathing, **C**PR, **D**efibrillator. There was unanimous positive feedback from attendees.



The defibrillator and instructions are kept beside the front door of the Clubhouse. We are fortunate now to have a second defibrillator for easy access in the Annexe.

See you on the Lawns!!

New Ruling on Bringing Pets to MCC

The MCC Committee has recently decided that pets are banned from the Club. This is on the grounds of concerns for members' safety and for risk of insurance claims.

Consideration has been made for the few members who have been used to bringing their dogs when they come to play croquet. These individuals may continue to bring their dogs as long as the dogs are kept tethered away from areas where members gather, and away from traffic areas, and never to enter the clubhouse, annexe, or verandahs.

Under the new ruling, these members and any persons requiring to be attended by support animals are permitted to bring an animal to the Club as long as they sign a Declaration of Responsibility for any injury or damage from their animal.

AND the WINNER IS.....!!!!

Our congratulations especially go to Alison Sharpe, WINNER of the NSW GC Open Women's Singles Championship at Tempe, April 9-11. What a Champion she is!

Michael Chang enters GC State Championship, and lives to tell the tale.....

The NSW GC Open Men's Singles Championship held at Tempe 26-29 March, saw a highly competitive field of 21 players, the majority having low handicaps from minus 4 to plus 1. Australia's men's no. 1 GC player, Peter Landrebe from Cammeray, was present as was Australia GC representative, David Hansbridge from Nowra. Michael had the privilege of playing both!

This was a Level Play competition, and 'our man' Michael came through to the Final 16 knockout. He led Peter Landrebe 4-2 in the second game of his best-of-3 match. That, and getting into the Final 16 has given him confidence that he can do well at a higher level. Overall Michael came 14th in the competition. Well done!

Michael says: "I enjoyed the experience. Overall, there were just a few matches where I was mentally switched on in the entire match. In others, I made the rookie mistake of chatting with people beforehand, instead of immersing myself in a 'match bubble'. Very valuable learning experience here: every match is important!"

Anyone interested in going in the **NSW GC Handicap Singles**, at Taree, 14-16 May? Closing Date is 5 May.

Also the **NSW Open Singles Championship** is on at Tempe, 28-31 May – have a go!!!