



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Subscription Reminder – Due 31 May, 2022. Please advise if you are not renewing your membership.

Friday, 17 June, CPR and AED refresher demonstration – details later in Newsletter.

Sunday, 19 June, Gibson Trophy – We are coming to the end of the Gibson Trophy. All blocks are now played and the finals are being held on 19 June. After our years of Covid, we want to make this a special event so please mark your calendar and come along to cheer the various members who have made it to the finals. Have a drink and celebrate the end of this competition.

Wednesday 6 July, “Jazz up July”- Come along for some winter warmers, soup, crusty bread and stick date pudding and.....”entertainment”! Cost \$20.00pp. Numbers limited. For more information, see flyer in Club House.

GENERAL UPDATES

Lawn 1 – fencing now completed and we have received many compliments from members. We are now waiting to hear from landscaper as to when the buxus hedge will be planted. Council is planting two trees (at council’s cost and upkeep) on lower slope of lawn 1, with delayed planting of 2nd tree behind lawn 2 until after we have completed removal of hedge etc. later in the year.



Before



After

Bandicoots – Scott has erected a temporary fence on lawn 4 to see if this deters the “little critters”. We are definitely trying everything!

Mahjong – Do you want to learn? Mahjong is played on every Wednesdays after croquet in the morning and beginners are more than welcome as we all play using Mahjong books. If you are interested in learning, please contact either Marlene Thomas or Rosie Mott.

Signing In - Some members still aren't signing in. Can we please ask that you do this on arrival at the Club.

Covid – Message from NSW Government – “Protect others when you're feeling unwell. Keeping your germs at home is a little thing that makes a big difference”. Please if you are unwell, **DO NOT** come to the Club. To all our members who are presently unwell, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Volunteers - For months now we have been asked for volunteers to come forward and to date have only had one response from Madeleine Gray who is looking after Club clothing (see below). Thank you, Madeleine. All in all a rather disappointing response. Without volunteers, the club does not/cannot function. Surely there are some members who can help for an hour or so a month with housekeeper, catering, gardening or the lawns.

Membership list - Reminder -The list of members is available on the website under the “Members Only” heading. You need to log in to obtain this information. If you have problems logging in try “New to this site – Log in” - An email will then come to the Club who will approve your access to the website.

Club Clothing – Do you need any Club clothing, eg, polo shirts, jackets, vests etc? If so, please contact Madeleine Gray (0414 531 357) who is looking after your requirements. A list will also be in the Clubhouse that you can add your order to.

CPR AND AED REFRESHER DEMONSTRATION

A team from Surf Life Saving is coming to the Club to give a CPR update on Friday June 17 at 10.30 am to provide basic skills and a refresher course on the AED. The demonstration will take 60 minutes at a cost of \$20.00 pp.

Please register your interest now with Michael Chambers <emailthedoc@yahoo.com> 0488187328

COACHING NEWS

There will be no formal clinics for the next few months, as we will be getting new member coaching underway.

Starting every Wednesday from June 8, there will be a brief skills coaching session before Wednesday doubles, from 8.00 am to 8.20 am. No need to register, but if you are interested, could you let Michael know at emailthedoc@yahoo.com.

Michael is also offering any member who seeks basic skills fine tuning, to contact him and he will arrange a coach to get you back on track.

GC UPDATE



Martyn Prins Trophy – and the winners were “Chris and Monique Gingell”! Heather Sherlock and Linda Barnes were runners up in a tight competition. Well done everyone. We hope you all had a fun day and a big thank you to Cali for bringing some winter warming soup to cheer everyone up.

GC Pennants – To solve weather issues, the last test Mosman White v Elanora was split over two Fridays with Mosman White winning the test 2-1. We were close in both the Division 2 and Division 3 pennants but unfortunately a trophy was not for us this year. Mosman Blue was runner up in the Division 2 Metro North and missed out by just one game against the winners Chatswood. In the Division 3 Mosman White came third in Metro South with equal placegetters on tests and matches but unfortunately we were pipped at the post by one game.

Division 3 Championships – The entries have now closed and what a great response we have had and what an opportunity for those people who haven't played in a competition before to try their skills. Good luck everyone.

GC Rules - From 1st July, GC will have a new set of rules, the **World Croquet Federation's Sixth Edition**. There are many changes to the layout and definitions for simplicity and clarity, and to bring GC more in line with AC, so our thinking may sometimes need a bit of change. However, there are only a couple of changes to actual rules, including wrong ball play, and we will summarise these for you in due course. Finally, a new form of GC has been trialled and approved, called Advantage GC, but clubs will need time to examine its effects.

The new GC Rule books will be available shortly (cost is \$7.50) and envelopes will be near the sign in book.

ANYONE FOR ASSOCIATION CROQUET?

In my two previous missives on AC croquet outlining the differences and similarities to GC, I was telegraphing the intention to offer AC Introductory classes for any members who have not previously been exposed to Association Croquet.

Association Croquet was generally played exclusively up to the early 2000's with GC only being introduced to grow the sport and as an introductory step towards AC play.

Croquet players have increased in numbers and new clubs have been formed - all on the basis of the popularity of Golf Croquet with around 80% of croquet participants now playing GC exclusively.

Those that play the AC game nowadays frequently start off the croquet game of GC and add the AC game to their skill set, finding out that their GC game also improves by mastering Association Croquet.

So how long does it take to become an adherent of AC? Certainly, it is not a game mastered overnight and is one where you are still becoming a better player even after playing the game regularly for a number of years.

So, is AC a game for yourself? The game will appeal to those players who are seeking additional skills in their stroke techniques as well as those seeking additional tactics and strategy to those employed when playing Golf Croquet. It is a game where additional stroke techniques are employed and any number of different strategies can be used to score hoop points.

At Mosman we have around twenty regular players. After being allocated to a partner (when playing doubles) and to the opposition player, half a game is played so that morning tea can be taken by the group. Play resumes until the time is called. We have Bronze, Silver and Gold players at Mosman, with handicap free turns being played when playing with a lower handicap player.

If you are sensing AC may be an interesting game to be introduced to, contact myself, or the AC games co-ordinator, Bronwyn McGrane (0411 684 720) so that we might begin your journey into the AC game of croquet.

Rob Wright: 0416 161 863

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE HANDICAP SYSTEM?

Many members have trouble understanding and using the Club's handicap system. It is based on the Automatic Handicap System (AHS) used by all clubs in Australia and accepted as a fair and accurate way to set handicaps. However, it is quite complex and daunting when first encountered by new players. To help you understand the system and how we implement it at Mosman, the following useful articles will be available shortly on our website:

- [MCC Handicap System](#) - the overview of the system and the club implementation policy
- [Behind your GC handicap](#) – a background to how the GC handicap system works
- [Completing a handicap card](#) - points on completing your card (copy will be in the clubhouse)