



MCC Newsletter – November 2020

Diary Dates:

Christmas Party, Saturday 12/12/2020 from 3:00pm – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!!

RSVP on the list at the Clubhouse, and leave your payment there. COVID-safety arrangements will be in place for the Party. Annual Awards will commence at 5:30pm, with dinner from 6:30pm. **All prize-winners from 2019 should return their perpetual trophies to Ron Humpherson ASAP, to allow time for engraving.**

Friday Night BBQ, 27 Nov 2020: Croquet from 3:00pm; Happy Hour, then BBQ from 5:30pm @ \$10/head. RSVP Form at the Clubhouse – and pay in advance.

LAWNS 3 & 4 WILL CLOSE from 1 December – for at least 4 weeks for annual renovation, Please be patient during this time, and share the other lawns equitably.

Club Matters:

COVID and Kitchen Hygiene

Members may now use club crockery, glassware and cutlery provided **EVERYTHING goes in the dishwashers** after use.

There is to be NO hand washing in the sink.

To operate the dishwasher there are 3 simple instructions displayed on bench above, for 29 min cycle – AND remember to EMPTY the dishwasher if cycle is finished.

Members are to be responsible for keeping the kitchen clean, dishwasher unpacked, bins emptied. Never leave anything draining in the sink, as no-one knows if it has been properly cleaned.

New Club Flag

Our new club flag has arrived! Thank you to **Hugh Lander** for organising the replacement for our club flag which went missing in August – AND for generously donating the full cost of the flag. **Mal Russell** has also donated \$50 towards replacing the flag, and we remember Mal's involvement as the designer of our club logo and for designing and purchasing the original flag for the club. Thank you, Mal.

Peter Coles Mallet

Peter Coles has been EXTREMELY generous with his donations of over \$1000 to our club. He has given us one of his fantastic PFC Hoopmaker mallets for use as a club mallet – for anyone to borrow when playing at the club!

He has also offered us another mallet, for use as a fund-raiser for the club in the new year. Thank you Peter – we love your mallets!!

External Functions

We have received a lot of bookings for croquet functions for organisations and groups to celebrate end-of-year together. Croquet seems to be the GO-TO activity, in times of coronavirus!

Every external function requires several croquet "coaches" to assist the guests to learn how to play the game. Any of our members who can play croquet is suitable to be a coach. **Please help us out by volunteering to assist** at one or more of these events. They are actually quite fun!!

New Club Members

Welcome to 7 new members over the last month: **Kate Chambers, Sharon Roberts, Desley Hume, Gail Harris, Sarah Austin, Jon Nicholls OAM, and Paddy Bergin.** Please make them welcome, when you see them.

This brings our club to **150 playing members** plus 10 social members.

Maximum Membership

Our membership has now reached 150 full playing members. This is the strongest membership in the Club's history.

The Committee has decided to **close membership** for the time being. A Waiting List will be developed for any new member applications.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A **Helpers List is set up at the Clubhouse.** Please volunteer to help with providing the games, serving the dinner, or the clean-up afterwards.

With COVID constraints, numbers may have to be limited and the meal will be presented differently from our traditional banquet.

Golf Croquet Update

GC Championships, 2020

Congratulations to everyone who played, all 46 entrants. We had a good mix of the old and the new players, we had short games and long games, we had good weather and bad, we had good croquet and reasonable croquet, and we even double-banked.

But we had fun!and these are the results:

	Champion	Runner-up
Club Champion	Denis Edleston	Rob Elliott
Div 1 Champion	David Snedden	Rob Elliott
Div 2 Champion	De Howarth	Richard Westgarth
Div 3 Champion	Les Jackson	Michael Chang

Other news is our own **Rob Elliott** has won NSW Champion of Champions. He was representing his other club (Royal Sydney Golf Club), however MCC is happy to bathe in reflected glory. Well done all!!



Our Golf Croquet Champions 2020 (L to R): Rob Elliott, De Howarth, David Snedden, Denis Edleston, and Les Jackson.

Special thanks goes to GC Assistant **Richard Westgarth** who managed to get all these games completed by 17 November. Someone described his efforts as "like herding cats".

NOTE: The **Handicap Committee** will meet late November to review all members' handicaps.



Who would know they had fought so hard? Runner-up Rob Elliot and MCC Club Champion Denis Edleston

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

Association Croquet Update

AC Championships, 2020

Now completedand these are the results:

	Champion	Runner-up
Club Champion	John Fransen	Rob Wright
Platinum Champ.	Denis Edleston	Ron Humpherson
Gold Champion	Rob Wright	Denis Edleston
Silver Champion	David McGrane	Lindsay Thompson
Bronze Champ	Lindsay Thompson	David McGrane

AND outright winner of the Cammeray Summertime Tournament Handicap AC Shortgame (1.25 hours) on 7 & 8 November was **Bronwyn McGrane!!**

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

The Mosman Prize: CONGRATULATIONS, all!!!

To all the weary workers – what a wonderfully successful tournament it was, despite the variable and at-times HIDEOUS weather.

Our Tournament Manager **Ron Humpherson** is to be congratulated. There was not one blip anywhere in the planning and playing, and there were numerous compliments on the organisation.

We were very grateful to all the referees from our Club and from other clubs who so generously gave of their time over the three days. Thank you to **Michael Morton-Evans** for arranging these.

The **Grounds Team** were there every morning, rain or sunshine, preparing the lawns. **Chris Gingell** did a superb job organising the timekeepers and keeping our referees fed and watered. **Cali Craig** and her team of helpers were brilliant in the kitchen, and **Janet** and **Rosie** were awesome as ever. Our members were amazing with the daily supply of cakes, slices, buns etc which the visitors devoured with delight.



Ron Humpherson (centre) briefs Finalists Michael Chang & RoseAnne White and 3rd & 4th place finalists Penny Paterson & Les Jackson. Michael Morton-Evans and Michael Strickland were the referees.

Being a Handicap event, everyone had a chance to win. The biggest success was, out of the 8 finalists, 6 were our MCC members – and most had come through the ranks in the last 3 years including the Mosman Prize champion, **Michael Chang**. Big congratulations to Michael Chang, for his perseverance and cool-headed strategy!

A big THANK YOU to **Geoff Grist** of **Richardson and Wrench Real Estate**, who donated the prize money for the Mosman Prize.

There was a great atmosphere over the entire tournament. **To all our volunteers, we cannot thank you enough!**

The full results are available at CroquetScores.com:
<https://croquetscores.com/2020/gc/mosman-prize-for-handicap/3rd-4th-final>

See more photos on the MCC website Gallery.....
<https://www.mosmancroquet.org.au/gallery>



Michael Chang always keeps his head DOWN!



And so does Penny Paterson!

Meet our Members.....

*We have decided to run occasional articles about members of our club, so we can get to know more about each other. Committee member **Ian Pedley**, former editor and international journalist, recently had a chat with Michael Chang, and prepared this article.*

Any contributions to "Meet our Members" are very welcome.

Meet Michael Chang, who won the Mosman Prize earlier this month to complete a standout first year with the club.



An all-round athlete, Michael has taken to croquet like a duck to water, an appropriate comparison considering another of his passions is kayaking.

Four times a week before dawn Michael heads out into Sydney Harbour with a group of kayakers who include world and Olympic champions. Outside the heads they also are joined variously by whales, sharks, dolphins, penguins and seals!

Michael is a family man with a wife and two sons. Born in Hong Kong, he moved to Melbourne at age eight, excelling at cricket and AFL before becoming a boarder at The Kings School in Sydney,

Thence it was on to Sydney University for a degree in electrical engineering, followed by a masters in information management at UTS, leading to a career in corporate governance.

During these years Michael gained representative honours in a number of sports including volleyball, tennis and dragon boat racing which proved a stepping stone to kayaking.

Croquet then became part of the landscape when president Mary Gibson ran into Michael on the street behind the club and encouraged him to join up. Now Michael salutes Mary, Penny Paterson and Greg Deakin for mentoring his rise through the ranks.

Well done, Michael.