



MCC Newsletter – July 2019

What's been happening at Mosman Croquet Club in July – and things to come.

Diary Dates:

Information Session on Handicaps: Monday 5 August, 10:30 – 12:00noon (starting with Morning Tea)

The Gibson Trophy, 17-18 August 2019: All welcome to enter. Entries close 11 August.

AGM and Start of NEW YEAR 2019-20!!

Much activity has happened over the last month, with members renewing their subscriptions. The club now has **136 members**. Our Annual General Meeting was held 20 July 2019. A new Committee was endorsed for 2019-20, having just a few changes from last year:

President	Mary Gibson
Vice President	Ian Pedley
Secretary	Fidye Westgarth
Treasurer	Janet Bickett
Games Captain	Ron Humpherson
Grounds Captain	Hugh Lander
Committee Members	Marjorie Lehmann Linda Barnes Cali Craig

We farewell Ron Barratt (Grounds Captain) and Lynn Snedden (General Committee), as they leave the committee. Thank you, Lyn and Ron, for all your input and sound advice.

Association Croquet Update

AC Pennants 2019: Success !!!

Mosman teams have **won BOTH the Gold and Bronze Division AC Pennants**. Congratulations to all the players who took part:

Gold Team: Ron Humpherson (Captain), Rob Wright, Helen Collins, Denis Edleston, Graham Lockhart, Warren Porter

Bronze Team: Bronwyn McGrane (Captain), David McGrane, Fidye Westgarth, Jenny Willis, Lindsay Thompson, Mal Russell.



Bronze AC Pennants Team: Victorious!

CLUB CHAMPION 2019

Our Club Champion for AC in 2019 is **Helen Collins**, with Denis Edleston runner-up.

Congratulations Helen!

Helen has been a member of our club for just over a year, coming from Como Croquet Club in Perth, WA. She is a great asset to our club, and we are very grateful for all the help and guidance she is giving our newer players in AC play.



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

Golf Croquet Update

The Gibson Trophy: 17-18 August 2019

Information has been circulated to all members regarding this inaugural Mosman Club **GC handicap singles tournament**, set for the weekend of 17-18 August. Winners of each Block will play-off in Finals on the Sunday after a BBQ lunch. All are invited to the BBQ lunch (Cost \$5) whether or not you have played in the tournament. **Register by 11/8/2019**, for the tournament and/or BBQ

This Trophy has been generously donated to Mosman Croquet Club by Mary and Robert Gibson.

Geoff Grist Ladder 2019

The annual Geoff Grist Ladder ends on 31 August. Members are still eligible to enter. The lead is held by THREE players, each on 110 points – so new competitors can still win.

The last **Ladder Open Day** for 2019 is next **Sunday, 4th August**, commencing at 1:00pm.

CNSW Silver Brooch: 1-3 August

The GC Silver Brooch is a singles tournament arranged by CNSW for players with handicaps 3-6. This crosses between Division 1 and Division 2 players. The competition this year is hosted by Manly Croquet Club. Mosman is assisting Manly by providing two of our lawns for the tournament on **Thursday 1 August**.

Come and watch some expert NSW players battle for the Silver Brooch.

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

Other Types of Croquet Play & Skills

Ricochet

The Ricochet players have been continuing to meet for a game of Ricochet at 1:30 each Tuesday afternoon. If you would like to learn the game, do come and join them.

Grandparents' Day

Despite the gloomy weather forecast, around 18 people turned up for Grandparents' Day on Monday 8 July – and all had a WONDERFUL time. Grandchildren of different ages were grouped together, and enjoyed different types of play. The verdict? – “Lets do it again!”



Cathy Cripps with 6 of her grandchildren

Grandparents' Day will be arranged again, for early in the next school holidays.

Club Matters:

New Club Member

Welcome to new member Michael Chambers. Michael finds he already knows several of our members, from his many years of living locally.

New Dishwasher in the Clubhouse

After a few hiccups, we now have a new Bosch dishwasher installed in the Clubhouse..... The instructions are on a card on the front of the machine. Do use put your used glasses and plates in the dishwasher, or else wash and dry them by hand and put away.

Caring for our Lawns

Aren't we lucky, in Australia? In many countries, croquet is played only in the summer when the grass grows well – but in Australia we can play all year 'round. However we do find the grass grows more slowly in the winter and we need to be very careful of wear and tear on the lawns, especially through the hoops.

Please help to look after our lawns by not practising jump-shots and repeated hoop-running, which wear out our lawns unnecessarily. The Practice Lawn is kept in good condition, and should be used for practice drill.

Has anyone seen the Fransens, lately?

Last time we heard from them, **John and Lesley Fransen** were driving up to Queensland for a few weeks to play a bit of croquet – but, apparently they just kept going, and next thing we know they are in Broome!! And then in Geraldton.

We hope they are taking it easy here and there for a bit of rest and relaxation. They are now planning to keep travelling anti-clockwise and will follow the coast all the way home at a slow crawl.

The Odd Shot.....

More than Good Luck!

Isn't it nice when a player lifts their game another notch?

Last month **Linda Barnes** was seen playing a game on No. 1 Lawn and scored a full length hoop from Hoop 1 to Hoop 2. Then she did the same from Hoop 3 to Hoop 4! Then she did the same from just near Hoop 5 through Hoop 6. And THEN she just kept going!

All in all Linda did it five times! took 5 full-length hoops that game, from at or near the previous hoop

And yes, she was smiling. 😊

See you on the Lawns!!