



The Mosman Prize, 30/10 – 1/11/2020 – **Players Needed**

The Mosman Prize will be held as planned, however, there have been a number of withdrawals and we need more players. So far only four Mosman members have entered. Why not have a go? It is open to all, although the highest handicap you can play off is 10. Full details and entry forms are on the notice board and the club website or contact Ron Humpherson 8021 4104.

We will be seeking helpers for lawn set-up, cakes, and time-keeping the games. Please volunteer, when you see the request for volunteers circulated.

Thank You for your Support at the AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 29/8/20, with everyone on Lawn 2, spaced at 1.5m apart.



Over 52 members attended the AGM. For the first time in memory we had no shared luncheon afterwards and no celebration games – in compliance with COVID restrictions.

Our Treasurer Janet Bickett reported that our finances are in good condition. Departing Committee members **Marjorie Lehmann** and **Linda Barnes** were thanked for their contribution to the running of the Club. Marjorie is a former Club President, and was on the Committee for 12 years!

Mary Gibson has offered to continue as Club President, and was elected unopposed. Welcome to new members joining the committee: **Michael Chambers** and **Penny Paterson**.



New Committee 2020-21: (L to R) Penny Paterson, Ron Humpherson, Michael Chambers, Mary Gibson, Hugh Lander, Janet Bickett, Cali Craig, Fidy Westgarth, and Ian Pedley.

CROQUET is Top of the Pops!!!

Our club has never been so popular, and our lawns are being loved to death! In the last month, we have had around 30 members every day to play croquet, and sometimes up to 50 people playing in the course of the day.

When all the lawns are full, and if others are waiting to play, we ask you to halt after each game and let those waiting for a game use the lawns. For GC, this may mean a 30-40 minute wait – bring your knitting, or the crossword, & have a coffee!

PLEASE BE KIND, and share with others.

Association Croquet Update

We are delighted to have increased numbers of new AC players coming to Club Play sessions – and enjoying it!

Championships Update:

The AC Club Champion for 2020 is **John Fransen** with **Rob Wright** as runner up.

The Gold Championship was won by **Rob Wright**, with **Denis Edleston** as runner up.

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

Golf Croquet Update

Recovery Ladder

There were 35 players competing in the Recovery Ladder, with over 80 games played. The overall winner was **Michael Chambers**. Runners-up were **Lorrie Clarke**, **Greg Deakin**, **Michael Chang**, **Tony Michaels** and **Roseanne White**. This has been the most active Ladder since commencing in 2014 and is a great way to develop your singles skills.

GC Championships.

The Club GC Championships have started and will continue until mid-November. All participants should arrange their matches now, so they do not run out of time towards the end. And ENJOY!!

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

...of Pearls and Rabbits – and Heros!

What do pearls and rabbits have in common, for Mosman Croquet Club? They are both our enemies! The ground pearl infestation is slowly expanding across our lawns, leaving behind those big bare patches. It's a world-wide problem that nobody has yet been able to satisfactorily solve.

Our ever-reliable greenkeeper **Scott Denham** and his right-hand man **Snowy** have tried every known method of eradication without success. Outside turf experts have been brought in but everything they suggested had already been tried by Scott.



Ground Pearl is a soft-bodied insect that lives underground and attaches itself to the roots of the grass

And the rabbits? The real rabbits have disappeared but our 'rabbit runs', caused by countless balls running through the hoops, need constant attention. With nearly 150 members, at least 120 of them very active members, the pressure on the Mosman Croquet Club lawns is increasing – particularly, it seems, in these COVID times.

Ricochet, anyone?

Ricochet is being played regularly on Tuesday 9:15 start, and Saturday at 9:00am. Do come along and join the games. If you would like to learn, **Mary Gibson** runs coaching classes on Monday morning.

Club Matters:

Croquet NSW visit to MCC

We were pleased to have **Rosie Landrebe** from CNSW come to visit the Club Committee recently, to discuss government COVID requirements and answer our queries. CNSW meets regularly with NSW Chief Health Officer and the Office of Sport to help demystify how the government recommendations are applied to croquet.

(We were not pleased that one of our resident opportunist kookaburras stole and ate Rosie's lunch....)

New Club Members

Welcome to new members over the last month:
Margaret Miller , **Steve Miles** & **Irving Modi**.

That's where Grounds Captain **Hugh Lander** and his team of **Tony Michaels**, **Ron Barratt**, **Richard Small** and **Michael Morton-Evans** come in.

The Grounds Team constantly monitors the rabbit runs. When the runs get too bad, the hoops are either swung to an adjoining position or moved to better grass. In some cases the rabbit runs are repaired using plugs of healthy grass. Plugs are also required in damaged areas of lawn.

It takes a long time to deal with all the hoops in each lawn. The outer 'social' GC hoops wear much faster than the inner, AC hoops because of the numbers of people playing GC.

As Winston Churchill would have said of our small Grounds Team:

"Never was so much owed by so many, to so few!"



Grounds Team members: Ron Barrett, Tony Michaels, Michael Morton-Evans, and Hugh Lander

Cleaning out old files

Several Committee members got together recently to declutter the papers and old magazines stored in the storage cupboard in the Library. Much was stored more efficiently and much was thrown out, but not before Mary had time to reminisce over the people and events from bygone days. Lots of happy croquet memories.

Copies of the old Minutes have been stored digitally, and it is planned to have all official club records accessible from the new Club computer.

A reminder....

If there is no one at the Lawn waiting to play when you finish your game, **PLEASE put away** all the equipment. If there are not 4 balls in each box, please look harder and find the missing balls! They are precious and expensive, and we need every member to be responsible for the equipment.....

See you on the Lawns!!