



MCC Newsletter, October 2023

Diary Dates:

The Mosman Prize, 3-5 November 2023

Come and watch the games, and meet visiting players. We are still **seeking volunteers** for timekeepers, and offers of home-made cakes – please add your names to lists in Clubhouse.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, 3/12/2023: MCC Christmas Party.

HELLOoooo 100 years Coming Up

Episode 2

On **23 January 1925** Club rules were passed and it was decided that the Club consist of **lady members only**.

On **18 April 1925** the **courts were officially opened** by the Mayor, Alderman Burrows, with members of Council, Council Staff and members of the croquet community attending.

On **20 May 1925** a general meeting was held to pass a call of £1/1/- for working expenses, and that the **membership be extended to 100**.

A petition was signed and sent to the Council to have the **clubhouse sewered**.

On **3 May 1926** a meeting was held where it was agreed that a **hedge** be planted around all courts. It is also noted that tournaments were being organised for Grades A, B and C.

A meeting on **4 February 1929** reported that the secretary had interviewed the Mayor and the Town Clerk with reference to the **gates** that were promised, and also **about the stray horses**.

FROM:

Mary Gibson, Member since 1993

*Former President, Vice-President, Secretary
Life Member of MCC*

Games Captain's Corner

GC Championships: MCC 2023

The GC championships are over for 2023 and we now have our complete set of MCC champions. CONGRATULATIONS to our new Club Champion **Denis Edleston** with **Michael Chang** as runner-up.

For Division 1 competition our champion is **Denis Edleston** and **Rob Elliott** is runner up. And just prior to these matches, **Greg Deakin** became the Division 2 champion, with **De Howarth** runner up.

Big thanks to all players in these competitions for working hard to complete all games in October.

Who's who in the Zoo ???

Some changes have recently been made to our GC organisation.

Penny Paterson has taken on the responsibilities of GC Captain and will handle the management of our annual GC Tournament events (e.g. Gibson & Martyn Prins Trophies), our GC pennants teams and our open GC tournaments (e.g. Mosman Prize). **Richard Westgarth** will continue with his responsibilities as the GC competition manager for club and division championships, and the Top 10 competition.

So after a rewarding GC 2023 it's now time to get ready for next year!



Denis Edleston (L) 2023 Club Champion, with runner-up Michael Chang (R)



Rob Elliott (L) and Denis Edleston (R) playing Div 1 Finals



Greg Deakin (L) winner of Div 2 Finals, and De Howarth(R) runner-up

AC Tournaments

We still have two more in-house AC tournaments to run before end of year:

- The Barrie O’Keefe Trophy: Open Handicap Doubles; and
- The Florence Scott Trophy: Handicap Singles, for novice players only (Handicap 18-20).

Please put your names down to enter, and commence competition by 1 November.

John Fransen, MCC Games Captain

Around the Club:

Repairs and Works

The Committee is fixing up various bits and pieces around the Club. You will notice some repair work on wooden seats and various shelter sheds around the Lawns. A new blind has been installed at the Annexe to protect those on the verandah, ‘watching and waiting’, from the western sun.

Also, the signage at the Croquet Lane corner on Lawn 2 had become very shabby, and has now been replaced by a new sign identifying our heritage and our website!

Gardens

Our gardens are blooming mid-Spring, and we are very grateful to **Greg Breden** who gives hours every week to make our gardens look good. This Sunday 29/10, there will be a special WORKING BEE with six of our members clearing excess growth to have our gardens at their best for The Mosman Prize Tournament 3-5 November.

If you are interested in assisting with garden care, please email secretary@mosmancroquet.org.au to be part of the garden volunteer group.



*Not only is Greg Breden our garden hero, he is also King of the club BBQ – here seen with Brian Day.
THANK YOU, Greg!!!*

Code of Conduct Policy:

Following the recent adoption by Croquet Australia and Croquet NSW of a Code of Conduct for their activities, Mosman Croquet Club has adapted that Code for MCC activities. [Click HERE](#)

Come & Try Croquet: Sun 29 Oct, 12:00 – 2:00pm

The Festival of Mosman is drawing to a close. As part of the Festival, Mosman Croquet Club is holding “Come & Try Croquet”, open to the public. Several club members will be in attendance to assist with coaching and explaining the game.

Corporate Events

In the lead-up to Christmas, businesses and social groups find croquet a great way to celebrate. A flyer promoting Mosman Croquet Club has been distributed to local businesses, and we have several functions booked over the next few months.

We always need coaches for these events. *Please let us know if you want to help.*

CONTACT Sue Clubbe, E: sueclubbe@gmail.com
You do not need to be a top player – just use your knowledge from playing croquet as you do every week. Helping at these events is fun.

From the President

Dear all,

It was a great turn up for MCC Information Morning, organised for all members of MCC to meet the Committee and to introduce many of our very important volunteers, and a great way to show our volunteers our support and appreciation.

Many thanks to the Committee, and many thanks to Michael Morton Evans for his reminder about the importance of Rules in playing croquet, even in social games. Thanks to Greg for hoop demonstration, and to Penny for her encouragement, as GC Captain, for members to participate in Pennants competitions for MCC .

Take care,

Joanne

See you on the Lawns!!