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Mosman Croquet Club Newsletter



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Michael Morton-Evans



**Upcoming Events
2026**

Sunday 2nd August

Tribute to Michael
Morton-Evans

**GC Club
Championship**

Mosman Prize

Singles GC

6th - 8th November

**Social media
accounts**

Facebook:

Mosman Croquet Club

Instagram:

mosman_croquet_club

From Chris our President and Membership Coordinator

With the AGM behind us, the new Committee has been delighted with the level of support it has received from members. It's our job now to live up to your expectations.



I would especially like to thank two individuals who have filled key roles over the years: Rob Wright and John Fransen. Rob will continue to provide introductory coaching for those on our Waiting List before they join as Full Members. John Fransen will continue to help manage and maintain the club's property assets.

Tim Cormack, our outgoing Secretary, was highly respected for his wise counsel and can-do approach to helping in so many areas including setting up the marquees on the practice lawn for club events and working the BBQ. Tim and Tori, our Events Coordinator, have been overseas for some time and when they return to Australia, we will have the chance to thank them personally and welcome their continued involvement in club activities.

We acknowledge the enormous contributions made by outgoing President, Joanne Nimmons, and outgoing Treasurer, Michael Chang, to Mosman Croquet Club and the broader croquet community. Joanne is Chair of Croquet NSW Board and Michael is well known for refereeing many of our GC competitions and as Examining Referee for CNSW.

New Committee members are in the process of receiving handovers from outgoing Committee members but, by the time of our first formal meeting in early August, this phase should be well and truly completed.

Our club now has 2 Life Members, 162 Full Members and 10 Social Members, or 174 in total. There is scope to make a further round of membership offers to people on our Waiting List. We are acutely aware that some members have friends who have been waiting a long time to join Mosman. We will do what is sensible to address this issue.

This year is proving to be a big one for capital works. New shade structures have been installed on Lawns 3 and 4, the exterior of the clubhouse and annex have been painted to meet the terms of our lease with Mosman Council, some of metal fences have received a fresh coat of paint, and a new water tank will soon be installed adjacent to Lawn 3.

Our Grounds team is concerned about the rapidly rising cost of bills we receive from Sydney Water and the need for greater water storage to cope with the dry El Niño phase we are entering. A further water tank near the practice lawn is desirable to ensure water security and improve the resilience of our lawns. We will be on the lookout for government grants to help fund our future water storage needs.

It is with some sadness that I report that Michael Morton-Evans refereed his last game of GC at the NSW Bronze Medal competition last weekend. Many of us have "grown up" as players under his watchful eye and will miss his no nonsense approach to upholding the laws of the game. We plan to honour his many years of service as referee this Social Sunday.

I know some members have expressed concern about the number of external events being held at the club on weekends, the favourite time to play for many members of Mosman. Rest assured this will be an agenda item for the Committee's first meeting.

We look forward to working with you to enhance our beautiful club.

Chris Gingell



From Steve Anthony our Games Captain



Competition Results

Congratulations to Mosman White, John (Captain) and Catherine Cripps, Richard Westgarth, Patricia Petterson, Lindsay Wood and Ian Cameron, for winning Division 3 GC Pennants Metro North. They contested the NSW Finals at Nelson Bay on 26 – 27 July.

Mosman White

Mosman White and Elanora Kookaburras



Some of the team in action at Nelson Bay



Mosman White and supporters at Nelson Bay



AC CNSW Bronze Doubles

Won by Fidy Westgarth & Lynette Stewart

AC Bronze Pennants

Fidy Westgarth (Captain), Steve Anthony and Aniko Oswald

Cammeray 1 - 2

Holroyd 2 – 1

Killara 1- 2

GC Pennants Metro North

Semi-final Mosman Blue 1 Elanora Kookaburras 2

Semi-final Mosman White 2 Warrawee 0

Final Mosman White 2 Elanora Kookaburras 1

Club Championships

Division 2 Champion De Howarth

Division 3 45 out of 50 matches completed (28th July due 31st July)

Knock out games to be completed by 15th August

Club Championship Entries Now Open Tournament Manager: Richard Westgarth

Alison Sharpe, Aniko Oswald and Bob Berry competed in Croquet NSW GC Bronze Medal hosted by Mosman Croquet Club 26 – 28 July.



Mosman Prize 3 Day Advantage Singles GC Friday 6 – Sunday 8 November

Entries Open Tournament Manager: Fidy Westgarth

Cali Craig will be Mosman’s delegate for the organisation of MEM 2027.

De Howarth will be coordinator of Division 2 GC Pennants 2027.

John Fransen will be AC Captain.

Thank you to our referees, Michael Morton-Evans, Michael Chambers, Michael Chang and Helen Collins and timekeepers Rosie Mott, Sue Clubbe, Cali Craig and Joanne Nimmons. Special thanks to Michael Morton-Evans who has retired as referee after 6 years of wonderful service.

The role of the Games Committee is to help Members enjoy playing croquet. This means different things to different members. Not long after I joined the Club Michael Chambers told me that one of the wonderful things about croquet is that it’s a sport at which you can still be improving when you’re in your seventies. Improvement comes from playing regularly, competing, practising and being coached.

We want to make coaching available to all Members who wish to be coached. Rob Wright does a wonderful job coaching new members as part of their induction. More recently he has taught several members to play Ricochet. We are fortunate to have Alison Sharpe and Rosie Landrebe available to provide professional coaching and a number of experienced players willing to give informal coaching to players whether they wish to play competitively or only socially.

Please let me know if you would like to have coaching organised or if you’re willing to provide coaching to less experienced players.

Steve Anthony

Games Captain

From Tony our Grounds Captain



Thank you for your support in my reappointment to Grounds Captain for yet another year, and with the support of all my team we will do our best to present your lawns at MCC to the best standard in NSW.

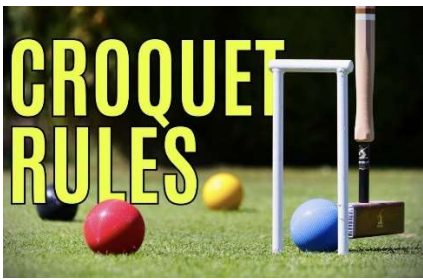
With the half-year milestone past we can see some alarming divots appearing and in some cases no attempt to repair the damage. Please repair as you go with soil available in buckets on all lawns. Fill the hole and water in at the end of your game.

Keep in mind there should be no practice of jump shots on the lawns and please use the practice lawn for this. Also, in a match game grounding your mallet and creating lawn damage is a striker’s fault and a penalty should be applied.

Thanks for taking exceptional care of our lawns and let me or any member of the grounds team (OGG) know should there be a problem that requires a fix.

Tony Michaels

From Michael Chambers one of our referees



Wrong Ball Play

There are 3 full pages in the rule book, more in referee’s handbook, so I will endeavour to simplify.

STRIKER HITS OPPONENTS’ BALL

Replace all balls, and striker replays with correct ball. (no loss of turn).

STRIKER BITS PARTNER BALL

Opposition have 2 options -

- a) Replace and replay...(all balls restored to original position).....or...
- b) Ball swap. If Blue hits Black in error, opposition have option of exchanging positions of these 2 balls, then plays RED ball (comes after blue).

SERIES OF WRONG BALLS

Blue hits Black....not noticed by opponents...they hit Yellow..(this condones initial wrong ball). Play continues.

BOTH SIDES PLAY AN OPPOSITION BALL (!)

Penalty area continuation.

WHO CAN ADVISE PLAYER THAT WRONG BALL IS ABOUT TO BE HIT?

Anyone. Opponent/ partner/ spectator/ referee
(and it is correct to do so).

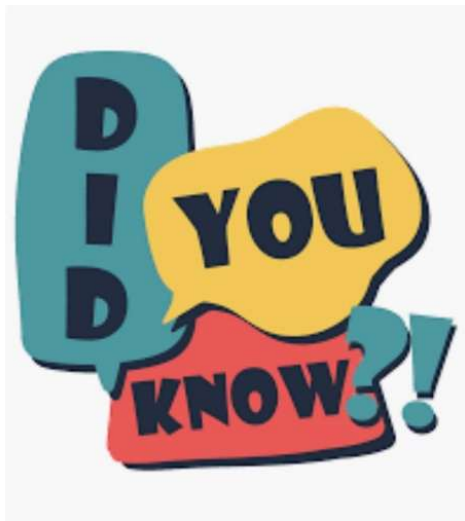
Hope all this is a little clearer than mud!



Has anyone taken an **apricot puffer jacket** by mistake.

Please contact Cali Craig

Mobile: 0437031007



History of MCC buildings

Look at The Changes made to MCC facilities over the years

Contributor: John Fransen

John Fransen and Mal Russell, Clubhouse in background 2008



Contruction of new roof and removal of old in 2011



Covering the new roof framing and the completed new roof and concrete terraces 2011



Clubhouse with new roof and shades attached

The old green brick keepers store with shade awning roof fitted, and the new Annex building replacing green keeper's store.



Do you need MCC clothing items?

Vests, jackets or sloppy joes.

To order, write your name on the list in the club house or contact **Madeleine Gray**.

Mobile: 0414531357

Email: madeleinegray@hotmail.com



- If your partner ball is well advanced, avoid unnecessary risks that expose it to clearances.
- When clearing, consider where the opponent's ball will be.
- Isolating opponents reduces their tactical options.
- Some players attack aggressively; others build position patiently. Adjust your tactics accordingly.



- An important reminder to fill personal medical details.
- Indicate that dishwasher is clean when you turn it on.
- Empty dishwasher if sign says clean and put the dirty sign back on.
- **Social Saturday** starts from 1.30 pm. All welcome. Have a few games, bring drinks and nibbles, and share the rest of the afternoon socialising with members.
- **Ricochet** Saturday mornings **11.30** start. Now that some of you have been taking Ricochet lessons Come and Play.
- **Social Sunday, 2nd August**, the first Sunday of every month from 2.30 pm. Same as social Saturday.



Come and Join us this **Social Sunday 2nd August** to say **Thank You** to Michael Morton – Evans who is retiring after many years of service as a GC referee.



If your contact details have changed... address, phone number or email address please contact me on gingellmonique@gmail.com to update and ensure you receive all communications.



From Richard Wesgarth GC Competitions manager

Congratulations to our **GC Division 3** members who are very much on track to complete this year's championships within the Competition Calendar time frame.

Twenty-three members were grouped into four blocks to play from 15th June to 31st July and we now have the following winners and second placegetters ready for the finals series.

- Block A – Jim Clarke and Jan Marich
- Block B - Deb McDowall and Patricia Petterson
- Block C – Cali Craig and **TBA**
- Block D – Richard Westgarth and Libby Moline

Following on from Division 3 is our big one – the **GC Club Championship**. As advised in the recent invitation, entries can be made in the GC Competition folder at the club or on the website (from your computer or device). They close on 15th August. So, if you are a serious player and like a challenge, this is your chance to get your name in gold on the Club honour board alongside past winners such as Rob Elliott, Alison Sharpe, David Snedden and (multiple times) Denis Edleston



See you on the lawns