



# MCC Newsletter – December 2020



## Diary Dates:

**Expressions of Interest for PPEP Coaching Program:** Closing 20 January 2021

**Nominate for GC Pennants 2021:** Watch out for notice in January – closes mid-February

**Opening of the Lawns Party, 6 March 2021:**

Only 2 lawns will be open for play, most of summer. We will celebrate re-opening on 6/3/2021

## MCC Christmas Party, held 12 Dec

In such a complicated year of precautions against coronavirus, we were pleased we were able to have a Christmas Party, at all. And despite the limitations, we did have fun.

The Gala Games were enjoyed by all. They were great fun, and were surprisingly challenging. The outright winners were **Lindsay Wood** and **Arvind Modi**, who were focused and tactical throughout, and showed no mercy when it came to knocking down the stuffed toys. Thank you to **Penny Patterson**, who ably ran the Gala Games.



*Team Arvind Modi and Lindsay Wood in action*

Later in the day, the 2020 Annual Awards were presented by the Mayor of Mosman, Carolyn Corrigan, and all were delighted to learn the Award for Most Improved Player went to **Michael Chang**. For full list of winners, go to our MCC website :

Club Tournaments/Past Results/2020, or click [Mosman Croquet Website](#)

Huge thanks go to **Cali Craig** who organised the Christmas Dinner for all sixty-six party guests, whilst still adhering to the COVID-safe requirements which forbid buffets, and groups indoors. **Greg Breden** did a hero-job on the BBQ, and Cali's volunteers served each guest individually. It was all delicious – especially the giant plum pudding made by the President!

Thank you also to **Christine Ferguson** who organised the beautiful Christmas Hamper for the raffle, and sold tickets as well. The raffle made \$500 for the Club!

What a happy party it was!!!

Check out the photos in the MCC website Gallery

## COVID-Safety Update

There have been lots of changes lately following coronavirus detected in Northern Beaches area, and families and friends isolated from each other. This is especially difficult when people want to be together over Christmas.

The Croquet Club remains open for play, however we ask that everyone CAREFULLY abide by the public health recommendations, updated each day by the NSW Premier and staff – especially to limit your locations, and stay outdoors when meeting up with others; & hand-washing and keep 1.5m apart.



*AC Club Champion: John Fransen*



*GC Club Champion: Denis Edleston*



*Most Improved Player 2020:  
Michael Chang*

## Golf Croquet Update

### NSW GC Pennants Competition 2021

Are you going in the Pennants in 2021? Watch out for the notice in January seeking those interested in participating in Division 2 and Division 3 Pennants. CLOSING DATE is in mid-February.

Division 1 Pennants will be held later in 2021, and we are hoping to furnish a team with excellent chances this year.

For all GC enquiries, email Richard Westgarth: [richard@westgarth.com.au](mailto:richard@westgarth.com.au)

## Club Matters:

### Players Pathway to Excellence Program

Our Club has received a grant from Mosman Council's Community Grants Program to assist us to hold PPEP for our own club members – for AC and for GC players.

This is a special type of coaching, which will address players' technical and tactical skills, and will improve outcomes in competitive-play through targeted drills and attitude development. For those taking part in the PPEP, there is an expectation that they will use the information and skills to assist them in participating in competitions afterwards.

Expressions of Interest are to be sent to Fidy Westgarth by 20 January 2021

Email: [croquetmosman@gmail.com](mailto:croquetmosman@gmail.com)

Let us know what types of competitions you might like to enter over the next few years? (eg Pennants, Club Tournaments, State Championships, etc)....



### Annual Renovation of Lawns

Each summer our lawns are closed for 4-6 weeks for their annual refurbishment – to set them up to be strong for the next 12 months. Lawns 3 & 4 have been closed since mid-November. They are looking a brilliant green at present and will soon be re-opened for play. Lawns 1 & 2 and the Practice Lawn will close early in the New Year

### New Club Member

Welcome to our new member this month:  
**Helen Clugston.**

### Get playing in Croquet Tournaments

Planning a holiday in 2021? Think about planning your trip around some of the croquet tournaments.

- 26 Feb - 1 Mar: **Orange** Club's Autumn AC Carnival
- 11-14 Mar: **Young** Autumn GC Carnival
- 13-15 Mar: **Maitland** Sweet Pea GC Doubles
- 17-20 Mar: **Wagga Wagga** Golf Croquet Carnival
- 22-25 Mar: **Forster** Autumn Golf Carnival
- 26-28 Mar: **Sawtell** 3 days of Ricochet Comp.
- 16-18 Apr: The **Mosman Bash** (AC)
- 16-19 Apr: **Nowra** Singles and Doubles
- 20-23 Apr: **Jamberoo** Autumn GC Tournament
- 4-7 May: **Taree** Wild Fig GC Tournament
- 17-20 May: **Toronto** Lake Macquarie GC Games

In addition, the Croquet NSW Tournaments are a great way of extending your ability:

- 27-Feb CLOSING DATE for Beryl Chambers State Handicap (AC)
- 27-29 Mar GC NSW Open Men's Singles Championship (Tempe)
- 9-11 Apr GC NSW Open Women's Singles Championship (Tempe)
- 26-29 Apr AC Bronze Singles (Killara)
- 30 Apr-2 May AC NSW Open Men's Singles Championship (Tempe)

For details go to 'Events' on Croquet NSW website: <https://croquet-nsw.org/>

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**See you on the Lawns!!**  
**Enjoy the Festive Season**  
**and have a Happy 2021!!!!**