



NEWSLETTER

August 2022

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

MCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday August 27th at 11.30am.

We warmly welcome all members for our 33rd Annual General Meeting to receive reports and activities as well as elect your new Committee for the next 12 months.

All members would have received their invitation and the relevant papers and providing the weather is kind the AGM will be held outdoors on Lawn 2.

If wet the meeting will be held indoors in the clubhouse.

Please contact our Acting Secretary Penny Paterson if you have not received your AGM papers (email Pennyp2086@gmail.com or mobile 0409 848 309)

With the election of our Office bearers for 2022 now is the perfect time for members to think about how they can help –

We are all volunteers so if you have certain skills or would just like to be part of a sub-committee and think you may be able to help please ask or email one of the committee.

Thank you

The committee wishes to thank our recently retired Secretary Chris Gingell for his valuable contribution and tireless work during this disruptive year. He has been invaluable with the enormous workload of not only the club's correspondence but also assisting with Grants and Sub-committee correspondence.

Penny Paterson has agreed to step into this role as Acting Secretary for the next few weeks until a new Secretary is elected.

I am sure there is someone in our membership with secretarial, business and computer knowledge who would enjoy the new Secretary position.

GENERAL UPDATES

Covid is on the increase and colds and flu are also around. Please DO NOT come to the Club if you are unwell.

Lawns 1-2 Boundary Report

Following the successful completion of the boundary work on Lawn 1, the Subcommittee has commenced the preliminary work to obtain quotes for the landscaping (removal of privet hedge and new Buxus planting) and fencing for Lawn 2, for which a State Government Grant for \$30,000 has been received as previously advised.

Housekeeping

Rosie Mott has done a superb job looking after all the housekeeping purchases and keeping the cupboards stocked for members use and convenience for the last 2 years. Thanks also to Gill Bourke as she was also part of the team until she went overseas last year. Rosie is taking a well earned holiday and we thank her for all her hard work – always with a smile.

How very fortunate that we already have volunteers for our new team of housekeepers.

Welcome Libby McDonald, Kate Chambers, Kathy Abbott and Jo Beattie.

Welcome to New Members

The Committee is hosting a welcome to 9 of our 10 new members this Friday with a couple of games of croquet followed by drinks and canapes. Many of them have already joined in our Wed and Saturday afternoon sessions.

Club Clothing – Do you need any Club clothing, eg, polo shirts, jackets, vests etc? Our stock of T-shirts are currently on sale at \$25.00 so if you need a Club T-shirt, have a look - don't miss

Vale: Bill Phillips

Bill and Carolyn joined our club in 2018 and were regulars and great supporters of club functions.

Bill was larger than life, a successful businessman, he adored his family and was enthusiastic in all his sporting interests and loved his Balmoral beach. We shall miss that wicked sense of humour and to Carolyn and family our love and deepest sympathy.

Lawn Etiquette

Please be courteous to other members when they arrive to play and if possible ask them to join if you don't have a four, or include them when your game is finished.

Spring Garden Working Bee: August 28

All members are welcome to join Greg Breden and his garden group for a working bee to finish off the pruning of shrubs on lawn 2 and generally tidying up the gardens and the area down near the tennis courts.

Please bring your own gloves, spades, pruning shears etc.

Social Saturdays

With the warmer weather approaching and after a successful trial last month on **the 1st Saturday of each month** we are going to introduce a cheese platter with a glass of wine (\$10.00) so members can socialise after the games at 4pm.

COACHING NEWS



Three happy new members, Betty Debney, Michael Wilkinson, and Rosemary Christmas, at end of their introductory croquet lessons.

GC World Championships



Alison Sharpe, our Club Captain has just started her campaign in this year's GC World Championship. It is being held at the Sussex County Croquet Club in Brighton, England. We wish Alison all the best over the next few days. You can follow her progress on Croquet Scores.

GC UPDATE

With the club's Division 3 competition about to finish, Divisions 1 and 2 just starting and the Club Championship following in a few weeks' time, we are now in our busiest period of the year for GC singles play. As you'll see on your Competition Calendar, these activities will continue until mid-October.

The eight **Division 3** finalists (Doug, Fidy, Lorrie, Anthea, Deb, Patricia, Gill and Linda) have very efficiently played their quarter and semi – finals to determine our finalists. As a result of their efforts we are pleased to announce that **Anthea Piddington** is this year's Runner-up and **Deb McDowall** is the **2022 Division 3 Champion**.

Congratulations Deb, and congratulations to all our competitors! Hope you enjoyed the games.

Division 1 and 2 schedules have been sent to competitors and posted on our website (with a copy in the competition folder). Details will be updated so, whether a player or an interested member, you can keep track. There is a single block in Division 1 and the winner of that will be our champion. However, in Division 2 we have two smaller blocks so the winners and runners-up will need a playoff.

GC Rules - The revised GC Rules (6th Edition) are now in place and don't seem to be causing any problems. As we've said before, many of the changes are cosmetic in that they make the old rules easier to understand and use. The few actual changes are yet to be tested. So, if you are playing competition, you need to be aware of the changes and familiar with the rules that you will encounter.

GC Rule books are still available in the clubhouse. You will also shortly find the rules and a guide to the changes on our MCC website, under Playing Information / Hints, Tips and Links.

CNSW Division 2 Championships – Penny attended the Division 2 Championships which were held both in Ballina and Byron Bay. She did well making the top 16 but unfortunately was beaten in the quarter finals.

CNSW Silver Brooch – Unfortunately we didn't manage to get a place in the Finals but Rob Wright won the Plate with Penny Paterson runner up. A good result for Mosman having two members in the finals of the plate – well done Rob and Penny



AC UPDATE

AC Club Championships

Silver Championship: David McGrane is the winner of this year's Silver Championship Club Championship. With one match to play John Fransen is leading the field, but could be overtaken if Rob Wright can beat John by 12 points or more. A good one to watch. Gold Championship starts this month.

Bronze Invitation Day: On Tuesday 2 August we held the first of a new series of Invitation Days for Bronze players. Bronwyn McGrane is organising this bi-monthly event in conjunction with Cammeray. Play will alternate between our two clubs each month.