



COVID-19 restrictions are still in place:

Keep distance from others at all times, and keep hand-washing.

If you must use the kitchen, only use the paper cups – and keep everything hygienic.

WE WANT TO KEEP OUR CLUB OPEN!

Diary Dates:

MCC Annual General Meeting: will be held at the Club on **Saturday 29 August 2020, at 11.30am.**

Agenda papers will be circulated shortly, by email.

Please contact the Secretary if you do not receive yours by 26/7/2020.

NOTE: Return to former Weekly Program of Play – from 20/7/2020
On-line bookings are no longer required, but players **MUST sign-in** every time they come to play

Martyn Prins Trophy: Handicap Doubles, Club Tournament to be held on **Sunday 16 August 2020, 9:00AM to 4:00PM**

AND THE WINNER IS....

Mosman Croquet Club was pleased to host the 2020 NSW Division 3 Championships on 15-19 July. With large numbers competing in the Tournament (40 entering the Doubles Championship, and 13 in the Singles) we needed lots of help from our Club members to look after all the competitors and the games.

Our Club members were wonderful, volunteering to help with timekeeping, supplying cakes, and monitoring tea and coffee, AND naughty kookaburras. Also many helped with early-morning Lawns setup and with refereeing.

Penny Paterson did a fantastic first-time job as Tournament Manager, under guidance from Ron Humpherson. Complying with coronavirus regulations made everything a lot more complicated, especially with mid-winter, some bad weather, and everyone having to stay out-of-doors.

Other key persons to THANK are:

- The **Grounds Team and helpers**, for setting up the Lawns at first light each day AND for the superb condition of the lawns, which lasted throughout the whole five days;
- **Michael Morton-Evans** for arranging referees throughout the Tournament, and himself refereeing very day.
- **Cali Craig** for arranging that there was food supply every day – despite competing in the Tournament herself.
- **Ron Humpherson** for setting up the record keeping system and score sheets for each day.

We were DE-lighted to have our own **De Howarth** win the singles competition and carry off the title of **2020 NSW Division 3 Champion!!**



Penny Paterson (Tournament Manager), De Howarth (Division 3 Champion) and Ron Humpherson

In a large field of doubles entrants, our MCC teams also had excellent results – with the following four MCC teams reaching the quarter finals:

Heather Sherlock and Peter Lewis;
Anthea Piddington and Patricia Petterson;
Cali Craig and De Howarth; and
Michael Chambers and Les Jackson.

Heather Sherlock and Peter Lewis got through to the semi-finals. Congratulations, all!!



*The winners of the Doubles **Malcolm Powys and Wendy Herbert** (Marrickville Club), with Penny Paterson.*

The standard of play was excellent throughout, noticeably higher than would be expected at these handicap levels of 9-16, and we were very proud of our Mosman teams. *Check out all results on croquetscores.com*

Association Croquet Update

AC Silver Club Championship

There were seven members entered in this competition. The final was won by **David McGrane**, with runner-up **Lindsay Thompson**.

AC Bronze State Championship

Fidy Westgarth was runner-up in the Bronze-level State Championship, in a field of ten, held at Killara early in July.

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

Golf Croquet Update

Two GC State Champions!!!

Since last Newsletter, we now have **TWO** GC State Champions in our club!!! **Alison Sharpe** won the NSW GC Women's Open Singles Championship, and (*did we mention this earlier??*) **De Howarth** won the NSW Division 3 GC Singles. And aren't we proud?

Top Ten 2020

The club Top Ten comp is in progress. Three of the leading contenders have finished all their games.

The Club Ladder 2020

The Club Ladder has commenced, and the first game has been played. **Penny Paterson** is currently top of the Ladder – but there are lots of members now entered and ready to topple Penny from the top spot, vying for the monthly prize.

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

Ricochet, anyone?

It is good to see the club now has a group of Ricochet players regularly enjoying a game together. **Each Tuesday and Saturday** morning, during allocated AC Club Play times, the Ricochet players are encouraged to come and share the lawns with the AC players. It is interesting to note that Ricochet and AC can be played on the same lawn without getting in each other's way.

Anyone interested in joining the Ricochet players should contact Games Captain, Ron Humpherson.

See you on the Lawns!!

Club Matters:

Membership Renewals 2020

Thank you to all for submitting your subscriptions promptly. We now have 143 members in our club, including nine social (non-playing) members.

COVID-19 Public Health Orders (#4)

The government eased the coronavirus restrictions on 1 July, with the re-opening of Community Sport. This allows us to play croquet in our usual configurations, as long EVERYONE remembers to continue social-distancing of greater than 1.5 metres, AT ALL TIMES – also frequent hand-washing (or hand sanitisation).

MCC Conditions of Play, from 20 July 2020:

- **ALWAYS REGISTER your name** in the Attendance Book – **EVERY time** you come to play.
- Max. 10 persons allowed on any lawn – keep 1.5m distance during play.
- Anyone using a club mallet: **GLOVES MUST BE WORN** throughout
- Bring own drinking water – *otherwise use plastic cup from clubhouse, AND take it home.*
- Keep COVID-safe distance if indoors: Observe the **1 person / 4 sq metre rule**. Max. 9 persons in Clubhouse, and 2 persons in the Annexe.
- Leave the grounds as soon as you have finished play.

NOTE: We have re-introduced the former **Weekly Program of Play**, with the regular 'Club Play' allocations, and players are no longer required to book games – **BUT MUST SIGN-IN each time**.

Members Update

We are sorry to hear that **Gordon Scott**, one of our stalwart Grounds Team members, is very ill in hospital and is too ill to receive visitors or phone calls.

We have good news from **Robert Wright**, that he has left hospital and has moved to The Manors. He is unable to play croquet, however he would still like to come to the Club for any social events.

New Club Members

Despite all the upheaval over the last few months, we have introduced several new members: **Gordon Ingate**, **Deb McKinlay**, **Roseanne White**, **Rob Pizzey** and **Libby Moline**. Also **Helen Baxter** has re-joined as a Social member, after several years away from the Club.

Please make them all welcome.
