



MCC Newsletter – June 2021

Diary Dates:

Annual General Meeting, Saturday 17 July 2021: Mosman Croquet Club's AGM will be held at the Club at 11.30am. Key Agenda papers were circulated to all members by email on 11/6/2021.

All Committee positions become vacant, for election – nominations close **9/7/2021**, and will be announced. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you cannot attend, you may refer your voting proxy to someone attending and advise them on how you want to vote. All proxies must reach the Secretary by 11am, 16/7/2021.

The Mosman Bash

Each year Mosman hosts two 'open' competitions, inviting members from other clubs from other clubs to compete for prizes and to enjoy our hospitality whilst doing so. With four blocks of play available, participants are ranked according to their handicap and are allocated free turns/bisques depending on differences in handicap.

The Mosman Bash is for Association Croquet competition, and was held on 21-23 May. Players this year were from more local clubs than usual, and the winners were:

Blue Block **Don Wright** (Cooks River)
Red Block **Chris Brown** (Cammeray)
Green Block **Graham Maynard** (Cammeray)
Yellow Block **Bronwyn McGrane** (Mosman)

Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you to Tournament Manager **Ron Humpherson** for arranging the tournament and ensuring everything went smoothly. Special thanks also to **Cali Craig** and her team who organised the food and hospitality which made all our visitors feel so welcome. Also – big thanks to our club members who volunteered, and helped with providing cakes, and assisting the referees on each lawn.



*Mosman Bash 2021:
Finalists Graham Maynard, Don Wright, Bronwyn McGrane & Chris Brown, with Bendigo Bank Manager Pranav Pandit and Tournament Manager Ron Humpherson.*

We are very grateful to **Bendigo Bank** and **North Shore BMW** for donating prize money for The Mosman Bash, and were pleased to have their representation to award the prizes.

Club Matters:

Arrangements for Play during 'Club Play' sessions

At times there has been some misunderstanding of Club Play sessions. Club Play has priority, however if a lawn is free once Club Play is in progress then members are welcome to use the vacant lawn for competition or for different types of croquet.

For clarification, see "Arrangements for Play" accompanying the **MCC Weekly Program of Play** (*REMEMBER to read Page 2!*). The Practice Lawn is available to everyone, at all times.

The Committee has asked for it to be noted: that during all forms of Club Play, if social play does not need all the lawns, games may be arranged by members for other forms of play, at their discretion.

Association Croquet Update

AC Pennants

Our Gold, Silver and Bronze Teams have been playing with varying success in the AC Pennants Competition. It is a great way to visit other clubs and meet other players.

AC Club Championships: Enter NOW

MCC Gold and Bronze Championships will be played in July. **Entries close on 26th June.**

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

Golf Croquet Update

NSW GC Pennants Competition 2021

Mosman Blue and Mosman White Teams came 1st and 2nd, respectively, in the Division 2 Pennants for Metro North region. Mosman Blue will play in the Div 2 finals in September.

Inter-club “tests” are still being played in the larger Division 3 Metro North zone and it’s good to see that any of our three Div 3 Mosman teams still have a chance to get into the Pennants Finals.

MCC Division 3 GC Championships

With 26 competitors entered across four blocks, and a total of 66 games to be played, this is one of our biggest in-club competitions in recent times. Congratulations to **Libby Moline** who is the first to complete all her block games, and to the other Block A players who, no doubt inspired by her, have already completed half their games.

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

Coaching Sessions:

MCC Coaching Program: July Sessions

- “GC Skills & Drills” session: 9:00am Mon July 5.
- AC: “Making the next break” – 9:00am Tue 6 July.
- GC Basic Tactics with Denis Edleston: Monday July 12 at 10:00.

If you wish to attend, [register](#) with Michael Chambers at: emailthedoc@yahoo.com



Greg Deakin gives his best tips at June “Skills and Drills”

Is anyone keen to start Gateball at MCC???

We are fortunate to have **Greg Deakin**, member of the NSW State Gateball Team, available to teach Gateball rules, skills and strategy.

If you wish to learn to play Gateball, contact Greg at: deakingreg@gmail.com

NSW Championships 2021:

NSW GC Open Singles Championship 2021

NSW GC Open Singles Championship, held at Tempe on 28 to 31 May, saw MCC members **Alison Sharp** and **Michael Chang** competed. Both made it through to the ‘Final 16’ knockouts: Alison came 3rd and Michael 15th.

Peter Freer (Canberra) won the event, with David Scott (Ballina, Cherry St) runner-up.

NSW GC Division 2 Championships

Singles and doubles championships for Division 2 players were held at Nowra, 17-21 June. Mosman was well represented by **Penny Paterson**, **De Howarth**, **Greg Deakin** and **Michael Chang**, all playing doubles and singles. Once again, Michael showed form and made it through to the Finals round, losing only to the eventual winner.

NSW AC Women’s Open Championship 2021

And hot off the press....

CONGRATULATIONS to Alison Sharpe who **WON** the NSW Women’s Open AC Singles Championship 2021! **Fidye Westgarth** also participated, and was runner-up in the Plate.

Congratulations to ALL our club members who entered. We are very proud to have Mosman members entering these NSW events.

Cheerio Call!

We are very sorry to hear that members **Jenny Willis** and **Sarah Austin** are each having to spend a lengthy time in hospital, and are gradually on the mend.

We look forward to seeing them back at croquet, when they can.

Club Membership Update

Membership renewals have now closed for 2021. Maximum membership is capped at 150 full members.

There will be some vacancies to admit several new members. Unfortunately, we do not have sufficient vacancies at present to admit all of those on our Waiting List.

See you on the Lawns!!