



# MCC Newsletter – November 2019

## Diary Dates:

### CHRISTMAS PARTY, Sun 8 Dec from 3:00pm

Games from 3:00pm; Annual Awards presented by the Mayor at 5:30pm; Dinner from 6:00pm.

**RSVP and pay by 1/12/19.** Cost \$25 per head. BYO drinks.

**Club bi-Monthly Dinner:** Tuesday 3 December 6.30pm: see details on Clubhouse Noticeboard

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help at functions:** Events are listed on the Club Notice Board for Fri 29 Nov; Thu 5 Dec; Sun 8 Dec; Tue 10 Dec; Wed 11 Dec; Thu 12 Dec; Fri 13 Dec; Thu 19 Dec

## Lawns 3 & 4 CLOSED for renovation

Lawns 3 & 4 are now closed **until 8 to 16 Dec**. The annual renovation takes 3-4 weeks depending on the weather. During that time, please be patient with limited access to Lawns, especially if the renovation overlaps with our corporate bookings in December.

We have party bookings each day for 10-13 Dec 2019, so check the Functions schedule you received on 19/11/19 to see if there are lawns free. Don't forget the offer from Manly Club, to play there if our lawns are unavailable.

Lawns 1 & 2 close for renovation after Christmas.

## Association Croquet Update

### Bronze Champion 2019

**Fidye Westgarth** recently won the Croquet NSW AC Bronze Division Handicap Championship held at Tempe. Fidye has had a great year, having also won the CNSW non-handicap Bronze Championship earlier this year.

We are pleased to see a new group of AC players coming through from Helen Collins' AC training program, so they may challenge Fidye next year!

For all AC enquiries, contact Ron Humpherson at [rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rhumpherson@optusnet.com.au)

## Gateball, anyone?

On 22 Nov MCC received a visit from a Korean **gateball team**, on their way to Victoria to compete in the Australian Gateball Championships at Victorian Croquet Centre at Cairnlea.

It was a great opportunity for our club members and other guests to see how Gateball is played at the top level, and receive a few tips. (Photo page 2)

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## Golf Croquet News

### The Mosman Prize 2019

The Mosman Prize for Golf Croquet was held in perfect weather conditions on 31 Oct – 2 Nov. The competitors enjoyed the tournament immensely.

The winner was **Cheryl Lloyd** (Handicap 7) from Nelson Bay, beating our own **David Snedden** in the final play-off. Mosman's **Rob Elliott** came third and Sutherland's **Lorraine Hatfield** came fourth.

**Cali Craig** did a brilliant job organising the hospitality, and she has offered to look after future club events. **Thank you to the more than forty club members** who helped with the tournament and providing timekeeping and hospitality. Next year we hope even more club members will volunteer, to share the load across the whole club.



Ron Humpherson invites referees Michael Morton-Evans and Peter Coles to supervise the MP Finals: Finalists Cheryl Lloyd vs David Snedden and Lorraine Hatfield vs Rob Elliott.

### Club Championships

We are now getting to the pointy end of the GC Championships. Winners will be announced at the Awards Presentations at the Christmas Party on 8 Dec

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

## Club Matters:

### Corporate Functions

As we enter December we often have external groups booking our club for croquet parties. This is a great way for us to promote croquet to a wider audience, and helps raise funds for our capital works. This year we have **bookings** for 9 functions between now and Christmas.

Thank you to the five members who have offered to help, at these functions. To share the load of providing coaches, **we need another 30 members to offer to help.**

**CONTACT Fidy** if you can help. Even if you are new to the game, you can still teach the party guests how to play – and it is always a lot of fun.

### “Special” Community Group Visit

On 15 Nov, we hosted the “special” group’s Friday evening activity, arranged by Mosman Council. Thanks to Marjorie Lehmann, Janet Bickett, Diana Wayland, Mary Gibson and Cali Craig for helping out. Also a special mention to Councillor Jacque Willoughby who took special interest in the occasion and also helped with the croquet games.



We are very pleased to offer our facilities to these groups, and to see how much pleasure it brings them

### New Club Member

Welcome to new member: Debra McKinlay.

### Name Badges

Put your name down at the Clubhouse if you need a club name badge. The order will be placed late November.

Badges are \$10:00 each.

### Club T-shirts and Jackets

For those who placed orders for club clothing, your order arrived late October – please collect and pay for your ordered items. We have also ordered some additional items, for those who would still like to purchase club apparel. Prices as follows:

Short-Sleeve White Polo Shirt ( <i>Men/Women</i> )	\$26
Long-Sleeve White Polo Shirt ( <i>Unisex</i> )	\$32
Navy Vest, Sleeveless ( <i>Men/Women</i> )	\$55
Navy Jacket ( <i>Men/Women</i> )	\$65
Cloth Hat ( <i>various sizes</i> )	\$15

(*Navy or Off-white, not monogrammed*)

### Much Appreciated....

Special thanks to club members for helping out:

**Dr Michael Chambers** has checked the AED Defibrillator, and has checked and replenished the Club’s First-Aid boxes;

**Pip McLachlan** tidied up the library and the mallet room in readiness for the Mosman Prize. Big job, Pip – you are an unsung hero.

### The Odd Shot.....

#### GC Perfection

**Chris Gingell** achieved perfection in a recent game, lodging his first ball into Hoop 1 (helped by a sneaky rabbit-run). Unfortunately, opponent **Jim Clarke** was already lurking there and managed a perfect two metre long jump-shot to take Chris’s hoop!



You can’t trust anyone!!

**See you on the Lawns!!**

