MCC Newsletter - July 2021



Diary Dates:

COVID Shutdown across Greater Sydney till 30 July (at least). See information below

2021 Annual General Meeting, 11:30am on Saturday 21 August 2021:

Due to COVID restrictions on gatherings we have rescheduled the AGM from 17/7/21 to 21/8/2021. Revised meeting papers were circulated to all members by email on 8/7/2021. Nominations already received for election to committee remain valid for the 2021 AGM. Nomination period remains open till 13/8/2021.

COVID Shutdown is with us again!!!

This time last year we were recovering from our first COVID shutdown. Remember how difficult we found it, to be in shutdown?

So far, this time, we have been able to keep our club open for playing occasional games of croquet, whilst complying with the requirements set out by the government. **This is a privilege – to be able to continue to use the lawns** as long as we abide by NSW requirements.

Mosman Police have been informed that our lawns are being used for exercise/outdoor recreation, with maximum 2 players per lawn. We have been asked by Croquet NSW that individuals keep play to 1 hour, and this expectation has been relayed to the police.

A few CROQUET-SAFE REMINDERS:

- If essential, you are permitted to leave home for exercise, or outdoor recreational activity.
- Only play if you have made a booking.
- Maximum 1 hour per day
- Record your playing partner's name in the booking system (at 'BOOKING TITLE').
- Whenever you come to the club, ALWAYS register using QR code.
- DO NOT COME to the club if you have any respiratory symptoms.
- Remember to keep 1.5m distance from other persons AT ALL TIMES, and sanitise hands before and after playing.

We are lucky that croquet played as exercise or outdoor recreation is not subject to the Community Sport prohibitions for group events.

For any COVID-related queries, or enquiries about the Booking System, phone: Fidye Westgarth, Club Secretary on 0419 703 050



Note from the President:

Croquet NSW has stated that "Clubs who have approached police have been given permission to play with 2 people per lawn playing for no more than 1 hour". We therefore contacted Mosman Police to approve Club Members using our lawns for exercise/outdoor recreation with 2 members on a lawn playing for 1 hour. Members would come/play/go home. Mosman Police were also told that the Club had a Booking System which would ensure this could be done. They approved the Club's assurances. We are honour bound to comply.

Association Croquet Update

AC Club Champion

Congratulations to **Denis Edleston** who is the AC Club Champion for 2021. After a tight round-robin between four players, three ended up with two wins. Denis won on net points with **Ron Humpherson** as runner up. Denis was our GC Club Champion in 2019 and 2020!!!

AC Competitions.

All AC competitions are on hold until the current restrictions are lifted.....

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

Golf Croquet Update

GC Divisions

We are now in the final period for **Division 3** games and hope to have a result by the end of the month. Our players are Cali Craig and Jim Clarke (from Block A), Chris Gingell and Anthea Piddington (B), Peter Larsen and Michael Morton-Evans (C) and Gill Burke and Arvin Modi (D). They will play within their normal 1 hour booking slots but may need to go slightly over time if scores are level. It won't happen often but we ask for your tolerance if it does.

Following completion of Division 3 we were hoping to start games for **Division 1 and 2** on 1st August. However, because of the current pandemic outlook, we will defer the start for a while. If you are interested in playing you can enter on the Club Tournaments page of our website, or contact Richard.

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

Coaching Corner

COVID Coaching?

All coaching sessions are "on-hold". The PPEP updates with Alix Verge, planned for July, will be rescheduled once the COVID restrictions are lifted.

Likewise our planned July Coaching sessions will need to be rescheduled, and you will be advised by club mailout once coaching looks like recommencing. Watch this space!

Club Matters:

Mallet Room Upgrade

Any member who has helped to tidy-up the Mallet Room prior to one of our major events will be delighted to hear about the revamp undertaken by club hero Dennis Paton, and his wingman David McGrane, prior to Lockdown.

Major work was done to close-off the sliding door into the equipment shed. Janet Bickett and Cali Craig then took to washing down all walls, floor and equipment. They also grabbed Hugh Lander, Tony Michaels and anyone else they could find to move heavy old shelving and "rubbish" outside for future disposal. Major re-organisation is yet to be done. The new shelving put up by Dennis and his "assistant" David is fantastic. THANK YOU, all !!

New Club Members

Welcome to new members over the last month: Grahame and Dana Mellis, Min Slack-Smith, Belinda Kerr, Jenny Smith, and Sallie Johnston

We look forward to properly welcoming these new members once we return to "normal". This brings Club membership to our maximum of 150 playing members. We still have many applicants on the Waiting List to join.

Are you good at managing??.....

We know there will be more fun times in the future, and we are looking for a new Catering Manager for our Club events. You don't have to do the food preparation – just organise it. Club members will help.

Also: if you would like to do this in partnership with another member - great idea!

Contact Cali Craig: 0437 031 007



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