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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2022

WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the October edition of our Newsletter.

The first of our greens will be closed for renovation in the coming days – the first renovation for two years. Every effort will be made to have both bowling greens and the croquet lawn back in service in February to meet earlier inter-club competition matches than in the past.

Malcolm Kirby continues work on the new unisex accessible toilet and the new ladies' toilet facilities at the south end of the building which are close to completion. The tarmac in front of the clubhouse will be partially dug up to make sewer connections in the next few days, but every effort will be made to minimise inconvenience.

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WELCOME TO CROQUET

Welcome to the Croquet Club newsletter for October 2022

CROQUET CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Office bearers 2022-23

President: Peter Armstrong

Secretary: Brent Fuller

Club Captain: Jenny Ellwood

Social Secretary: Marilyn Pryor

Extract from the President's report – 'Looking ahead'

I feel our challenge ahead is to encourage our members' involvement and develop a culture of learning and advancement for players to improve their game and enjoyment of the sport through increased participation and social interaction.

Vice President:

Lawn/Grounds:

Treasurer:

Importantly, how can we increase our presence in Warrawee, Wahroonga and Turramurra for croquet to be seen as a growing and active sport amongst our local communities?

Looking ahead I see our new focus is to switch from a successful recruitment plan to a plan that will see the Club thrive and grow in what might be the new "COVID-normal" of community sport and recreation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(1) 2022 AC Club Open Singles Handicap Event. Invitations have been sent to all Association Croquet players inviting them to participate in this gold letter event, *aka The Joan Vincent Trophy.* Often recognised as one of the favoured events of the year for the AC players.



(2) Gala Day

Invitations have been sent to all WCC Members and partners for this Saturday 1st October from 12:30pm onwards.

The Committee invites you to join them in a \$5 sausage sizzle lunch and a fun game of rotating Golf Croquet. The Gala Day will be a *fee-free* event.

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This will be a great opportunity to meet other Croquet Club members over a light lunch and a tap and chat leading into the summer festive season.

The BBQ Sausage Sizzle will be open for sales to the **Saturday social bowlers** from 12 noon to 12-30pm (\$5 pp). In support, an offer of has been accepted from a crack team of experienced *"turners & burners"*. Thank you gentlemen for your support.





Lynne Jones

Paul Dewar

Peter Wilkinson





(3) 2022 GC Club Championship Singles

This year there are two groups of players registered to play in a series of round robins in this, another gold letter event.

Winners of each Group will then play off to determine the trophy winner for 2022.

GROUP 2.	
Robert Woog	
Marilyn Pryor	
Peter Armstrong	
Maria Morton	

Play well everyone and may the luck be shared



Brett Rogers receiving the inaugural 2021 Golf Croquet Singles Championship Trophy

D'CAF IS BACK ON THE LAWN IN 2022

Last month the WCC supported Fiona Jenkins founder and Program Coordinator of **D'Caf Connection** (a local NFP group of volunteers caring for people with early onset Dementia) by providing 16 of their members and carers the Croquet Lawn and coaching lessons followed by a fun round of Golf Croquet.

The Croquet Club provides this service which is thoroughly enjoyed by the participants, greatly appreciated by D'Caf and a benefit to a community group that our volunteers gladly provide and enjoy doing so - Thank you Lynne, Liz, Marilyn, Maria & Paul for your time and goodwill .







Group photo of participants from D'Caf and Club volunteers



GC REFEREE ACCREDITATION



Lorraine Hatfield - NSW GC Coordinator presenting Maria her GC Referee Certificate

News from Croquet NSW

The following Croquet NSW Club members were presented with their *GC Referee Certificate*:

Doug Cornish: Nowra ClubRobyn Sim: Wollongong ClubRoberta Flint: Marrickville ClubMaria Morton: Warrawee Club.

We congratulate these new Golf Croquet referees on such a worthy achievement.

We have all witnessed the hard work and time Maria has devoted to securing this accreditation as evident by the recent workshops she conducted on GC Rules for our new and Pennant members.

Maria is a now a dual Association Croquet Umpire and a Golf Croquet Referee, a fine achievement and a reflection of her dedication to the sport.

Well done Maria and thank you

BRIEF HISTORY OF CROQUET

The origins of croquet are shrouded in the mists of time.

However it is generally agreed that the game of croquet emerged from Ireland as a social pastime around 1850 where it was known as *crookey*, a word describing a hooked stick.

A northern European origin for the game is possibly evidenced in the 17th century Dutch game of **beugelen**, (played on an indoor clay court with football -sized wooden balls and one metal ring) and in the French game of **pall mall** (jeu de mail), played with smaller balls, hoops and mallets.



From Ireland it soon spread throughout the English-speaking world. Propelled by publicity in the British sporting press, it burst into flower in the early 1860s.

No one had seen anything like it – a fun game that could be played by all, by young and old, by men and women. While the many, who we know today as players of 'garden croquet', clung to the game as a social pastime, the few aspired to higher things.

The first code of laws to receive universal recognition in England was compiled by the leading clubs in 1870. When the All England Croquet Club, which had led this initiative, turned its attention to the development of Lawn Tennis in 1875, croquet went into eclipse.

But it was soon to rise again. In 1897 the clubs around England regrouped to form the United All England Croquet Association, soon to be renamed the *Croquet Association*, which remains to this day the game's national governing body and which continues to play a leading role in the development of croquet worldwide.

Competition is the essence of croquet. Individual tournaments, inter-club events, and national championships have been played since the earliest days. The game went international in 1925 with the institution of the Mac Robertson Shield test series between the leading croquet nations, and,



since the formation in 1989 of the World Croquet Federation, world championships have been held in most years.

As croquet became increasingly complex, clubs and national associations looked for ways of simplifying the game to attract new members. Experiments were held with a variety of novel formats.

Today the World Croquet Federation recognises three forms of the game:

- Association Croquet, the traditional game played in most countries
- The American Six-Wicket Game, and
- Golf Croquet, a hybrid game first recognised by the Croquet Association in 1934.

The game has made huge advances since it was first played in Victorian times on indifferent lawns with makeshift equipment according to crude rules. Changes in the laws and tactics, innovations in equipment, and standards of turf management have advanced hand in hand.

Croquet today is just one of a galaxy of sports and games, keenly contested and highly regulated.

Croquet was introduced to Australia shortly after it became popular in England and there are records of it being played in Tasmania the 1860s. As in England, it tended to be overshadowed by tennis and so declined until towards the end of the century when it again started to become popular.

Ref: (a) Croquet NSW, Australia (b) Northamptoncroquet.org.uk/history)





INTERESTING AUSTRALIAN WWI HISTORY :

Irish born Lieutenant Commander HHG (Dacra) Stoker (RN) age 29 was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (London Gazette, 22 April 1919) 'In recognition of his gallantry in making the first passage of the heavy fortified Dardanelles in command of <u>HM Australian</u> <u>Submarine AE2</u> on 25 April 1915'.

Six months later he was mentioned in dispatches (London Gazette, 17 October 1919) 'For valuable services in HM Australian Submarine *AE2* in the prosecution of the war'.

Dacra Stoker upon retiring from the Navy became involved in early television dramas in the 1950s. Come his mid-60s, he began to take life a little more quietly and devoted additional time to sporting pursuits such as golf, tennis and particularly Croquet.

While one critic of that era described croquet as an "impossibly difficult exercise played to incomprehensible rules by venomous people with a tendency to swear under their breath"

Stoker was fascinated by the sport. In fact in 1962, at the age of 77, he became the croquet champion of Ireland. **Ref: Navy.gov.au/media-room/publications.*



EXTRACT FROM CROQUET NSW SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER:

<u>GROWING U21 CROQUET IN NSW</u> Croquet NSW is looking for 2-4 people to form an U21 Working Group.

The Group will consist of the State Co-coordinator of U21

Croquet and 2 to 4 additional members.

The Working Group's goal is to develop a plan to increase numbers of U21 players, promote croquet for the U21



The Working Group will be set up for 12 months and will provide recommendations to the Board by June 2023. The Australian Croquet Association has set up a fund to encourage and promote croquet for U21 players.

This fund will provide sponsorship for players from all States to attend the National U21 Gold Medal competition and pay for the winner to attend the New Zealand U21 Championships. We are looking for people with an interest in U21 players <u>and in growing croquet</u>.

Skills in any of education, marketing and promotion, and coaching areas would all be valuable. Expressions of Interest are accordingly sought for volunteers to form an U21 working group.

For Warrawee - 'looking ahead'. An interesting concept that once established, could fit our local demographic segment which is education based; as we are surrounded by six private schools 2 State High Schools and One selective school all located within 1 to 15 minutes of the WCC.

THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN

Gone missing and last seen in October 2021. The men from the club's sponsors "Mr. Nice Plumbing".

Harry, Charlie and Rowan, part of a team of specialist plumbers operating on the upper Northshore, dressed in their formal Friday work attire are back!.

Work demands over the past 12 months from the harsh wet weather conditions driven by Sydney's La Niña has kept the Boys on the tool away from the lawn. But the big hitters are back and it safe to say "their shots are as sharp as their suits". Charlie, Rowan and Harry are looking to join the Saturday mornings players to develop their strategy and tactics to match their enthusiasm.



WCC LAWN & GROUNDS REPORT:

<u>Trees :</u> Last week we received verbal confirmation from Knox Grammar that the Ku-Ring-Gai Council has approved the height reduction of their trees located along their southern boundary facing the Clubs croquet grounds.

The approval includes ongoing maintenance to maintain the trees at a specific height in the years ahead.

Our thanks and grateful appreciation to Knox Grammar for attending to this matter in support of the Club efforts in its preservation of the Croquet lawn.

We anticipate that the trees will be cut back prior to the renovation of the lawn in the New Year.

The Club fully supports the Council's tree preservation policy and believes reintroducing the managed reduction of the height of these trees to their previous level will not affect the health of the



trees, but can ensure that both endeavours can be accommodated to reach the Community and Council expectations.

VERANDAH AWNINGS

WBC Board approval was recently granted to replace the canvas roll up awnings located along the Clubs Croquet verandah.

The original awnings have been partly replaced and repaired over many years and are frail and torn to the point they can no longer hold a repair stitch.

The new blinds with their traditional white scalloped trim will be installed in time for the WCC "Gala Day" booked for the 1st October '22.

LAWN RENOVATION

It is planned for the Croquet Lawn to be fully renovated in line with the renovation of the bowling greens.

Consideration has been given for the work to start on Monday the 19th December upon the completion of the GC Club handicap Singles Competition on the 16/12/22.

Weather permitting, the usual eight weeks have been allocated to complete the renovation; enabling for the lawn to be back in play on the 19th February. This allows time for coaching and training of our GC Pennant players before the start of the 2023 Pennants season in early March '23.



The trees overshadowing the lawn, lawn renovation - top dressing and Laser leveling all in one



The veranda roll-up awnings to be replaced



'C' green renovation, removing the waste material manually after scarifying)

CONCLUSION

WCC membership numbers as at Septermber stand at : <u>67</u>. Well, that's it for now – Stay happy and healthy till next time.

Peter

President - Warrawee Croquet Club.

"Croquet the thought sport"



BOWLS SECTION REPORT

PENNANTS

This year, we only entered one team, in Division 4 of the Zone 9 Pennants Competition.

This Division had five Sections. We won our section with a total of 49.5 points, winning five games out of six. We now progress to the play-offs, against the winners of the other Sections to be played at Belrose on the weekend of 15 and 16 October. Our opponents are yet to be finalised as some washed out games have been re-scheduled to this weekend.

Congratulations to all players, well done and good bowling and best of luck in the play off's.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

President's Two-bowl Triples

Congratulations to *Bryan Boyd*, *Keith Handley and Len Hyde* who were victorious in this event, over *Greg Tuckwell*, *Steve Ogden and Tony Fabro*. Well done to Len and the team.

Fred Newson Handicap Pairs

Round one of the Fred Newson Handicap Pairs was played on 31 August. The draw this year included two women, *Peg Fabro* and *Jan Braund*. Thank you both for entering the competition.

Peg, along with Graham Lightfoot as second. progressed to the Final, winning a very tight, semifinal against Ken Potter and (sub) Kerrie Lyons by one shot. Peg had a magical last bowl to draw shot and win the game by one shot.

In the Final, *Peg and Graham* played against *Sonny Ching and James Cheah*. Sonny and James were victorious. Congratulations to Sonny and James and well done, Peg and Graham.

Thanks to all players who entered the competition. The more players we have in these competitions, the better they are.

CENTENARIANS GALA DAY

On Sunday 18th September, Warrawee competed in the Centenarians competition, held between clubs that are over 100 years old.

The Warrawee team consisted of Peg Fabro, Sue O'Keefe, Heather Bradley, Warwick Davis, Hillar Poder and Malcolm Kirby.

The event was played at North Sydney Bowling Club and Warrawee finished fifth out of ten teams.

The day was won by Killara Bowling Club. Their team was led by John Lockard, a former Warrawee player. Congratulations to John and his Killara team.

(See the full report in the Secretary's section of this Newsletter).



Malcolm - directing the head



Killara – the winning team



BROKENWOOD CHALLENGE

On the 5th September, we had our second Brokenwood Challenge. Thirteen rinks of three-bowl triples.

The weather was kind to us and everyone had a very enjoyable day. A special thanks to all members who helped make the day successful with their efforts, and a big thanks to Brokenwood for their sponsorship of the day.

MAINTENANCE

D Green will be coming out for renovation in early October. The greens were not renovated last year due to COVID, C Green will be renovated in early January 2023

Committee - Bowls Section

LADIES SECTION REPORT

This has been a very busy month for the Ladies.

On the 16th September 3 women; Heather, Peg, Sue and 3 Men; Malcolm, Hillar and Warwick competed in the Centenarian Carnival hosted by North Sydney as they were the previous winners of the Carnival. Out of the 4 games played we won 2 and lost 2. The day was won by Killara. We did come 5th out of 10 clubs competing. All in all a great day.

Our Grade 4 team have triumphed and won the No. 4 Pennant and now will progress to the Regional Playoff at Belrose on the 16th October where their opposition will be Seaforth. We are delighted with their success and wish them well.

Our Teams comprised of: Team 1. Annie Lui, Julie McIntyre. Jan Braund, Peg Fabro.

Team 2: Val Riley, Agrita Fraser, Helen Stromsmoe, Jan Simpson.

Following their win the team were presented with the No. 4 pennant flag and badges by District President Sue Hamilton and District Match Chair Billie Maas.





Jan Simpson's President Day was eventually held on 27th September, having been postponed from July 7th. About 60 members attended. We also had in attendance State Director Lesley Swales and District President, Sue Hamilton.

Wonderful food, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. A lot of work preparing, for the day, however it was worth it.



Sue Hamilton – Jan – Lesley Swales



The official table







Lesley and Jan cutting the cake



Presentation of the State Merit Pin to Fiona Vatiliosis

The evening of 24th Pam, Julie, Heather, Annette, Sue, Jan and Bruce attended "Host a Murder" at the Club. An excellent night, food was delicious, and our super sleuth Sue was the only one at our table to work out who the murderer was, winning a trip to Katoomba, and if she wins again, a trip to Fiji.

We are now planning a Fashion Parade on Monday 17th October, and are hoping for a large crowd

Commíttee -Warrawee Women's Bowls

Spring-Summer Fashion Parade

We are proud to be presenting a parade for

Warrawee Women's Bowling Club

Monday 17th October

10.30am Fashion Parade Lunch to follow

\$25 Entry (includes Champagne, Lunch and Lucky Door Prize)

STAFFORD F A S H F O NDS

RSVP by Wednesday 12th Octobe Sue O'Keefe on 0402 282 990 or sueokeefe@bigoond.com

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SPONSORSHIP REPORT

Over recent years our Club's reputation and standing is not only a reflection of the Club's history and amazing facilities and services but often acknowledged by the awareness and strength of our sponsors as the Club provides visual banner exposure 24/7 and special Bowling events and Club activities to help in a small way to solidify that business and community connection within our close-knit community.

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The relationship of all our sponsors remains something very special to us and on behalf of everyone at the Warrawee Club; I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our sponsor for their support, especially during such unprecedented times.

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Winner of the 2022 UDIA Award for Excellence in Retirement Living

We were delighted to hear that, at the recent UDIA (Urban Development Institute of Australia) Awards Ceremony, The Rose by Moran, Wahroonga, one of our Club's proud sponsors, was announced the Winner of the 2022 *Excellence in Retirement Living Award*.

The UDIA NSW Crown Group Awards for Excellence is the highest acknowledgement of the most prestigious projects and leaders in the urban development industry.

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Deliver a broad range of ongoing education and research programs to support and assist the industry and for the benefit of others associated with the urban development industry; and

Promote a greater understanding in the community of the role and the achievements of the industry

COSMETIC SURGERY

A 52 year young lady had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience seeing God she asked "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live.

Upon recovery and since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it. So the lady decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, implants and plastic surgery. She even had someone come in and change her hair colour and brighten her teeth!

After her last procedure, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street she was hit by a passing ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 plus years to live? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?"

God replied: "I didn't recognise you."

eter_ Chair - Sponsorship



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

CENTENARIAN CLUBS BOWLS GALA DAY

After an absence of a couple of years due to COVID, this event resumed on Sunday 18th September, hosted by North Sydney Bowling Club.

Invited to this event are all the bowling clubs in the Sydney metropolitan area that have been around for a hundred years or more. This includes the following:

CLUB	ESTABLISHED	CLUB	ESTABLISHED
Balmain	1880	Chatswood	1900
Manly	1883	Hunters Hill	1901
North Sydney	1888	Mosman	1902
Ashfield	1889	Warringah	1903
Waverley	1893	Warrawee	1907
Randwick	1894	Beecroft	1913
Petersham	1897	Pratten Park	1914
Neutral Bay	1898	Killara	1916
Gladstone Park	1898		

Attending this year's event were nine teams – Beecroft – Chatswood – Killara – Manly – Mosman – North Sydney – Petersham - Warrawee – Waverley.

Balmain pulled out at the last minute leaving an odd number of contestants. The gap was filled by a scratch team cobbled together by North Sydney (the Bears), and they called themselves the "Barbearians".



The Combatants

The host club had the privilege of setting the event and scoring formats.

This year's event consisted of teams of open gender, two-bowl fours playing four games of 7 ends each.

Scoring was as follows -3 points for the closest shot -2 points for the second shot and 1 point for third -3 points per toucher -3 points for the team holding shot after the leads have delivered.



Warrawee's team consisted of – Heather Bradley – Warwick Davis – Peg Fabro – Malcolm Kirby – Sue O'Keefe – Hillar Poder. Play was rotated so each member played at least two games.

Warrawee played against Chatswood, Barbearians, North Sydney and Manly.

Lunch was served after the third game and included sumptuous, rolled roast pork and roast chicken pieces. Altogether, too much food.

We won two games and lost two finishing fifth on the ladder. The event was won by Killara who will be hosting next year's event.

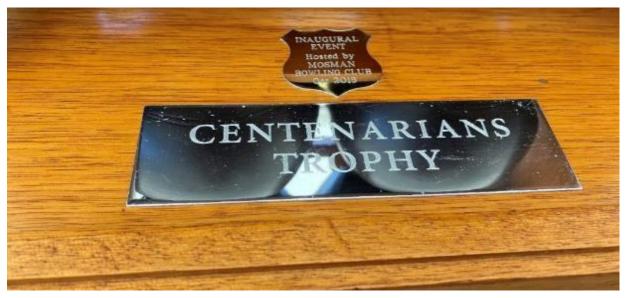
We look forward to that!



Hillar – Heather – Peg– Sue Malcolm - Warwick



Centenarians Trophy an antique set of bowls made from timber (lignum vitae)







Malcolm directing the head, alongside his opposite number







Heather contemplating her next shotPeg directing the headSue seeking out some of the fare on offerThanks to Liam Collins, Event Organiser, for a wonderful day and also for the photos.

Hillar Secretary – Warrawee Bowling Club



CONCLUSION FOR THE MONTH

Brian and Moonhee are back from enjoying summer weather in Seoul.

As lawn bowls is not played in Korea, we were unable to practice for 2 months and now hope the rains will let up so we can all play again!

We did find a croquet lawn in Seoul – but it looked very different from our lawn at Warrawee. Artificial grass, a roof and the hoops were so much wider making it a very much easier game!



A reminder that our Club website address is:- https://warraweeclub.com.au

<u>We have also registered https://warraweeclub.au</u> which will also connect to our website – a necessary step to protect against anyone else taking that web address.

Stay safe and stay well.

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