

## WELCOME TO THE CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2023



### “Looking ahead”

As previously mentioned, our challenge in 2013/14 is to encourage our members involvement and develop a culture of learning and advancement for players to improve their game and enjoyment of the the sport of croquet

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

Looking ahead as our membership numbers move closer to 70 with 6 potential new members from u3a enjoying Friday afternoon coaching, I see our new focus is to switch from a successful recruitment plan to a plan that will see the croquet club thrive and grow in what might be the new ‘Covid normal’ of community sport and recreation, with emphasis on enjoying the sport and having fun on the lawn while utilizing the clubs facilities to creating social opportunities for our members and guests.

### “A new Croquet Sponsor”



It is with pleasure we announce The Warrawee Clubs existing sponsors “Mr. Nice Plumbing” Charlie and Jessy Crane proprietors have offered to increase their sponsorship funding to help sponsor the Croquet Clubs internal and external co-hosted tournaments and club activities.

Hopefully this incentive will encourage participation on the lawn and assist in driving that social interaction sporting clubs strive to achieve. (Photo) No strangers to the game of Croquet, Charlie Crane (center) and his heavy hitting colleagues Harry and Rowan enjoying a formal Friday afternoon on the lawn after a hard-working week.

### Club Mallets – “Out with the old in with the new”

More good news for club members with an opportunity to replace 4 or 5 old club mallets with a variety of modern mallets constructed from various materials varying in length and weight.

This week the Club was invited by the Federal Member for Bradfield, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP to apply for a grant under the “Stronger Communities Programme”.

<b>Nominated project title</b>	:	<b>Club Coaching Mallets for Croquet.</b>
<b>Total project expenditure</b>	:	<b>\$2,800</b>
<b>Grant amount nominated</b>	:	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Equity: Club pre-approved</b>	:	<b>\$ 300</b>

Being invited to apply is the first step in the grant process and does not guarantee we will be successful. We are required to complete a formal application for assessment by an independent Government body for eligibility and recommendation for approval to the Department of Industry, Science and Resources with final allocation of funds undertaken by the Federal member for Bradfield.

## Dates for your Diary: May 2023



### (1) Saturday 6th May 2023 Trophy Presentation Lunch.

Time for another cracker of a lunch on the balcony.

Organised by our Social Secretary - Marilyn Pryor and a small band of helpers, another two-course soiree is planned for the 6<sup>th</sup> May with pre-dinner drinks and hors d'oeuvres followed with lunch at 1:00pm.

A great social outing with the opportunity to meet other Croquet club members over lunch and a tap and chat beforehand.

Full details to be announced with members invitations going out post Easter holidays.....

### (2) 2023 Pennants season home games – **\*\*Lawn Closed:**

GC Pennants Division 3. The remaining six Pennant matches are listed below. Please note your diary for when booking in that the lawn is closed for the first **\*\*** 4 Pennant home games. The last being on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>HOME/AWAY</u>
<b>**</b> Monday 3rd April 9-30am to 3-30pm	Warrawee V Mosman-Blue	Home -
<b>**</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 9-30am to 3-30pm	Warrawee V Chatswood	Home -
<b>**</b> Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 9-30am to 3-30pm	Warrawee V Mosman-White	Home -
<b>**</b> Monday 1st May 9-30am to 3-30pm	Warrawee V Mosman-Black	Home -
Monday 3rd May 1-0pm to 4-30pm	Elenora CC V Warrawee	- Away
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 1-00pm to 4-30Golpm	Cheltenham V Warrawee	- Away.

## WCC Committee - News and procedural changes:

### GC to be played on a Monday morning:

With the ever-increasing number of new members wanting to participate in Golf Croquet the WCC Committee have approved the allocation of the Monday morning session 10-00am to 12-30pm to the playing of Golf Croquet. The members' on-line booking system will be amended within the week.

### Croquet Lawn maintenance times

With the increase in participation numbers along with the ability to play 7 days a week, restricts the times available to undertake the necessary lawn maintenance. To resolve the issue and to avoid any unnecessary inconvenience to members, our greenkeepers will be given access to the booking system so that they can book the free time needed to spray and maintain the lawn.

Under normal circumstances mowing the lawn can take an hour. Marking the lawn for competitions and general play can be undertaken within the hour. Spraying, however, may require a session as spraying can only take place when there is no rain pending. No wind as the club has a responsibility of care to the Child Care Center and when no members are about, again the club has a responsibility to its members and guests.

For obvious reasons lawn maintenance, repair and servicing is essential and takes priority over croquet bookings. It's a bit like the chicken and the egg as to who comes first. However, providing Darren, James and Glen with access to the booking system ensures us every endeavor will be made to provide members with adequate notice to avoid any inconvenience and to accommodate their playing needs.

### Change to the payment method for game fees.

For reasons of accountability, security and insurance The Club is seeks to introduce an alternative to the current practice of paying WCC game fees and the keeping of an unlocked cash box in the WCC office.

Commencing immediately payment of game fees (\$8.00) is to be made at the bar using cash or cards. For convenience payments in advance can be made to cover multiple games, a separate receipt will be issued for each \$8- payment. Members are to place receipts in the existing tin in the WCC office and to continue to initial the players attendance sheet.

For days when the club is closed (Sundays and Public holidays) game fees will be on an honor system with payment made by those members during their next visit to the club. Naturally the tea/coffee coin jar will remain and continue.

### Competition results.

#### KilWar Croquet Competition results:

KILLARA CROQUET



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March saw the second round of the 2023 KilWar competition, Warrawee against Killara Croquet Club played at Warrawee. Also known as 'The friendlies' which best describes the competition and the atmosphere on the day.

#### **Representing Warrawee Croquet Club:**

Golf Croquet Doubles - **Brent Fuller and Paul Dewar**. Singles – **Robin Evens**.

Association Croquet Singles – **Jenny Ellwood**. 2<sup>nd</sup> Singles – **Maria Morton**

Very close games were played with Warrawee coming home the victors with a 3/1 win on the day.

#### 2023 Pennants Division 3 Metropolitan:

Pennant season is upon us with our first match starting this week, keep an eye out for the scorers and ladder results posted on the notice board and in the next news article.

That it from me till next time. Happy easter everyone, enjoy this special day with your family and friends.

*Peter*

President - Warrawee Croquet Club.

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