News from around the Club

Wednesday Evening Golf Croquet

With daylight saving comes twilight Golf Croquet.

The social proceedings commence at 5:30pm every Wednesday.

Peter Freer has recently added chicken and champagne to the evening. This has been a welcome addition to feed the hungry hitters.

Melbourne Cup

The race that stops a nation is this Tuesday, 6 November. Yvonne Grattan will be Chief Steward for the CCC Melbourne Cup Luncheon. The sit down luncheon will include sweeps, a lucky envelope, chicken and ham.

CCC Social News – Peter Freer

Congratulations to CCC members Liz Owen and Neil Mordue, currently arranging their wedding!

Commiserations to Kate McLoughlin, after being knocked off her bicycle while in Ballina in September for the Croquet NSW GC Handicap Championships with Peter Freer. Kate “landed on her head, so was fine” but had to wait for an ambulance to come from Lismore (Ballina’s was busy) to take her 400m to Ballina Hospital, opposite the Cherry St Sports Club where the croquet was underway. Kate was released after x-rays confirmed she still had a brain, and has since recovered from very colourful bruising. Peter endured a lot of hostile looks whenever he and Kate were out in public together, but has asked PM Julia Gillard to confirm that he is not a misogynist.
Membership

A big welcome to our newest member Charles Douglas.

Playing Information, Upcoming Competitions and Results

Canberra Results

Canberra club members have been busy in state and national croquet championships.

Congratulations to Peter Freer on finishing runner up in the Australian GC Men's Open.

Congratulations to Alan Honey and Greg Fletcher (VIC) on winning the AC Queensland Open Doubles.

Congratulations to Stephen Pearce, who, in his first national tournament, finished runner-up in the Australian AC Handicap Champs 19-21 with 8 bisques against him.

Good luck to Tim Murphy, Alan Honey and Stephen Pearce in the NSW AC Open Singles which is currently underway.

Canberra will be well represented at the National GC Handicap Championships in Launceston 8-13 November, with Tony Hall, Greg Diprose and Peter Freer all playing at the Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre (NTCC) at St Leonards. NTCC will open its brand new Pavilion on 7 November, to complement the six croquet courts.

CCC – AC Carnival

Playing information for the 2013 Canberra Croquet Club Association Croquet Carnival have been released. Entries close 2 January or when all 21 places fill up.

Note that in 2013, the Canberra Carnival is moving to the January long weekend and the Canberra Open is moving to Easter.

The change is a result of feedback that it is too hot for the Canberra Open in January where three matches per day are played. It is anticipated that players will be able to cope with the more laid back format of the Carnival in January!

New South Wales Gateball Championships

Canberra will be competing in and helping to organise the NSW Gateball Championships. The Championships will be hosted by Mosman Croquet Club from 14 to 16 December. The event is shaping as the largest NSW championships to date with teams confirmed from Queensland, Victorian and all around New South Wales. CCC members interested in competing should contact Gilon Smith.

CCC Club Competitions

Twenty members of the Canberra Croquet Club turned out on 3 November for the second annual Tony Hall Cup. Congratulations to the senior winner Tony Hall who defeated Peter Freer on countback and the junior winner Joan Pitt who went through the competition undefeated.

Also congratulations to Yvonne Grattan & Judy Tier for winning the 2012 CCC GC Handicap Doubles, with a very good grand final win against Bob Gingold and Mary Stuart 5-7, 7-5, 7-2.

Other club competitions are coming to a close in the coming weeks. Results are available on the CCC website.