



Melbourne Cricket Club Croquet Section Inc.

2017 - 18 Annual Report

MCC Croquet Section Incorporated
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Office Bearers 2017 - 2018

Chair	Patrick Moore Graham Fahey (Acting Chair Sept-Oct 2018)
Secretary	Gavan Woinarski
Treasurer	Tom Kudelka
Committee	Margo Kelly, Geoffrey Dobbin, Joan Martin, Wayne Lewis, Graham Fahey
Tournament Managers	Tom Kudelka, Colin Melville
Referees	Jan Watts, Liz Duff, Tom Kudelka, Graham Fahey
Events Co-ordinator	Bruce McComb
Beginner Coaches	Barbara Evans, Carol Dobbin,
Pennant Coach	Graham Fahey
Lighting Application	Graham Fahey
Newsletter	Maggie Ruzza
EMCA Delegate	Wayne Worlidge, Alan Notley
Catering	Margo Kelly, Mary Vindin, Joan Martin Carol Dobbin
Presentation Dinner Sub- Committee	Catherine Symons, Bruce McComb
Uniforms	Ros Merry

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This report is a summary of the significant activities of the club and the achievements of its members over the past twelve months.

The Committee met on 11 occasions. Patrick Moore resigned both from his position of Chairman and from the Committee in August 2018. The Committee subsequently elected Graham Fahey to the role of Acting Chairman pending the next AGM.

The club has conducted a number of first class tournaments and social activities. The MCC Croquet Club has again been well represented by many members, some of whom have achieved personal success in internal and external tournaments. Many members have participated in pennant matches conducted in spring and autumn.

Our current focus is on Association Croquet and we will be implementing a training program to encourage current and new members to improve their skills.

Another form of the game is Golf Croquet. It is becoming popular with some people as it is a shorter version of croquet. Discussion of this form of game is something that future committees must consider.

Our club is grateful to the volunteers who contribute in many different ways. On behalf of the committee I thank you for your efforts. We are in a position to make this club one of the best.

In the early part of the year our courts were subjected to drought conditions. We asked Warren Maynard, our greenkeeper, to provide a comprehensive report. This report has explained that the current grass is too old and needs replacing to get it back to top class condition. This is an important priority for the future. Our current facilities and equipment is first class for our needs.

I wish to acknowledge the support that our club has received from the MCC Board members and staff. Particularly, board members: Fred Oldfield and Clare Cannon, and staff, Club Manager, Mark Anderson; and Sporting Section management, Steven McCooke and Nathan Ervin.

We should all recognise the effort and expertise shown by the maintenance staff Warren and Josh. They do a great job preparing our courts often under difficult circumstances. Thanks also to the MCC Bowls Section for the use the Dobbie lawn in August for our Association tournament.

Graham Fahey
Acting Chairman
MCC Croquet Section

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's job is much greater than simply recording the Minutes of meetings and placing notices on the noticeboard.

The Secretary of the MCC Croquet Section enjoys the opportunity to manage general communications with and between members, prospective members and external stakeholders such as the MCC, local government and MPs. In addition there is administrative support offered to Tournament Managers and various members with specific requests.

Noticeable actions this year could be listed as:

- Introduced a Decision Register: this is to avoid Committees over the years discussing the same topics so with a register in place previous decisions can be known and this also helps for smoother transition between Committees
- A regularly refreshed membership list was placed on the Noticeboard for members private use
- A refreshed Membership application form was produced
- A monthly newsletter was introduced using a contemporary format
- A refreshed Manual or Handbook for members was begun and can be an important task for the new Committee to complete
- Roles and responsibilities: these were made more prominent
- Database: a near complete set of records (soft copy) has been created of the all the winners of past tournaments, championships etc. this will become a useful reference for the forthcoming History of the Section
- Various templates were crafted for Minutes, Tournaments, Notices, certificates so in the future there is a consistent look and feel to our Section's collateral
- Photographs have been taken of all the Honour Boards in case of fire
- A detailed proposal about the club's membership recruitment and retention was researched and distributed to members; a Forum was hosted and the new Committee has a chance to action some major programs for the future benefit and sustainability of our club
- Previous Newsletters have been assembled and filed in the one location for reference and historical continuity. It might be decided to hand copies to the MCC archivist for safekeeping

Gavan Woinarski
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

The MCC Croquet Section Inc remains viable. In the year ending 31 July 2018, Total Funds increased by \$8,530.68 to the current level of \$110,985.90.

A substantial part of the Funds has been placed on Term deposits: \$60,000.00 which matures on 12 January 2019 and \$40,000.00 which matures on 12 November 2018.

Lights are scheduled to be installed in November 2018 and the Croquet Section is contributing \$40,000 to the total cost of their supply and installation.

Much effort in the first few months of this year was devoted to updating the book keeping system. A simple booking keeping package: ACEMONEY, has been introduced to keep track of all transactions. We now have a relatively simple opportunity to maintain control of all transactions and their allocation.

The accompanying table compares this year's performance to that of the last three years. It is most likely the cost allocations have changed over the years, but the totals are comparable.

The total receipts have been quite static over the period. The current stock of clothing (\$1514.70) has been re-assigned to the Balance Sheet, at cost.

The total payments for this year indicate a steep rise over that of last year (+\$11,500). However the average over the last two years is about on trend. The variance between the two years is largely due cost allocation: the cost of the Presentation Dinner for 2017 (~\$5,900) being carried over into this year, while the income was recorded last year; and this year we purchased two additional sets of the new hoops from NZ.

The Croquet Section remains grateful to the MCC for an annual grant of about \$6,000, which, this year, was allocated to the purchase and maintenance of the Club's equipment.

Tom Kudelka
Treasurer

MCC CROQUET SECTION - Statement of Accounts and Receipts
- for years ending 31st July

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Accumulated Funds	102,455.22	82,439.05	73,068.91	62,505.00
Annual Surplus	<u>8,530.68</u>	<u>20,016.17</u>	<u>9,370.14</u>	<u>10,563.91</u>
Total Funds	<u>110,985.90</u>	<u>102,455.22</u>	<u>82,439.05</u>	<u>73,068.91</u>
 <u>Current Assets</u>				
NAB Cheque A/c	8,614.33	8,939.19	5,079.54	729.90
Maxi A/c + TD's	100,458.87	93,007.43	77,341.81	72,318.73
Petty cash	398.00	548.60	17.70	20.70
Clothing	<u>1,514.70</u>			
	<u>110,985.90</u>	<u>102,495.22</u>	<u>82,439.05</u>	<u>73,069.33</u>
 <u>Receipts</u>				
Subscriptions	17,220.00	17,007.00	17,318.50	14,059.75
Catering/Events	8,337.41	10,733.59	5,341.95	6,011.00
Grants	6,000.00	5,890.00	6,250.00	5,600.00
Green Fees	645.00	600.00	525.00	1,160.00
Clothing sales	1,423.50	535.00	5,271.00	250.00
Coaching		33.80		
Interest	455.22	575.62	1,013.08	1,393.32
Other Income	<u>1,574.70</u>	<u>59.70</u>	<u>151.40</u>	<u>3,317.50</u>
Total Receipts	<u>35,655.83</u>	<u>35,434.71</u>	<u>35,870.93</u>	<u>31,791.57</u>
 <u>Payments</u>				
Administration	1,349.75	2,335.00	2,659.24	1,203.30
Affiliation fees & Levies	4,388.85	4,445.00	5,029.00	3,635.50
Catering/Events	16,171.67	5,082.64	4,106.36	10,358.72
Bank fees	10.75	62.60	69.80	117.80
Donations			658.00	200.00
Pennant fees	132.00	55.00		
Club Rooms			7,235.21	2,309.53
Croquet				
Equipment/Trophies	5,072.13		4,262.37	1,136.91
Tournament Expense			380.49	486.85
Other Expenditure		158.30	2,100.32	1,779.05
Fraud		<u>3,280.00</u>		
Total Payments	<u>27,125.15</u>	<u>15,418.54</u>	<u>26,500.79</u>	<u>21,227.66</u>
 Surplus	<u><u>8,530.68</u></u>	<u><u>20,016.17</u></u>	<u><u>9,370.14</u></u>	<u><u>10,563.91</u></u>

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Year Ended 31 July 2018

BASIS OF PREPARATION OF STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The MCC Croquet section Inc Statement of Receipts and Payments is a special purpose financial report which is not required to be prepared in accordance with all Accounting Statements, Urgent issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standard Board. The Statement includes all revenues and expenditure related to the Croquet Section except for certain items such as Staff Utilities and Property which in accordance with the normal practice of the MCC and its sporting sections, are included in the Financial Statements of the MCC. The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis consistent with that of prior years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In my opinion, the Statement of Receipts and Payments present a true and fair view of the receipts and payments of the MCC Croquet Section Inc for the year ended 31 July 2018 in accordance with the basis of Statement Preparation.

Tom Kudelka

Date: 10 / 08 / 2018

AUDITOR'S REPORT

In my opinion the Statement of Receipts and Payments present a true and fair view of the receipts and payments of the MCC Croquet Section Inc for the year ended 31 July 2018 in accordance with the basis of statement preparation. In conducting my audit in order to express an opinion, I carried out such procedures as I considered necessary, including evidence on a test basis to support amounts and disclosures in the Statement of Receipts and Payments.

Athol Herrick Kelly B.Com (Hons) FACA FCIS

Date: 15 / 08 / 2018

MEMBERSHIP

During this year, the Croquet Section comprised 71 members:

Life	1
MCC	18 (including 1 playing member)
Section	48 (including 6 pre-merger members)
Non Affiliate	4 (including 1 pre-merger)

During the year we were saddened by the death of Joyce McCloskey. No new members joined during the year.

Our challenge as a club is to encourage new members. The committee has agreed to immediately pursue two initiatives developed during the strategy review: (a) a mail drop to MCC Members in nearby post codes and (b) pursue opportunities with the Kooyong Tennis Club.

The challenge of attracting new members remains as a priority for future-committees.

MCC RELATIONSHIP

The MCC estimates that our share of the cost of our facilities at Glen Street is around \$80,000 per annum. This year, Members' annual subscriptions amounted to \$17,000. The committee recommends that the relationship between MCC and the Club be reviewed and strengthened. This may include ways in which Section Members could gain access to games played in the AFL home and away season.

INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS

Significant progress has been made on our application to install lights on our site.

Previously:

The Application was submitted to Boroondara Council on 14/9/2015 and was given the Reference number PP15/01003

On the 3/4/2018 the Presentation of officer report was presented to Council. On 5 April the Notice of Decision (NOD) was received from Council. No appeals were lodged with VCAT.

Current Situation:

Introduction of personnel: Bill Cooma, MCC Project Manager; Elliot Lewis, Electrician; Darren Russo, Solec; Vince Pagliaro, Coordinator.

Discussion of timing and scope of the different stages of the works has taken place. The Croquet Committee agreed November would be a suitable time to start as our tournaments and pennants would be completed.

Estimated time of completion for the project will be 5 weeks with an extra week for weather contingency.

Tentative schedule

Weeks 1 and 2 - Dig holes, install rag bolt bases in foundations

Week 3 - Concrete rest

Weeks 4 and 5 - install poles, wiring to the lights.

Commissioning and handover.

Cooperation has also been achieved with MCC, through Warren and Josh, to have courts covered during construction.

NEWSLETTER

The committee was grateful to Maggie Ruzza for accepting the role of editor for the Club's Newsletter. Communication is a major issue for our Club and it is anticipated that the newsletter will be published at least bimonthly, and sometimes monthly. The September newsletter was the first edition of the new style; it is intended that it will keep all members up to date with all club events.

CATERING

2017-18 has been a successful year.

We have catered for the MCC Championship lunch, the Long Lunch, Opening Day, and the MCC OPEN Tournament. The provision of buffet lunches for our tournaments continues to be successful.

A professional caterer provided the Christmas lunch and our catering committee organized the decorations and the raffle.

We were visited by the council health inspector and given a good report.

Our reputation for excellent catering depends on the generous participation always willingly given by our members. I would like to express sincere appreciation to the many people who gave of their valuable time arranging tables, clearing and serving, and the cooks who made beautiful sausage rolls, soups, sandwiches, slices and cakes; also those who provided flowers and decorations.

Thank you everyone.

OPENING DAY

Held on 5th August, we had about 60 people celebrate the beginning of the 2017-8 croquet season.

Guests included Mr John Pessuto MLA representing the electorate of Hawthorn and Ms Margot Foster, former Olympian rower.

Ms Clare Cannon representing MCC and a number of croquet players from other clubs were also welcomed.

PRESENTATION DINNER

The 6th Annual Dinner was held at the MCC Committee Room on 29th May 2018. It was attended by 63 (including 44 members/partners) people. We welcomed Fred Oldfield and Clare Cannon from the MCC Board as well as Section Chairpersons from eight sporting sections.

As has become routine format, presentations and speeches were kept to a minimum so that it could also be a very social event. This year we were fortunate to have Robert Fletcher, croquet World Champion attend and present trophies.

Thanks again to Catherine Symons and Bruce McComb for their planning of what was a successful night.

EMCA & VCA

Croquet Victoria is governed by a Council made up of representatives of the 13 Regions in the state. MCC is a member of Eastern Metropolitan Region as are Ivanhoe Park, Kew, Lilydale, Monash, and Ringwood.

During the year EMCA's Director on VCA Council was Patrick Hartley from Lilydale, with Wayne Worlidge as Alternate. The roles have been reversed for 2018-9. There is a potential seventh club for EMCA, namely Mernda.

EMCA conducts an annual fun competition called the Bear Cup. The MCC won the cup and were represented by Lyn Maddock, Jeff Von't Steen, Sarah Lewis, Wayne Lewis and Wayne Worlidge.

MCC Section members involved with VCA are:

Alan Notley, member of the VCA Investment Advisory Group.

Helen Worlidge, member of the VCA Marketing and Publicity sub-Committee.

Wayne Worlidge, member of the Growing Croquet Victoria Working Group.

REFEREES

In the past we have been well serviced with competent referees.

Our goal is to continue in that vein. We have four qualified referees, Jan Watts, Liz Duff, Tom Kudelka and Graham Fahey

As we are increasing the number of matches played we are relying more and more on these referees. The committee has encouraged a number of members to undertake referee training: Ian Philpott and Wayne Lewis have completed the training and are preparing for the examination. Lyn has not quite finished the training.

It is hoped that these new referees will take up duties in the coming tournaments. This program of encouraging new referees is to be continued. Especially if we continue to play Golf Croquet, for which we do not have any referees.

COACHING

Barb Evans and Carol Dobbin have conducted beginner coaching. The lessons provided to the beginners are a sound way of introducing people to the sport of croquet. It seems from past experience that the club needs to establish a mentor program to assist new comers. MCC CC has 13 qualified Beginner Coaches, however the ACA has introduced new Coaching Qualifications for Association Croquet and other Croquet codes.

A number of members have taken up the offer from Kenn Boal to update their coaching qualifications.

Graham Fahey and Tom Kudelka have run coaching sessions on Friday mornings for division 3 and 4 pennant players. More recently, on Friday coaching has been provided by Patrick Moore and Ian Philpott.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

Association Croquet

100 Games	Geoff Dobbin, Anne McLachlan, Wayne Worlidge, Catherine Symons, Gavan Woinarski, Mary Vindin
200 Games	Colin Melville, Patrick Moore
300 Games	Bruce McComb, Tom Kudelka
400 Games	Graham Fahey

A one hundred game shield has been ordered to be placed in the clubhouse.

Individual Award

Club Award		Anny McLachlan
Chairman's Award		Wayne Worlidge
Most Improved Player		Geoff Dobbin

INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Congratulation to all those who entered and had individual successes.

<i>Club Champions</i>		
Association	Division 1	Adrian Palmer
	Division 2	Ian Philpott
	Division 3	David Rhodes
	Division 4	Maggie Ruzza
Pennant - Spring	Division 1	MCC 2 Ian Philpott & Colin Melville
Pennant - Autumn	Division 1	MCC 3 Gavan Woinarski & Ian Philpott
Handicap Doubles		John Harris & Bruce McComb
Twilight Plate		Graham Fahey
One Ball Challenge		Mary Vindin
Chairman's Shield		Gavan Woinarski

EXTERNAL TOURNAMENTS

Well done to all members that entered external tournaments and championships.

Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Result</i>
Colin Melville	Brighton	7-11	Runner Up
Tom Kudelka	Essendon	11-16	Winner
John Harris	Essendon	11-16	Runner Up
Gail Plunkett	Essendon	16-20	Winner
Gavan Woinarski	Sandringham	7-11	Winner
Tom Kudelka	Sandringham	7-11	Runner up
Wayne Lewis	Monash	7-11	Runner up
John Harris	Brunswick	16-20	Winner
Bruce McComb	Cairnlea	VCA Bronze Medal	Runner up
Tom Kudelka	Leongatha	8-13	Runner up
Gavan Woinarski	Williamstown	7-20	Winner
Tom Kudelka	Cairnlea	VCA Handicap Ch'ship	Winner

PENNANT

In the spring pennant for 2017 we fielded 3 teams in the 0-14 and 16-20 divisions.

The 0-14 division was won by MCC 3, Ian Philpott and Colin Melville from MCC 2, Gavan Woinarski and Patrick Moore.

In the 16-20 division Essendon won from MCC 4, Geoff Dobbin and Anne McLachlan.

Autumn 2018 0-14 was won by MCC 3, Ian and Gavan Woinarski.

In 16-20 Kew Brighton Monash won from Elsternwick.

In spring Pennant for 2018 we will have six teams: fielding 2 teams in 0-7, 8-14 and 16-20 divisions.

This year, after about 10 years, MCC has entered a team in the Golf Croquet Shield. As newcomers to this form of croquet we are running about midway in an accomplished field of 10 teams. The season will end in November.

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Wayne Worlidge
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Athol Kelly
Gavan Woinarski

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