



# MCC Croquet Section



## Annual Report 2018-9

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*(Cover photo: Croquet at Government House, 26/1/2019)*



*At our Video Production Day 19/5/2019*



## Office Bearers, Key People 2018 - 2019

Chair	Wayne Worladge
Secretary	Angela Di Donato
Treasurer	Tom Kudelka
Committee	Margo Kelly, Mary Vindin, Catherine Symons, Anne McLachlan, Wayne Lewis, Graham Fahey (ex-officio)
Tournament Managers	Tom Kudelka, Colin Melville
AC Referees	Graham Fahey, Jan Watts, Liz Duff, Tom Kudelka, Ian Philpott, Wayne Lewis, Hazel Lloyd.
Events Co-ordinator	Tom Kudelka, Wayne Lewis
Coaches	Barbara Evans, Carol Dobbin, Tom Kudelka, Helen Worladge, Geoff Dobbin, Wayne Worladge, Gavan Woinarski
Newsletter Editor	Maggie Ruzza
Garden Committee	Mary Vindin, Anne McLachlan
EMCA Delegates	Wayne Worladge, Alan Notley, Lyn Maddock
Catering	Margo Kelly, Mary Vindin, Joan Martin, Carol Dobbin, Sam Shepherd
Presentation Dinner Sub-Committee	Catherine Symons, Tom Kudelka
Uniforms	Ros Merry
VCA Positions	Director: Wayne Worladge Investment Review: Alan Notley, David Ross M&P Committee: Helen Worladge





## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(from Wayne Worladge)

It gives me pleasure to report a year of steady progress at our Club. We welcomed eight new members late in 2018, and another eight in August this year, with another six or so in the offing. As a result, our coaches have been under significant pressure, with coaching sessions on several days and evenings each week. Thank you to Carol Dobbin, Barbara Evans, Gavan Woinarski, Geoff Dobbin, Tom Kudelka and Helen Worladge.

A significant number of interested folk attended our Open Day in March, which was advertised among MCC members and Waiting List people in local suburbs. We intend to repeat this initiative soon. We also welcomed experienced players; Hazel Lloyd from Hobart and David Ross from Ringwood Club. Not only do they add to our depth of expertise, both being referees comes in very handy. Speaking of referees, Ian Philpott and Wayne Lewis both passed the onerous tests to qualify as AC referees.

While it is good to welcome new members, we also farewelled some; interstate moves and poor health were the main reasons. Barbara Evans has decided to retire from Croquet. She and Carol Dobbin completed no less than seven years of Beginner Coaching this year. Many members can thank them for giving them a start in Association Croquet.

We were delighted to add two Life Members: Jan Watts and Margaret Tomlinson, richly deserving of the awards.

Sadly, Sas Derham passed away suddenly at home in early August. Her style and wit are going to be missed.

Our court lighting became available in late March and despite a sometimes-bitter winter, we have played Golf Croquet regularly on Wednesday nights, AC training and have also run two evening competitions. An AC night inter-club competition is planned for Thursdays.

We are planning for court refurbishment, but this is a costly business and timing depends on funds being allocated by MCC. We are looking to December - January 2020-21 at this stage. Clearly our members will need courts to play on and we are investigating options.

I wish to thank the Committee for providing sound and reliable guidance, reflective of the wishes of Members. Angela has excelled in the Secretary role. Tom has been an excellent Treasurer and has also spent a lot of time involved in planning competitions, with Wayne Lewis' able assistance.

Margo, as ever, has done a great job in managing catering for numerous events. We have quite a reputation in this regard. Thanks also to her numerous helpers.

I want to acknowledge with thanks the assistance provided to the Club by MCC, specifically Committee Member Clare Cannon, and Sporting Sections' Steven McCooke. I also wish to recognise the continuing excellent relations with MCC Bowls.

We look to an exciting and fun year in 2019-20.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

(From Tom Kudelka)

The MCC Croquet Section Inc. remains viable. In the year ending 31 July 2019, Total Funds increased by \$12,096.14, before a non-operating expenditure of \$44,000 which was the Club's contribution to the lights (includes GST).

Total Funds now equal \$ 79,082.04.

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

The Total Receipts have been quite static over the period with relatively significant increases, this year, in green fees (due the increase in new players joining the coaching programme) and bank interest (from Term Deposits).

The Total Payments for this year were down about 9% from that of the previous year after an increase of 10% in VCA fees and a realignment of Presentation Dinner expenses. An extraordinary expenditure item was the purchase of a new refrigerator (\$774.00)

The Croquet Section remains grateful to the MCC for the annual grant of \$6,200, which will be allocated to the purchase of new balls and coaching sessions.

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Tom Kudelka

Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report:**
**MCC CROQUET SECTION - Statement of Accounts and Receipts**  
**- for years ending 31st July**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Accumulated Funds	110,985.90	102,455.22	82,439.05
Annual Surplus	12,096.14	8,530.68	20,016.17
* Less Capital Expenditure	<del>44,000.00</del>		
Total Funds	<u>79,082.04</u>	<u>110,985.90</u>	<u>102,455.22</u>
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>			
NAB Cheque A/c	8,362.97	8,614.33	8,939.19
Maxi A/c + TD's	69,412.67	100,458.87	93,007.43
Petty cash	216.00	398.00	548.60
Merchandise	1,090.40	1,514.70	
	<u>79,082.04</u>	<u>110,985.90</u>	<u>102,495.22</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Subscriptions	18,407.00	17,220.00	17,007.00
Catering/Events	9,122.66	8,337.41	10,733.59
Grants	6,200.00	6,000.00	5,890.00
Green Fees	1,080.00	645.00	600.00
Merchandise Sales	<del>17.30</del>	1,423.50	535.00
Coaching			33.80
Interest	2,083.95	455.22	575.62
Other Income	9.00	1,574.70	59.70
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>36,885.31</u>	<u>35,655.83</u>	<u>35,434.71</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Administration	1,140.71	1,349.75	2,335.00
Affiliation fees & Levies	9,635.00	4,388.85	4,445.00
Catering/Events	10,431.31	16,171.67	5,082.64
Bank fees		10.75	62.60
Donations			
Pennant fees	443.75	132.00	55.00
Club Rooms			
Croquet Equipment	1,133.90	2,362.33	
Trophies/Prizes	2,004.50	2,709.80	
Other Expenditure			158.30
Fraud			3,280.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>24,789.17</u>	<u>27,125.15</u>	<u>15,418.54</u>
<b>Surplus</b>	<u>12,096.14</u>	<u>8,530.68</u>	<u>20,016.17</u>

\* Lawn Lighting



**Melbourne Cricket club Croquet Section Inc**

**Year Ended 31 July 2019**

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 2019 in accordance with the basis of Statement Preparation.

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Tom Kudelka

Date: 22 / 08 / 2019

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Athol Herrick Kelly'.

Athol Herrick Kelly B.Com (Hons) FACA FCIS

Date: 29 / 08 / 2019





## COMPETITION PLAY

### Association Croquet Pennant Report

(From Colin Melville, additional comments from Wayne Worlidge.)

The AC Pennant Competition has been struggling for some years now, as fewer clubs play Association. This year has seen some improvement in team numbers, but MCC still fields the majority of teams.

We did not fare as well as in other years, hopefully just a glitch, as we have many good players.

### Spring Pennant 2018

Spring Pennant consisted of 3 divisions.

In 0-7 handicap division, we fielded 2 teams and our MCC 1 were runners up to Sandringham.

In the 8-14 handicap division, won by Elsternwick, we fielded 2 teams neither of which were placed.

In the 16-20 handicap division, won by Ringwood, we fielded 2 teams neither of which were placed.

### Autumn Pennant 2019

In the Autumn Pennant there were 2 divisions.

In the -1 to 14 handicap division there were 5 teams, with MCC fielding 3 of them. The winner was Bayside 1 with MCC 1 in third place.

In the 16-20 handicap division, MCC fielded 3 teams in an 8-team competition. The winner was Brighton. MCC teams were unplaced.

### Golf Croquet Shield Report

From Wayne Worlidge

Our club competed in the 10-team Eastern Conference of the Shield in Spring 2018 and Autumn 2019. Both seasons were compromised by player availability. While we had some quite good wins and could have expected to finish in the middle of the field in both seasons, the necessity to forfeit on a number of occasions ruined our chances.

Our better GC players are also leading Association players and their time is limited.

We have decided to build up a Golf Croquet team from existing and new players so that we can consistently field a team each week.

Playing of Golf Croquet on Wednesday evenings will undoubtedly contribute to this.





## Internal Competitions

(from Tom Kudelka)

### Association Croquet Championships 14-24 March 2019

Division 1: Graham Fahey

Division 2: Wayne Lewis

Division 3: Alan Notley

Division 4: Catherine Symons

### Golf Croquet Championships 10-11 July 2019

#### Division 1

Winner: Gavan Woinarski

Runner Up: Graham Fahey

#### Division 2

Winner: Tom Kudelka

Runner-Up: Wayne Worladge

### One-Ball Competition 7 April 2019

Three groups of players competed and the winners and runners-up of each group fought out the finals.

Winner: Ian Philpott

Runner-Up: Bruce McComb

### Twilight Plate

Winner: John Harris

### Hi-Lo Doubles

Winners: Gail Plunkett and Colin Melville: 5 wins and +18 hoops

Second: Sarah and Wayne Lewis: 5 wins and +16 hoops

Third: Deborah Lloyd and Hazel Lloyd: 5 wins and +3 hoops

*It does not get much closer than this!*

### Tournament Successes

Bruce McComb	VCA Bronze Medal	Gold
Wayne Lewis	MCC Div 2	Gold
Sara Lewis	MCC Div 4	Gold
Gail Plunkett	MCC Div 4	Silver
Gail Plunkett	Essendon Div 4	Silver
John Harris	MCC Div 3	Gold
Wayne Lewis	Sandringham Div 2	Gold
Colin Melville	MCC Div 2	Silver
Gavan Woinarski	MCC Div 1b	Gold
Ian Philpott	MCC Div 1b	Silver
Ian Philpott	Ringwood	Gold
Catherine Symons	MCC Div 4	Silver
Graham Fahey	MCC GC Div1	Gold
Helen & Wayne Worladge	Morwell GC Div 2	Bronze

## PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

(From Graham Fahey)

### Court Maintenance

The courts were closed in May/June for annual maintenance. During this time, we were given use of the Bowls' Dobbie lawn.

The condition of the courts is concerning, as despite regular annual maintenance, their condition has been falling away over the past 5 years.

The Greenkeepers have recommended a complete turf replacement, which would also involve a drainage upgrade. A Capex is being prepared for consideration by MCC. Timing is hoped to be late 2020.

Our courts are in use seven days a week, and several nights as well.

### Court Lighting

With Council giving approval, lighting was installed over both courts commencing in late 2018 and was completed ready for play in late March 2019. Since then there has been consistent evening play.

In August, the Club purchased time-activated switches to ensure the lights automatically turn off by the times required in the Council planning permit.

### New Equipment

With most of our equipment in good condition, the only real need was new sets of balls, and the Committee approved the purchase of four sets.

The old kitchen refrigerator was replaced.



*No set up here! It actually happened!*

## CATERING REPORT

(From Margo Kelly)

2018-19 has been a good year.

We have catered for the MCC Championship lunch, the Long Lunch, Opening day, and the MCC Tournament.

The provision of a buffet with soup, crusty bread and cheese instead of sandwiches for our tournaments has proved to be easier, more efficient and cost effective.

The Christmas lunch was provided by Heather Martin, our usual caterer (allowing the club cooks to enjoy their day) but the catering committee organized the decorations and the raffle.

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

A very welcome addition to our kitchen is the new fridge, which has two compartments, one of which can be either a fridge or a freezer; this being very useful at tournament time.

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 enthusiastically donated their valuable time arranging tables, clearing and serving, and the cooks who made savories, soups, sandwiches, slices and cakes; also, those who provided flowers and decorations.

Thank you everyone. We are looking forward to another year of feasting and fun.



*Physiotherapists checking out the game*

*MCC hosted the preparation of VCA videos, one of which was a general promotional video and the other was for physiotherapists, recommending Croquet as a game for their patients.*



## **PRESENTATION DINNER REPORT 2019**

From Catherine Symons

The seventh annual Croquet Presentation dinner was held on 5<sup>th</sup> June at the Committee Room of the MCG.

Bruce McComb chaired the evening and presentations to winners of events and recipients of Awards were ably handled by Wayne Worlidge, Tom Kudelka and Mary Vindin.

The Dinner was attended by 56, of whom only 28 were Members of the Croquet Club. Many Chairs of MCC Sporting Sections attended along with MCC Committee Members Clare Cannon, Annabel Brebner and Ted Baillieu.

As a result of the relatively low Croquet Member attendance a review of the event is planned and ideas and comments from all Club Members will be welcomed to plan for the following year. Survey papers will be available at the Club for these responses.

It is important that the achievements of Players and the contributions of Members be formally recognised as their involvements are vital to the success of the Croquet Section.

I would like to thank Tom Kudelka for assistance in planning the dinner and to Maggie Ruzza who prepared the publicity for the event.

Awards presented were:

Most Successful Pennant Player: Colin Melville

Most Improved Player: Wayne Lewis

Club Award: Joan Martin

Chairman's Award: Liz Duff and Bruce McComb (joint winners)



*Croquet with the Governor 26/1/2019*

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