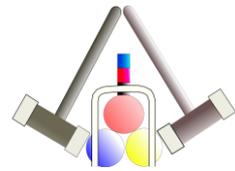


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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The office-bearers for 2019-2020 who were elected at the AGM are:-

President	Ron Buist
Vice-President	Peter Rienits
Captain	Patricia Goldrick
Vice Captain	Ron Bradner
Secretary	Susan Howland
Assistant Secretary	Fay Simpson
Treasurer	Jim Whitehead
Assistant Treasurer	Mary Lambert
CNSW Delegate	John Bartrop
Auditor	Eric Atkins
Public Officer	John Bartrop
Lawn Maintenance & Equipment Committee	(Greg Deakin (Ron Buist (John Madgwick
Webmaster	Peter Rienits
Housekeepers	(Rosemary Layman (Lyndall Lander
Social Committee	(Carolyn Benisch (Fay Simpson
Catering Committee	(Fay Simpson (Norma Evennett



Norma receives her badge

Two new Life Members were appointed. To meet the criteria for the award of Life Membership a member must have belonged to the Club for 15 years and to have given exceptional service to the Club and both Norma Evennett and John Madgwick have fulfilled these requirements many times over – Norma as a past Treasurer and John as past President, Lawn Director and Master Weeder (to quote from the President's Report)

KCC CROQUET NEWS

The most recent round of the Northside Friendlies Plaque competition was reported by Vice-Captain Ron Bradner, thus:-

Following a tense battle between the team from Epping and our illustrious players (Fay, Pat Glandian, Geoff Hunter, Winsome Tong

DIARY DATES

THE NEXT SOCIAL NIGHT FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER

BYO drinks will begin at 7.pm
(note the change of time)

**SUPER SUPPER,
FUN & GAMES**

Special price - \$5 each
Put your name on the attendance list or let Carolyn Benisch know you'll be there

**NORTHSIDE FRIENDLIES
PLAQUE LUNCHEON
FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER
(Don't miss the details on P3.)**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY , 23rd NOVEMBER
(12 noon)**

SAVE THESE DATES

**5th NOVEMBER
KCC's MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH**

**14th DECEMBER
KCC's CHRISTMAS PARTY AND
AWARDS PRESENTATION**

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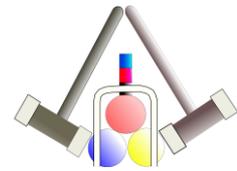
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and me) last Friday 13th we finally triumphed after winning two games (and not winning two) but scoring 40 hoops to Epping's 39 i.e. we won by one hoop!

It must have been a nail-biting finish because three of Killara's hoops were scored by Fay Simpson after the bell.

The final round of the competition (in which Killara will play Chatswood) will be played at KCC on 11th October and be followed by lunch (see p3 for details)

Meanwhile, David Rush, added to the long list of tournaments in which he's played this year, when he travelled to Foster to play in that club's AC Tournament.



David Rush during the Beryl Chambers Tournament

Closer to home the last match of the Handicap Doubles Tournament has been delayed by rain and is now scheduled for Wednesday, 2nd October. That match will pit the partnership of Ron Buist and Geoff Hunter against Pat Glandian and Ron Bradner and the result will determine the winner of the Tournament.

In the world of GC Killara players have figured prominently of late.



Alison Sharpe and Liz Montague played in the Australian Women's Singles GC Championship. Alison successfully defended her title of Australian Champion

She then went on to captain



the NSW GC team in the Interstate Shield. Also in the team was Liz Montague and, ensuring the Montague household was fully represented, Peter was the Team Manager.

The NSW team swept all before it until coming up against Victoria, when it was not able to emerge victorious so came in as silver medalists.

LAWNS and CLUBHOUSE

Once again Ku-Ring-Gai Council are proving how lucky we are to have its team looking after our lawns. Ron met with them recently and it was agreed that they will repair the fence, especially on Lawn 1, in such a way that it should help to keep the rabbits outside the fence. In addition, they will make the renovation of Lawn 2 their major work at the end of this year.

Rain delayed the Clubhouse painting but it's done now and the Clubhouse is worth having a look at because it's looking very smart and clean. Long may it remain so

**A NUMBER OF THE OTHER CLUB
TOURNAMENTS STILL HAVE A
CONSIDERABLE WAY TO GO BEFORE
THEY ARE CONCLUDED.**

**NOVEMBER 1st IS FAST
APPROACHING AND THEY MUST ALL
BE COMPLETED BY THEN**

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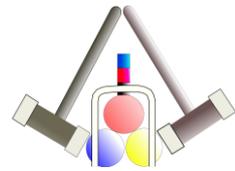
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NORTHSIDE FRIENDLIES PLAQUE END OF COMPETITION LUNCH 11th OCTOBER at 1.00pm

It's traditional for the end of the Northside Friendlies Plaque Competition to be celebrated with a lunch to which members of the four competing clubs (Warrawee, Epping, Chatswood and Killara are invited).

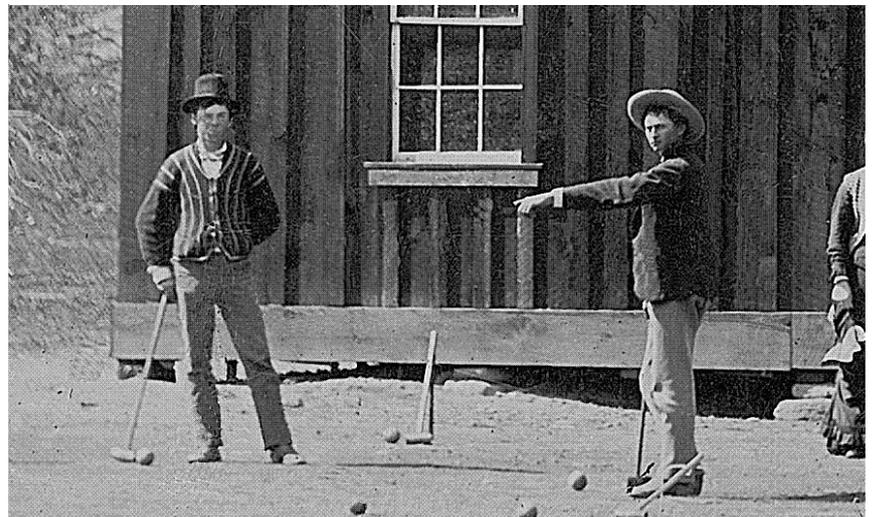
This year it's Killara's turn to host the lunch, and what better year to be the host than the year of winning the Plaque. Although it won't be certain until the final round is played on the morning of the lunch, Killara has a very strong chance of taking out the Plaque this year.

You're invited to the lunch (the cost is \$15 per head, which covers the sit-down meal, served with wine, and is payable on the day). As always, please put your name on the Attendance List on the whiteboard, or let either Fay Simpson (fay@cskk.homeip.net) or me (susanhowland7@gmail.com) know you'll be attending.

HOW CAN YOU TELL BILLY THE KID DIDN'T PLAY AT KILLARA?

**WELCOME
MICHAEL WAWN**

**We're delighted
to welcome you
to the Club,
Michael, and
hope you enjoy
your
membership of
KCC.**



He's not wearing blue and white

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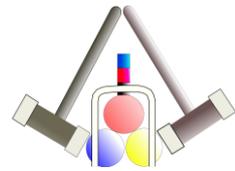
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Ron found this item, headed "Masters of the Mallet" in *The Economist* of 27th July.

How Egypt conquered croquet

The British introduced the game to the Egyptians. Now they can't beat them

July 27th 2019

As Egypt was buffeted by revolution and political unrest early this decade, members of the sporting club in Heliopolis, a neighbourhood in Cairo, faced a mild form of hardship. The club is located across the street from a presidential palace that was occasionally besieged by protesters. Members wanting to play croquet first had to pick tear-gas canisters off the grass.

Yet neither upheaval nor Egypt's hot desert climate deters local croquet players. When the game's world championship is held on July 27th in Sussex, a county in south-east England, it will have more Egyptian than English competitors. The former dominate the version of the game called golf croquet. Egyptian men have won nine of the past 12 world championships; Egyptian women have won three of the past six.

Croquet was introduced to Egypt by its British occupiers in the early 20th century. (So was squash, at which Egyptians also excel.) After the British left in 1956 many assumed the game had withered. But in 1985 a British Airways pilot called Geoff Roy, who was also a tournament croquet player, discovered the packed courts of the Gezira club in central Cairo. "He spent the rest of the day being thrashed by the locals," says Stephen Mulliner, the secretary-general of the World Croquet Federation. Mr Roy returned to England with his story, bringing Egypt to the attention of the wider croquet-playing world.

Golf croquet is simpler than the more traditional form, called association croquet. Old-timers scoff that it is like comparing checkers with chess. But the Egyptians made their version faster and more exciting to watch. Boundary barriers are needed to keep all of the action on the court. (The airborne Egyptian jump shot is particularly audacious.) Egyptian rules have been adopted by croquet's bigwigs. Today golf croquet is the most popular form of the game.

Mostafa Eissa, winner of the Egyptian Open in 2015, attributes Egypt's success at golf croquet to an aggressive style, weather that allows for year-round play and exuberant fans. But the competition has caught up. Reg Bamford, a South African, has won two of the past three world championships. This month Mr Eissa will try to bring the trophy back to Egypt. For inspiration he can look to Soha Mostafa, an Egyptian who won the women's world championship in New Zealand earlier this year.

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It raises two burning questions:-

- **Is this yet further evidence of the impact of the rise and fall of the British Empire?**
- **Is this how Golf Croquet acquired it's name? i.e. because it came to world attention from 'The Gulf' did it start out being 'Gulf Croquet,' which was then transformed into 'Golf Croquet?'**

Your thoughts please!

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