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February 2010 Newsletter

Dear Fellow Member

Welcome back from your Christmas Break.

COACHING

We are fortunate that Kenn Boal is coming to the MCC for another Coaching Session on Friday February 19th. This is a little before our Championships and I encourage all of you entering the Championships to take advantage of this. There is no charge. There will be three sessions: 9.30 Division IV, 11.30 Divisions IV and III and 2.00 Divisions III, II and I. **Please put your name down on the Notice Board to be included.**

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our Christmas Luncheon was so very well attended. And our thanks go to all who were so helpful in making it a terrific day for all of us. There wouldn't be many other Clubs in the World where over two thirds of the Membership comes to such a function. Well done all! Have you seen the notice board with all the pictures of the Christmas lunch? Many thanks to Helen for organising this and for Liz Duff for taking the great photos.

MCC COMMITTEE

I am delighted to inform you that Jan Barry has accepted an invitation to join your Committee following the resignation of Ruth Firkin. Ruth has been a stalwart Member of the Committee and has made many a valuable contribution to the Club. We all express our huge thanks to Ruth.

SPRING PENNANT

Our Division IV Blue team came runner up in the Spring Pennant; our other Division IV team came sixth. Our Second Division team came fifth. Thank you all for participating in the Pennant and especially to Jane Waters for managing it.

AUTUMN PENNANT

We will be entering a total of five teams in the Autumn Pennant; remembering that we won the Gold as well as the Green Sections last year. The teams are:

- Bruce McComb and Patrick Moore
- Sas Derham and Betty Siverson
- Reen Hancorne and Brenda Seavers
- Brent Campbell, Gail Plunkett, and Helen Worlodge.
- Catherine Symons, Jane Waters and Xandra MacMillan.

Emergencies are Colin Harper, Colin Melville, Carol Dobbin, and Tom Kudelka

MCC NEWS OF MEMBERS

- Graham Fahey won the Williamstown Division II Tournament in a very close competition. Also at Williamstown, Bruce McComb won Division III.
- Adrian Palmer won the Victorian Silver Medal Competition. As a result his handicap is now 2. John van der Touw came Fourth. Adrian and Patrick competed in the Victorian Open Doubles coming 7th; but beating the Winners!
- John also won the 3½ - 6 section of the Cairnlea Classic and now has a handicap of 4½.
- Patrick Moore came Runner-up in the Warrnambool Tournament.
- Gavan Woinarski came fourth in the Brunswick Electric Light Tournament Div II against some pretty heavy competition.
- I encourage all Members to venture from our wonderful Clubhouse and play in other Tournaments; just as others come to ours. That is the best way to improve your skills and develop your game.

UNIFORMS

Please see the notice board to order your club shirts. Please note that all Members playing Pennant must wear the Club shirts. You have the choice of long or short sleeved shirts. Long sleeve shirts are made in a "Sports Fabric" which has UV protection.

COURT USE

Please see the notice board for information on Club events in the Yearly Planner which is updated regularly. A copy of this is appended to this newsletter.

COACHING

The coaching session with Kenn Boal was open to all Club Members and was a great success. Over 25 Members attended. We are having another session on February 19th. But please remember that the most important thing about being coached is PRACTISE, PRACTISE AND PRACTISE.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Twilight Play

We will be having Thursday Twilight play starting at 5.00 onwards to about 7.00 on February 18th 2010 and fortnightly thereafter. (March 4th, not March 18th, April 1st)

After play, there will be drinks and nibbles and maybe even a sausage sizzle if there is the demand. Please let a committee Member know of your thoughts.

MCC Championships

We will be holding our Association and Club Croquet Championships in March this year. Please register your entry on the Club's Notice Board.

The Association Championships will commence on Sunday 7th March. The presentation of the prizes will be at the "Long Lunch" on Sunday 21st March. The Golf Croquet Championships will commence on Tuesday 23rd March with the presentations taking place on Sunday 28th March.

Noel Grant Trophy

This will start on Tuesday 20th April and end on Tuesday 27th April.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday May 1st at 12 noon.

Sunday May 2nd

We have access to the Hans Ebeling Room to watch the Carlton Collingwood match. The cost for MCC Members will be \$26 per person and Visitors will in addition have to pay for entry to the Members Stand. Drinks are extra. Please let me know if you want to go.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

You will be soon receiving your annual subscription to the Club. Bruce, our Treasurer, would be very grateful if these can be paid prior to the end of March.

DRILL FOR THE MONTH

From the West border, stop shot a pioneer to hoop 3 and your ball to in front of hoop 2 to make hoop 2.

GREEN FEES

When signing in a non-Member to the Club, please slip the \$5.00 green fees into an envelope, write the amount on the outside and put it under the office door.

Yours in Croquet



Patrick Moore



	February		March		April		May		
Sat							1	Annual Meeting	
Sun							2	Suggested MCC Football	
Mon	1		1				3		
Tues	2	Div 4 Golf pm	2		Div 4 Golf pm		4	Div 4 Golf pm	
Wed	3		3				5		
Thu	4	Committee	4		Committee	1	Committee	6	Committee
Fri	5		5		Beginner Coaching	2	GOOD FRIDAY	7	Div IV Coaching
Sat	6	Social Day	6		Social Day	3	Social Day	8	GP/am
Sun	7		7	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	Association	4		9	
Mon	8		8			5	EASTER MON	10	
Tues	9	Div 4 & Golf pm	9		Div 4 Golf pm	6	Div 4 Golf pm	11	Div 4 Golf pm
Wed	10		10			7		12	
Thu	11	Thursday Comp	11		Thursday Comp	8	Thursday Comp	13	Thursday Comp
Fri	12	Beginner Coaching	12		Div IV Coaching	9	Div IV Coaching	14	Div IV Coaching
Sat	13	GP/am	13		GP/am	10	GP/am	15	GP/am
Sun	14		14			11		16	
Mon	15		15			12		17	
Tues	16	Div 4 Golf pm	16		Div 4 Golf pm	13	Div 4 Golf pm	18	Div 4 Golf pm
Wed	17		17			14		19	
Thu	18	Div 1,2,3 Twilight	18		Div 1,2 & 3	15	Div 1,2 & 3	20	Div 1,2 & 3
Fri	19	Kenn Boal	19		Div IV Coaching	16	Div IV Coaching	21	
Sat	20	GP/am	20		GP/am	17	GP/am	22	GP/am
Sun	21		21		Long Lunch	18		23	
Mon	22	Pennant Starts	22			19		24	Pennant Ends
Tues	23	Div 4 Golf pm	23		Golf Croquet	20	Noel Grant Cup	25	Div 4 Golf pm
Wed	24		24			21		26	
Thu	25	Thursday Comp	25		Thursday Comp	22	Thursday Comp	27	Thursday Comp
Fri	26	Beginner Coaching	26		Div IV Coaching	23	Div IV Coaching	28	
Sat	27	GP/am	27		GP/am	24	GP/am	29	
Sun	28		28			25	ANZAC Day Special Day	30	
Mon			29			26		31	
Tues			30			27	Noel Grant Cup		
Wed			31			28			
Thu						29			
Fri						30	Div IV Coaching		