



April 2016

From the President

The World tournament is a special stage which we strive to reach. Our players have just finished competing at the WCF Association Croquet World's stage in Florida. They have represented New Zealand well.

At the beginning of April the National Secondary Schools Championship tournament was held over 2 days. It was a fantastic weekend of great croquet, lots of learning, and amazing energy that these young players brought to the lawns. The enthusiasm, joy, and excitement were contagious for all of us who were there. If you haven't been to one, plan on going next Spring. Congratulations to the two Mt Hutt College teams who were the winners and runners up.

Within the next couple of months clubs and associations will have held their AGMs and set their direction as well as their tournaments for the next season. As was pointed out by one of the delegates at last year's AGM, it is an honour to be elected to serve on the club and association committees. Our hats are off to all of you who carry out the important work at the club and association levels. Clubs and Associations that have a supportive infrastructure for their committees are more likely to grow. Leading effectively takes work built on cooperation. Please know that CNZ is available to support the planning process at club and association levels if needed.

CNZ's strategic plan will be completed at the June Executive meeting. The plan will be posted on

CNZ's website. The plans are there to guide us in all that we do in croquet. When we make decisions, they are intended to be connected with our plans. Please share the strategic plan with your club and association members so they will have a better understanding of CNZ's direction. In turn, please share your strategic plans with CNZ and others. We learn a great deal from others.

If your club is playing during the winter, have great fun.

Warm regards,
Annie

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Merit Awards

Graham Glover (Katikati) – Silver

Qualifications

Elaine Mitchell (Matamata) – Level 1 GC Coach

Bob Scott (Papakura) – GC Referee

Tom Impey (Papakura) – GC Referee

New Club Award

The Executive is excited to announce a new award to be presented at the Croquet New Zealand AGM in October - the Club Participation Award.

This award looks to reward clubs for all round success - from encouraging new members to play in competitions, to gaining refereeing qualifications etc.

The entry form is attached

Kiwi results from Florida

Paddy Chapman -1st= in Block D, Quarterfinalist

Jenny Clarke - 3rd= in Block A, Quarterfinalist

Michael Wright - 6th= Block E

Peter Filbee - 7th= Block F, made the 2nd round of the plate KO, losing to eventual plate winner Ian Lines.

Steve Jones - 5th= in Block G

John Christie- 4th= in Block , won playoff games vs Harry Fisher, lost playoff games to Jose Riva

Edmund Fordyce - 6th= in Block C

Felix Webby - 6th= Block F, made the KO of the Plate, losing to Ian Lines, the eventual winner of the plate

Stephen Mulliner is the new AC World Champion



Stephen Mulliner (ENG) and David Maloof (USA) contested an 11.5 hour five game final in the Association Croquet World Championship yesterday at the National Croquet Center, West Palm Beach. For the first time, live video streaming was available as well as a court-side commentary on CroquetScores.

Mulliner and Maloof ensured that there would be a new name on the Wimbledon Cup and, as both are 62, that the new World Champion would be the oldest ever winner, let alone for the first time. Maloof is a professional tennis coach who has made rapid progress in US and world croquet in the last few years. He has one of the best swings in the game and is renowned for his calmness and infrequency of error. He had accounted for Paddy Chapman (NZE), the 2013 runner-up, and David Maugham (ENG), a stalward of the England team, in the quarter and semi-final rounds, two very big scalps. He was a deserved winner of the first two games of

the final and was tantalisingly close to winning 3-0 after over 7 hours' play in the bright Florida sunshine on a tricky court.

Mulliner discovered croquet at Cambridge University in 1975 and soon rose to the top of the English game, winning the President's Cup in 1981, a feat he repeated on four further occasions. He has also won the British Open Championship three times, the last in 2000 when his opponent was none other than Reg Bamford. Mulliner had survived close encounters with Stephen Forster (AUS) and Danny Huneycutt (USA) in the last 16 and quarter-final rounds and could easily have lost to either player. Both matches went to a fifth game and he made it through to meet Reg Bamford (SAF), a four-time AC World Champion, and the firm favourite to make it a fifth in 2016.

Bamford soon established a 2-0 including an extraordinary sextuple peel in game 1 in which he overcame several problems and brought the break to a thrilling and successful conclusion. He offered Mulliner a glimpse of hope in game 2 when a second sextuple was apparently heading for a smooth and much more routine conclusion when he failed to run a short penultimate hoop. However, Mulliner had his own problem at the same hoop and Bamford soon made the score 2-0 in his favour. Mulliner responded by hitting a long roquet in turn 3 of game 3 and reaching 4-back with a good leave. However, Bamford had been in remorseless hitting form and made no mistake with the 19 yard shot down the East boundary. Shortly afterwards, he had laid up for a third sextuple and given Mulliner a 35 yard shot to stay in the match. Lady Luck now intervened and Mulliner's shot clipped the ball he could barely see behind a hoop. He seized his chance and completed a triple peel to win +20tp and extend the match. In game 4, Mulliner hit in turn 4 and decided to lay for his own sextuple so that Bamford would face a 30

yard shot. Bamford missed and Mulliner brought home a sextuple with almost as many adventures as Bamford's effort in game 1.

The fifth game was short and simple. Mulliner hit in turn 3 and went to 4-back. Bamford this time just missed the 19 yard shot down the East boundary and Mulliner made no mistake with a delayed triple peel to take the match and claim his place in the final for the third time in his 40 year playing career, the others being in 1997 (when he lost 3-1 to Robert Fulford (ENG) in Bunbury, Western Australia and in 2008 (when he lost to Chris Clarke (ENG) in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Against Maloof in game 3, Mulliner was pegged out when for 4-back with his remaining ball. He had to hit a 26 yard shot across court to get a chance of finishing and made two hoops before failing to approach rover.

Maloof missed a 13 yard roquet and Mulliner took this unexpected second chance by running rover and hitting a 13 yard roquet to gain an easy peg-out and stay alive in the match. Maloof gained an early advantage in game 4 but missed a return roquet after 1-back and Mulliner was able to reach peg and penultimate against 2-back and 4-back before Maloof regained the innings with an 18 yard roquet. Both players then hit long shots alternately but Mulliner had the last and was able to finish and level the match 2-2.



By now it was after 7 p.m. and the light was going to become an issue. The players agreed to move to a floodlit court and have an extended warm-up on the new surface. After two early errors on which Maloof was unable to capitalise, Mulliner reached 4-back with a good leave. Maloof missed his 18 yards roquet attempt and Mulliner calmly conducted a delayed triple peel to a successful conclusion to take the game, the match and the title. He had been obliged to play twenty games of high-intensity croquet in the four days to achieve his victory. His reputation for determination, focus and the will to win could not have been better demonstrated.

The prize-giving was conducted by David Openshaw on behalf of the World Croquet Federation, and Johnny Mitchell, the President of the United States Croquet Association. The efforts of the officials and the large number of volunteers were publicly recognised and received loud appreciation from the players and the audience. A warm tribute was also paid to the recently late Bernard Neal who had done much to help the development of croquet in both the UK and the United States in the 1970s and 1980s. As a committee member of the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, it was he who arranged for the donation of the magnificent Wimbledon Cup by the AELT&CC to be the trophy for this championship.

The next Association Croquet World Championship is scheduled for 2018 in New Zealand.

GOLF CROQUET WORLD TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

The New Zealand team of Chris Clarke, Jenny Clarke, Duncan Dixon and Phillip Drew (ably managed by Mike Crashley) will contest this championship at Surbiton Croquet Club in London. The championship will be played from 15-21 May 2016.

Duncan and Phillip were part of the 2012 team that played in Johannesburg in the inaugural GC World Teams Championship. If you followed this event, the NZ team pushed the Egyptian team right to the end, even leading the Egyptians after the first day of the two day final.

Good luck team, we will be supporting you!

NZ Under 21 V NZ GC Team

As a part of the preparations for the 2016 Golf Croquet World Teams Championship, our NZ team of Chris Clarke, Phillip Drew, Jenny Clarke, Duncan Dixon and Mike Crashley (manager) took on a NZ Under 21 selection in a 2-day test at the United Croquet Club in Christchurch earlier this month. The event format followed that of the GC World Teams Championship which will be played in England next month.

A series of keenly contested best of 3 doubles and singles matches ensued and at the close of day 1 the NZ Team held a somewhat tentative 2 match lead. The NZ Team increased their lead through the first round of day two with both doubles match wins however the NZ U21 team fought back strongly through the afternoon session with singles match wins

going to Freeth, McLaren and Coulter. Despite this late charge by the enthusiastic youngsters, the NZ team ultimately won the test 8 matches to 6.

Full results are available at

<https://croquetscores.com/2016/gc/nz-v-nzu21>



The NZ U21 selection L-R: Hemi McLaren, George Coulter, Felix Webby (Captain), and Josh Freeth. (Edmund Fordyce selected but unavailable) Jared Keeman managed the brightly attired U21 team.

NZ v NZU21	Tests			Matches		Games		Hoops		
	Wins	Losses	Draws	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses	For	Against	Net
New Zealand	1	0	0	8	6	19	17	204	193	11
U21 New Zealand	0	1	0	6	8	17	19	193	204	-11

Sport Development

By Greg Bryant

Like most other croquet addicts I've been dining out on a month of enthralling local and international croquet competitions.

Croquet Nelson hosted another very successful NZ Secondary Schools GC competition with teams from Kerikeri in the north to Timaru in the south. After a couple of seasons of being pipped at the post, I'm very pleased to have seen Edmund Fordyce and Richard Turpie from Mt Hutt College finally take the major honours at this year's event. It has been a well deserved win, especially for Edmund who turned down his selection for the NZ U21 team to play against the NZ GC Team in favour of his commitment to his doubles partner and to winning this title!



Mt Hutt College teams representing South Canterbury: Richard Turpie, Kaleb Small, Edmund Fordyce, Jacob Smith, Chris Spittall, Sam Right.

It was a dominant performance from Mt Hutt this year with Chris Spittall and partner Kaleb Small also reaching the best of three final. Of particular note was the performance of Grace Mohi and Alex Bennett from New Plymouth Girls finishing 4th to Jason Hodgett and Jack Greenlaw (Timaru Boy's) in the playoff for third. This was Alex's first croquet competition and the only non-youth squad player to reach the semi finals. The standard of play at this national event continues to rise and there will be another good number of young players coming through to development squads for next season.

If any member, club or association would like to nominate any young club member for a development squad selection please email me before the end of May.

Meanwhile in Christchurch, a NZ Youth Squad selection took on the NZ GC Team preparing for their World GC Teams event in England next month. It was a closely contested match and I am very proud of the standards our young players have achieved over the last 12 months and I am confident that several of our youth squad will be vying for NZ team selections next time around.



World Championship croquet on the TV, live from Florida

Then the WCF AC Championships in Florida followed. Anita and I turned nocturnal over the week, following commentaries (thank you Jenny for your marathon efforts!) and in what

was a first for croquet, live streaming of the semis and finals matches. Watching these from an armchair (via Cromecast – get one! – about \$60) with accompanying texts from the croquet community was an absolute treat. Hearty congratulations to Stephen Mulliner who at 62 is our oldest World Champion. Stephen's achievement is all the more outstanding by the will he demonstrated as a third time finalist to win four consecutive 5-game matches – with comebacks from 2-0 down in the semi final and final matches! Stephen is a regular visitor and welcomed competitor to our shores, most recently a semi-finalist at the NZ Open. I hope we have an opportunity to watch Stephen's World Championship title defence in NZ in 2018.

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New Zealand Secondary Schools Championship

By Mary North

The NZ National Secondary Schools 2016 Golf Croquet Championship Tournament was held 2 – 3 April at Nelson Hinemoa Croquet Club and hosted by Croquet Nelson. There were 15 teams from throughout the country contending for the National Cup. Three of the teams were from Nelson.

Each of the 19 croquet regions in New Zealand may send teams to the nationals. Some of the regions where croquet is strongest will compete at the regional level to qualify. The team travelling the greatest distance was from Kerikeri. Teams from Nelson College for Girls, Nelson College, Mt Hutt College, Timaru Boys High, New Plymouth Girls High, Rathkeale College, St. Orans, St. Paul's Collegiate, and Waiopahu College sent teams.

Wet conditions welcomed the teams after heavy rain on the previous day and overnight. Large puddles were on the lawns and the squeegee team worked hard to get the lawns prepared for play which was only delayed for a short while.

Teams and supporters were welcomed by Mike Milstein, Croquet Nelson President. Annie Henry, spoke as the President of CNZ and also in her other capacity as the Tournament Manager.

The first day of play was a round robin with 7 in one block and 8 in the other. The top two teams moved to the knock out round while the remaining teams vied for the Plate. The Plate was a Swiss format with the team receiving the highest percentage won the Plate.

At the end of the first day Chris Spittall and Kaleb Small from Mt Hutt College and Grace Mohi and Alex Bennett from New Plymouth Girls High were respectively first and second places in their block. Edmund Fordyce (ranked 79th in the world) and Richard Turpie from Mt Hutt College and Jason Hodgett and Jack Greenlaw from Timaru Boys High were respectively first and second places in their block. The four teams played a knock out round with number 2 from one block playing number 1 from the other block. The teams played a best of three 13 point games. The final and third and fourth places played the best of three 13 point games.

Simultaneously the Plate was run. Spittall and Small won against Hodgett and Greenlaw 7 – 6, 5 – 7, and 7 – 5. Fordyce and Turpie won against Mohi and Bennett 7 – 3, 7 – 2 in the knock out round.

Two Mt Hutt College teams contested for the trophy: Fordyce and Turpie against Spittall and Small. The first game was close with a win for Fordyce and Turpie 7 – 6. The second game Spittall and Small took them 5 – 7, and the final game was 7 – 3 to Fordyce and Turpie. Edmund Fordyce and Richard Turpie (Mt Hutt College) won the National Secondary Schools Golf Croquet Championship. Chris Spittall and Kaleb Small (Mt Hutt College) were runners up. Jason Hodgett and Jack Greenlaw were placed third with 7 – 3, 5 – 7, 7 – 3 wins against Grace Mohi and Alex Bennett, who were placed fourth. The Plate had a clear winner with 100% of games won by Waiopahu College Max de Vre and Declan Leahy. Runners up were Campbell Massey and Luke Halliwell from St Paul's Collegiate.

This is the first year Nelson has fielded teams for the national competition. There were over 350 youths who gave croquet a go on the Nelson Hinemoa lawns last year. Next year the

competition may be moved to Term 3 of the school calendar with regionals being held in the fall or early winter.

This was a tournament where excellent sportsmanship, manners and enjoyment was shown by all competitors. Teams had great support from parents and teachers which added to the success of the event.

1 and 2 Squeegee Team

3 Welcome by Annie

4 Nelson Hinemoa

5 Semi final between Edmund Fordyce and Richard Turpie (Mt Hutt) and Alex Bennett and Grace Mohi (New Plymouth)

6 Edmund Fordyce

7 Grace Mohi watched by Alex Bennett

8 Mt Hutt winners and runners up. From the left Small, Turpie, Fordyce and Spittall

9 Edmund and Richard

10 Kaleb and Chris

11 Jason and Jack

12 Alex and Grace







From the Regions

Croquet Closing Day

Closing Day at the Orewa Croquet Club was earlier this year with major work scheduled on the Club's lawns for the rest of April and right through into June.

President Lesley Dallimore said the 2015-16 Season was a very successful Season for the Club with both codes (Golf Croquet & Association Croquet) having success in Regional and local competitions. Membership at the Club is at an all-time high and she congratulated members for being so patient given the state of the lawns.

After lunch, Club members played an interesting brand of Association Croquet in a fun game of croquet which involved Golf Croquet members playing all the single shots like roquets and hoop running and their Association Croquet member partners playing all croquet shots. While the Golf Croquet



members found the process a little confusing at first, they soon realized the strategy around the game and enjoyed the opportunity to continue their shots until their broke down, at which time their competitors had to make the most of their turn.

A special thank you has to go to Takapuna Croquet Club for their generous invitation for members to join theirs, on Club days while the Orewa lawns are closed.



A happy bunch of members



President Lesley Dallimore congratulating everyone on a great season.

Pukekohe

Pukekohe CC again held their annual AC Invitation Tournament for players of 4-9 bisques. This has become a popular event, with 18 entrants this year from the Upper North Island area. Some very food croquet was played, with a game between Raymond Yin (Howick) and Cindy Clarke (Whakatane) being the highlight - they played 3-ball for the last hour! Raymond Yin won the tournament, with 5 wins; Jeff France (Pukekohe) 2nd and Cindy 3rd. This tournament has been held for at least 6-7 years; 5 games over 2 days; Swiss Draw; a catered dinner in the clubhouse on the Saturday evening, and good company!

With fine weather, happy people and the club mascot in attendance, Pukekohe is looking forward to hosting this again next year.



Australia. It was in Australia that she formed a firm friendship with Creina Dawson and was instrumental in arranging exchange tournaments between Creina's club in Adelaide and New Zealand.

She has filled many positions within the club and served as President for several years. Never one to shirk a job, she in recent years even turned up one a working bee to fill and shift the wheelbarrows! Club tournaments would often find her "manning the kitchen" – no job ever beyond her.

She was joined at her award function by her Australian domiciled daughter (Adrienne) and Granddaughter (Sarah), who in turn, were joined by her croquet friends – Nan Paterson, Rona Brown, Bob and Mary Jackson and Owen Knapman.

We wish Molly happiness in her new home on Auckland's North Shore and have been promised the odd visit when she is able to persuade a family member to "taxi" her over.

Well done Molly, we love you dearly.



Life Membership to Molly Fenwick (Manurewa)

On Sat 9th April, the Manurewa Croquet Club was unanimous in their decision to award Life Membership to one of our most valued and loved members.

Molly Fenwick has been a member of Manurewa Croquet Club since joining in 1970/71 and until recently enjoyed catching up with us and taking part on club days. Her early involvement was in Association Croquet and she travelled widely to various tournament, both in New Zealand and



Adrienne, Molly, Sarah



Paddy Sherriff (Manurewa Vice President), Molly, Gray Ludlam (Manurewa President)



Rona Brown, Nan Paterson, Bob Jackson, Molly, Owen Knapman, May Jackson

Southland

It was a fun day at the Gore Croquet Club at the end of March as golf croquet and association players went head to head in a golf croquet tournament. The Gore club hosted the tournament with players from Gore, Queens Park, Te Anau and Winton attending, a fitting conclusion to the local croquet season. It was so impressive seeing all four greens with eight players on each green, club colours to the fore. Association players were very quick to pick up on the of Golf croquet and a lot of laughter and banter was heard, the final result was pretty even with the association players edging our golf players by only 5 points. A huge thank you must go to the Gore Club for hosting such a fun day and as is the norm, we were treated to

a great afternoon tea and novelty prizes for all participants. Well done Gore.



Photo courtesy of The Ensign
Southland Croquet Association Representatives who travelled to Dunedin to play Otago Coastal last month.

Left to right – Judy Buchanan (Winton), Judith Hamilton (Winton), Margaret Dickie (Gore), Glennis Gray (Gore), Jenny Pullar (Winton), Ray McDowall (Gore).

absent - Val Skinner and Faye Gibson (both Winton)

Southland took out the A Grade and Intermediate Grade shields, Otago the B and C Grades. This annual fixture has been going for many years and is always keenly contested, good games and good company.



Photo courtesy of The Ensign

Canterbury

Fendalton Park Croquet Club April 2016

The weather has been fantastic and large numbers have attended both Wednesday and Saturday Club Days. The internal competitions have been well supported with a high percentage of players taking part in the various events. A key feature in some of our competitions has been the pairing of a 'senior' player with a 'junior' player. This has been of great benefit to the junior players, and an encouragement to them to enter other competitions.

The new singles ladder challenge on Monday afternoons generated interest and enthusiasm from members. It will need a revamp for next season, but the concept has been well received with members enjoying singles games.

We also had an internal Newcomer's Tournament in February in which only FPCC members who have joined in the last year as "new to croquet" are eligible. In our Club Captain's words: "A great success even though with only 6 players from a pool of 11. A round robin competition with 2 games in late morning followed by lunch and a further 3 games. For some it was first time playing singles and certainly the first time we have used a handicap event which introduced them to "extras turns". The winner was Julie Mills who has also won the Most Improved Player award for Canterbury Croquet Association. Runner-up was Esme Burt.

A very successful Twilight Tournament was held in February with 40 entries from a number of Canterbury Clubs. We had the best possible weather for this tournament which contributed to the great evening of croquet and socialising enjoyed by the players. The winner was Merv Lilley from St Martins after a playoff with Jeff Dermott.



March saw a number of internal competitions, including our Greenkeepers Trophy.



The CCA Atkins Trophy playoffs held at FPCC in March resulted in FPCC representatives Tom Devlin and Julie Mills finishing as runners up. President Tom Devlin and our club



captain Lorraine McClurg battled it out for the Kelleher Trophy with Tom taking the honours. Gill Hindshaw had a tough game to win against newcomer Esme Burt for the Rattray Cup.



Gill Hindshaw, had a 10/10 win in the CCA GC Maud Trainor competition as well as being winner of the Intermediate 6-8 section of the CCA Silver Badge.



On Tuesday 19 April twelve FPCC members are heading off to Adelaide for a 9 day trip to play against five croquet clubs in the region, and enjoy some of the attractions in Adelaide as well. The trip is the initiative of our president, Tom Devlin, who did all the arranging of games with the local clubs while the Travel 2U Company has handled all the booking details. Although the closing day for the season is in April, FPCC members will continue to play throughout the winter. Any visitors are very welcome.

Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui

Golf Croquet Interclub Competition - for the Micki Tyler Trophy

2015-16 Winner: Rose Gardens, Runner-up: Feilding.

Although not having the lengthy history of its companion Association Croquet Club Competition, the Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui Golf Croquet Interclub Competition has been played since 2007. The trophy was made by Takaro Club member, Allan Sanson, and named in acknowledgement of the work done by Micki Tyler in establishing this competition and for services to Golf Croquet in general. The current format sees teams of four competing, each player playing two doubles games and one singles, giving a total of eight points at stake in each match. This season saw all seven CMW clubs participating in six teams, Feilding, Levin, Marton, Rose Gardens, Wanganui, and Tararua, a combined Takaro (Palmerston North) and Rangatira (Dannevirke) team. A double round robin (home and away) gave ten rounds, five before Christmas, and five after.

Despite glorious summer weather throughout much of the competition, wet weather and flooded lawns disrupted the programme on two occasions, and the competition was extended by one week to allow for these postponed matches to be played. Prior to this week, Feilding and Wanganui had completed all their matches; Wanganui was out of contention, but Feilding was sitting on a comfortable 11-point lead. Levin and Marton had one match each to play but neither was in a position to overtake Feilding. Rose Gardens and Tararua were equal on points, and each had two matches in hand, including one between them, and each had what seemed an unlikely chance of overtaking Feilding. Rose Gardens took the opportunity with big wins against Levin & Tararua, to gain 14 points out of 16, and overtake Feilding, to retain the Micki Tyler Trophy by three points.

Rex Oliver, Publicity Officer
Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui.



Jubilant Rose Gardens members, on winning both Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui Interclub competitions for the 2015-16 season.

**Rose Gardens Croquet Club
Levin Benefit Tournament**

On 5 April, Rose Gardens hosted a one-day Golf Croquet Handicap Doubles Tournament, to raise funds to assist Levin Croquet Club in establishing their new venue. A maximum entry of 24 was achieved, mainly from the host club, but with four players from Feilding and two from Rangatira. The format was five rounds of section play, followed by one round of play-offs.

In Section 1, Michael Hardman and Jean Corbin Thomas of Rose Gardens were unbeaten and went through to the Final. It was closer in Section 2, where, Ian Power and Nigel Robinson of Rangatira won on a countback from Max Charlton and Margaret Snelling of Rose Gardens. In the final, Michael & Jean scored a 7-6 win over Ian & Nigel.

Levin Croquet Club benefitted from the \$400 raised by the event.



Winners, Jean Corbin Thomas and Michael Hardman (Rose Gardens), flanked by runners-up, Ian Power and Nigel Robinson (Rangatira)..

Rose Gardens/Wanganui Golf Croquet Exchange 2016

Since 2007-8, Wanganui and Rose Gardens Croquet Clubs have contested the Micki Tyler & Jill Gay GC Challenge Trophy (Tyler-Gay Trophy) annually, on a home and away format. Teams of 12 from each club play handicap doubles over 5 rounds, with pairings allocated on a high/low handicap basis. Although undeniably competitive, these events are social, with the opportunity to meet and play against players from out of town.

Both clubs are now members of Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui, but, when Jill and Micki instigated the series, the two clubs were members of different Croquet Associations.

Having won this season's first leg, 17-13, Rose Gardens was in a favoured position to win overall with the second leg at home. They won the second leg 24-6 to retain the trophy with a total score of 41-19. Wanganui players went home, vowing to win the trophy next season.



The winning RG team with Manager, Micki, and (below) both teams.



Notifications

EQUIPMENT WANTED/ SURPLUS

