



September 2016

From the President

The croquet season has officially started throughout the country and the weather has been kind most of the time to us. It is always an exciting time when the competitions start and the lawns fill up. I hope you have had a great opening of your season.

The Annual General Meeting is next month. It is an opportunity to review the past to see what we've accomplished and look forward to what we hope to accomplish the next year. The annual reports have been sent to the associations along with the schedule of sessions that will be presented this year. Many of the sessions were suggestions at last year's AGM while others are areas in which the Executive wants your feedback on what we are doing. Most of the sessions are brief and valuable to learn. They are:

- Tournament Calendar – reviewing the calendar and accepting requests to host 2018 – 2019 tournaments.
- Health and Safety laws – what would be helpful to know at the club and association levels
- Succession Planning
- Croquet Scores – a quick refresher and other uses
- Sport NZ Strategy
- Club Participation Award Review

A letter outlining what will be covered in these sessions was sent to the association secretaries for distribution to the delegates. Please be prepared to discuss them. It will help

with the Executive's planning and supporting clubs and associations.

New Zealand once again has done extremely well in having players selected for the World's Golf Croquet in 2017. We have 7 of the 40 ranking places. Well done to:

- Duncan Dixon
- Jenny Clarke
- Felix Webby
- John Christie
- Josh Freeth
- George Coulter
- Mike Crashley

We also have two selected by the CNZ GC Selection Panel as membership places. Congratulations to the Hamish McIntosh and Hemi McLaren. Lachie Hughes has now also been awarded a place in the Championship.

All the best to all our players competing at the Worlds next year.

A special thanks to everyone who sends information about their club and association to Croquet Matters. It is good to hear from you.

Have a fantastic season and I look forward to seeing you.

Warm regards,
Annie

Sport Development

By Greg Bryant

Greg has been busy around the country during September doing club coaching and Bronze / Silver / Gold Merit award coaching.

It's great to receive comments like those from Judith Hamilton.

Many thanks for the excellent coaching around Southland. We appreciated the sessions at all venues. Hopefully all of us will improve by leaps and bounds!!! Regards Judith Hamilton. Southland Pressy

Greg has noted that many players do not seem to be aware of the details of the Arthur Ross Memorial competitions or the Gold & Silver Stars. Clubs please could you promote these competitions to all club members!

The Arthur Ross Memorial Competition

The Arthur Ross Memorial trophy was presented by the Ross Family and Ashley Heenan OBE as a memorial to the unique achievements of Arthur Ross over four decades as a player an administrator and promoter of the game of Croquet. The trophy was first competed for in 1979.

Arthur Ross can be measured as the greatest single individual influence on the development of croquet in New Zealand. His father E.J. Ross was the driving force in the formation of the New Zealand Croquet Council in 1920.

He won his first National title with H.J. Penn in 1915 and was also runner up that year to Keith Izard in the Singles. The war then intervened and it was during many months of recuperation at Hanmer Springs from his war wounds that Arthur refined his croquet and evolved his distinctive and memorable style. During his lifetime he won countless Council tournaments, including winning the Open Championship

eleven times and being runner up on eight other occasions. His popularity and unique style was such that win or lose, his appearance on the court would attract large crowds of spectators.

He represented New Zealand on six occasions and captained the first New Zealand team to win the MacRobertson Shield in 1950. The climax of his croquet career was winning the English Open Championship in 1955. His exceptional services to croquet as an administrator were recognised in 1952 with a Life Membership to the New Zealand Croquet council. He had served as President, Secretary, Vice-President, Referee and Gazette Editor. He was also an acknowledged international authority on the Laws of the game.

Appropriately the Arthur Ross Memorial Trophy competition is aimed at encouragement, on a national basis, of croquet at the grass-roots level, which he felt was of such essential importance.

The Arthur Ross Competition is an AC stepped competition where players progress through club and association competitions to a National Final. Please contact your club captain for find out more.

The Gold & Silver Stars is the same event for GC. Players again compete at club and association level to represent their association at the National Final.

Croquet NZ Tournaments in October & November

14-16 October

0-3 & 4+ Championships

United Croquet Club, Canterbury
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29-30 October

Gold & Silver Mallets

Waikanae Croquet Club, Wellington
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Entries close 13th October

2-6 November

North Island AC Championships
Paraparaumu & Plimmerton Croquet Clubs,
Wellington
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Entries close 20th October

10-13 November

North Island GC Championships

Heretaunga Croquet Club, Hawkes Bay
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Entries close 27th October

10-13 November

South Island GC Championships

Brooklyn Croquet Club, Marlborough
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Entries close 27th October

2-6 November

South Island AC Championships

Elmwood & United Croquet Clubs, Canterbury
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Entries close 3rd November

26-27 November

Womens GC Tournament

Croquet Mt Maunganui, Bay of Plenty
Pg 288 of Yearbook
Entries close 10th November
Coaching by Phillip Drew on Friday 25th
November (afternoon session) – all participants
welcome.

Reporting for Incorporated Societies

While there have been substantial changes to the reporting requirements for **charities** from 1 April 2015 (see XRB not for profit reporting (https://www.xrb.govt.nz/Site/Accounting_Standards/Current_Standards/Standards_for_Not-For_Profit_PBEs/Std%20for_Not-For-Profit_T1-4.aspx)) there has been some confusion about incorporated societies which are not charities. These entities include sporting bodies and other organisations registered as incorporated societies with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and probably most of our clubs and associations.

Incorporated Societies are regulated by the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and this Act is currently being reviewed by the Law Commission. Current indications are that the reporting will be aligned to the charities reporting but this is unlikely to be before the 2020/21 year. Under the new charities reporting entities with expenses or income of less than \$125,000 a year would be able to report on a simple cash basis.

Only incorporated societies with expenses of more than \$1m a year would require an audit, between \$500k and \$1m an audit or review, and where expenses are less than \$500k, no audit or review would be required.

In the meantime incorporated societies can continue to report as they have in the past in accordance with s23 of the Act (s. 23 (http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1908/0212/latest/DLM176125.html?search=ts_act%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_incorporated+societies_resel_25_a&p=1)) which essentially just requires a statement of income and expenses and a separate statement of assets and liabilities.

There is likely to be more information once the Law Commission has completed its review.

Health and Safety Manuals

- Specifically designed for croquet clubs
- Customised to suit individual clubs
- Fully OSH compliant
- Cost \$175.00

Enquiries to Tom Devlin 027 457 1409
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A fundraising initiative of the Fendalton Park Croquet Club

Dates for the Oct 2016 issue of Croquet Matters

- Please provide articles by 20 Oct 2016
- publication targeted for 30 Oct 2016

Please send articles to
croquet@croquet.org.nz

From the Regions

Pohlen Park Changes

Since our last report on the Matamata Croquet Club's changes at Pohlen Park we have seen the work progressing on the new club house. With room for kitchen, lounge, toilets, starter's office and storage the new facility will be a real benefit to not only members but visiting players. With a three metre deck on either side of the building with views down the playing greens the whole thing has been well planned and well received by users and neighbours of the club. What has surprised those working on

the project is the number of park users who agree it is good to see the park being used and the interest being taken in what's going on. The area under development was previously used by hockey teams but has not been used for quite some time. Near neighbours are pleased to see they will have something to watch, and maybe even play, come this summer.

The next major job is the further development of the greens with weed spraying, dethatching, soil-levelling and reseeding to be done over the next month. Input and advice from Council Park's staff regarding the grassing of the project has been invaluable. With Waikato's ability to grow grass there is nothing to stop the plan being on time for opening around Labour Week-End.



Cake Cut, Hoop Run

The sun shone on a perfect day for Plimmerton Croquet Club's 90th and the opening of the new 5th lawn.

After months of planning then earthworks, foundations, lawn laying, spraying, progressive mowing and, finally, line marking and hoop precision moving the new surface was declared a massive success and asset.

Over 50 players, including guests from clubs from around the region, enjoyed cleverly 'created' games that were a challenging combination of both Association and Golf croquet codes. Chocolate bars were handed out for point scoring (or not scoring). A lunch feast was enjoyed by all. The celebratory cake, created by Plimmerton's Sue Dewsnap, was cut by Patron John Burke who also cut the ribbon and ran the new hoop 1.

Plimmerton Club is now ready to take on all competitors over the summer.

PHOTOS:



The new lawn in action ... Kelvin Watson (2nd from R in yellow jacket and white trousers), who drove his brainchild project to completion has a game with partner John Watkins.



The 90th cake made and iced by Sue Dewsnap (pictured)



Patron John Burke cuts the cake with the support of President Wendy Betteridge.



Patron John Burke runs hoop 1 on the new lawn watched by club members, guests and (front R-L) Bob McKenzie, head groundsman, Kelvin Watson the instigator, Tom Berryman the games coordinator on the day,

KENSINGTON CROQUET CLUB 90 th BIRTHDAY

The Kensington Croquet Club began in 1926 by a group of ladies (mainly wives of bowling club members) who met in the Kensington Bowling Club's pavilion to adopt rules and elect officers. The bowlers had purchased a piece of land which was offered to the ladies for a croquet green at a rental of £30 per annum. Conditions were that the bowling club had a right to use the green for all their tournaments and also as a winter green. The bowlers also offered to prepare the green for £15 and each croquet member was asked to contribute 10/- for this purpose. Croquet sets which belonged to the Mairtown Croquet Club were bought for £5. The bowling club offered to provide afternoon tea, each member to pay 6d per head and the funds to be divided between the clubs at the end of the season. Thankfully today we are totally autonomous, even though the bowling club is still our next door neighbour



Al fresco lunch on a glorious Plimmerton day

Kensington Croquet Club is very proud to have had such a popular and accomplished member as Mrs Lanna Morgan who won the North Island Women's Championship in 1963 and was the first minus player in Northland. She is remembered by the Lanna Morgan Memorial Trophy played for annually on the Kensington lawns. Mrs Morgan passed away in 1971.

It would be 1972 before the club got its first male player followed by a second man the following year.

Today we have a majority of golf croquet players but it is pleasing to see a growing (albeit small) interest in Association croquet. Our current membership is enthusiastic and excited about the coming season, and the camaraderie is wonderful to see. We celebrate our 90th birthday on 26th October with a fun day full of surprises.

Rose Gardens – Palmerston North



Play interrupted at Rose Gardens, as some prospective members were shown around the lawns. Rex waiting to play. Photo by Kay Oldfield

from the norm, a youth tournament comprising 24 players from Taipa Area school, Herekino and Oruaiti Primary schools, and Year 9s from Kaitaia College. The Kaitaia-2 team and Taipa -7 were the most successful on the day but it was really about giving all the players the opportunity to try their hand at a new sport. It wasn't surprising that Kaitaia did so well, they were basically the school's junior basketball team. They were led by 13 year old Cade Sentsch who also plays for their senior team. The aim of the tournament was to give Northland regional coach, George Smith the opportunity to cast his eye over all the players and prepare them for the Northland Secondary Championships, which will be held in March next year. He would expect some of these players to be successful and then compete at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships. This will be a real eye opener for these youngsters because they then will be competing against top class opposition who competed at the last World Croquet Championships.

The future for Croquet in the North looks extremely bright especially with Taipa having at least 24 players and growing interest also at Kaitaia College. Peter Harland who was the driving force in getting young people playing in the Mangonui area will no doubt be out coaching not only at Taipa but also at Oruaiti. These schools will be setting up their own courts. Smith who will also be helping in the area will continue to coach at Herekino and Kaitaia. Other coaches who are also very willing to help are stalwarts Joe Carter, Drago Yelavich, and Brian Atkin. No doubt more coaches will come forward.

Young Guns start with a Bang

Kaitaia Croquet Club hosted their first croquet tournament of the season, certainly a change



Golf Croquet Student Champs

Matamata Croquet Club has just completed the inaugural student championships. With a group of around fifteen regular student players from Matamata College now taking part in the sport the club decided to run its first Student Championships. Eleven players took part in the two 'round-robin' (everyone plays everyone else) rounds which gave them two first and second place getters. The 'play-offs' were held on Tuesday the 13th with the following results.

Student Champion: Quin Berry

Runner Up: John Hunt

Third: Jeremy Reichmath

Fourth: Caleb McDonnell

The games were played in excellent spirit with no quarter given. Some of the shots were outstandingly good and, as one senior payer said, "They don't do everything by the book, but they do it all very well." The crowd of around twenty five made up of fellow students and club members followed the games intently and were vocal in their appreciation.

Because of the growing interest in the sport there will be an inter-school tournament held, in Matamata, at the beginning of the year. This will include players from around the Waikato and the outlook for some real quality play is good.



The group photo shows L to R: Quinn Berry; John Hunt; Jeremy Reichmath; Caleb McDonnell.

Publicity Officers

Would all (Association and club) publicity officers please provide their contact details to the Executive Director.

Please don't be shy to send in articles for inclusion in Croquet Matters. This newsletter is a place to highlight your achievements large or small.

Notifications

Marewa Croquet Club

Due to our courts having not yet fully recovered from restoration work the following tournaments have been cancelled:

Princess Alexandra Retirement Village Open Singles Tournament

Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th October 2016 - page 330 in CNZ Yearbook

Princess Alexandra Retirement Village Golf Croquet Tournament

Saturday 22nd to Monday 24th October 2016 - page 331 in CNZ Yearbook



GOLF CROQUET HANDICAP DOUBLES

**SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER
2016**

Report 9 a.m Start 9.30 a.m.

**ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 per person
which includes morning and
afternoon tea. Please bring
your own lunch.**

**First 20 pairs entered
Fantastic Prizes to be won
Meat Raffle with three draws**

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Orewa Croquet celebrates 40 years

The Club celebrated its 40th anniversary on Thursday 15 September. At a special luncheon, President Lesley Dallimore welcomed all the special guests and members. Vice-President, Pixie Jones, presented a history of the Club which outlined all the hard work that has been done by members over the decades to make the Club what it is today - one of the largest in the country. Life member, Kath Rhodes, paid a special tribute to Harold and Leone Salt whose vision and commitment in forming the Club back in September 1976 was a marvellous achievement.

Past-Presidents were also recognised as were past members who made a special effort to travel a long way to be with us on the day.

The Takapuna Croquet Club was also given a special mention as members from the Club played a big part in forming the Club with governance, coaching and equipment support right from the very start.



President, Lesley Dallimore (centre) presented Life Members Kath Rhodes (left) and Pat Rotherham a special bouquet in recognition of the wonderful support they have each provided over the years.

Qualifications

Jennifer Komar (Waikanae) – new GC Ref
Elizabeth Morris (Nelson-Hinemoa)– new AC umpire
Margaret Janzen (Nelson-Hinemoa) – new GC Ref
Lawrie Cooper (Richmond)– new GC Ref
June Wild (Richmond)– – new GC Ref
Mike McBride (Richmond)– – new GC Ref
Mike Speak (Riwaka) – new GC Ref
Ronnie Richardson (Takapuna) – new GC Ref
Ros May (Takapuna) – new GC Ref
Carole Graham (Ashbury)– new GC Ref
Helen Cooke (Ashbury) – new GC Ref
Ray Burrell (Heretaunga)– renewed GC Ref
Ian Brown (Heretaunga)– new GC Ref
Basil Amyes (Brooklyn)– renewed GC Ref
Jeff Sawyer (Brooklyn)– new GC Ref
Margaret Heaney (Brooklyn)– new GC Ref



EQUIPMENT WANTED/ SURPLUS

None this month

Merit Awards

None this month

