Achievements:

*Life Member NZCC 2000*

*Life Member Kelburn Municipal Club 2014*

*Member of the World Croquet Federation International Laws Committee*

*MacRobertson Shield Team - 1982*

*NZ Representative matches*

*1982 in Australia*

*1990 in New Zealand (2 Matches)(Captain in Napier)*

*Heenan Plate – NZ Open Championships*

*1987, 1993, 2008*

*NZ Men’s Champion*

*1982, 1984*

*NZ Championship Doubles*

*1984 with Richard Clarke*

*NZ Handicap Singles –*

*1974 Hurlingham Cup*

*NZ Representative at WCF World Association Croquet Championships 1990 &2005*

*The Croquet Association Silver Medal 1981*

*Winner Plate event The Open Championships (UK) 1981*

*Runner-up Men’s Championship (UK) 1981*

*Full member of the Committee responsible for the revision of the Laws of Association Croquet 2000 (ORLC 2001-2002)*

*Test Match Referee for MacRobertson Shield series 1990 and 2006 (in Australia)*

*Referee of the Tournament for MacRobertson Shield series 2000 and 2014*

*Referee of the Tournament for Trans-Tasman Women’s test series*

*1990, 1994*

*Referee of the Tournament for Trans-Tasman Open test series, 1994 and 2004*

*Referee of the Tournament for the World Croquet Federation Championships 1995 (in Fontenay le Comte, France) and 2002 and 2008 (both in New Zealand)*

**Dr Graeme Roberts**

Born 30 May 1950

**Inducted into the World Croquet Federation Hall of Fame in 2013**

**Member of the World Croquet Federation International Laws Committee**

Graeme has made an outstanding contribution to Refereeing croquet nationally and internationally and to the construction of the present Laws of Association Croquet.

Graeme John Roberts began playing croquet at the Montecillo Club in Dunedin in 1970. His first experience of the Kelburn Club, where he has been a member for 34 years, was in November 1973, when he competed in the Junior Invitation Event at the club and recalls that it blew a gale for all five days of the competition, varying only in direction. After working (and playing croquet) in England for six years, Graeme joined Kelburn in 1981. The following January he won the New Zealand Men’s Championship Singles and was selected as a member of the New Zealand MacRobertson Shield team for the competition to be played in Australia the following November. In 1984 he won the New Zealand Men’s Championship Singles for a second time and also the New Zealand Open Championship Doubles, partnering Richard Clarke of Gisborne. Graeme represented New Zealand at the Sonoma-Cutrer world singles competition in California in 1990, and at the World Croquet Federation (WCF) World Association Championships twice, in 1990 and 2005, both times in the UK. He played in two New Zealand representative teams in 1990 in matches against the Great Britain and Ireland team visiting New Zealand for the MacRobertson Shield. He has won the Wellington Association Open Singles four times and his club’s Championship Singles 12 times.

Graeme was appointed one of the founding members of the NZCC Laws Committee in 1986 when it was re-established by Ashley Heenan and Jean Corry after a lapse of many years. He took over as Chair of the Committee when Jean retired in 1990 and has served on the Committee continuously since then. He served as the Wellington Association Referee from 1984 to 1990. He has been Referee of the Tournament for the MacRobertson Shield contest twice, for the WCF World Association Championships three times (once in France) and for Trans-Tasman test series three times. He has also refereed at international level at the MacRobertson Shield twice (once in Australia) and the inaugural WCF Women’s World Association Championships in Melbourne in 2012. He was elected a Life Member of the NZCC in 2000.

As part of his duties on the NZCC, Graeme was involved in the mid-1990s with the attempt to understand the Egyptian rules of Golf Croquet (recently translated from Arabic) and to apply them to the new version of the game then rapidly gaining ground internationally.  Some of the rules proved problematic: for example “It is forbidden to wear a complete suit.”  The following sentence – “The shoes should be without heels.” – survived, however.

Graeme married fellow Croquet player and long-time croquet partner Pamela George in 2006. He lives in Waikanae.

**Refereeing Qualifications:**

* 1980 Qualified as referee at Cheltenham, UK
* 1981 (October) Returned to New Zealand
* 1982 NZ Senior Referee qualification
* 1986 Member & recording secretary, 1st Meeting of reinstituted Laws Committee initiated by Ashley Heenan OBE and Mrs Jean Corry.
* Has been a member of that Committee ever since
* 1990 Test match referee for MacRobertson Shield Great Britain and Ireland (GBI) / Australia test in Auckland and the GBI/New Zealand test in Christchurch
* 1990 Promoted to leadership of the NZ Laws committee on the retirement of Mrs Jean Corry
* 1990 Referee of the Tournament, Trans-Tasman Women’s Test Match in Wanganui
* 1994 Referee of the Tournament, Trans-Tasman Women’s Test Match in Wellington
* 1994 Referee of the Tournament, Trans-Tasman Open Test Match in Christchurch
* 1995 Referee of the Tournament, WCF World Association Championship in Fontenay le Comte, France
* 2000 Referee of the Tournament, MacRobertson Shield quadrangular series, Christchurch, New Zealand
* 2002 Referee of the Tournament, WCF World Association Championship in Wellington, New Zealand
* 2006 Test match referee, MacRobertson Shield, Rich River, Australia
* 2008 Referee of the Tournament, WCF World Association Championship in Christchurch, New Zealand
* 2012 Test match referee, Inaugural World Women’s Association Championship, Melbourne Australia (special request for inter-country referee)
* 2014 Referee of the Tournament, MacRobertson Shield quadrangular series, held in New Zealand
* 1990 to date Referee of Tournament at NZ Open Championships

Member of International Laws committee from late 1990s when formed, to date

Member of the committee responsible for the revision of the Laws of Association Croquet 2000 (ORLC 2001-2002

Writer and Editor of the Umpire’s Handbook (NZ) and the Referees’ Handbook (NZ)

Since 1992, Graeme has been the compiler of Umpires, Referees and Senior Referees examinations for New Zealand.

1990 – 95 Councillor, New Zealand Croquet Council

2000 Life Member of NZ Croquet Council for services to refereeing of croquet

2014 Life Member Kelburn Municipal Croquet Club Inc.

Wellington Region Association Referee 1984 to 1990