



August 2015

This month:



Spring is here – smell it on the wind and see how softer the shadows are. My magnolia says it all.

We have a number of tournament advertisements as well as some commercial advertisements for the products of some of our sponsors.

We wish everyone a happy and enjoyable season – may your hoops run true. Even if you are not the winner we trust you will have fun playing and give the winner his/her due.

From the Executive

AGM Workshops

This year we wish to hold three workshops where we would like delegates to contribute;

The first is regarding the CNZ tournament calendar - The Tournament Committee would like feedback on a discussion paper regarding the number and purpose of tournaments. We often get told by players that the tournament calendar (especially at CNZ level) is too crowded and impacts on regional and club tournaments. What should we be focussing on?

Following on from this we would like delegates to be ready to discuss the 2016/17 and 2017/18 calendars and make bids for tournaments. Associations have been asking for more forward planning on the CNZ tournament calendar, but when bids for future years have been asked for, few have been

forthcoming. Please can we use this opportunity to confirm as many future tournaments as possible.

Annie Henry will provide information on the other workshops prior to 10 September 2015

The Executive Director will be away on Annual Leave from 1 September to 22 September (first day back in office 23 September).

If you have any GC rules queries.... please contact Gordon Smith

If you have any AC laws questions... please contact Brian Boutel

Greg will be doing a lot of travelling; attending conferences, meeting clubs, and coaching around the country during September... please do not add to his workload with general office queries.

Paul Skinley has kindly agreed to come into the office for a couple of hours each Tuesday to deal with any urgent matters, get badges, balls, handicap cards & merit awards out and ensure any entries to CNZ tournaments are processed.

Sports Development Officer

August. Nervous month. The anticipation of a croquet season does that. August is goal setting month, when I dare to map out what I want to achieve. When last season's disasters and horrors resurface and when I make my resolves to do better this time. It's about the time the CNZ Yearbook comes out - with a smorgasbord of tournaments to satisfy my nervous excitement.

After 30 something years it's still the same. Every year. How fortunate are we to have come across a game that can motivate and encourage for a lifetime? How lucky are we that there is a croquet club not too far away from any place in in New Zealand?

Since taking on this SDO position, I have been fortunate to have visited most clubs around this amazing county - like the Wakatipu croquet club nestled between the Remarkables and the lake, Doubtless Bay in the north with 4 lawns facing a golden beach front, Wellington Croquet Club where I find out if I'm as good a player as I might think I am, or Kaikoura croquet club on the Esplanade and eating whitebait patties at the Rangimarie club in Westport ☺

Thinking of a holiday or a bit of travel this season? Why not take in a croquet event in a place you have never played? Meet a few like-minded addicts and experience some different opponents and conditions. Playing in a different environment now and then is a fantastic way of learning and progressing your own game, and one of the most enjoyable experiences croquet can offer in this amazing place.

For all those that dare to improve their game in some way this season, (OK, it's not as daring as it is rewarding) Croquet NZ is offering coaching sessions to help you do just that. Club coaching sessions are available on request - if

you and your club would like to have a coaching session at your place, get in touch and we'll work out a suitable date.

If you'd like to do a bit more than poke a stick at Association Croquet, register for a Bronze, Silver or Gold squad event being held in Northern, Central and Southern regions through October. Bronze is an introductory level event and absolutely ideal for GC players to find out what those other club members are actually trying to do!

These are the types of events that your annual affiliation fee supports - *more people playing better croquet more often*. Are you getting your money's worth? Are you playing better croquet more often? Do you think you might enjoy it even more-so if you were?

Armed with August and a Yearbook, I'm sure I'll be planning just that.

CNZ Bronze/Silver/Gold AC Development Squads	28-31 Sept 15	Ashburton	Bronze Squad Day 1
	6-9 Oct 15	Pukekohe	Silver Squad Day 2
	24-27 Oct 15	Hawera	Gold Squad Day 3 & 4

Details for Bronze, Silver and Gold events are on pages 5 - 9 of the 2015/16 CNZ Yearbook or in last month's Croquet Matters.

Tournaments

Tournaments in September: For details - some had a flyer attached to the July newsletter. For others - see flyers at the end of this newsletter

Thames Valley Croquet Association

Morrinsville Croquet Club

Golf croquet tournament

Sunday 20th September 2015

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Waikato- King Country Croquet Association

Annual Association Croquet tournament

To be held at Te Awamutu Croquet Club
Mon 21 September to Thurs 24 September 2015

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Croquet Hawkes Bay

HERETAUNGA* CROQUET CLUB

*[amalgamated Te Mata /Hastings]

GC spring tournament

Championship singles

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September, 2015

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MAREWA CROQUET CLUB NAPIER

Princess Alexandra Retirement Village

Open Singles Tournament

Saturday 3rd to Sunday 4th October 2015

Golf croquet tournament

Sunday 25th to Monday 26th October 2015

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Croquet Wanganui- Manawatu



ROSE GARDENS CROQUET CLUB
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Spring Golf Croquet Tournament

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October 2015

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Croquet Canterbury

United Club

The United September Weekend Tournaments

The Association Croquet tournament will be held as always on the final weekend of September **26-27 September 2015**

The NEW Golf Croquet tournament will be on **12-13 September 2015**.

The United Weekend tournaments each consist of 2 events, both managed by Chris Clarke

(See attached flyers)

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Fendalton Park Croquet Club

GOLF CROQUET HANDICAP DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Sunday 8 November 2015

From the Regions

Croquet Taranaki

GARY ROYCE KING 1936 - 2015

It is with regret we mark the passing of Gary King, well known to many croquet players throughout the country for his skills, knowledge of the game and his and Val's friendly nature.

Gary was born in, raised in, and was a successful business man in Taranaki. He was well respected in the community and in the butchery trade which was his lifetime occupation.

Croquet was his retirement plan and became a commitment until last year when increasing health problems forced him to relinquish the reins.

The following is part of the eulogy given at his funeral by Barbara Johnston, another long

serving member of the New Plymouth Croquet Club.

“Gary’s time with New Plymouth Croquet Club started in the 1999-2000 season. Gary became a very good player, referee and tournament manager, with Val having the computer skills to help him. Over the years we have travelled all over the North Island playing tournaments, enjoying competitions and social Happy Hours.

Highlights for Gary were winning New Zealand titles and being named to referee the final match of the World Golf Croquet Champs in Hawkes Bay in 2003.

Our club awarded Gary a Life Membership in 2011 and Croquet Taranaki the same this year. We will miss Gary’s roaring voice calling us to attention at morning tes. Silence was immediate to hear his latest joke delivered with a smiling face. Gary, you have left us wonderful memories. The croquet lawns are ready in heaven. Rest in Peace dear friend.”

Bob Thomas, President NPCC.

Croquet Hawkes Bay

Barry Memorial Croquet club

LIFE MEMBERS



Four long-serving members of the Barry Memorial Croquet club have been awarded Life Membership. With their framed life Certificates are (from left); Eric Greig, Nancy and Bryan Woods and Jan Burborough. Club President Paul Stuart said they had each

given many years of service and contribution to the club. It is fitting that we are able to reward them in this way”, he said, “They have all in various ways contributed to keeping the club going so that we can continue playing this game of croquet that we enjoy so much”. At its annual meeting the club reported a successful year with the introduction of twilight play over summer, several new members and the fostering of interest in the game among the public.

Reproduced from the Gisborne Herald of 5 August 2015

Wellington Croquet Association

Waikanae Croquet Club

THE Tournament

It can’t yet be called a traditional tournament until it has been going for a few more years; however recently our Paraparaumu colleagues met with the Waikanae team for a golf croquet stoush. You want to know who won? Don’t ask! (As the report is from Waikanae we can guess Paraparaumu did. Ed)



Margaret Monks and Fred March at a pre match frown off

AN OBITUARY

It is with regret that we record the death of Herb McMorrان on Sunday 26th July at Somerset Village. Herb and his wife joined the club in the 80s, at a time when club facilities were still a work in progress. All lawn mowing and maintenance fell to club members and Herb, being of mechanical bent took on the job of looking after the two, reel mowers we

owned. He was also responsible for making many items of equipment we use. Herb enjoyed his croquet and became a popular informal coach. After a minor stroke, Herb moved to Palmerston North where he joined the Rose Gardens Club.

Heard on the lawns - replies to the "What's going on here"

Ann Joines says- "I don't know if I can fit through that".

Russell said; "I can't get through it"

Margaret said: "There must be a reason why I can't get my ball through the hoop".

Sutui, (combining Dennis's citation) said: "He arrived early every day-except this time when a silver-haired angel 'Waited for Godot' to check the hoops"

Ann S. said: "Eye"ball"ing the hoop?"

Malcolm said, 'With the aid of this anti-grav array and holding my hands thus, I can land safely on any planet"

What is actually going on?



Yvonne is ensuring that the peg is aligning with hoops 1 and 3, then with hoops 2 and 4

Miscellaneous

How to pass the long wet days without being able to be on the lawns - try this one:



Dates for the September issue of Croquet Matters

- articles requested 15 September
- date for receipt 23 September
- publication on 30 September 2015

Croquet Matters was prepared by the Executive Director, the Sport Development Officer and Pamela George

World Women's Association Croquet Championships Nottingham England 25 July to 1 August 2015

From the Photo Gallery

Kathy Grant has sent in the following comment on her time at the championships. The other participants are either still on holiday or back at work.

“As I said before I am not reporting on any more of my games but I thought I would try to describe to you the beautiful setting for Nottingham Croquet Club.

The lawns are set out in a long line. Lawn 1 is outside the club house and on a bit of an angle. There is a gap between lawn 1 & 2 for a large tent which can have the sides rolled up in sections. The South boundary for lawn one is nearest the tent. On the other side of the tent is the west boundary for lawn 2. Lawns 2, 3, 4 & 5 are all on the same orientation with about a 5m gap between them. Beyond the trees on the South boundary is a very busy road and before the trees on the North boundary is a stream or sometimes soft mud. If a ball goes into the stream we are not to recover it but call for a replacement ball and let the helpers recover the errant ball with a special scooper.

The other 3 lawns are on the other side of the path. They have ditches dug round them that are about a foot deep. They are orientated with their west side closest to the road.

The entrance to the park from the road has a semi-circle of road off the main road. The pale stone entrance archway houses the club rooms on the right and symmetrically the bar on the left. Straight ahead about 7m wide and about 30m long is a stone path edged with garden and a wall on each side. Along the walls for the tournament there are 13 flag bearing poles, one for each of the 12 countries represented and the World Croquet Federation flag. The trees on the park side are at least 3 deep the front row about clubhouse height the next row half as tall again and the back row about 3 times the height of the clubhouse.

Looking down the path between the flagpoles the path meets another wider path at a T junction which borders a lake that is used for boating. Several of the players are considering doing that today. Swans, ducks and geese reside there. The lake is about 100m wide and on the other side is a large pale coloured stone majestic building complete with a clock tower.

The trees which are a mixture of every green imaginable really shut the venue away from the rest of the world. “



You couldn't help but be inspired coming into the venue every morning – glorious gardens, flags flying.... We won't talk about the rain but Nina's morning coffee is trying to ward off the impending downpour





*Our proud team of whom we are proud
Jenny Clarke, Kathie Grant, Nina Mayard-Husson, Alison Robinson*



The combined participants at the closing ceremony



Jenny playing on a finer day

Tea time – Kelburn club used to have a tea pram just like this



Finalists Gabrielle Higgins and Miranda Chapman



The players brave the cold and rain at the closing ceremony



Photos courtesy Nottingham, Gill McDiarmid (England) Nina Mayard-Husson and Kathie Grant

SEPTEMBER GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENTS AT UNITED

12-13 September 2015, United Croquet Club

Start time: 8.30am

Entries to Chris Clarke: chrisd4clarke@hotmail.com, ph 3855957

Handicap Tournament

Open to All

Format dependent on entries

Approx 5-6 games per day

Prizes in both divisions

Entry fee **\$25 (\$20 United members)**

Open Tournament

Open to handicaps 0-5

Format dependent on entries

Approx 6 games per day

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GC SPRING TOURNAMENT

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SATURDAY 26 and SUNDAY 27 September, 2015

VENUE: 341 NAPIER ROAD, HAVELOCK NORTH (7 lawns)
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Phone 06 875 0157

Email: braykopje@xtra.co.nz

Colin Hurst - Phone 06 877 1351

Email: cohurst@hotmail.co.uk

Entries: On Croquet NZ official entry form (or email with details as on CNZ form), accompanied by fees, close Wednesday 23 September, 2015

EntryFee: \$20

Cheques payable to Heretaunga Croquet Club.

Online payments may be made to:

Westpac 03 0658 0066823 00. Reference: Spring Tnmt and surname.

Morning and afternoon teas included in entry fee. Note: BYO lunches

After entries close, sections depending on handicap and method of play, will be decided.

CONDITIONS:

Double banking if necessary Balls: Dawson

Lawns available for practice from 1pm Friday 25 September

SEPTEMBER ASSOCIATION CROQUET TOURNAMENTS AT UNITED

26-27 September 2015, United Croquet Club

Entries to Chris Clarke: chrisd4clarke@hotmail.com, ph 3855957

Open Tournament

Flexible Swiss, 2.5 hr time limits
Minimum 5 games (potential for 9)
Holder: Michael Wright

Handicap Tournament

5 games over 2 days
For players of handicap 2-24
Holder: Edmund Fordyce

Prizes in both divisions
Entry fee \$25 (\$20 United members)
8.30 am start each day
Kick off the 2015 croquet season at United!



Marewa Croquet Club, Napier

Princess Alexandra Retirement Village Open Singles Tournament

Saturday 3rd to Sunday 4th October 2015 at 8.30am

Manager: Frank Wharton, 421 Marine Parade, Napier 4110
Email: fwharton@clear.net.nz Ph: (06) 8336111

Entries: Entries must reach the Manager by **Tuesday 29th September 2015**

Entry fee \$30.00. Morning and afternoon teas included

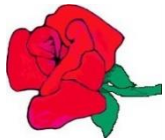
Venue: Marewa Croquet Club, Whitmore Park, 96A Nuffield Avenue, Napier

Conditions

1. 4 entries or no event.
2. Method of play and divisions will depend on entries, but the aim is to provide two full days' play.
3. Nominal hoop settings 311/16 inches.

Dawson International Balls Ranking Tournament





ROSE GARDENS CROQUET CLUB INCORPORATED

The Esplanade, Palmerston North

Spring Golf Croquet Tournament

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October 2015
Starting at 9.00AM

Golf Croquet Levels Singles

Manager: Pam Green, 32 Madison Avenue, Palmerston North 4414
Ph: 06 355 3227 Email: pam.green@xtra.co.nz

Entries: Entries should reach the Manager by **Tuesday 6 October 2015** and should show player's name and handicap

All entries acknowledged by email to the address included with the entry.

Entry fees: \$25 per player, which includes cost of morning and afternoon teas, payable to Rose Gardens Croquet Club or credit to the club account at Westpac 03 0726 0571486 00 (include entrant's name).

Croquet Levels Singles

Event 1. Open to all players

Event 2. Open to all players on a handicap of 4 and above

Event 3 Open to all players on a handicap of 8 and above

Players may enter only one event

The method of play will be chosen to give two full days of play

Hoop dimensions will be set at 3 11/16 inches

Dawson International Balls

MAREWA CROQUET CLUB NAPIER

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA RETIREMENT VILLAGE

GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Handicap Doubles: Saturday 24th October 2015 at 8.30am

**Level Singles – events 2 & 3:
Sunday 25th to Monday 26th October 2015 at 8.30am**

Manager: Helen Grant, PO Box 4307, Marewa, Napier 4143

Email: reliewer@xtra.co.nz ph: (06) 835 3717

Entries: To PO Box 4307, Marewa, Napier 4143 by **Tuesday 20th October 2015**

Entry Fee: Event 1: \$15 per person. Events 2 & 3: \$20 per person
Entry fees includes morning and afternoon teas

Venue: Marewa Croquet Club, Whitmore Park, 96A Nuffield Avenue, Napier

Events

1. Handicap Doubles
2. Open Level Singles
3. Level Singles – handicaps 5 to 12

Conditions

1. 4 entries or no event. Entries may be limited
2. Method of play and divisions will depend on entries
3. Players may enter only one of events 2 & 3
4. Normal hoop setting of 311/16 inches

Event 2 is a Ranking Event

Dawson International Balls

Note: Hawkes Bay A&P Show runs from Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd October.



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GOLF CROQUET HANDICAP DOUBLES TOURNAMENT



SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2015
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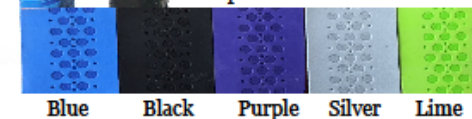
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