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From the President



Kia ora,

Welcome to the 2018 – 19 season! I hope that all players have a fantastic season where they continue to enjoy croquet and test

themselves at club, regional, national and international events. I would like to thank the associations and clubs, and all their members for hosting CNZ events this year. It is a great opportunity for players to play on different lawns and meet the local club members when travelling to an event, whether it be local, regional or national. It is also a chance for those local players to play against people from outside the region. For the spectators, it is more exciting as a player when there is an audience. It is great to watch good players and much can be learned from observations.

CNZ Councillor Kareen has written papers on governance, including the constitution, which will be discussed at one of the AGM's workshops next month. One aim of the workshop will be to inform the delegates about the proposed changes in the Incorporated Societies Act that will impact on incorporated clubs and associations, including CNZ. We will also be looking to receive input from delegates on potential revisions to the constitution. These will NOT be specific clauses, but the ideals and principles that form the basis of the constitution. Information previously sent to associations will provide background for the discussion. Nothing will be voted on at the AGM; however, input will help shape what the Executive does this coming year. I encourage all clubs and associations to discuss the information that was sent.



Great crowd and a sunny day for the official opening of the season at Nelson Hinemoa.

I would like to thank all members for being superb ambassadors for croquet. Whether you are at club level inviting people to give it a go, regional level where you are setting up tournaments with players from different regions and countries, or communicating with players who travel to New Zealand to participate in tournaments, you are representing our sport. We are receiving more enquiries about CNZ tournaments, partly because NZ hosts world events. Your kind words, accurate information, and welcoming responses make a difference.

Have a great season. I do my best to visit as many places as possible and look forward to your invitations to visit your club and regions this year.

Warm regards,
Annie
D. Annie Henry

Message from the Editor

How far do you walk during a game of croquet? Do you have a Fitbit or similar and monitor the average number of kilometres walked during a game? If you do, then Jake, Executive Director, would love to hear from you. This information is useful for reporting to Sport NZ, which in turn will assist with the support CNZ receives. If you keep records, please help CNZ by contacting Jake at croquet@croquet.org.nz

Plenty of news this month on our U21 players and the Secondary Schools finals. In addition, the youngsters from Te Aroha have been learning croquet skills, perhaps encouraging some future U21 champions? It's certainly a perfect age to start the game.

Additionally, we have information regarding the AGM, as well as news from two of the committees. Please also take time to investigate the ClubApp, which for those with smartphones is an essential download for keeping up to date with Croquet New Zealand.

Regards, Jackie

(Any emails to jackietye1@gmail.com)



Agenda

Of the

NEW ZEALAND CROQUET COUNCIL INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at

Brentwood Hotel,

Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington

Sat. 13th October 2018 from 10.00 am
&
Sun. 14th October 2018 from 10.00 am

Saturday 10.00 am onwards

1. Welcome
2. Roll call and confirmation of voting strength
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of the 2017 AGM Meeting
5. Matters arising from the 2017 AGM Minutes
6. Presentation of Reports
7. Presentation of the Annual Financial Statements
8. Election of Officers
9. General Business

Workshop Sessions:

1. Constitution
2. Database
3. Website
4. Billets
5. Club/Association of the Year Award
6. Financial Strengthening

CNZ Tournament Roundup

U21 GC Team v NZ Select

Kicking off the season, Epsom-Remuera Croquet Club hosted a tightly fought match between six of the top U21 players and a NZ Select team. Starting off the proceedings were 6 doubles matches which culminated in the U21 team holding a 1 match lead going into the singles. Two rounds of singles matches were played, with both teams swapping results until finally, holding a precious 3-4 lead on the 3rd game time bell, Lachy Hughes secured a 1 match advantage to sneak victory for the U21 team. Thanks go to Epsom-Remuera for the fine hospitality and congratulations to all players for a very tightly contested 2018 event.

Results are available: [here on croquet scores](#)



NZ Select, Back row L-R: Helen Reeves, Josh Freeth, Duncan Dixon, Jenny Clarke, Ellie Ross, Hamish McIntosh.

NZ U21, Front row L-R: Angus Coulter, Edmund Fordyce, Christopher Spittal, Jason Hodgett, Felix Webby, Lachy Hughes.

CNZ National Secondary Schools GC Championship Finals

Held on 8th and 9th September jointly at Waikanae and Paraparaumu Croquet Club, on the Kapiti coast, seventy-two young players from Kerikeri to Ashburton assembled on the Saturday morning. It was really heartening to see so many secondary school students playing croquet. It is obvious that the future of croquet is in good hands.

In total, 162 games of golf croquet were played over the weekend between the two clubs,

under the watchful eye of Wayne Gair's team of supervising referees. All the students were great ambassadors for their schools, and the games ran smoothly. Even players' phones were left on the sidelines, so no surprising ring-tones interrupted the games.

The standard of play was extremely high - even higher than last year. Players taking part were both newcomers and returners, including Edmund Fordyce (current NZ U21 champion), as well as the defending champions Kaleb Small and Chris Spittal from Mt Hutt College, looking to repeat their victory of last year.

A highlight of the tournament was the dinner held on the Saturday night at Southwards Car Museum. A record number of over ninety players, coaches, parents and teachers attended. The menu was designed specifically for teenagers and included the very popular option of "make your own hamburger". Greg Bryant from CNZ was on hand to announce the draw for games on Sunday, who had made the top sixteen and which location each team would be playing at.

The final between Mt Hutt College and Ashburton College was played at Waikanae on Sunday afternoon. Logan McCorkindale and Josie Tallents from Ashburton College came out the winners, 7 hoops to 5, after a very exciting tussle with Mt Hutt College (Kaleb and Chris). Trident College Whakatane (Angus Coulter and Arnob Das) claimed third place.



Champions Josie Tallents and Logan McCorkindale of Ashburton College.

The Plate was won by Nathan Bullen and Fabian Tippett representing Kapiti College, with Rathkeale College (Oliver Donaldson and Daniel Beveridge) as the runner-up.



Left to right: Annie Henry (President CNZ), Fabian Tippett, Nathan Bullen, Janet Boutel (Manager)



Championship runners up Chris Spittal and Kaleb Small, with Annie Henry and Janet Boutel.

Any tournament is the product of a lot of work by a lot of people, in particular tournament manager Janet Boutel. Thanks also go to everyone behind the scenes who worked so hard to make the tournament a great success.



BBQ Team sustaining the participants



Stratford High's teams taking a well-earned break



Wayne Gair at work with St. Oran's team

Full results can be found [here on croquet scores](#)

Tournament Committee News

CNZ Tournament Schedule

Last year the Tournament Committee restarted the practice of developing a three-year rolling calendar. There have been three-year calendars in the past, but they haven't been sustained. CNZ tournaments from 2017 - 2021 were published last year and the Tournament Committee is in the process of extending the calendar further into 2022.

Hosting CNZ Tournaments

Next month, an invitation will be sent to all associations asking them to bid on hosting tournament/s for the 2021 - 2022 season. In addition, the adverts for 2019 - 2020 will be distributed, and associations will have a couple of months to review these and submit changes. The plan is to have the adverts prepared for the Yearbook by the end of 2018.

Nationals Extended to 8 Days

The Tournament Committee has extended the Nationals (GC) to an 8-day event again. The feedback was that it would be beneficial to have 8 days, so three days could be allocated for the doubles. Starting in 2019, the Nationals will commence on Sunday and end on Sunday.

GC Doubles Level Chart

The new GC Doubles Level Chart was sent out last month. After players have had a chance to use it, if you have feedback please let the Tournament Committee know. In April 2019 associations will be asked for feedback on the chart.

World Rankings – Players Beware!

We've had a couple of hiccups with players entering their casual name for tournaments, which are different from those listed on the world ranking website.

When a player enters a tournament, the name you use to enter will be listed on Croquet Scores. For example, if you enter a tournament as Mike, but your name with the World Croquet Federation (WCF) is listed as Michael, then the player will start a new profile and the games won/lost will be recorded in two places.

Please check www.croquetscores.com when you have entered a tournament. If your name is not correct, please let the manager know as they will have copied what was detailed on the registration form.

It is important to enter the same name for all tournaments. If you would like to check how your name is listed, click on the links below or go to worldcroquet.org.uk. Click on 'World rankings'. Click on either AC or GC individual records. Click on the word highlighted 'here' at the end of the sentence: "The GC (or AC) individual rankings are available **here**". Scroll down to 'Player's Full Record'. Insert your first and last name, hit enter and your record will appear.

AC Records [AC Rankings Here](#)

GC Records [GC Rankings Here](#)

AC Handicap AHS Card Conversions

Thanks to people who gave feedback. Below are questions that were asked and the answers:

1. Will the tournaments that have the "0-3" and "4+" events be kept the same with the new handicaps?

Yes, e.g. those who are on the new "0" handicap will play in the "0 - 3" events.

2. Will the database need to be updated with the new AC handicaps?

Yes, the CNZ database will be updated by the AC Handicapper or designee.

3. In the past those on handicaps of 18 to 24 did not lose points. Can that be changed back?

This question was raised when the new AC handicap system was being considered. It was revisited at the last committee meeting on 15/9/18. This year we will be using the same system that the U.K. and Australia use, which is to +/- 10 points for those handicaps.

It is the same one that was sent to associations last month. The purpose of the handicapping system is to create fairness. If people lose 0 or 5 points instead of the 10, then they are playing off the wrong handicap. This year the new system and charts will be used. At the end of the season the AC handicap system will be reviewed.

Following requests for simpler instructions for conversions, this guidance from Brian Boutel and Graeme Roberts may help:-

The old index will either be above or below the trigger point. The trigger point can be found on the AHS card under Table A. First step is to decide if it is above or below, e.g. if you are a handicap of 9, the trigger point is 1200. Your index points will either be more than 1200 or less than 1200.

Old index is above the trigger point:

Look at the current handicap and index of the player on the AHS card that the player has been using and note the index and handicap. For example, with an index of 1210 and the handicap is 9, it is above the trigger point.

Next, add 50 points to the old index: $1210 + 50 = 1260$. The new index is 1260.

Look at the new AC AHS chart 'Trigger Points' and find where 1260 is. It is between the 1250 and 1300 indices, or handicaps 10 and 11. It is the same process for changing handicaps as you have been using. The player is above the 10 with an index of 1260.

Old index is below the trigger point:

For example, a player who is on a 9 handicap with 1180 index points on the old card, the index is below the 9 handicap trigger point (1200). The new system will have the same relationship in that the new index will be below the new handicap. Here is the process:

Add 50 points to the index: $1180 + 50 = 1230$.

Add 50 points to the old trigger point for the handicap. In this example, the trigger point for a 9 is 1200. You would take $1200 + 50 = 1250$.

Look up on the new chart where 1250 is. 1250 is the trigger point for a 10.

The new index of 1230 is below the trigger point for a 10 handicap, which is the same relationship as when it was a 9. In other words, even though the 1230 index is below the 10 handicap index of 1250, it is a 10 handicap.

If you have any questions, please contact Annie Henry on 022 39 79 303 or annienz2017@outlook.com.

Publicity and Marketing Committee

The Publicity and Marketing Committee was newly formed nearly two years ago, with the aim of developing plans to promote croquet throughout our communities. One of the best ways to promote croquet is to get the news out. What are the best ways to communicate with our members and prospective members? How do our plans support the aims of planning and implementing communication and marketing strategies to promote croquet? If you are interested in helping to shape CNZ's communication and marketing plans and strategies, or would like more information, please contact the Publicity and Marketing Committee Convenor Annie Henry on 022 3979 303 or annienz2017@outlook.com.

The Committee's responsibility is to create the framework and have staff or volunteers to implement it.

ClubApp

Get news and information direct to your smartphone with "ClubApp". This free application will push news direct from the CNZ Facebook page with links to results and draws – all you need to access on the go!

Download and install from either the Apple App Store or Google Play. Once installed, just look for Croquet New Zealand to set up the feeds. More information is at: [ClubApp](#)

Stars of the Future?

Schools in the Matamata Piako District recently took part in a multi-sport Winter Olympics tournament at Totara Springs, Matamata, with croquet being amongst the designated sports.

Te Aroha Primary School asked Te Aroha Croquet Club to coach a group of Year 7 and 8 students in the basics of croquet, and of course, with a canny eye to the future, the club was more than happy to oblige. Flora Cameron, the club captain, put the youngsters through their paces, twice a week, until the grand event.

With the U21 GC championships taking place in Matamata next month, which will showcase the young home-grown talent coming through in New Zealand croquet, perhaps it won't be too long before we see some of these youngsters taking their places in competitions as well. Thanks to the work of clubs like Te Aroha, the future is looking very promising.



With Club Captain Flora Cameron are Maren Klaassen, Ruby Laughton, Lily Laughton, and shooting a hoop, Erica Dodge.

Regional Secondary Schools Sports Sanctioning

During the next two months, Regional Sports Trusts (RST) will be sanctioning all secondary school sports events for their 2019 school sport calendars. The Regional Secondary School GC competitions are qualifying events for the NZSSSC GC Nationals held each September. CNZ recommends scheduling your regional event in March 2019, at the end of Term 1, during or close to Summer Sports Week.

If your association wishes to have croquet included on your local RST's school sports calendar, it is critical that your event is sanctioned by your RST. Most have a school sports division and they will be happy to discuss the requirements with you.

All RST-sanctioned events will be supported by CNZ promotions which are distributed to secondary schools and school sport coordinators. Your regional event can also be promoted by offering Intro-GC sessions in the weeks prior to your event (these can also be sanctioned to provide a wider audience).

Please contact your RST for sanctioning details or speak to Greg Bryant to initiate school age participation in your region. Please send sanctioned dates and details, or enquiries to Greg; admin@croquet.org.nz

Upcoming CNZ Tournaments

18th – 22nd October 2018

[CNZ 4th U21 GC Tournament at Matamata](#)

8th – 11th November 2018

[CNZ North Island GC Championships at Orewa](#)

8th – 11th November 2018

[CNZ South Island GC Championships at Nelson](#)

28th November – 2nd December 2018

[CNZ 95th North Island AC Championships at Palmerston North](#)

12th December – 16th December 2018

[CNZ 84th South Island AC Championships at Christchurch.](#)

5th January – 13th January 2019

[NZ Open Championships at Mount Maunganui](#)

[Click here for Tournament Entry Form](#)