



August 2016

From the President

Welcome to the new season of 2016 – 2017. It is a time when clubs are busily preparing for their opening day. With my own club, we have a good spring clean so everything is fresh for the start. What a great feeling to start off with a clean slate. I hope that each of you have a fantastic opening day with lots of fun playing croquet throughout the season.

The Executive is delighted to announce that Greg Bryant, CNZ Sport Development Officer, is now a full-time employee of Croquet New Zealand. Greg has delivered extraordinary programmes and services while being part time and we are looking forward to him being full-time.

Congratulations, in advance, to Plimmerton Club for turning 90. On 3 September the Plimmerton Club will have their opening day and the 90th anniversary celebration. They are also opening a new lawn, which in itself is very special. HAPPY 90TH PLIMMERTON!

An organisation that examines itself – what it does and how it operates – is good practise for keeping healthy. It is easy to continue doing what you have always done, or business as usual. This process also reveals challenges and opportunities. My message has been for clubs and associations to look at how they operate. It is also good for CNZ to do likewise. It doesn't mean that we are doing things wrong; just that we need to revisit them periodically to see if we are on the best track. It is like taking your car for a check-up; you don't wait until it is falling apart before you see how well it is working.

The Executive took a couple of hours to focus on board development at the August meeting. We looked at how we operate as a board and what we might do to improve our effectiveness. The session ended with suggestions as to how we could work better as a body that leads the sport. For example, asking ourselves what protocols do we have for our portfolios. What authority does the convenor of the portfolio have without going to the full Executive for a decision? How does information flow from a club member's request? The Executive members primarily learn these protocols by word of mouth or experience. If they are written, then a new Executive member will be given these protocols. This will also be shared with the full membership.

The Executive made the last changes to the strategic plan (until we review it next year). Included are specific tasks CNZ would like to accomplish in the next five years. In fact we have started one of the tasks with the Examiner's course. Over three weekends in different regions the sessions were held. The feedback was that it was extremely appreciated. We owe our thanks to Graeme Roberts (AC sessions) and Geoff Young, Brian Monckton, and Brian Boutel (GC sessions) for their expertise and time. We appreciate Gordon Smith for providing the teaching materials. Thanks to Brian Boutel for recommending it to the Executive and Murray Taylor for organising the logistics to make it happen. A special thanks to all the examiners who attended the sessions!

The AGM materials will be arriving at the associations (regional bodies) in September. I look forward to welcoming all of you to the AGM in October.

Have a great season.

Warm regards,
Annie

Sport Development

By Greg Bryant

CNZ Club Coaching

Most regions have confirmed their dates and venues for CNZ club coaching sessions over the coming season. AC and/or GC sessions can be provided to suit your club members or objectives. Please contact your Association Secretary for details of CNZ Coaching Sessions in your area.

Youth Squad & U21 Squad selections

Those that have not yet responded to Youth or U21 Squad invitations for 2016-17, please contact Greg Bryant or the CNZ office.

admin@croquet.org.nz

Bronze Silver Gold Coaching Sessions

The 2016-17 season Bronze Silver and Gold coaching sessions are scheduled for **September**.

There is still some room in most sessions for additional registrations.

Bronze: Introductory AC and handicap play assisting Bronze Merit Award achievement – a break of 10 hoops in a match won with or without the use of bisques.

Silver: Break play strategies to assist Silver Merit Award achievement – a break of 12 hoops

In a match won without the use of bisques

Gold: Advanced AC coaching assisting achievement of a Gold Merit Award - completing a triple peel in a match.

Venue and date details have been distributed to Association Secretaries or can be viewed at

www.croquet.org.nz Please contact Greg Bryant directly with enquiries and registrations gregbryant@xtra.co.nz (Central sessions have very limited spaces remaining)

Coaching for Coaches

If you have completed the CNZ Level 1 Coaches workshops and would like a book a coaching session assessment this season, please contact your Association coach or contact Greg via the CNZ office. Associations wanting to host Level 1 workshops for coaches should contact Greg asap as times for this coming season are becoming limited.

Regional Secondary School GC Competitions

The 2016-17 programme has been published and will be provided to Associations and their RST's along with promotional posters for schools once CNZ is advised of your regional competition date and venue (Recommended dates are during School Tournament Week starting 27 March 2017).

Please contact Greg to discuss or advise your regional competition dates. RST Sanctioning of 2017 school age events commences shortly and details of what is required can be obtained from Greg or your Regional Sports Trust.

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 for 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/1908/0/212/latest/DLM176125.html?search=ts_act%40bill%40regulation%40deemedreg_incorporated+societies_reselel_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.

2016 Bronze, Silver & Gold Coaching Sessions

All commence at 9.30am

Bronze Coaching:

6 Sept 2016	Northern	Leamington
12 Sept 2016	Central	Wellington or Kelburn
19 Sept 2016	Southern	St James

Silver Coaching:

7 Sept 2016	Northern	Leamington
13 Sept 2016	Central	Petone
20 Sept 2016	Southern	United

Gold Coaching:

8-9 Sept 2016	Northern	Pukekohe
14-15 Sept 2016	Central	Paraparaumu
21-22 Sept 2016	Southern	United

Health and Safety Manuals

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Enquiries to Tom Devlin 027 457 1409

Or devlin.family@xtra.co.nz

A fundraising initiative of the Fendalton Park Croquet Club

U21 GC Worlds

The GC Selection Panel have until 25 September to determine the players to be put forward to the WCF for Ranking and Wildcard places.

If you would like to have your name put forward for a place (Ranking Place or Member Place) please would you let the Executive Director know by 18 September, along with completing the following:

- signing a copy of the [code of conduct](#)
- confirming you will be a financial member of a croquet club until at least the end of the 2016/17 season
- providing detail on what you plan to do to prepare to play at your best during the Championship

Associations please make sure your u21 players are aware of these details

Dates for the Sept 2016 issue of Croquet Matters

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

Please send articles to croquet@croquet.org.nz

From the Regions

Missed from last month (sorry Rose Gardens CC)

Rose Gardens Croquet Club

Annual General Meeting, June 2016

There was a good turnout for this year's Annual General Meeting of Rose Gardens Croquet Club, despite a number of members wintering in sunnier climes. The formal business of the meeting went off without a hitch, with the following elected for the coming year. President, Margaret Snelling; Vice-President, Patricia Scrimgeour; Secretary, Monica Huisman; Treasurer, Jeremy Neild; Club Captain, Melva Jones; Association Croquet Captain, to be appointed; Golf Croquet Captain, Jean Corbin Thomas; Grounds Co-ordinator, Max Charlton; Social Convenor, Neal Coates; Publicity Officer, Rex Oliver; Committee Members, André Murray, Josh Smith and John Wall. Josh and André were elected Coaches; Michael Hardman (AC) and Micki Tyler (GC), Club Handicappers. In her President's report, Margaret

As a club we need to remain competitive, host outside tournaments, learn to work smarter and try harder to adapt to the benefits that social media can offer.

After the formal business of the meeting, that included reports from 2015-2016 officers, Club trophies were presented. André was the standout performer for the year, picking up three of the Club's major singles trophies: the Gordon Smith Cup, Open Championship AC; Jacquie Carran Salver, Premier Levels GC; MacEwan/Nikoloff Plate, GC Handicap Singles, as well as teaming up with Max Charlton to win the Rose Trophy, Championship Doubles AC. He also won Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui Premier Silver Badges in both codes. The Nealls also had a good season, with Vince winning the Raewyn Elliot Cup, AC Handicap Singles and the Alison Wall Basket, Senior Levels GC, as well as teaming up with Annabel to win the Beau Ryder Cup for AC

Handicap doubles; he also won the CMW Intermediate AC Silver badge. Annabel also won the Jones Cup for AC Intermediate championship. Other Trophy winners were: Melva Jones, the Neall Cup for AC B Grade Singles. Melva also won the CMW AC B Grade Silver Badge; Warren Hawke, Byers Skey Trophy - C Grade Singles; Shirley Rees, Micki Tyler Tray – GC Intermediate levels; Rex Oliver, Rex Oliver Tray – Primary Levels Singles; Michael Hardman and Jean Corbin Thomas, June Johns Goblets – GC Levels doubles, Max Charlton and new player, Terry Klein, Patron's trophy – GC Handicap Doubles. Max also won the CMW Senior Silver Badge. Dennis Quinn, a new player this season, won the Ernie Smith Cup as Most Improved Player as well as winning the CMW GC Primary Silver Badge.

Club President, Margaret Snelling then gave thanks and made presentations to outgoing Publicity Officer and Golf Croquet Captain, Veronica Oliver & Micki Tyler, respectively. Both have held these positions for a number of years. Annabel Neall was also standing down, after a lengthy period as Grounds Co-ordinator, as did Michael Hardman, from his position of Club Captain. Both were unable to be present. The Club had had a good season in interclub activities and Margaret presented to various team members the Ida Wood Memorial Plate and Micki Tyler trophy for CMW AC and GC Interclub competitions respectively; the Judy Kermod Plate for the annual GC Exchange with Paraparamu; and the Tyler-Gay Trophy for the bi-annual GC Exchange with Wanganui.

With all the formalities and presentations completed, members adjourned for "High Tea" that, with its linen, cutlery, fine china and pastry stands, was worthy of Afternoon tea at Claridge's



Melva Jones & Margaret Snelling with the Neall Cup for AC B Grade Singles.



Dennis Quinn with the Ernie Smith Cup for most improved player



Veronica Oliver



Micki Tyler



Terry and Max with the Patron's trophy for GC HC Doubles.



Afternoon tea at Claridge's?

August 2016 contribution

RGCC Annual Dinner

With little croquet activity going on in August (winter croquet in Manawatu can be daunting!) the Annual Dinner of Rose Gardens Croquet Club, is a good opportunity for a social get-together in readiness for the season. This year The Russell Room at Whararata (whararata.co.nz) was the venue.

Built as a private residence in 1901, Whararata was gifted to Massey University in 1949. Massey initially used it for lectures, before it had a long spell as the University's Staff Club. It is now an Events Centre. It has a special place in the history of Rose Gardens Croquet Club that held its initial Open Day on the Lawns there, in 1983, not then having established its own lawns. In 2009, the Official Dinner was held there when the Trans-Tasman Croquet Test series was held in Palmerston North. The Club's Silver Jubilee Function, as well as Gordon Smith's Farewell Dinner were also held there. Several past and current RGCC members would have made use of its staff club facilities, when employed at the university.

This year's dinner went off well, with a good number of members enjoying a quality meal in classy surroundings.

So now, let's have a good season.



Brooklyn Croquet Club Blenheim

'Recently the Brooklyn Croquet Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary in the clubrooms at Whitehead Park.

Formed in 1991 under the Presidency of Shirley Sowman a dedicated committee sourced funding and support from many groups including Council, Lottery Grants and Trust Bank Canterbury Community Trust. Development of the greens and clubhouse took place over 5 years and the club is forever grateful to those whose foresight and hard work resulted in the facilities it enjoys today.

Since 2010 club members have played the more social game of Golf Croquet and with the six greens can accommodate 48 playing at one time.

To commemorate the occasion a group of 40+ members (past and present) along with friends, gathered for a special afternoon tea. The current President, Margaret Campbell, outlined the history of the club and proposed a toast to the past, while a former President, Jeff Sawyer, proposed a toast to the future. A special Anniversary Cake was cut by Jean McMullan, a retired club member now in her mid 90s.'

Jeff Sawyer
Secretary

Matamata Croquet Club Changes at Pohlen Park



Is it a new sale yard, is the Rodeo coming to town or is it a new daft idea by the Corrections Department?

No, it is none of the above.

The new fencing you will find at Pohlen Park is the next step in developing the Matamata Croquet Club. Since selling up at Peria Road the club is working towards moving to the new grounds by Labour Week-end. The fencing was erected by Kaimai Fencing Ltd., and a great job they have made of it. Using posts, halve rounds and rough sawn timber rails the fence ties in beautifully with the surrounding area. The quality of the job has been remarked on by many and even the 'checking-in' of the rails has given a real quality look to the whole thing.

The lawns themselves are coming away well and, with the care and attention being lavished on them by Turf Works a turf specialist company from Hamilton and, Kaimai Valley Services, they should be ready for play early in the new season. The lawns are growing in a special soil mix developed over the years for use on Croquet grounds by Daltons, the soil and garden materials people.

Plans for the clubhouse and storage shed are currently with Council for approval and work will start on these as soon as permission has been granted. The club is using only local trade companies and the service they have received has been outstanding.

PLIMMERTON CROQUET CLUB TURNS 90

In 1926 the Plimmerton Bowling, Croquet and Tennis Club opened for play on the flat part of Grays Road. If you didn't live locally and could walk there you took the train out from Wellington or had to drive around the inlet – the road bridge at Paremata wouldn't be built for another 10 years.

A croquet lawn and a bowling green were created on the site after considerable excavations were carried out, and a small building served as a combined croquet/bowls club room. Lady croquet enthusiasts made up the entire membership.

At midday on October 16th 1968 another milestone was reached – the first gentleman was granted membership. Total membership was 16 and the subscription was \$6pa.

In 1990 the first male President, Michael Hewetson, was elected. The club eventually outgrew the small Grays Road site and the search started for a new one.

On 24 September 1994 the new Plimmerton Croquet Club was officially opened in Ulrich Street just off State Highway 1 in Plimmerton. This huge undertaking had been driven by then President Eric Castle. Eric summed up the success of the move: "We have progressed to become one of the largest, most successful and without a doubt the happiest Croquet Club in the Wellington area".

Players today are surrounded by beautifully tended gardens, they play on immaculate lawns and have a cuppa in a well equipped club house. The club is looked upon as an asset in a wider sense because it is open all year round and is available for regional and national tournaments and coaching sessions.

From those early beginnings the club has seen many, many changes. A quick troll through old photos shows changing fashions for men and women in both dress and headgear. Ladies' hats are rather less flowery nowadays, as a rule! Mallet shapes and sizes, lawn conditions, hoops, balls changes indicative of a developing sport.

But some things have never changed over the decades. In particular the camaraderie of the croquet playing community and the desire to learn and improve personal games and handicaps.

Saturday 3 September is the day of the big 90th birthday celebrations. The morning and afternoon will feature a medley of games with various prizes up for hoops. The birthday cake will be cut and then Patron John Burke will cut the ribbon to open the brand new 5th lawn and he'll run the first hoop, for the first time.



PHOTO CAPTIONS:

1. Lady members dressed up in period costume for the 75th . Thankfully our mode of dress has changed!



2. Photo taken in 1930 of the original Grays Road site

Whakatane Croquet Club held it's Winter Doubles Golf Croquet Tournament recently.

A full field of 36 players contested 3 sections and all pairs played 5 games each.

As well as our home based players we had players who had travelled from Pt Chevalier (Auckland), Matamata, Thames and Mt Maunganui

Results for Section 1

- = 1st JoeBeattie & Peter Olson (Matamata)
- 2nd Ross Sutton & Chris Browne (Thames)

Section 2

- = 1st Sandra & Paul Warner (Pt Chevalier)
- 2nd Frank O'Regan & Cliff Stuart (Whk)

Section 3

- = 1st Pat & Tony Hall (Whk)
- 2nd Rose & John Langley (Whk)

The day started cool, but, soon warmed and players enjoyed competitive games in the beautiful spring weather.



Susan Tanfield (Whk) eyes up the direction taken by her shot



Betty Ridealgh (Whk) takes aim with a shot during play



Betty and Peter Ridealgh (Whk) thank Sandra & Paul Warner (Pt Chevalier) for the game



three local ladies enjoy a break between games (from LH - Lorna Scholtens, Barbara Lawrence and Bev Mead)

New Plymouth Croquet Club Spring Festival

On Saturday 20th August NP Croquet Club held its inaugural Spring Festival. Eight teams of players from throughout Taranaki played ten different games (remember primary school? think tabloid sports) on four lawns testing not only their croquet skills but also their ability to quickly come to terms with the rules of each game. Names like Skittles (most points for striking the most distant skittle) and Hopscotch (play a ball to come to rest in a scoring square)



indicate that the usual game was not being played. Croquet

in the rain meant the player could hold the mallet with only one hand as the other was occupied with an umbrella, and in Snakes and Ladders a ladder hoop successfully made gave another turn whereas an unsuccessful attempt at a snake hoop meant the loss of the next turn.

Mavis and Rex Brogden designed and made the equipment necessary for this amazing day and a band of a dozen scorers trained by Mavis earlier in the week threw themselves with enthusiasm into judging. The 32 players who had signed up without knowing what they were letting themselves in for enjoyed the challenges and also developed skills.

The winning team was from Westend CC, Wendy Nash, Lorraine Chard, Vivienne Iveson and Noeline May. NPCC president, Susan Burgess, presented gold medals to these winners, to accompany their monetary prize sponsored by Remax Real Estate.



Pat and Bruce Robinson, Tasman CC, "Croquet in the Rain", scored by Edna Saxton (NPCC). Skittles in the background. Note the striped balls painted to allow third colour play on busy summer days.

Winners from Westend: Vivienne, Noeline May, Wendy Nash, Lorraine Chard

Desma Gaffney and Annette Vickers (NPCC) hoping for a bonus shot at a ladder hoop



Glenys Capstick (Westend) prepares to make a ladder hoop, observed by her partner Joyce Crummy. Also watching are scorer Kaye Gower, and the opposition players Lois Scott and Valerie Gale (all NPCC). In the distance two teams are competing while holding umbrellas, and the Skittles and Wriggly Snake challenges can be seen.



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.



Heretaunga Croquet Club GC Spring Tournament Sponsored by



**Championship Singles
Saturday 24 and Sunday 25
September, 2016**

Commencing at 8.30 am daily
341 Napier Rd Havelock Nth [7 lawns]

Manager: Tony Stephens, 173 Tuki Tuki Rdoad, RD10, Hastings 4180 Ph. [06] 875 0157

Email: braykopje@xtra.co.nz

Entries: All entries, on CNZ official entry form [or email as above with details as on CNZ form, accompanied by fees, close with Manager Wednesday 21 September 2016.

Entry fee: \$20

Cheques payable to Heretaunga Croquet Club.

Online payments may be made to: Westpac 03 0658 0066823 00

Reference: Spring Tnmt and your surname.

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

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

CONDITIONS:

Double Banking if necessary.

Dawson International Balls.

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**80'S & OVER
INVITATION**

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ON SUNDAY THE 16TH OCTOBER 2016 the WHAKATANE CROQUET CLUB will be hosting a GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT to HONOUR THIS AGE GROUP of all members who were born in 1936 or before.

Programme:

Play will start at 9.00 a.m.

Doubles Handicap - 4 games x 45mins

Entry fee: \$15.00 (includes luncheon)

Luncheon provided

Index cards not required

Entries : Entries should reach the manager by Wednesday the 12th October 2016, and show player's name, partner's name and handicaps. All entries acknowledged by email to the

address included with the entry. If you don't have a partner, we will match you up with one.

Cliff Stuart phone 07 387157

Or email: c.j.stuart@xtra.co.nz

Before the 12th October 2016

Accommodation is available at Alton Lodge Motel at \$50.00 per head, minimum 2 per unit phone 07 307 1003 or stay@altonlodge.co.nz (say you are Croquet Players).

Notifications

Correct email address for Barbara Sugden at Hawera Croquet Club is

Barbara.haweracc@gmail.com

EQUIPMENT WANTED/ SURPLUS

None this month

Merit Awards

None this month

Qualifications

Seddon Polglase (Claudelands) – GC Ref
Jenny McLaren Morrinsville CC – GC Ref Resit
Kay Nicholas Morrinsville CC – GC Ref
Sheila Bosch Morrinsville CC – GC Ref
Lou Conning Te Aroha CC – GC Ref

