



December 2015

From the Executive

There was an exciting finish to the GC Trans Tasman! With the scores at 1 test apiece, the series was decided on the last day of the third test. In fact it came down to the last hoop of the last game of the last match of the third test, when Duncan Dixon prevailed over Australian Captain Peter Landrebe.

Congratulations to the New Zealand team on their performances during the series.

Thanks very much to all the clubs, volunteers and officials within the Nelson region for hosting the tournament which was very well received by the Australians.

On another positive note, we have been advised by Sport New Zealand of what they can offer Croquet New Zealand in terms of Community Sport Investment. As you may recall, we felt that it would be difficult to retain this investment in the future, given the priorities highlighted by Sport New Zealand.

Well, they have offered us \$20,000 pa for four years (down from \$35,000 pa), which we are very pleased about. This means that we will not be proposing another \$4 increase in the levy at the next AGM and will be able to continue with all the initiatives that we have been able to provide to the membership since Greg was brought on in the Sport Development Officer role.

Please send all contributions for future Croquet Matters editions to the Executive Director
(croquet@croquet.org.nz)

Merit Awards

Gail Bruce (Whakatane) - Bronze

Qualifications

Pixie Jones-Merredew (Warkworth) - GC Ref
John Merredew (Warkworth) - GC Ref
Pam Fisher (Leamington) - renew Snr Ref
Lyn Bell (Manurewa) - GC Ref
Doug Nottage - GC Ref

*** Important***

If anyone is thinking of entering the Women's GC event in February 2016, please think about booking accommodation now, as the Mission Estate has announced a concert on for the same weekend, meaning accommodation will be at a premium.



LEVEL 1 AC & GC COACH QUALIFICATION

WORKSHOP 1 What is Coaching?	WORKSHOP 2 Designing Great Coaching Sessions	WORKSHOP 3 Games Approach	WORKSHOP 4 Skill Learning
<i>Delivered by Coach Tutors, RST's or other CNZ approved facilitators</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach Foundation Stones • Leader skills, styles, experiences. • What Do I Value? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your athletes • Plan a coaching session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design a Game (TGfU) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching skills checklist • Reflecting on your experience

SPORT -SPECIFIC SESSIONS

Technical and tactical

Delivered by Coach Tutors or other CNZ approved personnel

Association Croquet Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehend, describe and demonstrate the technical and tactical content of the Level 1 Coaches Toolkit and/ or • Capable of playing 2 consecutive 4 ball pivot ball breaks comprising 24 hoops and peg out using bisques equal to their handicap (or less) from any starting position • Evidence of participation in competition at Association level or above.
Golf Croquet Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of a GC Handicap of 8 or less, based on singles play merit • Comprehend, describe and demonstrate the technical and tactical content of the Level 1 Coaches Toolkit • Evidence of participation in competition at Association level or above.

THE COACHING EXPERIENCE

Overseen by a Coach Tutor or CNZ approved Mentor

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association Croquet Level 1 • Golf Croquet Level 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainees produce 6 written session plans suitable for beginners or for the players they intend to coach as part of the practical requirements listed below. At least 4 of these sessions must be delivered and reflections carried out as outlined in the Level 1 <i>Coaches Journal</i>. • 10 hours of face-to-face coaching of players at a beginner or high bisque level (AC above 16 / GC above 8) and produce a log book detailing this. A minimum of 4 sessions must be delivered to groups of at least 4 players (this acknowledges the additional skills in management and inclusion required to coach groups of players).
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- Using a set format, the Tutor or other assessor appointed by the local Association then undertakes an assessment of the practical coaching skills of the trainees.

The Inaugural Golf Croquet Trans Tasman Test Series at Nelson

The first day of the inaugural Golf Croquet Trans Tasman Test Series was played in ideal conditions at Nelson Hinemoa Croquet Club. A reception for the teams was held at the Club the previous evening and was attended by Rachel Reese, Mayor of Nelson and Councillor Mark Greening representing Tasman District Council.

Matches played on the first day of the first two-day Test were Mixed Doubles followed by Men's and Ladies singles. Tactical skills and accuracy were evident throughout the day.

Matches were the best of three, thirteen point games. Some matches taking several hours to get through, needing the deciding game for a win.

At the end of this first day of play New Zealand were in the lead by eight matches to four or 177 hoops made to 163 showing just how close the matches were.

Rain fell but failed to interfere with play at the start of the second day which commenced with Men's and Ladies doubles followed by another round of singles.

The first of the three tests was completed with a win by NZ over Australia by 15 matches to 9.

Improved weather made for a much more enjoyable day for players and spectators on Thursday for the final day of the second Test match. Australia finished the previous day by winning eight matches to four.

The day started with the mixed doubles with some matches lasting over three hours the result was two matches apiece. Several singles matches were tight, being decided on the very last hoop of the match. Dallas Cooke played a very skilful game to beat Anne Quinn.

Philip Drew overcame Peter Landrebe both players making some unbelievable clearances and roquets.

Australia ended the day by winning this second Test by fourteen matches to ten. The first day of the deciding third test in the Series was played on Friday. New Zealand ending the day by leading eight matches to four with another twelve matches to be played on Saturday.

The final day was played in some very blustery conditions on Saturday. New Zealand's lead soon changed when Australia won 3 out of the 4 doubles matches.

By mid afternoon the Australians were in the lead by 11 matches to 9 after they won all 4 of the ladies singles. Three of the matches being close with long tussles of three games.

After the first two men's singles the Australian's had the upper hand by 12 matches to 10 and New Zealand's hopes for a win rested on the last two matches. Philip Drew (NZ) beat John van der Touw (Aus) 7-6, 7-5.

In a hard fought ,exciting match going on into the dusk and ending at 8.30 p.m Duncan Dixon(NZ) prevailed over Peter Landrebe (Aus) at the final hoop 7 – 6 after being 1-5 down in the third game. With this win to NZ the match score was 12 all and after a count back of games NZ were declared winners by 37 matches to 35 of the Inaugural TransTasman Golf

Croquet Test Series, wrapping up a week of some brilliant croquet played with exceptional sportsmanship.

Duncan Dixon was presented with the "Player of the Series" Trophy at the Awards Dinner later that evening.

By Mary North



Chris Clarke & Duncan Dixon watching John van der Touw (Aust)



Dallas Cooke showing Duncan Dixon where she wants him to place his ball



Jared Keeman running a hoop



Erica Stephens making a jump shot

Upcoming Tournaments

Croquet New Zealand tournaments

CNZ GC Nationals

4-10 January

Waikato-King Country / Thames Valley

Hamilton East

Claudlands

Morrinsville

CNZ New Zealand AC Open

16-25 January

Wellington - Waimarie, Wellington Municipal,

Kelburn



Typical pose



Long shadows for the end of the final game



Players celebrating and commiserating



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From the Regions

(Missed from November issue. Apologies to Fendalton Park)

Fendalton Park Croquet Club



Christchurch

Sunday 8 November 2015 saw FPCC hold their annual Golf Croquet tournament, this year sponsored by Oliffs Computers. There was a field of 40 players from Nelson, Akaroa and Canterbury.

By 9.00am the lawns were dressed and looking beautiful thanks to the loving care of our groundsman Brian Perwick. Club captain Lorraine McClurg had done an amazing job of organising the day with each pair playing 6 games, who was to play who, who would be on which lawns and when, etc. All 5 lawns were in use with double banking. President Tom Devlin welcomed the players and then it was onto the lawns! Games were timed with breaks for morning and afternoon tea and lunch. Tea was of the usual high standard set by Pauline Perwick and her helpers. A raffle for three large meat packs donated by Lorraine McClurg was well supported and run by Helen Ring. The atmosphere was happy and great croquet was enjoyed by all. The winners were Val French and Neil Williams from Hornby Croquet Club. Thanks must go to Derek and

Lyn Oliffs for their support, although Derek had to retire midday due an injury. Fendalton Park Croquet Club is going from strength to strength with increased membership and twelve “new to croquet” players in the last eight months. A coaching program run by Tom Devlin and Vilna Gough-Jones has been well received and players are being encouraged to enter competitions to improve their skills.

Any visiting players from around the country visiting Christchurch are welcome to join us on our club days - Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 1.30pm.

Our next tournament is a twilight event in February. More details to follow.

*Vilna Gough-Jones
Secretary/Treasurer*



Who said Golf Croquet wasn't a friendly game? Janet and Merv Lilley from St





HAWKES BAY

Amalgamation

The amalgamation of the Te Mata Croquet Club and the Hastings Croquet Club has been the result of lengthy negotiations between the two clubs since 2008.



The Hastings Croquet Club was established in 1927 when land was purchased on the corner of McLeod Street and Omahu Road. Subs were 1 pound 6 shillings and 3 pence with a rebate of 5 shillings and 3 pence if paid by December 31. Cup of tea was 1 penny. The first clubhouse was built in October 1927. In the 1931 earthquake there was fortunately no damage to the property and by 1949 the membership had increased to 50.



However, in July 2001 because of declining membership, a decision was made to sell the complex so the members transferred to a leased lawn at the Kia Toa Bowling Club. In 2008 the club purchased an adjoining property and laid another lawn. Unfortunately again due to a decline in members, this lawn was sold and the decision made to discontinue the lease at the bowling club.

Since the foundation of the Te Mata Croquet Club in 1992, the club has leased the land and clubrooms from the owner of the property which was to terminate in 2022.

The owner agreed to sell the the portion of the property which included the lawns, clubhouse and an area for two new lawns. At this stage the club was operating from one year to the next and had no capital funds for the purchase.

Because of falling membership the game of Golf Croquet was introduced in 1996 which has increased to approximately 110 to date.

With the assets of the Te Mata Croquet Club and generous donations from members and the capital from the Hastings Croquet Club, negotiations have been proceeding between the two clubs until the present arrangement was put in place at a meeting in November 2014, when a new proposition was put to each club. This deal was very different to any previous proposition. It was put together initially by Malcolm Campbell of the Hastings Croquet Club and Jim Christie from the Te Mata Croquet Club. After a number of meetings between the two clubs negotiating teams, a final “Memorandum of Agreement” was compiled and each club held special general meetings where the proposal was presented.

It was agreed that both clubs produce the funds to purchase the club from the owner and the new club would gift the land to the Hastings District Council, who would create a reserve in the form of a park.

It has taken 12 months to work through all the processes, but now everything is in place and the new club the “Heretaunga Croquet Club” has a 33 year lease agreement with the right of renewal, for the annual cost of a peppercorn rental.



HERETAUNGA CROQUET CLUB YUMMY SPRING TOURNAMENT

The Heretaunga Croquet Club tournament generously sponsored by the YUMMY Fruit Co. was postponed from the end of September because of a week of rain prior to that time. It was

rescheduled to 21/22 November. An excellent entry of 38 players from 0-10 included 1 from Wellington, 1 from Mt Maunganui, 1 from Gisborne and 3 from Morrinsville. The rest were from Marewa and Heretaunga Clubs. It was an excellent lead up to the GC Trans Tasman for 3 of the entries. Managed by Tony Stephens the Assistant Manager Colin Hurst kept games flowing continually. A total of 197 games were played. The club catered with wonderful morning and afternoon teas.

Under sunny skies there were 2 rounds of 19 point games which determined what section players would be playing in for the rest of the weekend. The 2 top sections with 9 players in each, continued with 19 point games and the other 2 sections with 10 players in each, played 13 point games.

Back: Diane Charteris (Marewa) winner Plum Section, Judy Kermode (Marewa) runner-up Pacific Queen section, Tony Stephens (Heretaunga) winner Galaxy Section, John Christie (Morrinsville) runner-up Galaxy section, Graham Duley (Marewa) winner Apricot Section
Front: Erica Stephens (Heretaunga) winner Pacific Queen Section, Tina Duley (Marewa) runner-up Plum Section, Connor Parkhill (Heretaunga) runner up Apricot section.



Colleen Stephens

HERETAUNGA CROQUET CLUB HAVE A GO DAYS

On two consecutive Sundays the Heretaunga Croquet Club held 'have a go days'. Over the 2 weekends there were approximately 30 interested participants of varying ages who all enjoyed trying out new skills of golf croquet which were taught to them by members of the club.

On the second Sunday a few from the previous week came back to have another go. Members provided a wonderful afternoon tea. Several then returned to the lawns for another game.

Colleen Stephens
Publicity
Heretaunga CC



The Marewa Croquet Club was fortunate in being able to have Greg Bryant, CNZ Sport Development Officer, come along to the club and give two golf croquet coaching sessions.

Asked at the start of the afternoon session what we hope to gain, my answer was "How to get a croquet ball to land on a \$50 note"! The reason being, at our annual Christmas party we have a contest to see who can achieve this feat, costing only a dollar for the privilege of trying.

The sessions covered various aspects of playing shots, tactics, the jump shot,

handicap play and some practical challenges. All who attended came away having learnt something. It was great on the next club day, watching these players putting into practice things they had been taught and as for getting a ball to land on the \$50 note, I have not managed it yet, nor anyone else in the club but it has proved a great fund raiser!

Jayne Powis Publicity Officer



The \$50 challenge!

TARANAKI

Croquet Taranaki recently held the 91st annual tournament sponsored by Ryman's Jean Sandel Retirement Village.

The Golf Croquet section was played over four days from 30th October at 4 clubs: New Plymouth, West End, Inglewood and new club, Tasman.

New manager, Peter Batchelor, took over from the late Gary King who had

run this event for several years. Peter was assisted by Val King who managed games at New Plymouth, Glenys Capstick who managed at West End and Rex Brogden who managed at Inglewood.

The tournament started Friday with 8 teams playing in the Open Doubles Levels at New Plymouth and 14 teams playing Handicap Doubles at West End and Inglewood. Winners of the Open Doubles Levels were A Cooke & P Young (TV) runner up P & N Batchelor (NP). Handicap Doubles winners were D & A Reyland (HB) runner up B McLeod & K Gower (NP).

On Saturday and Sunday the Level Singles Open Ranking event was held at New Plymouth and Tasman with 18 entries played in 2 sections followed by the super block. Unfortunately Steve Piercy (BOP) had to withdraw on the second day as he had his hand on Peter's car boot as Peter shut it down, so it was a quick visit to A&E, thankfully no broken fingers.

Winner of the Open Super block was T Stephens (HB) runner up B Heapy (Tasman). Winner of Super block others was G Vautier (HB) runner up J Kermode (HB)

Level Singles 5-7 H/C was at West End with 7 entries played in 2 rounds, winner B Thomas (NP) runner up J Ward (BOP).

8-12 H/C Level Singles was played at Inglewood with 8 players, winner J Doepel (Perth) runner up G Mohi (NP).

On the final day, Monday, the Handicap Singles was played in 2 sections one at West End and the other at New Plymouth, the winner was G Allen (Hawera) runner up S Robinson (WE).

Taranaki put on fine weather but unfortunately some strong cool winds. Overall there were 172 games played over the 4 days.

The second part of the Taranaki Tournament, for Association Croquet, was held over three days from 29th November. There were 3 events: the Championship Open Singles won by P Filbee (Hawera) runner up J Muir (WE); Championship Singles Scratch to 18 won by H Richardson (Te Awamutu) runner up B Johnstone (NP); Doubles H/C won by Felix Webby (WE) & Moya Lewis (NP) runners up M Muir (WE) & B Johnstone (NP).

Full results can be viewed at Croquet Scores.



From left: B Thomas, J Kermode, T Stephens, K Gower, P. Batchelor, N. Batchelor, A Cooke, P. Young, J Ward.



Group Photo: 11 of 12 Wakatipu CC Players with 14 Australian Touring GC Players

OTAGO

Wakatipu

VISITING AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET PLAYERS

From 15-24 November, fourteen Australians enjoyed a South Island GC Tour.

They arrived in Christchurch, had a sightseeing tour of the Garden City and played croquet at United CC.

From Christchurch they travelled down to Dunedin, more sightseeing and playing croquet at Tainui CC.

Their journey to and around Central Otago started on 19th November - sampling the Gibbston Valley Wines; a cruise on the TSS Earnslaw to Walter Peak Station; travel around Lake Wakatipu through Te Anau and the Fjordland National Park; on board the Milford Mariner for an overnight cruise; back to Queenstown and Christchurch; farewelling New Zealand on 24th November.

On the Saturday 21st November, Wakatipu Croquet Club hosted the group for a whole day. We had a great time, enjoying the sun and the Golf Croquet. We played pairs, with winners moving onto the next lawn. Play was competitive but fun. Morning & Afternoon Tea and Lunch was served in the Club House with plenty of conversation enjoyed by all.



WCC Liz O'Brien about to play. WCC Ruby Hutton and Ann from Australia watching.



WCC Lyn Weir watching Liz O'Brien (centre) with Australian player on right.



Australian player about to play. WCC players - Valerie & Peter Barber (centre & right)

EQUIPMENT WANTED/ SURPLUS

Mt Maunganui need 1 x black Dawson ball

Wakatipu need 1 x Pink ball, 1 x White ball

Could you please note in your national news letter, the sale of sets of first and second colour croquet balls, by the Brooklyn croquet club; Marlborough). (Kind benefactors have allowed us to purchase 6 sets of Dawson first and second colour croquet balls. (and championship hoops)! The price is \$40.00 per set which weighs 2kg / set - - reduced to \$35.00 for multiple sales (1 set of 1st colours has 2 balls with barely visible chips- - this set is priced at \$20.00). The second colour balls have had little use. All these balls are a "steal" at the current price (Dawson's \$700.00 / set!!) - - currently on trademe under sport section : other.

Great for the smaller clubs and for member's lawns.

Contact: Dale Simpson
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Notifications

The new Secretary at Kerikeri Croquet Club is now Joyce Beck.

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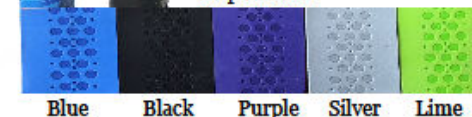
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