



July 2016

From the President

Congratulations:

If you had an opportunity to read the article in the New York Times and/or see the profile piece that was aired on TV One, then you would know what great ambassadors for croquet we have in Edmund Fordyce and his family. The New York Times talked about and TV One showed the amazing young player that Edmund is and some of the challenges he overcame to be where he is today. It is one thing to develop the skill to play top level croquet. It is quite another to be articulate about the game in a positive manner. Edmund and his family have done just that. If you would like to view the profile that TV One and the New York Times did, please follow these links:

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/13/sports/a-croquet-standout-for-his-age-15-and-his-grit.html?_r=0

and

<http://tvnz.co.nz/seven-sharp/meet-teen-croquet-sensation-broken-heart-video-6483198>

Thanks Edmund for having the courage and composure to bring national attention to croquet.

In the Future

The Executive is starting to plan for the AGM in October. We will review the suggestions given at the last AGM and plan the time to be informative for both the delegates and the Executive. In order to continue to grow as a sport, we need to do what we can to grow our regions and clubs. The AGM is one way to do that.

The secretaries for the regions (associations) received the information about the AGM, including the nomination forms. Murray Goldfinch, currently Councillor from the South Island, can stand for reelection. Currently this is the only position available on the Executive. However, we do want people to serve on committees. I hope your region is identifying people who are willing to work with the Executive in various capacities. Please let the Executive Director, know who is willing to take a role with the Executive or one of its committees.

A request for every region (association) to send the names of the Publicity Officer for the Association and Clubs has been made. Please send them to CNZ at your earliest convenience. CNZ would like to work with them to better coordinate events.

Warm regards,
Annie

From the Executive

We have transferred most of our banking from ANZ to Kiwibank. Please note our new bank account number for any payments. 38-9017-0399434-00.

The Examining Referees workshops have been well attended and provided a lot of discussion about the rules/laws. There seems to be an element of "local rules" creeping into various regions and we trust that everyone will be now "singing from the same songsheet". A big thanks to everyone who attended.

- Brian Boutel.

Sport Development

By Greg Bryant

CNZ Merit Awards

Bronze – Silver – Gold Coaching

Croquet NZ Merit Awards are achieved by completing progressively skilled objectives in Association Croquet competition; from *Bronze* level introductory break play with bisques, to complex *Platinum* level sextuple peels.

CNZ Gold, Silver and Bronze coaching sessions are provided annually to help participants improve their skills and achieve CNZ Merit Awards. These sessions are open to any CNZ affiliated player and any of the scheduled coaching sessions can be attended by registering with CNZ.

Bronze Merit Award for the first occasion in a tournament that a player completes a break of 10 hoops or more, with or without bisques. Bronze coaching is an introductory level session that addresses what we are trying to achieve in Association Croquet and the effective use of extra turns (bisques) to establish and maintain breaks. Club level Arthur Ross Memorial games provide an excellent opportunity to try out learned techniques and tactics.

Silver Merit Award for the first occasion in a tournament that a player makes a break of 12 hoops or more, without bisques. (Hoop points can include peels on partner ball, and peg points count.)

A natural progression from completing breaks with bisques is to do the same without them! Silver squad participants focus on techniques and lines of play to establish and maintain breaks more often. Players with a handicap in the range of 16 to 4 will be most suited to this

squad but those players with a lower handicap who have not yet achieved a Silver Merit Award, or know that their breaks are not yet consistent enough to move onto Gold level are encouraged to participate as well.

Gold Merit Award for a triple peel in a tournament.

For those that have been playing Association Croquet for a few years, completing a Triple Peel represents the yardstick of an accomplished senior player. It was once regarded an essential requirement to progress into the minus grades (under the old handicapping system), and for players wanting to compete at the highest level the ability to complete Triple Peels is essential. The Gold Development Squad is primarily suited to players that regularly compete at major Regional and CNZ events – and of course for players whose ultimate croquet ambition is to complete a Triple Peel.

Platinum Merit Award for a sextuple peel. We don't have a Platinum session as yet, but if you're anticipating the completion of a sextuple peel you are probably capable of achieving it.

CNZ Merit Award Conditions;

1. The awards are only available for singles games, played on full-sized (or approved near full-sized) lawns, where the player is victorious.
2. Silver and Gold awards cannot be claimed if bisques were used to set up or play the award-winning break or to tidy up any leave.
3. The awards can be achieved in handicap games.
4. Each award can be won once, and a lower award cannot be claimed after first claiming a more advanced award

And

5. Those that attend Bronze, Silver or Gold coaching sessions are expected to also compete in competition relevant to the merit award throughout the season.
6. Bronze and Silver coaching sessions are 1 full day. Gold sessions are 2 day sessions. A clubhouse fee of \$5 per day is payable to the host club.
7. Register to attend a Gold, Silver or Bronze coaching session with Croquet NZ, admin@croquet.org.nz with your name, club, handicap & brief playing history. Entries may be limited.



Seen by Derek Bullen and Mike Crashley in the Daily Telegraph recently.

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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- Customised to suit individual clubs
- Fully OSH compliant
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Or devlin.family@xtra.co.nz

A fundraising initiative of the Fendalton Park Croquet Club

GC Handicapping System

There have been a few queries about what handicap and index some players will end up on. Here are a few examples

Player A is currently on a 1 with 822 index points (no world ranking)

Player B is currently on a 1 with 777 index points (no world ranking)

Player C is currently on a 2 with 666 index points (no world ranking)

Player D is currently on a 0 with 1100 index points (no world ranking) but is listed in the table of effective handicaps as a -4

Player E is currently on a 2 with 718 index points (has a world ranking, and a grade of 1468)

Player F is currently a 3 with 549 index points

Try to work out what handicap and index each player would be on and why. Scroll to the end of Croquet Matters to see the answers.

One association recently contacted the national office to advise that they were setting up a session for club handicappers where they would distribute the new handicapping cards and run through a few examples and help any club handicapper that was having trouble.

This sounds like a really good idea and we would encourage all associations to follow this lead (if you haven't already).

The new GC Handicap Cards will be with you shortly (in the next week or two)

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 Aug 2016 issue of Croquet Matters

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

Please send articles to
croquet@croquet.org.nz

From the Regions

Mid Winter Croquet @ Waipu

On June 30th, Golf Croquet players in all manner of Scottish dress, travelled from throughout the North to Waipu for the eagerly anticipated Croquet Club Tartan Tournament, which is held annually as part of Tartan Month in Waipu.

After scones and shortbread for morning tea, players were piped onto the lawns by local piper David Moon. A brief stop was made at a handy pavilion for a snifter of Atholl Brose, Whisky, or not – before play began. Scotch Broth was a lunchtime feature.

The quick draining lawns were in perfect condition for the 40 players and the weather warm and sunny following a day of worrying rain. Waipu players played 'half days' to make room for the visitors from the 7 Clubs from Kaitaia to Warkworth.

Players had 5 different partners, played on 5 different lawns, against 10 different opponents. They stayed either primary or secondary colours for the whole 5 games, taking it in turns to hit off first. So 2 parallel competitions really.

The Tournament was generously sponsored by Waipu 4Square, owned by Steve Price (ex NZ Warriors Captain) and his wife Jo, both of whom played. Aurora Lodge donated accommodation for the furthest travellers from Kaitaia – a nearly 3 hour trip.

Tartan outfit – Joan Robinson (Waipu); John Schollum (Mangakarama)

Primary – 1st Roz Banbury (Waipu); 2nd John Schollum; 3rd Sue McLeod (Kerikeri)

Secondary – 1st George Smith (Kaitaia); 2nd Vic Gilchrist (Wp); 3rd Carol Christmas (Wp)



John Schollum



Joan Robinson

Convicts Cup on Norfolk Island

Guess who did time on Norfolk Island?

One of these convicts managed to reach the final of the Convicts Cup Tournament held recently on Norfolk Island.

About 74 croquet players gathered together recently (about half from NZ and half from Australia) to attempt to manoeuvre the balls through the hoops on the lawns which are set out on the area which is either a cricket pitch or rugby field or whatever. It was a social week which included some croquet.

The finals saw the pairs of Sally Cole from Carlton Club in Auckland partnered with Linda Kinch from South Australia playing against Colleen Reynolds from Marewa Club in Napier partnered with Kevin Melksham from Queensland. It was a close final with the result decided at the 13th hoop. The winners were Sally and Linda.

Congratulations to the winners and and the runners up for managing the lawns so well.

It was an historic week to be on Norfolk Island with the Islanders wondering how life would be after 1 July 2016 when they would no longer be self governing.



Some of our local lads

Visitors from the winterless north (ie Doubtless Bay) get a brrrrrrr welcome at Matamata on the 3rd July.

Hit off time 9am and it was brisk!



90th Birthday Celebrated

Over 40 members of the Morrinsville Croquet Club held a morning tea to celebrate member Lois Frelan's 90th birthday. Lois is a stalwart

member of the club and plays a mean game of croquet! There are not many club days she misses. It is only the 90 year olds who have a special morning tea and the other member this year who was 90 is Dulcie Wigelsworth. But they both have a way to go to reach the age of our oldest member!

The club holds a morning tea/get together in the month or two during the winter when the lawns are closed for maintenance. These prove extremely popular as the club is a very friendly social one and the members miss the contact during the closed months. The croquet season starts again in September and on opening day members are asked to bring a friend to try the game.



Pic Lois Frelan with cake maker Norma James

The Morrinsville Croquet Club featured prominently in the Morrinsville Historical Society's quiz night held in the museum

recently with the winning team consisting of MCC members!.

The winners from left Pam Gambrill, Kelvin Blyth (club handicapper), Val Waite, Judy Blyth (club captain)



July 2016

Croquet Canterbury

Fendalton Park Croquet Club

In April twelve members went on a very successful 10 day trip to Adelaide, Australia to play against croquet clubs and to enjoy some sight-seeing.

Australian clubs were very hospitable and trips to the Barossa Valley and to Hahndorf to experience local wines and cuisine was most enjoyable. Some of our games were NZ vs Aus and others had us playing with members from the host club. Feedback from members who went on the trip was so enthusiastic that members are already signing up for the next one in 2017 to either Tasmania or New South Wales.

After the official closing day in April, croquet playing has continued over the winter months. Typical winter weather conditions have prevailed – rain, frosts, sunshine – and when conditions were suitable we had encouraging attendances boosted

by St Martins people. The highlight was playing in 22o C on 22 June.

In June we had a successful mid-winter lunch as a fund-raiser, followed by some great Golf Croquet.

Our opening day is Saturday 3 September and we welcome any visitors and new members. From a survey completed by our members in April and suggestions made, we are having club days on Mondays for singles play as well as some twilight evenings of play in addition to our normal club days on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

In October/November we are hosting our sponsored tournament and welcome any visitors who may be in Christchurch at the time to take part. Please contact Lorraine (lmcclurg@clear.net.nz) for further details.

In November we will be celebrating our 65th Anniversary. A sub-committee has been set up to organise the event and past members will be invited. A notable past member is Mary Gibson who celebrated her 105th birthday on 17 May. At 65 she took up croquet, retiring only at age 87 for health reasons. She held various positions in the club and is one of our most respected and loved life members.

Vilna Gough-Jones

Secretary Fendalton Park Croquet Club

Report to Croquet Matters from Croquet Nelson, July 2016

Croquet Nelson has been busy with celebrating the accomplishments during the season and planning for the next season.

Events hosted by Croquet Nelson have been well attended during the season. Membership at all the clubs in the region has increased. Four years ago it was decided to hold Open Day for all clubs the same weekend. This has proven to be a good strategy for welcoming prospective members to the clubs. New members have been gained at the clubs as a

result of this event. Coordination and cooperation among the clubs has been fantastic.

Richmond Croquet Club hosted the Snowball competition where one Sunday a month for 3 months the players are challenged in this handicap event. The maximum of 16 teams is easily accomplished. In a nail biter finish at the last hope, the winners this year from Nelson Hinemoa were Alan Winwood and Ken Hume.

Nelson Hinemoa Croquet Club has revised their Club Constitution. It was a year-long process that cleaned up phrasing that was obscure, clarified governance aspects, and updated the structure to fit with today's membership. President Mike Milstein said that "we wanted buy-in from all Committee members and over time from the club. The process is as important as the product. We want to build ownership and a sense of belonging to something worthwhile. I think we did it!" There were many drafts reviewed by the membership and discussed at the AGM when the changes were adopted. Milstein added that "We believe that our club can only be effective if it remains responsive to the croquet preferences of its members, serving equally well those interested in competitions and those who are social players."

There are two new club presidents in our region. Richmond Croquet Club elected a new President, Lance Barker. Riwaka Croquet Club elected Nini Wooff. Mike Milstein was re-elected at Nelson Hinemoa Croquet Club. Officers for the Clubs for 2016 - 17 are:

Nelson Hinemoa

President: Mike Milstein
Vice-President: Carl Horn
Secretary: Judy Jacobs
Treasurer: Elizabeth Morris
Captain: Carl Horn
Vice-Captain: Alan Winwood

Richmond

President: Lance Barker

Vice-President: Lawrie Cooper

Secretary: Mary North

Treasurer: Bryce Wild

Captains:

June Wild (GC) Betty Winterburn (AC)

Riwaka

President: Nini Wooff

Vice-President:

Secretary: Jenny Askew

Treasurer:

Captain: Mike Speak

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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.

Notifications

None this month

EQUIPMENT WANTED/ SURPLUS

None this month

Merit Awards

None this month

Qualifications

Nigel Grondin (Matamata) – GC Referee

Answers to GC Handicapping System Questions

Player A = -1 & 2100 index points

(no world ranking so work out effective handicap from 3(b) table in 2015/16 yearbook. A 1 equals a -1. Got to Table C in rule 16 to find the index points of 2100)

Player B = -1 and 2100 index points

(no world ranking so work out effective handicap from 3(b) table in 2015/16 yearbook. A 1 equals a -1. Got to Table C in rule 16 to find the index points of 2100)

Player C = 1 and 1900 index points

(no world ranking so work out effective handicap from 3(b) table in 2015/16 yearbook. A 2 equals a 1. Got to Table C in rule 16 to find the index points of 1900)

Player D = -4 and 2500 index points

(no world ranking – through lack of ranking games in the las 12 months, so check table 3(b)

which names the player as a -4. Get index points of 2500 from Table c)

Player E = 2 and 1800 index points

(player E has a grade of 1468 from the World rankings. This would equate to a 6 from Table C. As you can not go backwards, Player E would remain on a 2 and record a starting index of 1800 from Table C)

Player F = 3 and 1749 index points

(Player F remains a 3 and adds 1200 to her index)

