



October 2016

From the President

I would like to thank Heretaunga Croquet Club for inviting me to their Spring Tournament last month. I had a great time playing (some games more than others), catching up with people I haven't seen in a while and meeting others. It was a well-run and fun tournament. My husband and I were graciously hosted by Tony and Colleen Stephens and a big thanks to them. Also, congratulations to Heretaunga for successfully adding two more lawns for a total of 9. Next month I'm visiting Fendalton Croquet Club to help them celebrate their 65th anniversary. I'm looking forward to this special occasion.

The CNZ AGM was held over the weekend of the 8th and 9th October and it was a busy and enjoyable time.

The remit to increase the levies for full members by \$1 (to \$43) and those new to croquet by \$0.50 (to \$21.50) was passed. This will take effect for the **2017 - 2018 year**. The remit from Manawatu Wanganui regarding Atkins hoops did not pass. The recommendation from Waikato-King Country regarding showing clips also did not pass; both by close margins.

I'm delighted to welcome Murray Goldfinch (Otago) into his second term as Councillor. Sadly Baubre Murray resigned as Vice-President after serving nearly a decade. She contributed greatly in her role as the FAR Convenor and with the general business of the

Executive. She will be missed and we wish her well. You'll still see her playing croquet. Given Baubre's resignation, the Executive has decided to co-opt Stephen Fordyce (South Canterbury) onto the Executive. Stephen brings a strong background in organisation development and policy from his experience as a high school principal and teacher. He also brings a wealth of experience playing croquet and involvement with croquet at the club and regional levels. Please be sure to read his profile in this issue of Croquet Matters and welcome him.

The following were discussed during General Business, along with the suggested outcomes.:

- Auckland – guidelines for converting GC to AC handicaps: AC Handicappers will need to make this judgment as there is no easy way to develop a chart. This issue has been raised before. If AC handicappers need support, please contact CNZ office.
- Auckland – duplication of database: One of the tasks in the new strategic plan is to develop a video for secretaries for making changes to the database. This will be done soon and sent to every secretary. This should diminish this problem.
- Northland – Issue with a player who defaults after a game has started: Laws and Tournament Committees will review this and provide guidance that will be published in Croquet Matters.
- Nelson – Issue of watering lawns during a CNZ tournament: There are set guidelines for CNZ Tier 1 & 2

tournaments. The Clubs know best what the lawns can withstand during a tournament and should act responsibly to ensure no long term damage is done.

- Auckland – Issue of one free turn too many was taken; how do you score the result: Rule 1.(c) advises that once the games has finished with an agreed result the result stands. However, the tournament regulations state that someone who plays on the wrong handicap should be disqualified. Managers will have to make a decision in these circumstances.
- End of game method and handicapping: Managers have options available to them under the commentary on GC Rule 1.(c).
- New GC AHS cards – There were several suggestions made. **Please send all suggestions to CNZ Office so the next batch of AHS cards can be improved.**
- Photos not being taken with CNZ trophy: A reminder will be sent by the CNZ office to managers to take the pictures .
- Request levies to be listed on the website – The ED will add them to the CNZ website.

After the meeting closed there were a series of workshops. On Saturday and Sunday:

- Dallas Cooke led the review of changes that were made to the Tournament Calendar this year. Everyone was okay with the changes. Requests were made to all associations to host 2018-2019 CNZ tournaments so we can continue the 3 year calendar. **Please let CNZ Office know as soon as possible if your association would like to host.**

- Murray Goldfinch outlined the changes of the Health and Safety Act and possible impact it could have on clubs. An article will appear in a future Croquet Matters summarizing the points.
- Sue Roberts explained how to use Croquet Scores and some of the added features.
- Murray Goldfinch held a session on succession planning and encouraged clubs to look at the bigger picture when developing their strategy.
- Phillip Drew briefly reviewed the 2016 – 2020 CNZ strategic plan and how it relates to the Club Participation Award. The suggestions made by the delegates will be discussed at the Executive’s next meeting in December.
- Craig McFarlane from Sport NZ talked about the Sport NZ Strategy and how it impacts funding and support for croquet.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the Awards dinner where the Hall of Fame and Awards were given. Jenny Clarke, on behalf of the winning GCWTC team, did an excellent job of capturing the team’s build up and describing the intensity of the competition held in the UK.

At the dinner Chris Clarke, Convenor of the AC Selection Committee, introduced the 2017 MacRobertson Team who will be playing in Palm Springs, California starting April 2017. Last year was the first year the Hall of Fame recipients were named. Another 11 worthy recipients were honoured this year. Please be sure to read their profiles on the CNZ website. I would like to congratulate those who received awards this year. They were:

- The President’s Award for greatest increase in membership over the year: Riwaka Croquet Club (Nelson)

- Huon Pine Bowl for runner up for increase in membership over the year: Fendalton Park Croquet Club (Canterbury)
- Club Participation Award for highest percent of the given criteria and receives \$1500 in equipment: Nelson Hinemoa Croquet Club (Nelson)
- Most Improved AC Player: Felix Webby (Taranaki) – (2nd year in a row – amazing!!!)
- Most Improved GC Player: Angus Coulter (Bay of Plenty)
- Player of the Year: Duncan Dixon (Canterbury)
- Volunteer of the Year: Dawnry Slavich (Thames Valley)



Profile: Stephen Fordyce

Stephen retired two years ago after spending most of his working life in education, the last fifteen years of which were as a secondary school principal. In his own time, among other things, he read in and wrote about the history of Tai-Tokerau-Northland. Most recently, he has returned to university as a post-graduate student in theology.

Stephen’s youthful sporting passion was association football. (He was born in Birmingham, England, and remains an ardent long-distance supporter of “the Club that bears that city’s name.”) There followed a masochistic two-decade-long pursuit of running distances.

He was introduced to association croquet at the West End Croquet Club, in New Plymouth, towards the end of the last century, where his mentor was the late Len Peters. His proudest moment as a croquet player was an early one, when he won a B Grade trophy, in Wanganui, which had engraved on it the name of a former winner – Bob Jackson. Subsequently, Stephen has been a member of the Rotorua Croquet Club (where one can play in front of more spectators in a single afternoon than anywhere else in an entire season), Dargaville Croquet Club (now no more) and Whangarei Croquet Club. He is currently Vice-President of the picturesque Waireka Croquet Club, in

It is important to honour those who have worked hard and fantastic to see the joy it brings to those who received the honours. I would like to thank the delegates for their contributions to the meeting and sessions. Your input is valued. I appreciate greatly the sessions the Executive members led. Well done! I also thank our Executive Director for the behind the scenes work that makes it all seem easy.

As you can see, the AGM was a full weekend where the past was reviewed, members were honoured, and concerns were heard and actions taken. Next year’s AGM reports will reflect the progress of accomplishing our 2016 – 2020 strategic plan.

Warm regards,
Annie

We are delighted to advise that Stephen Fordyce has agreed to be co-opted onto the Executive until the next Annual General Meeting.

Ashburton, where he now lives (in Ashburton – not the croquet club).

Sport Development By Greg Bryant



CLUB COACHING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER
Association Croquet and Golf Croquet coaching with Greg Bryant

Date	Venue	am/pm
7-Nov-16	Murkai Lyn Duncan lyn@duncan@hotmail.com	GC
8-Nov-16	Kelburn Mary Stevens mstevens@xtra.co.nz	GC / AC
9-Nov-16	Pleasanton Anna McKenzie amckenzie33@gmail.com	GC / AC
11-Nov-16	Levin Judith Hunt judy_and_sue@xtra.co.nz	AC / GC
14-Nov-16	Masterton T&A T&A T&A	T&A
22-Nov-16	Wanganui Claire Bowen claire_bowen@xtra.co.nz	GC
23-Nov-16	Park View Gary Engelen garyengelen@xtra.co.nz	GC / AC
24-Nov-16	New Plymouth Ilex Brogden ibrogden@xtra.co.nz	GC / AC
27-Nov-16	Matamata Frances Beattie francesb@xtra.co.nz	GC
28-Nov-16	Tu Awamutu Seddon Polglase seddonp@xtra.co.nz	AC
29-Nov-16	Hamilton East Seddon Polglase seddonp@xtra.co.nz	GC

- AM sessions from 9-30 to 12.30
- PM sessions from 1pm to 4pm
- \$10 per person coaching fee. Second session free (applies to same day sessions)

Register now via the contacts above.

No matter your age or ability, I propose to provide every participant something of benefit from every session. Hope to see you there – Greg.

Introducing the New Zealand team for the MacRobertson Shield to be played in Palm Spring, CA, USA in April 2017

At the CNZ Awards Dinner, Chris Clarke - Convenor of the AC Selection Committee - introduced the New Zealand team to play in the next MacRobertson Shield

Our Captain - the 2014 Mac and 2016 GC WTC winning player **Jenny Clarke**



Greg Bryant
2014 Winning Mac team player
2017 will be his 6th MacRobertson Shield



Paddy Chapman
2014 Winning Mac team player
2017 will be his 4th MacRobertson Shield



Aiken Hakes
Will be debuting for New Zealand in the 2017 series



Joe Hogan

The first Croquet World Champion in 1989
In winning Mac team in 1979 and 1986
Has played in 4 series



Paul Skinley

In winning Mac teams in 1979 and 1986
2017 will be his 9th MacRob series



Croquet NZ tournaments in Nov & Dec

2-6 November

North Island AC Championships
Paraparaumu & Plimmerton Croquet Clubs
Pg 284 of Yearbook
Entries close 20th October

10-13 November

North Island GC Championships
Heretaunga Croquet Club, Hawkes Bay
Pg 285 of Yearbook
Entries close 27th October

10-13 November

South Island GC Championships
Brooklyn Croquet Club, Marlborough
Pg 286 of Yearbook
Entries close 27th October

2-6 November

South Island AC Championships
Elmwood & United Croquet Clubs, Canterbury
Pg 287 of Yearbook
Entries close 3rd November

26-27 November

Womens GC Tournament
Croquet Mt Maunganui, Bay of Plenty
Pg 288 of Yearbook
Entries close 10th November
*Coaching by Phillip Drew on Friday 25th
November (afternoon session) - all
participants welcome.*

3-4 December

U21 vs NZ Select
Manurewa Croquet Club, Counties-Manukau
This is a practise match for our top players
attending the GC Worlds in February next
year. Come along and watch some top flight
competition amongst NZ's best

13-16 December

U21 GC Championships
Rose Gardens, Manawatu-Wanganui
Pg 289 of Yearbook
Entries close 1 December

Health and Safety Manuals

- Specifically designed for croquet clubs
- Customised to suit individual clubs
- Fully OSH compliant
- Cost \$175.00

Enquiries to Tom Devlin 027 457 1409

Or devlin.family@xtra.co.nz

A fundraising initiative of the Fendalton Park
Croquet Club

Dates for the Nov 2016 issue of Croquet Matters

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

Please send articles to
croquet@croquet.org.nz

From the Regions

Orewa Croquet Club

7th ANNUAL EVELYN PAGE GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT

(Refer 2016-17 Yearbook page 316 for more
details)

Saturday/Sunday 12th/13th November 2016

Events: Saturday: **Golf Croquet Handicap Doubles**

Sunday: **Golf Croquet Handicap Singles**

Entries: In writing or email to the Manager by
Saturday 5th November 2016

Fees: \$15.00 per person

Manager: Julie Parry, 23/262 Centreway Road,
Orewa, 0931
email: ron.julie.parry@xtra.co.nz
Telephone: (09) 426 6285

Location: 43 Hatton Road, Orewa Four Lawns

Catering: Morning & Afternoon tea provided.

Conditions:

1. Method of play and divisions will depend upon entries.
2. Entries may be limited.
3. Games **start 8.30am Saturday, 9am Sunday** - only 5 games per day
4. 13 point games - 45 minutes time limit- double banking if necessary
5. Prizes for winner and runner-up all events.
6. All players must present GC Index Cards on arrival

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Matamata Croquet Club Move

Nearing completion

Spring has sprung the grass is ris' I wonder where the birdie's is?

Well, the grass is certainly rising at Pohlen Park and along with it the anticipation of moving into the new clubhouse facility that is nearing completion.

With the building now weatherproof work has started in earnest on the interior. The colour scheme was all worked out by a team of ladies who had great fun making sure everything was in keeping with the club's profile and even the club's colours were catered for.

Uni-sex toilets, kitchen, starter's office, mallet room and lounge all came in for the same attention to detail that has been part of the project from the start. The word is we will have our opening day in the first couple of weeks in January.

The greens are coming away well and the good Waikato rain and sunshine mix has proved itself once again. We are not looking for perfection from day one but the greens are in very good order and we now only have to wait for the finer grasses to take over and give us the base we need for top grade conditions. To achieve this we are cutting are every two days and the results are well up to expectation.

The finishing touches are going onto the rail fencing with ball barriers being set. These will incorporate seats for those who a feeling the pace of play a bit much!!

Morrinsville Annual Tournaments Results

The Laser Electrical sponsored golf croquet annual tournament was played over the weekend of the 14,15 and 16th October. We had entrants from Mount Maunganui, Thames, Hamilton, Matamata, Tauranga and Te Aroha vying for the honours. The doubles section comprised two games of handicap doubles and three of levels. This form of doubles play seems to prove quite popular. Section one doubles winners were A Wilkie (Te Aroha) and B Heapy (New Plymouth); runners-up R Braithwaite and I Bruce (Morrinsville); third J and K Blyth; Section two doubles winners were C Wilkie and T Molloy (Te Aroha); runners-up M Winchester and R Arnold (Morrinsville); third S and C Bosch (Morrinsville).

Due to the amount of spring illness around at the moment the singles numbers were down on previous years but there were many hard fought games. The weather Gods were not very kind which meant there was quite some convivial and relaxing time spent in the club rooms. Despite the weather all games were played. The winner was Phyllis Young (Morrinsville) with eight wins from eight games; runner-up with six wins was Geoff Young (Morrinsville) and third with five wins was Bill Heapy (New Plymouth). Another happy person on day two was Jan Ward

(handicap 6) of Mount Maunganui who gained 50 points in three games!!

CNZ Volunteer of the Year

On Tuesday October 11 the Paeroa Croquet Club had a special morning tea for a very special lady. Dawnry Slavich of the Paeroa club had been awarded the CNZ Volunteer of the Year but was unaware of it. Dawnry has done, and still does, a very great deal for croquet. She coaches all the new players who come to the club and also has a wonderful relationship with the local school pupils. Phyllis Young was all ready at the club having a coaching class then Geoff Young and Joan Jenkin arrived. Upon Dawnry querying `why are you all here and what's going on' she was informed that we just called in on the way to an appointment!
Dawnry was quite overwhelmed when Phyllis (Thames Valley president) presented her with the cup. Joan gave her flowers from the Thames Valley Association and the Paeroa club a lovely pot plant. It took Dawnry some time to come to terms with her award as she knew nothing of her name being forwarded for consideration.



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.

EQUIPMENT WANTED/ SURPLUS

None this month

Merit Awards

None this month

Qualifications

Max Charlton (Rose Gardens) - new GC Ref

Jenny Greig (Heretaunga) - new GC Ref

Helen Reeves (Heretaunga) - new GC ref

Club level CNZ Competitions for EVERYONE!

Club Captains – Add this to your notice board & set up your club draws for all your members to enter into. Club matches can happen at any time... provided the event is completed before the provincial or national cut-off dates for playoffs (see your Association or Appendix 5 of the CNZ Yearbook on page 230)

Keep a copy of your competition charts – club member entries in these events at club level count towards the Croquet NZ Club Participation Award!

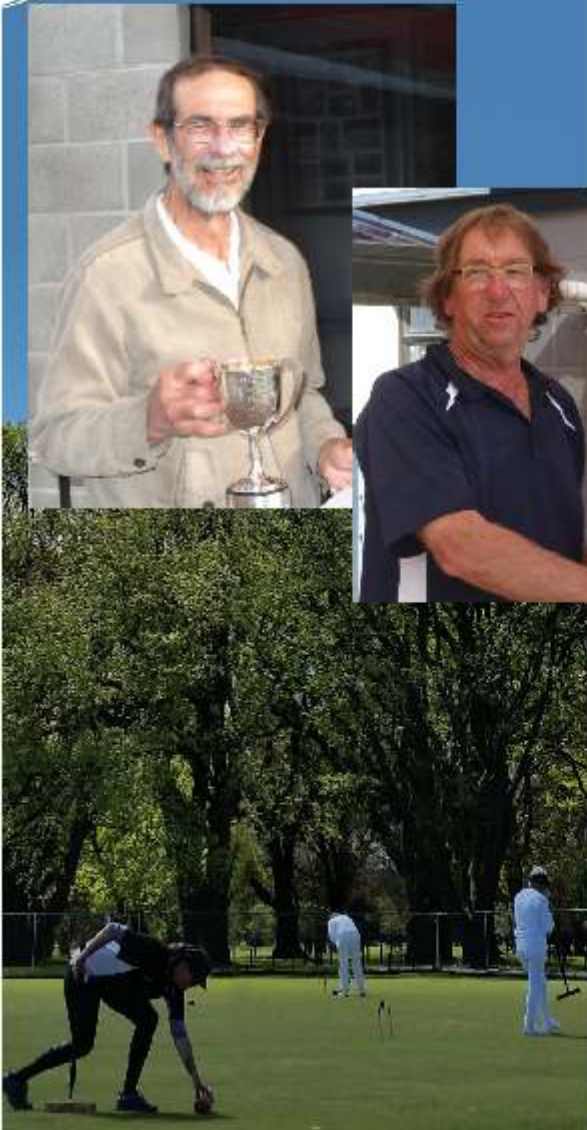


Thanks to Philippa Porter for the graphic idea



New Zealand
0-3 and 4+
Championship
2016

TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP



With 8 wins from 9 games, Canterbury's Ian Campbell won the 2016 NZ 0-3 Championship with a well controlled performance over fellow cantabrian Jonathan Hart. Jono' was rewarded with 7 wins and several good breaks from his aggressive lines of play throughout the weekend.

Leo Van Oosten, also from Canterbury is the NZ 2016 4+ Singles Champion after dropping just one of his 7 games. Robert McLay (Wanganui) prevented a cantabrian clean sweep with equal 5 wins but 36 net points more than Owen Evans for the Runner-Up spot in the 4+ division.

Congratulations winners, and thank you to Manager Gordon Smith, the Canterbury Croquet Association, and the United Croquet Club for hosting this year's event (and for the excellent toasted sandwiches at lunch).

CNZ 0-3: Ian C Campbell (Canterbury)
CNZ 0-3Runner-up: Jonathan Hart (Canterbury)
CNZ 4+: Leo Van Oosten (Canterbury)
CNZ 4+ Runner-up: Robert McLay (Manawatu – Wanganui)