



## October 2015

### This month:

We have a couple of new sections in the newsletter starting this month:

- **Equipment required** (*this is where clubs can talk to each other if they have incomplete sets of balls "We need a black ball", "We need a yellow ball"*)
- **Notifications** (*If you have changed email addresses for example*)

## AGM HAPPENINGS

The good news is that there will be no increase in the levies for the 2016/17 season.

The levies will be \$42/member, \$21 for new to croquet members, and \$10 for U18 players for the 2015/16 season. And now the 2016/17 season too.

The recommendations from Northland on (a) changing the name of the GC silver badges and (b) travel expenses, lapsed due to having no seconder.

The recommendation from Northland re replacement balls was lost but there was positive discussion by the delegates about other ways to achieve the desired outcome.

The recommendation from Nelson about accidentally hitting the ball in GC not being a fault was lost.

Annie Henry was elected President for the next two years.

Phillip Drew and Baubre Murray were elected as Vice Presidents

Dallas Cooke, Brian Boutel and Don Reyland were elected as councillors.

The winners of the Croquet NZ Awards were:

Presidents Trophy for new membership  
**Awamoa Gardens**



*(South Canterbury's Jenny MacNab with outgoing President Sue Roberts)*

Huon Pine Bowl for runner up for new membership  
**Waipu**



*(Northland's Lois Wilkinson with outgoing President Sue Roberts)*

Baker Trophy for Most Improved AC Player  
**Felix Webby (New Plymouth)**



*(Pamela's husband Graeme Roberts collecting on Pamela's behalf)*

Player of the Year  
**Josh Freeth (United/Epsom-Remuera)**



Most Improved GC Player  
**Edmund Fordyce (Waireka)**



*(South Canterbury's Jenny MacNab collecting on Edmund's behalf - with outgoing President Sue Roberts)*

Volunteer of the Year  
**Pamela George**



We were also delighted to launch the Croquet New Zealand Hall of Fame. This was a project kicked off by Nancy McDonald of Wellington, and taken on by Pamela George and John Prince. Murray Goldfinch on the Executive was also a key contributor.

15 legends of the sport made up the inaugural list of inductees – a veritable who's who of croquet:

- Arthur Ross
- Ashley Heenan
- John Prince
- Roger Murfitt
- R.V. Jackson
- Joe Hogan
- Tony Stephens
- Gordon Rowling
- Jean Jarden
- Rene Watkins
- Graeme Roberts
- Charles Jones
- Keith Izard
- Clarry la Roche
- Paul Skinley



Maureen Heenan collecting award on Ashley's behalf



Joe Hogan



Life member John Prince receiving his award



Tony Stephens talking about the support he's received from wife Colleen



Life Member Roger Murfitt



Paul Skinley (so overwhelmed with the honour he couldn't speak for a full two minutes!!!!)



Cliff Satherley receiving his grandfather's award (Gordon Rowling – Riwaka)



## Merit Awards

Silver – Irene Baty (Whakatane)  
Bronze – Alan Kerr (Wellington Municipal)

## Qualifications

Hillary Peate (Waimate) – GC Referee  
Lynne Corbett (Rotorua) – GC Referee  
Norma Mclennan (Rotorua) – GC Referee  
Murray McNae (Marton) – Umpire  
Ross Sutton (Thames) – GC Referee (extn)  
Carol Smith (Whangamata) – GC Referee (extn)  
Don O'Sullivan (Whangamata) – GC Referee  
Chris Brown (Thames) – GC Referee  
Tony Bullock (Thames) – GC Referee  
Bruce Jessop (Matamata) – GC Referee

Joy Weston – Level 1 GC Coach

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CNZ AGM Workshops  
11 October 2015

Workshop: Seniornet

The morning started off with Grant Sidaway of Seniornet. It was Grant's idea to start a service to keep seniors learning about technology. His talk was informative about the changes technology has seen as well as useful tips to keep savvy. One that was a hit with the delegates was a simple device for remembering your passwords. If you are like me, I have scores of them and it is always a challenge to either remember them or keep them safe. Grant suggested that you have a base word that starts off all your passwords. It must be something that isn't obvious and easy for you to remember. Next you add 3 digits at the end such as a number, symbol or capital letter. Then you only have to write the last 3 digits. For example, if my base word was croquet, I would add NBS1 to the end for my password for my NBS account. It's simple and makes life easier.

Grant ended with a wonderful quote that summarized his talk: "Participate in the age in which you live!" He was encouraging all of us to not leave technology to the grandkids but to learn and use the technology that is part of us today. This was clearly articulated with his review of the technology changes of the past that are now a part of our everyday living—like computers!

Seniornet is a valuable community resource. If people within your club haven't learned how to use technology, they have a place to go.

Workshop: Strategy Session

I would like to first of all applaud the delegates for their thoughtful and creative ideas that gave all of us insights into what we collectively see as the future of croquet. For 2 ½ hours the delegates dreamed and strategized about what they wanted croquet to be. The full report, which is attached to *Croquet Matters*, contains the ideas that were generated by the delegates. These will be taken to the Executive to use as a basis for making decisions regarding croquet. A few highlights are below.

There were four questions posed to the delegates, who discussed them with their respective associations prior to the AGM. They are:

1. Focus on what we want to be as a sport – if all our wishes and dreams could come true, what would croquet look like throughout the country?
2. What are we currently doing that supports collective and agreed upon dreams?
3. What roles do clubs, associations and CNZ have in making this happen?
4. What are our priorities?

The themes that emerged from looking into future activities were:

- Governance training
- Membership and participation to be increased
- Publicity
- Diversify within the club.

The next activity identified what is currently happening or needs to happen at the club, association and CNZ levels. The roles at each level were also specified. The recommendations for CNZ clearly pointed to building more infrastructure to support clubs and associations. These recommendations will be on the next Executive agenda and reporting of them will be done in *Croquet Matters* as well as other communications with associations and clubs.

A break through that is appreciated by CNZ was the delegates support of flexibility of communication to the clubs. Historically communication is through the associations. When there are urgent decisions to be made, the clubs will be contacted directly along with the associations to facilitate quicker responses.

The last discussion focussed on what CNZ is giving the associations, clubs and members. Nine items were offered. I hope that all of you will share these with your members.

Eight ideas for next year's AGM were suggested. I would like to keep that suggestion "box" open for additional ideas. We do have limited time and using it in the most effective way will be essential.

To fully answer the questions posed would take more than one session. The intention was to make a start and hopefully the delegates will take their

thoughts and knowledge back to their associations for further discussion. The Executive will be discussing the information generated and resources will be identified to support priorities.

If we are going to continue to grow croquet, we must be clear about what we have, what we need, and what our priorities are. We have built a solid foundation because of all the work the members do for croquet. Like our homes, we keep a check on how strong the structure and infrastructure are. When something needs an uplift, we take care of it before it becomes a problem. If you have a beautiful home that you love, it is important to take good care of it. For me, croquet is my home and I definitely want to keep it strong.

I would like to thank Murray Goldfinch, Councillor, for working with me to present this workshop. Murray is a great asset to our Executive and I value his input and ideas. The workshop was a result of our working collaboratively.

Please take 5 minutes to read the full script from the workshop that is attached to Croquet Matters. If you have questions, please ask your delegate to talk about it. I am also open to anyone who would like to discuss it.

I also would like to visit as many associations and clubs as possible during my tenure as President. I'm working on how to schedule this because I want to play, participate in my club, and help in my region. My hope is to attend as many CNZ tournaments as possible this year. I also want to come to your association tournaments. I want to hear from you. Your voices are important.

Warm regards,  
Annie Henry  
President  
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## The CNZ Gold & Silver Stars

New Zealand's most prestigious Golf Croquet handicap singles event, the Gold & Silver Stars will be an event that every GC player in the country can play in - at your own club!

Based on the AC equivalent Arthur Ross Memorial, GC players can enter their Gold & Silver Stars club competition with winners progressing to Association and National competitions to determine the national titles.

As a handicap singles event, this truly is an event for all players - from the social 'never played in anything' club member to the most seasoned international campaigner.

The CNZ Tournament Committee has confirmed the continuance of the GC handicap trial for this event to establish competition that encouraged participation at all levels, particularly those that play within their own club but have never ventured beyond their club draw, or are unable to travel to enter in CNZ events. With a majority of club players now playing GC, it is important that an accessible event, such as the Arthur Ross for AC, is available to the GC croquet community.

- Golf Croquet Handicap Singles Competition
- Club competition open to all CNZ Affiliated players.
- Association playoff for club event winners
- National Final for Association event winners

### Handicap adjustments for the CNZ Gold and Silver Stars competition

Actual Handicap (Or named player)	'Effective Handicap' for calculation of extra turns 2014/15 Gold & Silver Stars
C Clarke D Dixon P Drew T Stephens J Clarke	-6

J Christie P Chapman H McIntosh J Keeman D Bulloch R. V. Jackson M Crashley	-5
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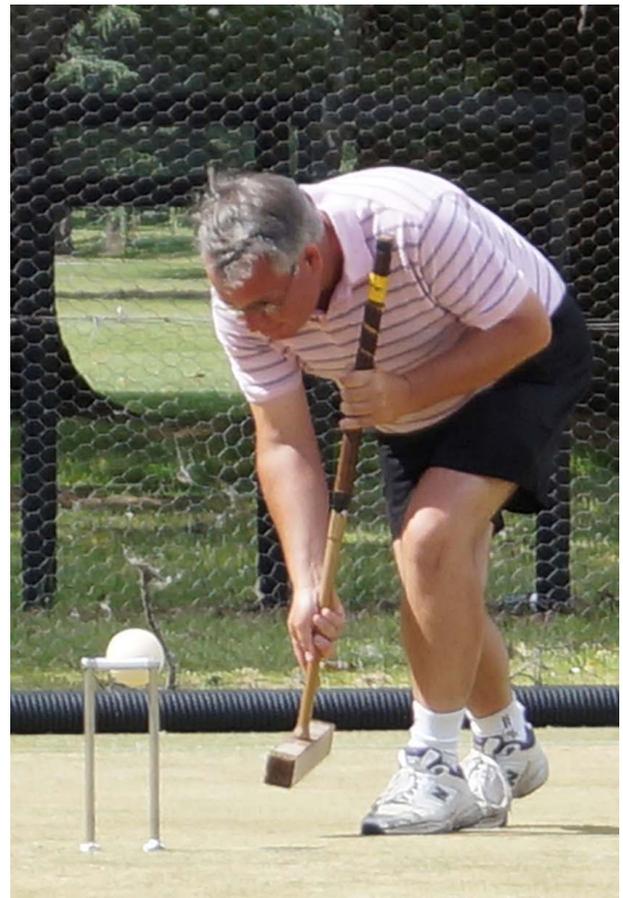
# Golf Croquet Tips for Handicap games

**Playing of a handicap of -6 last season**, Chris Clarke won the National Finals of the CNZ Gold & Silver Stars competition. Chris outlines some tactics that will give everyone else a better chance of beating him this year...

1. Get your ball to the hoop first - every time you run a hoop, think about taking an extra turn immediately to get down to the next one. And if you're not in front of it, think about taking another extra turn to get in front of it. This includes at hoop 1!
2. Look to take extra turns to be first to your hoop at odd-numbered hoops - because, e.g. you can run hoop 1 up to hoop 2, hoop 3 down to hoop 4, etc.
3. Consider taking extra turns to get into the jaws of hoops - but be careful you don't run the hoop! - so it's safer to do this if you're coming in from an angle. But don't take them if your opponent can jump hoops and is in good position to do this.
4. Only **ever** use an extra turn to clear your opponent if:
  - (1) Your partner ball is in front of the hoop, or
  - (2) You can get sufficiently close to play a 20-yard stop-clearance to stay in front - the latter being generally out of the ability range of most players
5. Be prepared to let your opponent win a hoop - particularly those even-numbered hoops - keep your extra turns for **you** to win hoops. If you just use them to knock your

opponent away what will happen? - your opponent will just come back in front of the hoop - **wasted extra turn**.

If you really need a golden role for using extra turns, **don't use them to clear the opponent** - it's a good starter. If you want to use them, check point 4 and only **ever** use them to clear if you can satisfy one of the reasons in point 4 above. Otherwise keep them in your pocket and wait for a better opportunity!



CNZ Gold & Silver Stars Champion Chris Clarke playing off a GC handicap of -6

## **GOLF CROQUET TEST SERIES VERSUS AUSTRALIA**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015, New Zealand again takes on Australia for Trans Tasman supremacy in Croquet.

The teams play three two-day test matches in the idyllic Rutherford Park, Nelson.

Each national team consists of four men and four women who will each play two best of three singles matches, one best of three doubles match, and one best of three mixed doubles match during each test match.

The New Zealand team is:

Phillip Drew (c), Chris Clarke, Duncan Dixon, Jared Keeman, Jenny Clarke, Dallas Cooke, Erica Stephens and Phyllis Young.

The Australians will field a strong team of:

Peter Landrebe, Kevin Beard, Chris McWhirter, John van der Touw, Anne Quinn, Wendy Dixon, Rosemary Landrebe and Alison Sharpe.

This is the first Trans Tasman Series to be played in Golf Croquet.

All previous series have been played under Association Croquet rules. Australia won the last series played in 2013.

Results will be available real-time on [www.croquetscores.com](http://www.croquetscores.com)

## **Upcoming Tournaments**

### **Croquet New Zealand tournaments**

#### **CNZ Southern Veterans**

4-8 November

Nelson – Nelson Hinemoa

#### **CNZ Central Veterans**

4-8 November

Manawatu Wanganui – Rangatira

#### **CNZ Northern Veterans**

4-8 November

Counties Manukau - Pukekohe

#### **CNZ South Island AC Championship**

18 November – 22 November

Marlborough - Blenheim

#### **CNZ South Island GC Championship**

12 – 15 November

Canterbury - United

#### **CNZ North Island GC Championship**

12 – 15 November

Manawatu Wanganui – Wanganui

#### **CNZ Northern Premier Silver Badge**

12-13 December

Auckland – Epsom/Remuera

#### **CNZ Central Premier Silver Badge**

12-13 December

Manawatu-Wangaui – Marton

#### **CNZ Southern Premier Silver Badge**

12-13 December

West Coast – Rangimare

#### **CNZ Under 21 GC Championship**

19-20 December

Canterbury - United



Register for  
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### **Regional tournaments**

#### **Paeroa Annual Tournament**

4-5 November  
Paeroa

#### **Canterbury AC Open Singles**

5-8 November  
United

#### **Waikanae Open Singles**

7-8 November  
Waikanae

#### **Marlborough Veterans Tournament**

9-10 November  
Brooklyn Croquet Club

#### **Wellington GC Handicap Singles**

12-13 November  
Paraparaumu

#### **Fielding Annual Tournament**

14-21 November  
Fielding

#### **Te Awamutu Annual Tournament**

19-22 November  
Te Awamutu

#### **Lower North Island AC Teams Event**

21-22 November  
Park

#### **South Canterbury GC Handicap Doubles**

21-22 November  
Ashbury

#### **Orewa Annual Tournament**

21-22 November  
Orewa

#### **Heretaunga Spring GC Tournament**

21-22 November  
Heretaunga

#### **Taranaki Annual GC Tournament**

28 November - 1 December  
New Plymouth

#### **New World Hams Tournament**

30 November - 4 December  
Whakatane

#### **Whakatane GC Tournament**

5-6 December  
Whakatane

#### **Canterbury GC Handicap Doubles**

6 December  
Fendalton

#### **Waimarie GC Open Singles**

6 December  
Waimarie

#### **Wellington AC Open Championship Singles**

27-30 December  
Wellington Municipal

## From the Regions

### Orewa

#### Orewa 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Croquet tournament

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Evelyn Page Retirement Village Golf Croquet tournament will held at the Orewa Croquet Club over the weekend of 21 and 22 November.

Last year this event was highly successful with a waitlist for entries.

The tournament dates are:

- Sat 21 Nov: GC Handicap Doubles
- Sun 22 Nov: GC Handicap Singles

The entry fee is \$15.00 per person with entries closing on Mon 16 November 2015. Entries may be limited so early registration is recommended. There will be prizes for winners and runners-up for all events. So for more details and registration visit

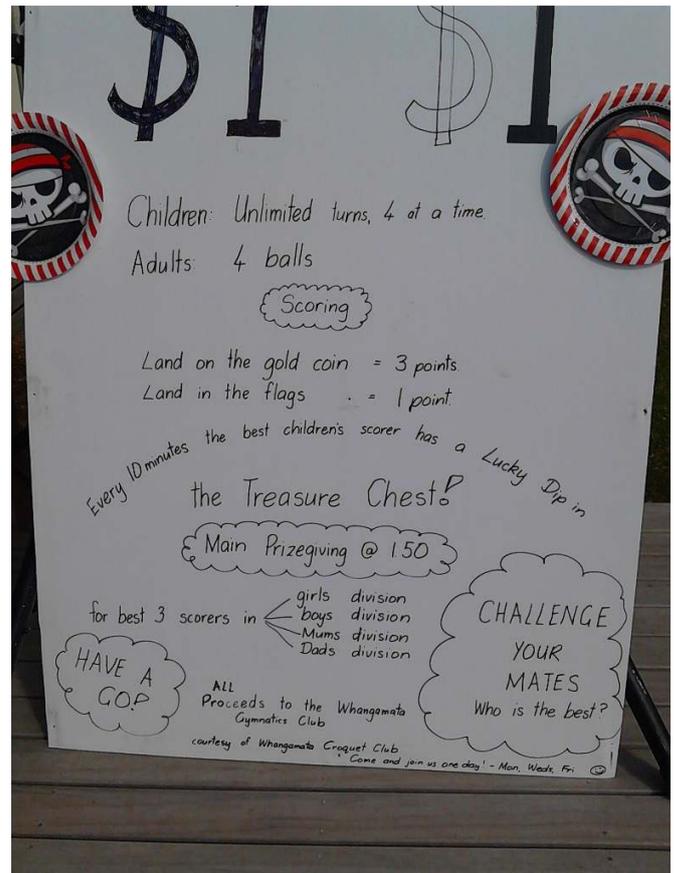
[www.orewacroquet.co.nz](http://www.orewacroquet.co.nz)



Some of last year's happy winners with the tournament sponsor.

### Whangamata

Sport Groups supporting others was what it was all about at The Brits at the Beach Fete on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October for the Whangamata Croquet Club, who decided to financially support their local Gymnastics Club. We became "Pirates in the Park" for the day and had participants "Walking the Plank" (Target Ball or Bulls Eye). For a dollar children got a sticker and could play as many times as they liked, while adults challenged their mates for their best score at \$1 for four balls. If they landed on the gold coin they won 3 points; keeping within the flags earned them 1 point. Amazingly the top scorers were the girls, boys and mums, all with 5 points while the best the dads could make was 4! Lucky Dips from the Treasure Chest were handed out each 10 minutes for the children and the top 3 finalists in each category won prizes at the end of the day. We hope some of the youngsters will remember the fun they had and think about playing croquet at some stage.  
Joy O'Sullivan





## Rotorua Croquet Club

Rotorua Croquet Club has recently felt honoured to award to Rosemary Menefry, a Life Membership.

She has been a member here for the past 27 years, spending 18 of those as a much appreciated Club Treasurer, a role she carried out with meticulous care.

Rosemary plays Association Croquet regularly, and with distinction, in both club and interclub competition.

She was an umpire for many years, and an encourager of new members.

We at the Rotorua Croquet Club wish her many more years of enjoyment on the croquet lawns.



*Rosemary Menefry (centre) receiving her life membership award.*

## Rose Gardens Croquet Club Spring Golf Croquet Tournament

Dry but cold weather greeted the participants in the Rose Gardens Spring Golf Croquet Tournament on 10-11 October. The usual good contingent from Hawkes Bay, predictably complaining about the weather, provided welcome playing support. The Open Event was won, for the third year running, by André Murray of Rose Gardens. Winning 9 games, he lost only one, to top seed Josh Smith (Rose Gardens) who came second with 7 wins, on a countback from John Wall, also from Rose Gardens. There was some exciting play, with a good crowd watching the last game between Murray and Smith. Zoe Petterson of Kelburn was the winner of the 4+ event, with Lyn Gregg and Jeremy Neild, both of Rose Gardens, second and third respectively. Fourteen year old Declan Leahy of Levin won the 8+ event with fellow Levin Junior, Max de Vré, second. Third was Erroll Johnston of Hawkes Bay, Leahy and de Vré are reigning National Schools champions, having represented Waiopahu College, Levin to win the NZ Secondary Schools title at Rose Gardens in March.

It was again a successful tournament with good food and refereeing and ably managed by Pam Green of Rose Gardens.

### Open Levels for the Gordon Smith Salver

**Winner:** André Murray (Rose Gardens), **Runner up:** Josh Smith (RG), **Third:** John Wall (RG).

**Individual results:** Murray 9 wins bt Powis 7-1, Vautier 7-3, Reynolds 7-2, Charlton 7-3, Grant 7-2, Kermodé 7-2, McNae 7-6, Reyland 7-4, Wall 7-6; Smith 7 wins +19 bt Vautier 7-2, Reynolds 7-4, Charlton 7-4, Grant 7-5, Reyland 7-5, Wall 7-2, Murray 7-3; Wall 7 wins +14 bt Powis 5-2, Vautier 7-5, Reynolds 7-5, Charlton 6-3, Grant 7-3, Kermodé 7-2, Reyland 7-5; Don Reyland (Hawkes Bay) bt Kermodé 7-5, Charlton 7-6, Reynolds 7-1, Vautier 7-5, Powis 7-1; Murray McNae (Marton) bt Vautier 7-2, Grant 7-5, Reyland 7-3, Smith 7-5; Judy Kermodé (HB) bt Powis 7-3, Vautier 7-3, Reynolds 7-4, McNae 7-4, Smith 7-5; Lynette Grant (HB) bt Powis 7-5, Reynolds 7-5, Charlton 5-4, Kermodé 7-5, Reyland 7-6; Colleen Reynolds (HB) bt McNae 7-4, Charlton 7-6, Vautier 7-3, Powis 7-5; Geoff

*Terry McBeth being awarded GC Ref Badge*

Vautier (HB) bt Grant 7-4, Charlton 7-3; Powis 7-4; Jayne Powis (HB) bt Smith 7-6, McNae 7-6, Charlton 7-6; Max Charlton (RG) bt McNae 7-5, Kermodé 7-4.

### 4+ Levels for the President's Trophy

**Winner:** Zoe Petterson (Kelburn), **Runner up:** Lyn Gregg (RG), **Third:** Jeremy Neild (RG)

**Individual Results Section Play:** Petterson bt Cook 7-4, Gregg 7-2, Bell 7-3, Johnston 7-5, Reay 7-3, Snelling 7-3; David Ward (HB) bt Petterson 7-6, Snelling 7-3, Reay 7-5, Johnston 7-6, Bell 7-5, Cook 7-4; Neild bt Cook 7-2, Ward 7-6, Bell 7-4, Johnston 7-1, Petterson 7-2; Gregg bt Snelling 7-5, Neild 7-4, Reay 7-6, Ward 7-4, Cook 7-3; Margaret Snelling (RG) bt Cook 7-6, Bell 7-3, Johnston 7-6, Reay 7-4, Neild 7-5; Karen Johnston (HB) bt Cook 7-1, Gregg 7-3, Reay 6-4; Mike Bell (Feilding) bt Gregg 7-5, Johnston 7-5, Reay 7-2; Joan Cook (HB) bt Bell 7-4, Reay 7-4; Chris Reay (RG) bt Neild 7-4. **Event Final:** Petterson bt Gregg 7-2, Neild 7-4, Ward 7-4; Gregg bt Ward 6-5, Neild 7-3; Neild bt Ward 7-4. **5-9th playoffs:** Johnston 3 wins, Snelling and Cook 2 wins each.

### 8+ Levels for the Rose Gardens Cup

**Winner:** Declan Leahy (Levin), **Runner up:** Max de Vré (Levin), **Third:** Erroll Johnston (HB)

**Individual results Section Play:** Leahy bt Reyland 7-5, Jeff Cook (HB) 7-3, Johnston 7-5, L.Thompson 7-1, G.Thompson 7-0, de Vré 7-6, Gardner 7-2; Annette Reyland (HB) bt Cook 7-2, Johnston 7-4, G.Thompson 7-6, de Vré 7-6, Gardner 7-4; Johnston bt Cook 7-1, G.Thompson 7-3, de Vré 7-5, Gardner 7-3; de Vré bt Cook 7-3, L.Thompson 7-5, G.Thompson 7-5, Gardner 7-6; Lynda Thompson (Marton) bt Reyland 7-6, Cook 7-3, Johnston 7-6, G.Thompson 7-6; Gordon Thompson (Marton) bt Cook 7-2, Gardner 7-6; John Gardner (RG) bt Cook 7-6, L.Thompson 7-5. **Event Final:** Leahy bt de Vré 7-1, Johnston 7-4, Reyland 7-2; de Vré bt Reyland 7-6. Johnston 7-4; Johnston bt Reyland 7-1. **5th - 8th Playoffs:** L.Thompson bt Cook 7-5, Gardner 7-6, G.Thompson 7-5; G.Thompson bt Cook 7-4, Gardner 7-4; Cook bt Gardner 7-5.



*Terry McBeth being awarded GC Ref Badge*



*Manager, Pam Green at work*



*Annette Reyland of Hawkes B and Max de Vré, Levin*



Watching André Murray v. Josh Smith. 7-3 to Smith

**Marton-Wanganui Croquet Clubs 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Association Croquet Championship Singles Tournament held on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October at Wanganui.**

A field of 20 players was divided into 5 divisions of 4 players each according to handicap. Two rounds of play were completed over the two days.

**Winners were: Division 1.** First Dick Smith (Wellington) beat Murray McNae (Marton) 26tp-0, 26-18; John Muir (New Plymouth) 26-19, 26-22; Liz McLay (Marton) 26-15.

**Division 2.** First Jean McIntyre (Marton) beat Margaret Muir (New Plymouth) 26-20, 26-15; Carissa Price (Masterton) 26-18, 18-11; David Winmill (Marton) 26-3.

**Division 3.** First Heather Richardson (Te Awamutu) beat Lyn Gregg (Rose Gardens P.N.) 26-10, 26-8; Robert McLay (Marton) 24-15, 21-17.

**Division 4.** First Vince Neall (Rose Gardens P.N.) beat Pamela Quirk (Wanganui) 26-11, 26-18; Brian Richardson (Te Awamutu) 24-9, 26-22; Annabel Neall (Rose Gardens P.N.) 26-10, 13-12.

**Division 5.** First Max Charlton (Rose Gardens P.N.) beat Krina Fitchet (Wanganui) 18-6, 13-8; Rex Oliver (Rose Gardens P.N.) 13-12, 20-3; Claire Brown (Wanganui) 14-10, 15-2.



With fifty two entries the Croquet events provided the competitors with some great sport and camaraderie. Mike Milstein, President of Croquet Nelson, welcomed everyone to the Nelson Hinemoa Croquet Club.

Betty Winterburn did an excellent job as manager ably assisted by Wayne Wooff as time keeper and scribe.

Nelson put on some stunning weather apart from one morning of showers.

#### **Results:**

##### **Association Croquet.**

##### **Singles Division One:**

Gold – Graeme Simpson  
Silver – Alan Winwood  
Bronze – Janet Boutel

##### **Singles Division Two:**

Gold – Kevin McGlinchy  
Silver – Bev Worrall  
Bronze – Ken Hume

##### **Doubles:**

Gold – Brian Maxwell and Graeme Simpson  
Silver – Kevin McGlinchy and Janice Good  
Bronze – Janet Boutel and Rosalind Thompson

##### **Golf Croquet.**

##### **Singles Section One:**

Gold – Nick Ferrier  
Silver – Jenny Close  
Bronze – Rosalind Thompson

##### **Singles Section Two:**

Gold – Janet Lilley

Silver – Joan Mander  
Bronze – Brian Ringrose

##### **Singles Section Three:**

Gold – Alan Winwood  
Silver – Ken Hume  
Bronze – Brian Maxwell

##### **Singles Section Four:**

Gold – Dave Close  
Silver – Mary North  
Bronze – Marie Peterson

##### **Singles Section Five:**

Gold – Bill Anderson  
Silver – Jennifer Wilson  
Bronze – Adrienne Pavelka

##### **Singles Section Six:**

Gold – John Borner  
Silver – Suzanne Cleveland  
Bronze – Merv Lilley

##### **Doubles:**

##### **Section One:**

Gold – Alan Winwood and Ken Hume  
Silver – Merv and Janet Lilley  
Bronze – Janice Good and Sue Cleveland

##### **Section Two:**

Gold – Mary Silcock and Lyn Gulliver  
Silver – Jennifer Wilson and Bill Anderson  
Bronze – Marie Peterson and Joan Mander

##### **Section Three:**

Gold – Jenny and Dave Close  
Silver – Robin Gordon and Kay Blair  
Bronze – Adrienne Pavelka and Robyn Struthers

Presentation of medals was by Annie Henry (now the President of Croquet NZ).

Mary North  
Publicity for Croquet Nelson

## Canterbury



*Kevin McGlinchy with Annie*



*Mary Silcock and Lyn Gulliver with Annie*



*Adrienne Pavelka with Annie*

I wish you could have been with us on a wonderfully sunny afternoon in the middle of October. The residents of the Dianna Isaac Retirement Village were invited to try their hand at playing on their half size croquet lawn.

Even though there were five of us there to act as Guides, five was far too few; over fifty residents turned out to watch and to play! Clearly any hope of carefully structured coaching was out of the question, so we just got those who were able bodied to hit a ball back and forth between pairs. Everyone seemed to find it fun, and a few wanted more, wanted in fact to play a “proper” game.

So four were selected and played a game of golf croquet, with coaches in close attendance. The offside rule was ignored, as were the occasional faults, and it went well until the third and fourth hoops because that side of the lawn was where the rest of the fifty were still hitting balls back and forth. However with all the good humour around, everyone survived.

Michelle, one of the village’s Activity Co-ordinators, said she was delighted to see so many being active, but quite understood how overwhelmed the coaches had been. So she said she would try to arrange, for the next few weeks, further coaching sessions on several days a week for a different eight residents at a time.

After that it is hoped many of the residents will be able to help others to understand and play the game, and by then the coaches will also have introduced the more basic Rules. A further report may be expected in a month or two.

The “Guides” were Noeline Wiseman, Mary Dudson, and Val & Ross Harris, all four from the Edgeware Club in Christchurch, which kindly lent many mallets and boxes of balls to supplement those the Village had already bought; and Geoffrey Naylor.

**Dates for the November issue of  
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- Please provide articles by 20 November 2015
- publication on 30 November 2015

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## Notifications

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Jo Reesby, President West End Croquet Club,  
Taranaki has moved to Villa 8, 35 Fernbrook  
Drive, Vogeltown, New Plymouth, 4310

***The Heretaunga Spring GC tournament  
which was postponed on 25/26  
September will now be played on 21/22  
November. All entries to Tony &  
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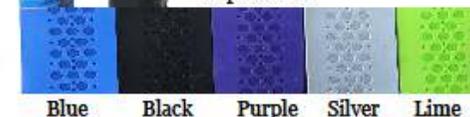
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