



September 2015

This month:



In early September, our Editor Pamela George passed away unexpectedly.

CNZ President, Sue Roberts provided the following comments at her funeral:

On behalf of Croquet New Zealand I would like to pass on our condolences to Graeme and family on Pamela's passing.

Pamela was an accomplished player – as I looked through past year books, Pamela's name featured many times. She was in the New Zealand Women's Trans-Tasman team in 1990 and 1992. Winner of the NZ Woman's Championship in 1992, Winner of the NZ Mixed Double Championships with Denis Bulloch in 1992. Pamela played in the 1994 World Championship and qualified from her block only to be knocked out by Reg Bamford.

Pamela was known for her encouragement of players at all stages in their play and in the many roles that one takes up in a club.

Pamela gave a lot to croquet – over the past 4 years as President of CNZ I have been privileged to have met and worked with Pamela. Tournament managing had been done with ease and always flowed smoothly - she had the respect of the all players.

Over the last few years Pamela had been Editor of Croquet Matters – always ensuring that it was out regularly and jam packed with interesting articles. Croquet Matters is a credit to Pamela as she managed to present it as a good and informative read.

During the successful challenge of the MacRobertson Shield Pamela was at all three venues providing daily updates of the days play for this following the event – this kept the rest of the country up to date and feeling part of the challenge. I do remember the coffee pot that travelled around with her and Graeme.

Murray Taylor (our Executive Director) is away in holiday the US – he sends his condolences. Murray would consult with Pamela on all things croquet – a great sounding board and always a wise reply and sound advice.

Pamela had a wealth of knowledge of croquet – with a passion for the history and preserving it. Of late she and John Prince had been working on CNZ Hall of Fame and with her usual flare the bios were coming together and nearing completion. At Graeme's insistence the CNZ Hall of Fame will go ahead as planned and be launched at this year's AGM.

It is a testament to Pamela to see so many here today – the croquet members that have travelled to be here from around the country speak volumes of high regard and respect we had for Pamela. You will be sadly missed and never forgotten.

Rest in Peace Pamela.

Graeme thanks everyone who has called or written with lovely messages, he was really touched by the thoughts of the croquet community.

From the Executive

A reminder about the Workshops at the CNZ AGM on Sunday, 11 October 2015,

9.30-10.00am

Grant Sidaway from Seniornet

“The Need to be Savvy with Technology”

10.00–12:15pm

Croquet NZ Strategy Session

This year we would like to hear directly from the delegates about the direction of croquet and invite you to consider the possible ways in which we can both grow the sport and strengthen croquet in New Zealand.

If we continue to look only at the present, it will be difficult to meet the challenges that we face. Some of these challenges are:

- little or no growth of membership (We know from the data collected that we have new members joining but at the end of the year growth is not realised because of those who drop their memberships for various reasons);
- threat of decreasing revenue;
- different reasons for playing the sport (social, fun competitions, and highly competitive players) that sometimes creates a tension within a club and/or region;
- different age groups (youth squad to baby boomers to the older generation) with different needs.

If we want to have an organisation that continues to be healthy, then we need to find ways to determine where we want to put our energies and resources. The strategy session will:

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? a. “Dreams are today’s answers to tomorrow’s questions” (Edgar Cayce).

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?

This is a lot to cover during the time we have.

We invite you as Associations and delegates to discuss and engage with these ideas locally, prior to this strategy session, to assure a useful and vital discussion in October. Please share this information with your Management Committees at the association level as well as at your clubs.

The results of those discussions and any recommendations following will be presented to the CNZ Executive.

Actions will be taken to achieve priority goals. Some may be long term goals, over 5 or more years, while others may be expected to be made manifest within the year.

Our hope for these sessions is to not only to hear from delegates but to use the input to formulate new strategies for croquet in New Zealand, ones that are widely communicated and supported.

Murray Goldfinch and I will be facilitating this session. We look forward to hearing from you. If you would like to contact us prior to the session, my email is annie58@ihug.co.nz.

Kind regards, D. Annie Henry

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

Sport Development Officer

September has been a busy month visiting several clubs throughout the South Island, providing AC and GC club coaching sessions in Southland and Otago, Bronze Silver and Gold Squad coaching and a school age Intro-Croquet session in South Canterbury, and Level 1 Coaching for Coaches sessions in Canterbury and Nelson.

I also attended the NZSSSC Secondary School Sport Coordinators conference held in Invercargill. This was a great insight to the current initiatives that are driving this industry and accordingly how coordinators are delivering sport and recreation activities in school environments.

Although New Zealand participation rates in youth sport and recreation are amongst the highest in the world (90% according to NZSSSC statistics) to this point there is not a lot of evidence that the quality of delivery or outcomes is a significant factor in school or community sport arenas.

Croquet is not geared to deliver 'quantity' within the community sport objectives and I don't believe that our sport would benefit greatly through a quantity over quality focus. It was a relief to hear at least one member of the NZSSSC Executive mention that the quality of outcomes in community sport needs more focus and support in the future. It will be interesting to see if central government will follow through, or will a reducing percentage of active participants be doing an increasing number of things not very well?

Croquet will do well to focus on the quality of what we do. Know the basic elements of any activity or programme within our great game and do them well.

There are still opportunities for players, clubs and associations to schedule CNZ development events of interest within this season's schedule:

CNZ Affiliated players:

Bronze Squad	Hawera	24 October
Silver Squad	Hawera	25 October
Gold Squad	Hawera	26-27 October
(North Island Championship follows)		

Bronze and Gold Squad events in Pukekohe have been cancelled. The Silver Squad event at Pukekohe will continue 7th October.

Club Coaching Sessions

Coaching for Coaches Level 1 workshops Club / Association development meetings

AC and/or GC coaching sessions with Greg Bryant. 1/2 day sessions. Please contact Greg to schedule suitable times and content.

Region	Available dates
Upper South Island	10-20 November
Lower North Island	1 - 10 December
Upper North Island	1 - 25 February
Lower South Island	Early or Late March

Secondary Schools Intro-Croquet Workshops:

Croquet workshops are available to all year 9-13 students.

Region	Date	RST
Blenheim	24 Nov 2015	Sport Tasman
Kaikoura	25 Nov 2015	Sport Canterbury
West Coast	26 Nov 2015	Sport Canterbury
Thames Valley	12 Feb 2016	Sport Waikato
Waikato	12 Feb 2016	Sport Waikato
Kaitia	16 Feb 2016	Sport Northland
Doubtless Bay	17 Feb 2016	Sport Northland
Kerikeri	18 Feb 2016	Sport Northland
Whangarei	19 Feb 2016	Sport Northland
Canterbury	28 Feb 2016	Sport Canterbury



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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0	-4
1	-2
2	0
3	2
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
11	11
12	12

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 rule 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

Upcoming Tournaments

Croquet New Zealand tournaments

CNZ Silver & Bronze Medals

17-18 October

BOP - Katikati

CNZ North Island Championship

28 October - 1 November

South Taranaki - Hawera

Bronze / Silver / Gold coaching precedes

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



Register for
Tournaments online
www.croquet.org.nz

Regional tournaments

12-16 October

Bay of Plenty Annual AC at Mt Maunganui
(pg321)

17-18 October

Wellington Women's Open Singles at Kelburn
(pg371)

24-26 October

Auckland Open Singles (MAGAK) at
Epsom/Remuera
(pg318)

24-25 October

Canterbury Handicap Singles at Barrington
Park
(pg328)

24-26 October

Nelson GC Handicap Tournament at Nelson-
Hinemoa (pg347)

24 October

South Canterbury AC Handicap tournament at
Waireka
(pg357)

30 Oct - 2 November

Taranaki GC Annual at New Plymouth
(pg364)

31 October

South Canterbury GC Grades at Aorangi

31 October - 1 November

Otago GC Annual at Forbury Park
(pg 353)

From the Regions

Petone Central Croquet Club

Petone Central Croquet Club conferred a life membership on Julie Murphy last year. That alone warranted an article in this newsletter, but we were tardy and have only just been triggered to act by her recent move to Wanganui to be near family. Julie is a well-known personality within the Wellington Croquet Association (WCA) as well as being a stalwart of the Petone Central Croquet Club.

Golf, not the croquet sort, was her first love, but when she could no longer cope with the hilly terrain of her home club, Te Marua, she took up croquet instead. She was made a life member of Te Marua Golf Club in 1991, and she continued to be involved in training and examining golf referees until recently.

Julie's dedication to croquet was at all levels; she held positions in WCA (Association Handicapper 2004-09, Tournament Convenor 2007-10, Treasurer 2011-12, President 2012-14), she is an association croquet umpire and referee, and she is a golf croquet referee even though she does not play golf

Julie joined our club in 1995, and was an office bearer of one sort or another for many years – Treasurer (1998-2003), Club Captain (2003-2006), and President (2006-2015). She also ensured that all other officers of the club did their jobs well; we were kept on the straight and narrow by her ever vigilant eye.

Julie tried to train us so that we would cope when she “fell off her perch”, as she put it, and we now realise how much we relied on her institutional memory and wide knowledge of regional croquet. It has taken many committee

members to fill all her shoes, and we still struggle to get it right.

We wish Julie well and thank her for all the effort and dedication she put into croquet both at club and at district level.



Julie in typical pose



Julie with Cor Van Dyk



Julie instructing the troops

Opening Day at Orewa

Heavy rain over the previous two days meant that the lawns at the Orewa Croquet Club were sodden and closed for play for the Club's Opening day celebrations. However members still enjoyed a shared lunch together at the club-rooms at Hatton Rd.

Life member Kath Rhodes did the honours of 'running the first hoop' to open the 2015-16 Season which runs until May next year.

Club President Lesley Dallimore said the Club was in great heart with a full membership of nearly 90 members and made special mention of the support of the Club's sponsors and also recognised the hard work of Grounds Superintendent, Robert Letcher.

The Club has a full calendar of competitions including Regional and National tournaments including the 6th Evelyn Page Annual Golf Croquet tournament in November and the 25th Annual Maygrove Village Association Croquet tournament in early January. Both these tournaments draw top players from all around New Zealand. The Club will reach another milestone in 2016 when it celebrates its 40th anniversary with a wide range of events planned later in the year.

For further details about the game and the Club visit the Club's website

www.orewacroquet.co.nz



Life member Kath Rhodes running the first hoop with Club President Lesley Dallimore looking on



Club members Lesley Dallimore, Leith Freeman, Ann Strasser, Trish Ellis and Norma Parker enjoying celebrations



Janet Jury and Helen Farquharson enjoying opening day



President Lesley Dallimore presenting Robert Letcher with a thank you from the club

The Orewa Croquet Club recently held their 2015-16 Season Opening Doubles competition at the

Club's lawns on Hatton Rd, Orewa. This is the beginning of a very busy season for the Club with a full range of local, Regional and National tournaments being held through to May 2016.

Association Croquet: 1. Elizabeth Harper and Chris Smith, 2. Carol Pugh and Lesley Dallimore,

3. Keith Wallace and Bets Blake, 4. Pat Rotherham and Julie Parry

Golf Croquet: 1. Vern McCartney and Bets Blake, 2. Gloria Le Comte and Bernice Lang

GOLF CROQUET TEST SERIES VERSUS AUSTRALIA

On the 30th 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

Dates for the October issue of Croquet Matters

- Please provide articles by 20 October 2015
- publication on 30 October 2015

Please send articles to croquet@croquet.org.nz

Paddy Chapman wins CA President's Cup



Paddy Chapman recently chalked up one of the biggest victories in his career –The prestigious CA President's Cup.

The Croquet Association President's Cup is contested annually by the top 8 AC players in England – CNZ's Silver Tray Invitation equivalent.

Paddy joins a list of 12 Kiwi's to have previously achieved the feat. Keith Izard was the first of these 1908. He went onto repeat victories in 1912 and 1914.

The Nottingham-based Cantabrian had 11 wins (from 14 games) to runner-up Dave Maugham's 10 over the four day event.

The Invitation tournament was played under Super-Advanced rules which allowed for some interesting tactics and scores as Paddy's scorecard indicates:

+25qp	-9 otp	+25qp	+13 qpo	+21 tp	+7 oqp	+13 tpo
-26	+12 qpo	+8 otp	+7 oqp	17 sxp	+20 qp	+5 tp

Results at:

<https://croquetscores.com/2015/ac/ca-presidents-cup/double-round-robin>



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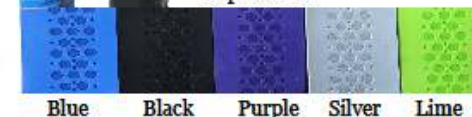
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