



November 2016

From the President



The season is in full swing with lots of club, interclub and national competitions. All of these competitions are important for improving your play. At the club and interclub levels the regional and club coaches are helpful for improving different aspects of your play. Competing at the national level is where you learn more about how to implement the ideas you learned. You also learn to read lawns as well as your opponents better. If you haven't looked at the offerings around the country that are listed in the Yearbook, there is still time to do so.

My goal is to attend as many competitions as possible—whether or not I play. This past weekend the Women's GC Open and 5+ Championships were hosted by Mount Maunganui Club. It was great to see an increase in number of women who played in this event. Thanks to a generous croquet player, \$1,000 of prize money was distributed among the winners. The bonus for this tournament is having a half day of coaching prior to the event. Thanks to Phyllis Young for stepping in at the last minute when Phillip Drew couldn't coach the session. Phyllis was inspirational for all of us. She and Dallas Cooke provided useful tips for improving our games. Even if we knew the tips, it is still good to validate what we are doing.

The weekend before the South Island Open and 4+ AC Championships were held in Christchurch. It was a great opportunity for local players to play in a national event. Unfortunately few from the area competed. Hopefully next year more players will compete.

This will be the last Croquet Matters Issue of the Year.

Best wishes from the Executive for a happy Christmas and all the best for success in 2017

It is these types of competitions that help us play more and better croquet!

Congratulations to those players who won events throughout the country. There were many hard fought games and close outcomes.

A special event was held at the **Fendalton Club** in Christchurch: they celebrated 65 years! They had a fun day planned with as many people as possible dressing in period dress of 65 years ago when the club started. Because the women wore skirts when the club started, everyone (including the men) played side stance. An afternoon of fun play was followed by a delightful ceremony and delicious dinner. Thanks to **Club President Tom Devlin** for inviting my husband and me to help them celebrate. It is a fun club with lots of spirit, great lawns, and a wonderful club room. It is also essential to recognise where you started and continue to grow stronger as a club. Well done to all Fendalton Club Members!

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday, Happy Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope to visit more clubs and associations next year.

Warm regards,
Annie

CNZ Tournament Feedback

Introduced this year is the survey monkey electronic feedback system. This is sent to competitors after the tournament is concluded. A five minute exercise which lets player's rank items from 1 to 5 on satisfaction levels. These have provided some interesting aspects which the tournament committee will discuss at their next planning meeting. Unless we know of your concerns or satisfactions we are unable to address these issues therefore we appreciate your replies.

Dallas Cooke
CNZ Tournament Committee Convenor

Croquet NZ tournaments in Dec 2016 & Jan 2017

15-18 December

U21 GC Championships

Rose Gardens, Manawatu-Wanganui

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Entries close 1 December

2-8 January

GC Nationals

Nelson-Hinemoa & Richmond, Nelson

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Entries close 15th December

GC Nationals 2 – 8 January 2017

The GC Nationals will be hosted by Croquet Nelson and held at the Nelson Hinemoa and Richmond Croquet Clubs. The Open will be held at Nelson Hinemoa and the 4+ will be held in Richmond. Doubles will be played first and then the singles. Entries must be received by **15 December 2016**.

Online entry is preferred.

Billets are available for \$30 per night.

Fun BBQ will be held one night.

Jazz festival starts on 3 January for four evenings of jazz throughout the city. Lots of other activities available for the week. Come along and have some fun playing croquet and enjoying the area. Love to have you visit the Nelson Tasman region.

Check out the entries on croquetscores.com. Information will also be updated each week.

Annie Henry
Manager

14-22 January NZ Open (AC)

Mt Maunganui, & others, BOP
Pgs 291-292 of Yearbook
Entries close 29th December

All NZ Open entrants please note changes to the Heenan Plate for this year.

1. The Heenan Plate will be solely for those that do not qualify for the Knockout. 1st and 2nd round losers will play X, Y, Z
2. The format for the Heenan Plate will be Block play followed by a Knockout (final format to be determined when numbers wishing to enter the Heenan plate are confirmed.

These changes override what is in the Yearbook.

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

Merit Awards

John Muir – Gold
Felix Webby – Gold

Qualifications

Boyd Jones (Katikati) – AC Umpire
Wendy Schollum (Maungakaramea) –GC Ref
John Schollum (Maungakaramea) – GC Ref
Neville King (Whangarei) – GC Ref

Graeme Norton (Papakura) – GC Ref (requal)
Roger Adamson (Howick) – GC Ref (requal)
Jan King (Whangarei) – GC Ref (requal)

CNZ GC Womens Opens – 26/27 November 2016

On behalf of all the CMCA 6 players Pat Anderton , Noeline Posselt, Maisie Brown, Paddy Sheriff and Daphne Cox all from Manurewa and Pat Lester from Pukekohe, we would like to thank all of the organisers for a wonderful weekend at the Mount Maunganui Greens.

Our weekend started off with coaching inside due to the weather but Phyllis Young and Dallas Cooke did a great job and had everyone interested and I am sure we all learnt something. Considering it was a late call for them, great job.

From Saturday to Sunday Geoff Young (Manager) had everything sorted and running like clockwork, there was a little down time sometimes but I feel we needed that to get our Mojo back and then into it again.

The results after each game were updated very promptly and the board was updated for the next round so that all players were kept informed of who their next opponents were.

The kitchen Ladies kept us all fed and watered the complete time and made us feel very welcome, thank you all.

Big thank you also to the Anonymous Sponsor who made this happen.

Once again we would like to thank each and all that was involved.

CMCA players did our Association proud scooping 4 of the placings : Opens Pat Anderton Manurewa 1st, Noeline Posselt Manurewa 3rd and Plus 5 ' s Pat Lester Pukekohe 1st and Maisie Brown Manurewa 3rd
Well done and thank you to all who supported us

Regards

Noeline Posselt, Manurewa CC, CMCA



Pat Anderton receiving her prize from CNZ President Annie Henry and Geoff Young - Manager

From the Regions

Marewa Croquet Club

Members of the club enjoyed a One Ball day tournament on 5th November. For \$10, they got to enter the tournament, have a BBQ lunch and at the end of the day Strawberries and Ice cream. It was a good day to get Golf Croquet players and Association Croquet players coming together. The top Golf Croquet player was Owen Rees, by one hoop and the Association player was Annette Dunlop.

Croquet Mt Maunganui

The new secretary of Croquet Mount Maungaunui is now:
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Fendalton Park Croquet Club

November has been a cracker of a month for Fendalton Park Croquet Club.

We have welcomed 6 new members and with a couple of resignations we have a current membership of 70 active members. Fortunately not everyone comes every club day, but we are finding our lawns being used to the maximum - which can only be a good thing for croquet!

Then we found out that at the CNZ AGM in October we were awarded the Huon Pine Bowl trophy as runner up to most improved membership. We are proud of our club!

We had an internal tournament with a field of 32 players on the Saturday of Labour weekend, which was won by Peter Wilson and Alan Chapman.

Our internal tournaments are progressing well and it was fitting that the Holland Singles Trophy was won by our "Dutch" member Betty Inglewood from her husband Louie. Other tournaments are being played outside club days fitting in with the inclement spring weather, and some Interclub matches have had to be played on "catch-up" days as well.

On 6 November we held our annual Fendalton Doubles tournament. What a great day! The weather was perfect, we had 40 players and there was some great croquet and social interaction. Our grounds manager Brian Perwick with wife Pauline are doing a great job with our lawns and ensured that the lawns were in peak condition for the tournament. We are grateful for the support of players from Canterbury, Ashburton and Nelson. Lorraine McClurg, our club captain did an excellent job with the running of the tournament and the Fendalton Ladies led by Marjory Clements and Pauline Perwick who work so tirelessly in the background ensured that there was a delicious spread for morning and afternoon tea, as well as "happy hour" at the end. Their efforts were gratefully appreciated. It was pleasing that the winners came from different clubs.

1st Kay Blair and Jill Williamson - St Martins
2nd Val French and Eric Ogier – Hornby on count back
3rd Bev Blair and Janice Murta – Waireka Ashburton on count back
4th Nini and Wayne Wooff – Riwaka Nelson
I understand that some players have already signed up for the tournament next year 😊

On 12 November we celebrated our 65th Anniversary with a fun afternoon and spit roast dinner. The committee and some of the members dressed up in the fashion of the 1950s, and croquet had to be played from the side. What fun we had. It was also special to have the CNZ president Annie Henry and husband Mike Milstein join us for the afternoon. Those who forgot to use the side swing had to pay a “fine” of \$2, and there was \$22 in the “naughty box”. Habits die hard.

Friday 18 November saw a successful function with our sponsors Travel2U. Each of their 8 personnel teamed up with a member from Fendalton and three friendly games were played. This was followed by nibbles in the clubhouse and lots of laughter and social interaction.

Our trip to Australia in April next year is well under way with 12 players going to New South Wales and playing at 8 croquet clubs.

Arrangements by the host clubs look fun and we are grateful for their willingness to host us. It was special to get an email of support re the recent earthquakes from a club at Mount Barker near Adelaide that we met in our trip this past April.

All in all, Fendalton Park Croquet Club is in great shape.

Any visitors to Christchurch are welcome to contact us for some games over the summer. We will be in recess from 17 Dec and will start up again on 7 January.



CROQUET TARANAKI ANNUAL TOURNAMENT INC

The 92nd Annual Tournament sponsored by Jean Sandel Retirement Village was held on 29-31 October over 4 clubs being West End, Inglewood, Tasman and head quarters New Plymouth. Entries from Bay of Plenty, Thames Valley, Manawatu-Wanganui, Hawkes Bay, First event on the Friday was the doubles; this was divided into 3 sections: Open Levels with 8 pairs: Winners on count back was M Lewis (New Plymouth) and B Heapy (Tasman) runners up S & C Piercy (Katikati):

There were 2 sections of handicap doubles; one section at West End and one at Tasman, with the final played at West End.

The winners being; I Bishop & R Keech (Park Hawera) runner up; G Bird & J Hughes (Hawera).

Saturday and Sunday was the Singles; Open Levels Ranking played at New Plymouth with 16 entries; winner was J Peck (Tauranga) runner up Steve Piercy

(Katikati): It was unfortunate that D Roberts (Katikati) had to pull out on the second day of play after winner all games the first day he too had a visit to hospital emergency, last year it was S Piercy.

Levels 4-8h/c Singles was played at West End and Tasman winner was NZ under 21 rep G Mohi (New Plymouth) winning 13 out of 14 games; runner up B Reader (Tasman);

9-12h/c was played at Inglewood; winner A O'Byrne (New Plymouth) runner up T Warnock (New Plymouth)

Monday the handicap sections were played in 3 sections, winner of section 1; was C Reynolds (Marewa) who was the highest ranked and went straight into play the final, so a semi final was played from Section 2; K Johnston (Marewa) and Section 3 G Robertson (Marewa).

Winner was K Johnston who played C Reynolds. Overall winner K Johnston Runner up C Reynolds 3rd G Robertson.

Val King
Publicity



Open Singles winner Jim Peck with Croquet Taranaki President Bushie Reader



Winner of open 4-8 section Grace Mohi with Manager Peter Batchelor.



Winners of Open Doubles Moya Lewis & Bill Heaphy with Manager Peter Batchelor

NOTE

**Croquet Southland Annual Tournament
14-19 January 2017
Ph 353 of yearbook.**

**Closing date for entries will be 6 January
2017**

**Evelyn Page Retirement Village GC
tournament**

The Orewa Croquet Club held another successful croquet tournament over the weekend of 12/13 November with some very close results, some being decided by points differentials.

The Evelyn Page Retirement Village Golf Croquet tournament involved not only local Club members but also competitors from Pakuranga, Manukau, Takapuna, Pt. Chevalier, Mt Albert and from far afield as Waipu.

This Golf Croquet tournament is played as a one hour game (normally 45 minutes) and involved five games each day in two sections involving 6 sets of competitors in each section. Doubles was played on Saturday and Singles played on Sunday.

The Doubles competition saw locals Jeanne Webber and Lesley Dallimore clear winners in section one with five straight wins followed by Pt. Chevalier visitors Paul and Sandra Warner with three wins and then Rod Christiansen and Jean Kent (Waipu) in third. Section two was a very tight competition where Orewa members Jane Boyens and Dan Donaldson prevailed by a split points decision with four wins over Ron Parry and John Boyens, also from Orewa and Gay & Cynthia Bates (Manukau) a creditable third.

The Sunday Singles competition, also played in two sections, saw John Boyens sweep away the opposition with five wins followed by Anne Mortimer (Takapuna) with three wins. Section two was a very close affair being decided by one point with Dan Donaldson taking out the section with 4 wins from Rose-Marie Letcher (Orewa) also with four wins. Jeff Sunderland (Pakuranga) finished a close third.



Aniko and Charles Osvold (Takapuna)



Club Captain Julie Perry presenting prizes to Section 1 Doubles winner Lesley Dallimore and Jeanne Webber



Jean Kent & Rod Christensen (Waipu)



Joeleen & Jeff Sutherland (Pakuranga)

26th Annual Association Croquet Tournament NOW OPEN!

Entries for this Maygrove Retirement Village, Orewa, sponsored tournament are now open. The tournament runs from Sat 21 through to Tue 24 January 2017 with Handicap Doubles played on Saturday and Sunday based on combined handicaps between 10 – 24. Monday and Tuesday features Championship Singles with an 'Open' division which goes towards world rankings and a 4+ division for graded handicaps 4 and over. Competitors must be prepared to play up to three games per day.

Previous years have seen entries fill very quickly so contact the tournament manager, Julie Parry (09 426 6285), soon to avoid disappointment – full details are on the Orewa Croquet Club website under Tournaments or just click on the link on the home page – visit www.orewacroquet.co.nz

Triton Hearing Tournament

28th Annual Tournament, Sat 7th to Thur 12 January, 2017. They will find it a well-managed and -hosted tournament with good opposition, suitable for warming up for the NZ Open, shortly after.

Sat-Sun 7-8 Jan - Open Championship Doubles and Handicap Doubles (combined HC 10+)

Mon-Tues 9-10 Jan - Open Championship Singles and Scratch+ Championship Singles

Wed-Thur 11-12 Jan - 4 Bisques & over Championship Singles and 10 Bisques and over Championship Singles

Details are on page 334 of the Yearbook and on the attached Word flyer. If you prefer a pdf version, you can find one at:

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/rosegardenscroquetclub/Tournaments-1/AC-1>

Note that the manager will acknowledge promptly by email all entries that include an email address. Should an entrant not receive such an email, they should contact the manager. He changed his email address, earlier this year, and there have been recent incidents of emails not arriving.

Manawatu-Wanganui Assn News

Despite all the rain, that has disrupted the programme of the Association, it has been an active season, so far. The season Opening Day saw Golf Croquet Levels doubles being played for the Takaro Bars.

Winners: Mike Bell (Feilding) & Terry Klein (Rose Gardens), **Runners-Up:** Ken Managh & Julie Fitzgerald (both Feilding).

It was a full house of 32 for this event, played at Feilding Croquet Club. There was some good play, with the host club making use of this advantage to fill the majority of players in the Event Final. The Event was Levels Doubles play, with partners allocated on a high-low handicap basis. All-in-all, it was a good start to the season for Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui, but it would have been good to see players from more clubs in the Association taking advantage of the opportunity to play.

In November, the CMW team, of Liz McLay (Wanganui), Michael Hardman (Rose Gardens), Max Charlton (Rose Gardens) and Claire Brown (Wanganui) played in the Lower North Island AC Teams Event at Wanganui. With 10 wins, they finished second of the five Associations represented, South Taranaki were the winners with 13 wins



The successful South Taranaki team, their first win ever, in this event.

Late November saw Association Croquet Levels doubles for the Brighton Mallets, at Marton, with partners being allocated on a high/Low Handicap basis. The winners were:



Lynda Thompson I (Marton) & Josh Smith (Rose Gardens).

Runners up were, Michael Hardman (RG) and Krina Fitchett (Marton).

Golf Croquet Interclub has progressed throughout the early part of the season. Despite some major weather disruptions, the first half of the competition has been completed, with the second half programmed for the New Year. All six Clubs competed give each five rounds before Christmas and five after. With the competition at the halfway mark, Rose Gardens leads with 26 points, Marton 22 (+8), Levin 22 (+7), Feilding 20, Wanganui 16 and Rangatira 14. AC Interclub has started and, with four clubs participating, three rounds will be played before Christmas and three after. Flooded lawns again caused some disruption to the opening round.

Central Region Veterans at Rangatira.



Manager, Michael, with John Prince (MW), Winner Open AC Singles.

The CR NZ Vets was again played at the Rangatira Croquet Club, in Dannevirke, with good support from Hawkes Bay and Manawata-Wanganui, in particular. Rangatira is a popular venue, with its six excellent, lawns, good facilities and excellent hosting. John Prince won the Open Singles with four comfortable wins, including two triple peels. However, Runner up John Muir (Taranaki) beat him in their match; with John Prince winning the event on countback. Shirley Rees (MW) was successful in the AC



Handicap event, with Bryan Williams (South Taranaki) as Runner up. Presumably, Shirley,

enjoys close matches: three of her five wins being by one hoop. and her only loss by two hoops.

In the Doubles, Vince and Annabel Neall



(MW)

won the AC event, from Melva Jones (MW) and Kevin Millard (Wairarapa). In the GC HC Doubles, with a field of 16 pairs, Graham Raynel and Bethia Campbell (MW) of the host club were successful from Jenny and Pat Greig (HB). The GC Singles day saw big fields. Tony Stephens (HB) won the Open Levels, with one loss from his 12 games, with Don Reyland (HB), runner up, and Max Charlton (MW), a creditable third. Tina Duley (HB) won the GC HC Singles, from Graham Raynel (MW).

Auckland Women's Association Croquet Coaching Group

Kathie Grant received a surprise gift of appreciation from her enthusiastic monthly AC coaching group. Initially started as a women's group to encourage them to not only improve their game but also increase their participation in Auckland and National tournaments. The group now number over 20, (with a couple of 'token' women) and includes a few regulars from Taranaki, Bay of Plenty and Waikato.



EQUIPMENT WANTED/ SURPLUS

Surplus balls for practise before U21 Worlds by Kaleb Small. If you can help out please let the Executive Director know.

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



