



Kia ora! Welcome to summer! Happy Holidays!

What a great start of the season! Summer has blessed us with great weather around the country. I've been fortunate to celebrate **Papakura CC's** 100 years of croquet; visit **Epsom Remuera's Open Day**, watch the **No Island GC Championships at Howick and Pukekohoe**, **Women's GC Nationals** and **So Island Championship in Nelson**, and support **Takapuna CC** in securing their lease for their lawns.

**Papakura CC** celebrated their rich history and legacy. The day was honoured with MP Judith Collins and Auckland Councillor Daniel Newman as supporters of the club and croquet. The club published a book about their history, which is quite interesting. A copy was gifted to CNZ and is in the National Office in Wellington. At the celebration, members were honoured for their contributions. The full house of members and guests enjoyed a delicious repast after the ceremony. I encourage clubs to celebrate their history. It is quite an accomplishment to keep croquet going for 100 years, and with some even more.

**Epsom Remuera CC** had an Open Day for people to give croquet a try. I enjoyed talking with those who came to give croquet a go. It is also a delight to talk with members and learn about their accomplishments as well as their challenges. I wish them the best with their membership drive.

Also that weekend was the **No Island GC Championship**. There was some very fine playing over the weekend at **Howick CC** and **Pukekohe CC**. The tournament was well attended. The lawns and hosting were fantastic. Well done **Counties Manukau** for hosting this tournament.

The **Women's GC Championships** were held at **Nelson Hinemoa CC**. This is the first time in three years that it has been held on the South Island. Even though the numbers weren't as strong as they were last year, the So Island women appreciated having an opportunity to play. It was great to see several women from the North Island come to play.

The **So Island AC Championships** were held at Nelson Hinemoa CC. There were more entries this year than last. The "0 – 3" Championship was a new event and well received. As the manager of this tournament, I was able to watch some amazing games, particularly the finals. Thanks to **Croquet Nelson** for hosting both tournaments.

Best to all the Under 21 players in the National competition. This is the largest number of entries ever!

I'm looking forward to being at the **GC Nationals** next month and look forward to the wonderful hosting of **Hawke's Bay**. If you haven't entered, there is still time.

Have a wonderful holiday! **Happy Holidays and New Year!**

Warm regards,  
*Annie*

D. Annie Henry  
President

*Croquet Matters* is back into full swing. This year we will be highlighting the national events. This issue will cover the following areas:

- President's Message
- Congratulations to CNZ Tournament Winners
- Highlights of the AGM
- Committee convenors
- Profiles of NZ players in the World's AC Championships
- Publicity Officers for clubs and associations.

There will be another short edition of *Croquet Matters* next week before the CNZ National Office is on holiday hours.

### **Congratulations to the 2017 – 18 Winners**

CNZ No Island AC Championships:

- Open Singles– **Josh Freeth Winner, John Christie Runner Up**
- 0 – 3 Singles – **Kathie Grant Winner**
- Doubles – **Bruce Baker & Mike Crashley**

Men's and Women's AC Championships:

- Mixed Doubles – **John Prince & Liz McLay**
- Women's Singles – **Nina Mayard-Husson Winner, Alison Robinson Runner Up**
- Women's Singles Consolation – **Carrisa Price**
- Men's Singles – **Greg Bryant Winner & John Prince Runner Up**
- Men's Singles Consolation – **Andre Murray**

North Island GC Championships

- Doubles – **John Christie & Nelson Morrow**
- Open Singles – **John Christie Winner & Josh Freeth Runner Up**
- 3+ Singles – **Pat Lester**

South Island GC Championships

- Open Singles – **Jonathon Hart Winner & Alan Winwood Runner Up**

Women's GC Championships

- Open Singles – **Ellie Ross Winner & Ann Sharpe Runner Up**
- 3+ Singles – **Annie Henry**

South Island AC Championships

- Open Doubles – **Dennis Bulloch & Jace Hobbs Winners, Greg Bryant & Anita Fowler RUp**
- Open Singles – **Greg Bryant Winner & Aaron Westerby Runner Up**
- 0 – 3 Singles – **Kathie Grant Winner & Peter Westaway Runner Up**
- 4+ Singles – **Anita Fowler Winner & Alan Winwood Runner Up, Janet Boutel 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Well done to all players!

## **AGM Highlights**

There was great attendance at the AGM from the associations with the exception of Marlborough, Taranaki (went home ill) and Wairarapa.

Too often there is an assumption that our membership knows about the contributions that the Executive and staff (Executive Director and Sport Development Officer) make. President Annie Henry spoke about the contributions that they made to croquet, giving the delegates more insights into the working of the Executive. She also thanked all of them. All reports were received, discussed and accepted. One announcement from the Tournament Committee was the naming of the GC 3<sup>rd</sup> Invitation. It is now called the **Geoff Young GC Invitation**.

The remits and recommendations were presented and voted on. The results are:

Remit 1: Increase the 2018 – 19 levies by \$3 for full members, new to croquet to \$23 and no change for 0 – 18 year olds at \$10. \$2 is earmarked for youth development. Carried.

Remit 2: The selectors will consider all nominations and select up to ten (10) players for the event from the advertised handicap range at the date of selection. Carried

Recommendation 1: CNZ will continue to provide Premier Silver Badges for AC level organised by regions. Carried.

Recommendation 2: Any Association that submits a recommendation to CNZ AGM to be considered by the Executive or a subcommittee will be notified: a) the result of the deliberations, and b) the reasons for the decision. Carried.

Recommendation 3: Withdrawn by Auckland.

All of the Executive stood down while elections were held. The Executive members elected were:

President: D. Annie Henry

Councillors: Aaron Westerby (Auckland), Kareen McLaren (Thames Valley) and Tom Devlin (Canterbury)

The Executive will have the option to co-opt for vacancies on the Executive.

General Business:

1. Brian Boutel, Tournament Manager for World's AC Championships held in February 2018, gave an update. All is tracking well at this point.
2. Database – there have been many problems with the database and ED Jake Inwood and Councillor Aaron Westerby are sorting them out. The aim is to have them fixed before the next season starts.
3. Potential problems with handicaps was raised. If there is a problem, please contact the Laws Committee Convenor, Brian Boutel.
4. There were some issues around communication with regards to the levies. Jake is sorting these out and levies will be clearly marked in the future.
5. An enquiry with regards to where gateball fits in CNZ was made. At this time, there are not enough resources to support it but the Executive will continue to be open to including it.
6. There is an anomaly between CNZ and WCF youth age. The Executive will discuss it.

Meeting was closed and 4 workshops were held over Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Proposed Changes to the CNZ Constitution: The first workshop was on the proposed changes to the Constitution. Changes that were agreed by all delegates will be progressed next AGM or at a Special AGM. If a Special AGM is held, delegates will vote by email. Because there has been a rich discussion at the AGM, an email vote was considered feasible. The changes that needed more work will be reworked or dropped.

Vetting at Club Levels: Greg Bryant, SDO, presented information about vetting for “vulnerable persons” that includes youth and others who are vulnerable. For more information, please contact Greg.

Insurance Scheme: CNZ offers insurance for all clubs and associations. Approximately a third of the clubs have taken up the scheme through CNZ. Jake Inwood, Executive Director (ED), is investigating lower costs for clubs and associations. He noted that if more clubs and associations joined, then it would lower the annual cost. For more information, please contact Jake at CNZ. Please note that Jake has investigated the option and no changes can be made this year.

Health & Safety: Jake Inwood, ED, outlined the new health and safety regulations and the possible impact on clubs and associations. The Executive is in the process of accepting a Health and Safety Policy and manual that is available to all clubs and associations. For more information, please contact Jake at CNZ.

#### Awards Dinner

Councillor Aaron Westerby emceed the evening dinner and awards that were held at the Brentwood. Aiken Hakes provided insights into playing for the first time in the MacRobertson Shield. This was followed by the presentation of award. They are:

Presidents Trophy for the highest percentage of “New to Croquet” membership  
**Rotorua Croquet Club** from Bay of Plenty

Huon Pine Bowl for the largest number of “new to Croquet” members  
**Heretaunga Croquet Club** from Hawkes Bay

Club Participation Award  
**Nelson Hinemoa Croquet Club** from Nelson

Baker Trophy for Most Improved AC Player  
**Joshua Freeth** from Auckland

Most Improved GC Player  
**Caitlyn Smith** from South Canterbury

Volunteer of the Year  
**Don Reyland** from Hawkes Bay

Player of the Year  
**Aiken Hakes** from Wellington

Congratulations to all those who received the deserved awards. Thank you delegates for your contributions during the AGM and for the work you do in your region. If you have ideas for workshops for next year, please contact Jake.

## Committee Convenors

The Executive has restructured the Executive Committees to better facilitate the work. With the change there is a new committee that is the umbrella for all the different facets of playing. The new committee is called the “Oversight Playing Committee”. Under this committee are subcommittees that will report to the Oversight Playing Committee. The purpose of the Oversight Playing Committee is to facilitate coordination among the sub committees and give an overall view in order to achieve the goals set forth in the CNZ Strategic Plan.

The committees and convenors are:

Finance, Audit & Risk (FAR): **Tom Devlin, Fendalton Park – Canterbury**

Organisation Development: **Kareen McLaren, Te Aroha – Thames Valley**

Publicity & Marketing: **Annie Henry, Nelson Hinemoa – Nelson**

Oversight Playing: **Aaron Westerby, Epsom Remuera – Auckland**

Subcommittees of Oversight Playing are:

- AC Selection Panel: Aaron Westerby
- GC Selection Panel: John Christie
- U21 Selection Panel: Greg Bryant
- Laws: Brian Boutel
- Player Development: Aaron Westerby
- Tournament: Annie Henry

All committees have met and are actively working to accomplish the plans set forth in the CNZ Strategic Plan. More information pertaining to each of the committees and subcommittees will be sent in the January issue of *Croquet Matters*.

## NZ Players’ Profiles for the World’s AC Championship

Congratulations to the 20 NZ players who have qualified to play in the World’s AC Championship. Wellington Association will host the event from 3 – 10 February 2018. There is a possibility that more NZ players will qualify from the Qualifying Event. These are the profiles that have been received by the National Office:

### PROFILES

#### Greg Bryant



Greg comes from Westport on the southern west coast of New Zealand, from where he leads a very unbalanced croquet orientated lifestyle. He has represented NZ in numerous world championship events, the first at Newport in 1992. Greg is a 4 time winner of the NZ Open, NZ Invitation and NZ Men’s events and was a member of the winning NZ MacRobertson Shield team in 2014. Greg is employed by Croquet NZ as the organization’s Sport Development Officer.

## Paddy Chapman



Paddy was born in 1987 in Christchurch, New Zealand, and moved to Nottingham, UK, in 2010 where he works in IT as a DBA for Walgreens Boots Alliance. He started playing croquet at the age of 11, and was mentored by the legendary John Prince. He is married to Miranda (also a croquet player) and they have two kids - Ollie and Matilda. He is very much looking forward to being back in NZ and playing in his 6th World Championship.

Titles he has won over the years include the NZ Open Championship, Australian Men's Championship, Australian Open Doubles (with Greg Bryant and Miranda Chapman respectively), British Open Doubles (with Dave Maugham) and UK President's Cup. He has also been a finalist in both the British Open and World Championship singles. He was a member of the winning NZ MacRobertson Shield team in 2014 and has played in 4 MacRobertson Shields for NZ (one in each country).

## Jenny Clarke



Jenny is a senior lecturer in sport science and coordinator of a sport coaching degree programme at the University of Canterbury.

Since discovering croquet at Oxford University in 1999, Jenny has won both Association and Golf croquet events worldwide. Along with husband Chris, Jenny was the first person to win both the Association and Golf croquet world team championship titles (MacRobertson Shield and Openshaw Shield), and in 2017 she had the honour of captaining the New Zealand MacRobertson Shield team in California. A regular at the Australian AC Open, and current British Women's and Mixed Doubles champion (with Chris), Jenny is looking to improve on quarter final placings in the previous two AC world singles events.

In addition to playing croquet competitively, Jenny also enjoys coaching, particularly combining modern theories on athlete-centred approaches from University with coaching croquet at all levels.

In recent years Jenny has become a very keen golfer, which has provided a welcome balance to many years of high concentration on croquet. Other interests include travel, gardening and spending time with Chris and their two very bouncy dogs.

## Publicity Officers

One of the aims of the Publicity and Marketing Committee (P & M) is to ensure that every club and association has a Publicity Officer. We believe that growing croquet at the club and regional level is important for promoting croquet. The P & M Committee would like to work with the publicity officers to support their work. All clubs and associations are listed with the names of their Publicity Officers. If you have one and haven't sent it to the Executive Director Jake Inwood, please do so.

### Croquet Auckland

Carlton  
Epsom Remuera – **Malcolm Cawley**  
Henderson  
Mt. Albert  
North Shore  
Orewa – **Chris Smith**  
Pakuranga  
Pt Chevalier  
St Heliers Bay  
Takapuna  
Warkworth

### Bay of Plenty Association

Katikati  
Croquet Mt. Maunganui  
Rotorua  
Taupo  
Tauranga

### Canterbury

Akaroa  
Barrington Park  
Cashmere  
Diamond Harbour  
Edgware  
Elmwood Park  
Fendalton Park  
Holmes Park  
Hornby  
Kaiapoi  
Rangiora  
St. James Park  
St Martins  
United

### Counties Manukau Association

Howick  
Manurewa  
Papakura  
Pukekohe

### Croquet Hawke's Bay

Barry Memorial  
Kaiti-Gisborne  
Marewa – Jayne Powis  
Heretaunga

### Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui – Rex Oliver

Feilding  
Levin  
Marton  
Rangatira  
Rose Gardens  
Wanganui

### Marlborough

Blenheim  
Brooklyn  
Kaikoura

### Croquet Nelson - Jackie Tye

Nelson Hinemoa – **Chris Page**  
Richmond  
Riwaka

### Northland Association

Doubtless Bay  
Kaitaia  
Kensington  
Kerikeri  
Maungakaramea

Otago Association

Alexandra  
Forbury Park  
Leith  
Punga  
Tainui  
Wakatipu  
Wanaka

Southland Association

Gore  
Queens Park  
Te Anau  
Winton

South Taranaki Association

Hawera  
Park  
Stratford

Thames Valley Association

Morrinsville – **Joan Jenkins**  
Paeroa  
Te Aroha  
Thames  
Waihi  
Whangamata

Wairarapa Association

Masterton  
Carterton

Croquet West Coast

Makura  
Rangimarie

Waipu  
Whangarei

South Canterbury

Allenton  
Aorangi  
Ashbury  
Awamoa Gardens  
Geraldine  
Methven  
Waimate  
Waireka  
West End

Croquet Taranaki

Inglewood  
New Plymouth  
West End  
Tasman

Croquet Waikato-King Country

Claudlands  
Hamilton East  
Leamington  
Matamata  
Putaruru  
Te Awamutu  
Te Kuiti

Wellington Association

Kelburn  
Khandallah  
Muritai  
Paraparaumu  
Petone-Central  
Plimmerton  
Waikanae  
Wainuiomata  
Wellington

If the Publicity Officer is NOT listed, please send the name and contact details to Jake at CNZ.

THANKS.