



Croquet Matters – March 2018

Kia ora,

What an incredible month of croquet we have had! Our own **Paddy Chapman won the 2018 AC World's Championship** and we have two new members on the CNZ Executive.

Please join me in congratulating all our players for a fantastic performance they had at all the tournaments this past month. More details about the tournaments are listed below.

On behalf of our Executive, I would like to welcome **Kathie Grant** from Auckland and **George Coulter** from Bay of Plenty onto the CNZ Executive. Kathie was co-opted as the Vice-President of CNZ and George was co-opted as a Councillor. It is great to have the knowledge and experience of these newest members. Each bring strengths and their perspective to the Executive. Please be sure to read more about them. Please join me in welcoming **George** and **Kathie**!

I have enjoyed being at some of the tournaments, particularly the 2018 AC World's Championship. It was great to watch our players compete in the top event for association croquet, particularly to see Paddy win. Another joy was watching Stephen Mulliner (UK) and Reg Bamford (SA) completing sextuplet peels on adjoining lawns at the same time in the semi-finals. It was great to have so many people from as far south as Dunedin and as far north as Hawke's Bay and Auckland come to watch and support our players. There is one more month of tournaments this season and the AC Trans-Tasman to look forward to seeing the results. Have a great month.

Warm regards,
Annie

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President

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2018 Association Croquet World's Championship

I'm sure all of our members are applauding our players on a fantastic performance they had at the 2018 Association Croquet World's Championship! We initially had 20 players who were selected based on either their world ranking, country selection or wild card. These players were profiled in last month's Croquet Matters. At the Qualifying tournament there were 7 more players selected out of the 18 competitors. Six were from New Zealand. Most of those winning a place from the Qualifying tournament, if not all, were playing in the World's for the first time.

The very exciting news is that New Zealand's **Paddy Chapman won the World title!** I'm sure all of us gave Paddy a standing ovation for winning! Congratulations to **Paddy** for his superb playing throughout the 2018 Association Croquet World's Championship tournament. He had a tough first week of play while fighting a virus. However, he won his block and moved into the Knock out. His first winning Best of 3 (Bo3) match was against Josh Freeth. Next it was against USA's David Maloof and again he won the match only to face UK's Samir Patel. The immediate past winner, UK Stephen Mulliner, was his next Bo5 match in the semi-finals and then South Africa's Reg Bamford. Reg had won the title several times and holds one of the strongest records of wins in croquet. However, Paddy played beautifully to win 26tp-19, 0-26tp, 0-26tp, 26tp-11, 26tp-9. The only other New Zealander to win the World title since it started in 1989 is **Joe Hogan**, who won it in the inaugural year. After 29 years a New Zealander holds the title again! Fantastic!

I would like to congratulate those who played in the 2018 World's. Here are some of the results:

Greg Bryant – quarter finalist
Aiken Hakes – round two of the Knock out

Those who played in the first round of the Main Knock out:

Jenny Clarke – only woman out of 80 players to make the Knock out
Josh Freeth
Toby Garrison
Joe Hogan
Steve Jones
Nelson Morrow
Harps Tahurangi
Felix Webby

Those who played in the Bowl:

Nelson Morrow – semi finalist
Joe Hogan – quarter finalist
Harps Tahurangi – quarter finalist

Those who played in the Plate:

Edmund Fordyce – semi finalist
Brian Bullen – quarter finalist

Those who won the Qualifying Tournament and entered the World's:

Graeme Fisher (Wellington)
Jace Hobbs (Nelson)
Vincent Commarieu (Auckland)
Robert Lowe (Wellington)
Ian C Campbell (Canterbury)
Doug van Belle (Wellington)

If you would like to see the results, go to croquetscores.com for all the results.

I would also like to thank Brian Boutel, Tournament Manager; Graeme Roberts, Tournament Referee; Jake Inwood, Tournament Director; Michael Hardman, Qualifier Tournament Manager; Alison Robinson, Venue Coordinator; the Organising Committee and all the other people involved in the preparation and hosting of the event. As you can imagine, there were a lot of details to ensure that every venue, every player, and all spectators were welcomed, cared for and comfortable. A special thank you is given to the venue managers: Barry Simpson (Kelburn), Dick Smith (Wellington), Carolyn Rait (Plimmerton), June Saunders-Francis (Paraparaumu), and Francie Vagg (Waikanae). Gaylia Powell and her team did a great job of helping players find the venues around the area. I would also like to thank all the clubs for their catering and hospitality. I particularly would like to thank Lisa at the Kelburn Club for her continued joyfulness, great scones, and outstanding hospitality at the World's Headquarters! Lisa went the extra mile each day not only for the players but for all the spectators! She and her team made us all feel welcome!

Annie Henry

CNZ Tournaments

There have been quite a few tournaments played during this past month. I would also like to congratulate the winners for the CNZ tournaments:

Congratulations to:

NZ AC Open:

Chris Shilling (Otago) and **Sam Murray** (Scotland) for winning the Doubles

Greg Bryant (West Coast) and **Felix Webby** (Taranaki) for winning the Doubles Plate

Greg Bryant (West Coast) and **Jenny Clarke** (Canterbury) - Bronze in the Singles

John Christie (Thames Valley) – Heenan Plate

Women's AC Invitation:

Nina Mayard Hussan (Wellington) – Winner

Kathie Grant – (Auckland) – Runner up

Yvonne Yeates GC Invitation:

Hamish McIntosh (Auckland) – Winner

Jason Hodgett (South Canterbury) – Runner up

Duncan Dixon GC Invitation:

Ellie Ross (Nelson) – Winner

Doug Nottage (Nelson) – Runner up

Geoff Young GC Invitation:

Nathan Bullen (Wellington) – Winner

Gerald Allan (South Taranaki) – Runner up with a count back

Gordon Smith GC Invitation:

Janet Skerrett (South Canterbury) - Winner

Karen Johnston (Hawkes Bay) – Runner up

Arthur Ross AC Memorial Event:

Stefan Horrier (Wairarapa) – Winner

Vince Neall (Manawatu- Wanganui) – Runner Up

Boyd Jones (Bay of Plenty) – Plate Winner

John Yarrall (Canterbury) – Plate Runner Up

Congratulations to all our winners and I look forward to seeing the results of the remainder of the tournaments this season.

Annie Henry

Executive and Committees

Tom Devlin

I was elected to CNZ executive at the October 2017 AGM and chair the Finance, Audit, Risk committee as well as being responsible for South Island associations.

My croquet experience began in 2012 when I joined Fendalton Park Croquet Club (FPCC) in Christchurch. I am a GC player only and since 2014 have been President of FPCC. We have a vibrant club of nearly 80 members with 4 3/4 lawns and great facilities and equipment. The Club has a great mix of competitive play and a strong social aspect including making trips to South Australia, Central Coast NSW & Sunshine Coast over the last 3 years.

I believe croquet has a bright future building on the success of the CNZ schools programme plus adults discovering croquet as a very viable alternative to golf or bowls

Outside of croquet my interests are travel, fly fishing, mountain biking wine appreciation & enjoying a holiday home at Lake Tekapo.

George Coulter

George first picked up a mallet back in 2011, having been introduced to the world of croquet by his grandparents, Mike and Zyelette Shepherd, both long standing members of their local club. George is a member of the Whakatane Croquet Club.

His Croquet highlights have been in national and international level play. Such highlights include being the Silver medalist in the 2017 U21 GC Worlds, winning the Plate event in the 2017 Open GC Worlds, placing 1st in the 2018 Golf Croquet National Doubles with Edmund Fordyce and being runner up in the 2018 Golf Croquet National Open Singles. George has had the privilege of being part of the U21 Development Team and Youth Squad for a few years and has had the experience of competing against and meeting young emerging talent in Croquet.

George is in his third year studying a Retail and Business Management degree at Massey University and is also completing his Foodstuffs Management papers. He is planning a career in the Grocery industry after getting a taste for it with an after-school job in his local New World Supermarket. He has worked in various departments in the store and has the goal of progressing further within Foodstuffs.

Kathie Grant

Kathie Grant has been seconded onto the CNZ Executive until the AGM in October 2018.



Kathie currently is on the Croquet Auckland committee as Auckland Coach and Secondary Schools coordinator. She is a CNZ coach for both AC and GC as well as being an AC and GC referee, and also (Australian) ricochet referee. Kathie is also an examiner for coaches of both AC and GC as well as being an examiner for umpires and GC referees. She has been an AC selector for over three years working comfortably with the chair of that committee.

Kathie became involved in croquet due to her father taking up the sport when he was in his eighties. After a couple of years juggling full time teaching with croquet she gave up her teaching position while still in her fifties in order to concentrate on croquet. Two years after this she won the Gold Cup and was invited to play in her first Women's Invitation event immediately afterwards. She has represented NZ in both Australia and England in the Women's World croquet competitions.

Kathie's role in teaching focussed on the Gifted and Talented student, particularly in Maths Science and English after gaining Med (Special) Hons. Teaching followed a career as

a NZ Registered Nurse specialising in oncology and later geriatrics. However, with 5 children underfoot teaching was more practical in managing the family than nursing. She also is a Ministerial Justice of the Peace for New Zealand and trained and worked as a Judicial Justice for a period of time.

Kathie and her husband Malcolm now enjoy a lifestyle living sometimes in Auckland and sometimes on the Gold Coast in Australia.

Executive Committee

Finance, Audit & Risk Committee:

The FAR committee manages the financial and governance aspects of CNZ business. It has regulatory responsibilities as determined by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and is effectively the watchdog to ensure members levies which is the major income source is spent wisely and prudently.

FAR committee is responsible for budgets and financial performance and meeting statutory requirements with IRD, ACC bankers, auditors etc.

CNZ income has historically been almost entirely derived from members' levies. Progressively the FAR committee is seeking grants from charitable trusts and sporting organisations and is looking to investigate potential sponsorship opportunities.

CNZ has modest income and adopts a prudent approach to the management of your levies. Progressively the balance sheet has been strengthened and CNZ is in a comfortable financial position.

Committee Members:

Tom Devlin, Convenor
Graeme Thomas
Jake Inwood

Policy Review and Updates

The Executive has started reviewing the policies CNZ has and updating where appropriate. We are also adding policies that are needed. The first one we have added is the Anti-Match Fixing Policy that was approved at the last Executive meeting. Every sport has been asked to have one and we have done so.

Currently we are reviewing the finance policies. Once they have been approved by the Executive the Executive Director will add them to the CNZ website.

CNZ Executive Minutes

The Executive is meeting about once every 6 weeks utilising the Go To Meeting videoconferencing system. The meetings are 1½ to 2 hours and focused on particular areas. The Executive Director sends out the minutes of the CNZ Executive to the Association Secretaries after they have been approved. In turn, the Association Secretaries are responsible for sending them to each club in the association of clubs.

Give a Little

Many of you know Greg Bryant, CNZ's Sport Development Officer. The recent storms flooded his home and what was not ruined with the floods others broke in and took. A [givealittlepage](https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/greg-bryants-home-taken-in-cyclone-everything-lost) for Greg. If you would like to help, please do so. Google givealittle and look for Greg Bryant or go to <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/greg-bryants-home-taken-in-cyclone-everything-lost>

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- Profiles of AC Trans Tasman Team