



# CROQUET MATTERS

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## Message from the Editor

Welcome to this July, and my first, edition as Editor. I take over from Annie and would like to thank her for all her time and contribution. The aim of Croquet Matters is to inform you of recent results, forthcoming events and general information. If you have any suggestions for what you would like from this newsletter, please contact me on [jackietye1@gmail.com](mailto:jackietye1@gmail.com).

## Notes from the President

By this time all associations and clubs have held their AGMs and elected officers and committee members. Congratulations to all of you for being selected to lead your clubs and associations. You and your volunteers are the backbones of your clubs and associations. Your role is very important in keeping croquet alive. You are also role models for growing croquet. It is your leadership, enthusiasm and care that makes a difference. I know you will do your best for your clubs and associations and make a difference. Croquet New Zealand is here to support you.

At the 2017 AGM changes to the Constitution were discussed. Delegates were very helpful in giving the Executive valuable feedback about what was presented. The Constitution is the framework from which CNZ operates. The clearer it is written and the more directly it is based on operational requirements, the better. The Executive has examined and discussed possible changes to the Constitution and has decided that it would be better to have more feedback before making changes. We need your feedback and will be providing information to you prior to the 2018 AGM. It is not a decision that will be taken lightly. It is with great care and input from all the delegates that will determine our direction.

Currently the Executive is considering what would be the best framework for the Constitution. We set aside a half day work session to address this issue. The anticipated outcome will be to move our proposal forward for the delegates' input at this year's AGM.

I look forward to hearing the delegates' input. Discussion at the club and association level will be critical.

If you have any recommendations for workshops for this year's AGM, let us know. We have some we are considering but would like to hear from you. Please email your ideas by 22nd August to the National Office at [croquet@croquet.org.nz](mailto:croquet@croquet.org.nz).

Finally, the Tournament Committee has left the decision on whether to charge a clubhouse fee for CNZ tournaments to the hosting clubs. This fee is limited to a maximum of \$5 per day.

Warm regards,  
*Annie*  
D. Annie Henry

## Upcoming CNZ Tournaments

**25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

CNZ U21 GC Team v NZ Select  
at Epsom-Remuera

**8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

CNZ National Secondary Schools GC  
Championship at Waikanae & Paraparaumu

**29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

CNZ Women's GC Tournament at Mount  
Maunganui, with coaching day on 1<sup>st</sup> October

**18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018**

CNZ 3<sup>rd</sup> U21 GC Tournament at Matamata

**8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

CNZ North Island GC Championships at Orewa

**8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

CNZ South Island GC Championships  
at Nelson-Hinemoa

**28<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

CNZ 95<sup>th</sup> North Island AC Championships  
at Palmerston North

Registration and more information for events  
will soon be available online at  
[www.croquet.org.nz](http://www.croquet.org.nz)

**2018**  
**CNZ NZ Women's**  
**GC Championship**  
hosted by  
**Bay of Plenty Association**  
**At Mount Maunganui**  
**29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Entries and information  
online at  
[www.croquet.org.nz](http://www.croquet.org.nz)



NZ Women's GC Champion Ellie Ross

**CNZ GC Women's Coaching**  
**1<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

**At Mount Maunganui**  
Register online with your  
tournament entry at  
[www.croquet.org.nz](http://www.croquet.org.nz)

## Croquet New Zealand presents **The North Island Golf Croquet** **Championships**

Held by Croquet Auckland  
At Orewa Croquet Club,  
43 Hatton Road, Orewa

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Manager: Pixie Jones-Meredew**

**Doubles: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November - maximum 8 pairs,  
on receipt of entry.**

**Singles: 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November - 16 highest ranked  
players received by 11th October. After this date, if  
tournament is not full, will be by date of entry.**

Registration will be available online at:

[www.croquet.org.nz](http://www.croquet.org.nz)

## CNZ Coaching

by Greg Bryant, Sport Development Officer

### CNZ Club Coaching

2018 CNZ Club Coaching sessions are currently being scheduled for August & October in the North Island; November & December in the South. Watch your notice boards and the CNZ website for confirmed dates in your region soon! These sessions are open to all CNZ-affiliated members and are suited to players of all ability levels (except for members of the High-Performance squads). New-to-croquet players are especially welcome to attend. A typical CNZ Club Coaching event includes:-

9.00 am – 12.30 pm Golf Croquet

1.00 pm – 4.30 pm Association Croquet.

The cost of the coaching is \$5 per person per session, payable to CNZ. Local coaches are also encouraged to attend club coaching sessions for some insight to TGfU (Teaching Games for Understanding) and player-centred coaching techniques that may be incorporated into their own sessions.

### Other CNZ Coaching

In addition to Club Coaching, CNZ also offers player, coach and club development events. If you think any of the following may support your club or regional development aspirations, or you would like more details about hosting one of these events, please contact Greg Bryant to discuss, [admin@croquet.org.nz](mailto:admin@croquet.org.nz)

#### CNZ Intro-AC:

CNZ Intro-AC coaching sessions are open and free of charge to all CNZ-affiliated members. These are 1-day events, introducing the game of Association Croquet, and are suited to prospective and new-to-croquet players, existing GC players seeking information about the game of AC, and players just starting out in AC. An Intro-AC session typically runs from 9.00 am – 4.00 pm. Unaffiliated players can also participate for a cost of \$52.00 which includes the CNZ affiliation levy.

CNZ Bronze, Silver, Gold Coaching Sessions  
AC Bronze, Silver and Gold coaching sessions are open to CNZ-affiliated members and each support the CNZ Merit Award system and a player's achievement of those awards. Clubs should note that Merit Award achievements are a scoring category for the CNZ Club Participation Award. Each level is a one-day session, typically from 9.00 am – 4.00 pm.

#### **Bronze:**

Bronze coaching content and the target outcome is to achieve a break of 10 in a match that is won, with or without the use of bisques.

Bronze level coaching is ideal for new-to-AC players, those that have attended an Intro-AC session and players seeking handicap play information. It is also an ideal session for promoting regional participation in Arthur Ross Memorial competitions (another Participation Award category).

#### **Silver:**

Silver coaching content and the target outcome is to achieve a break of 12 in a match that is won without the use of bisques.

Silver level coaching is suitable for those seeking break play improvement – this is the majority of players in NZ - and who fall within the handicap range between 18 and 0. This coaching is ideal for those that have attended a Bronze session or have achieved a Bronze Award.

#### **Gold:**

Gold coaching content and the target outcome is to achieve a triple peel in competition. This is suited to those who have previously achieved or are capable of achieving a Silver Merit Award.

#### CNZ Coaching Coaches, Level 1 workshops.

The CNZ level Coaching Coaches programme supports the development of local AC and GC Coaches (Level 1 workshop content is the same for either code). The programme includes a 2-day Level 1 workshop (9.00 am to 4.00 pm on consecutive days).

The cost is \$65.00 per person and includes a Level 1 Coaches manual, workshops and future assessment for Level 1 coach qualification. Some funding for fees may be available via your Regional Sports Trust as a community sport development initiative. This is particularly suited to those who wish to become or are practicing club/regional AC and/or GC coaches, or are involved with local youth development.

#### Secondary Schools / Intro-GC / coaching sessions:

As a part of the Secondary Schools Programme, CNZ invites expressions of interest from regions to establish regional programmes and/or coaching sessions for established youth players and/or for Intro-GC sessions arranged with local school groups. Please liaise directly with CNZ's Sport Development Officer Greg Bryant to schedule alongside club coaching and player development sessions.

#### Club & Association Development meetings:

CNZ invites club and association committees to schedule development meetings. These may include any topic of relevance to croquet governance and development. Please liaise directly with CNZ's Sport Development Officer Greg Bryant to schedule alongside club coaching and player development sessions.

Scheduled player and coach development events will be publicised locally, and these will also be listed at [www.croquet.org.nz](http://www.croquet.org.nz) & [www.facebook.com/croquetnzpage](https://www.facebook.com/croquetnzpage)

## Executive Update

### CNZ Strategic Plan:

At the last meeting of the Executive a review of the CNZ Strategic Plan was carried out and one change was made. Instead of having as a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) that "75% of players attending WCF World Championships improve their initial seeding position", it will read "Average one medal per WCF World Championship". This will be a far more accurate measure, as well as being easier to determine. The updated Strategic Plan is

available to read on the CNZ website at <https://croquet.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CNZ-Strategic-Plan-2016-2020.pdf>

### CNZ Website:

Following extensive feedback, Jake Inwood, Executive Director, is working with Councillor Aaron Westerby to initiate changes. Jake has a mandate to make gradual changes to the website over the coming year. The idea is to make the website more user friendly and effective for everyone. This will take time; however, we are confident that you will see a positive difference over the coming months.

### AC Handicap Alignment:

The AC handicap alignment will be undertaken in August for a start of 1<sup>st</sup> September. A new chart is in the Yearbook and instructions for making the changes will be sent to all associations for distribution. The grades have not changed. A supplemental chart of the trigger points will be distributed. The instructions will include examples for each grade.

### GC Rules Adopted:

The WCF's recommendations for changes to the GC Rules have been adopted. At the workshops being held at three venues around the country for referees and umpires, there will be an opportunity to learn more. The new GC Rules are being published in the Yearbook.

### CNZ Brochure:

A brochure has been developed to provide information about Croquet New Zealand, describing what the Executive Committee, Executive Director, Sport Development Officer and the CNZ Committees do. This brochure is almost complete and will be printed and sent to all associations at the start of the season.

### AGM Workshops:

At the meeting of the Executive on 25<sup>th</sup> August, the AGM workshops will be finalised. If you have suggestions for workshops, as detailed above please send them to [croquet@croquet.org.nz](mailto:croquet@croquet.org.nz) by 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

## AGM Information

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018

The 2018 Croquet New Zealand AGM will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October at the Brentwood Hotel in Wellington. The June 2018 edition of Croquet Matters highlights key AGM dates.

Nominations for the three vacant Executive positions (two Vice-Presidents and one Councillor) are to be received in the National Office by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Just a reminder that financial members may nominate members for any of the following:-

- **Player of the Year**
- **Most Improved AC Player – the Baker Trophy**
- **Most Improved GC Player**
- **Volunteer of the Year Award**
- **Contribution to Croquet Award (NEW)**

For more information and to download a nomination form, go to [croquet.org.nz/croquet-new-zealand-awards/](http://croquet.org.nz/croquet-new-zealand-awards/)

**Nominations are due by 31<sup>st</sup> July.**

## HELP NEEDED!

The **CNZ Publicity and Marketing Committee** is looking for people to shape its future direction. The aim is to provide ideas and formulate plans for publicity to promote Croquet in New Zealand.

If you think that this is you, please contact either Jackie Tye ([jackietye1@gmail.com](mailto:jackietye1@gmail.com) or 021 2902 3891), or alternatively Annie Henry ([annienz2017@outlook.com](mailto:annienz2017@outlook.com) or 022 397 9303) for more information.



## 2018 National Secondary Schools GC Championship



A full field of 36 qualifying teams will compete for this year's national secondary schools title at Waikanae and Paraparaumu 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Mt Hutt College's 2017 champions Kaleb Small and Christopher Spittal will attempt to defend their title this year, while current NZ Women's GC Champion Ellie Ross and partner Vienna Van Heeswyck from Nelson College for Girls will be hoping to go one better than last year's semi-final performance.

The Canterbury region will be making a debut appearance at this year's finals with two qualifying teams from Cashmere High, as will Trident College (Thames Valley) and Kamo High School (Northland). Congratulations!

Get courtside 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> September, or follow the action as it happens on [www.croquetscores.com](http://www.croquetscores.com)