



# CROQUET MATTERS

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### Message from the Editor

Welcome to this month's edition of Croquet Matters. Now the weather is warming up, I hope you are all looking forward to many days spent enjoying your favourite form of croquet, whether you are playing socially or in competitive events.

As Croquet Matters is distributed online, direct links back to the CNZ website are now included in this edition. To use the links, hover the cursor over the link and click when it turns into a pointing finger. You will find that more detailed information for each event or item, as well as online registration, is available on the CNZ website. Hopefully, you will find these links beneficial.

Regards, Jackie

(Any emails to [jackietye1@gmail.com](mailto:jackietye1@gmail.com))

### From the President

Kia ora,

The new season is starting soon and there will be lots of excitement around club houses and lawns. The Yearbook should be out soon so that you can plan which tournaments you want to play in this season. This year, CNZ tournaments are starting later to give clubs and associations a bit of space to hold their own events. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us this year.

I would like to thank all the clubs that have submitted nominations for the various awards being presented at the AGM in October. It is fantastic to see the club participation award nominations being submitted and the growth that clubs have experienced. Completing the club participation award nomination form is a way by which clubs can reflect on what and how they are doing.

CNZ recently received the Sport NZ Community Sports Investment Initiative Report. There were two areas targeted: coaching and competitive structure. Feedback from the second year of reporting showed that CNZ is progressing well in both areas. The High Performance Plan that shortly goes before the CNZ Executive on 25<sup>th</sup> August will be a step in moving the plan forward. Receiving constructive feedback focuses our energies and resources. One of the suggestions was to provide more supporting documentation. If you are asked to provide some, your doing so will further the growth of croquet.

Have a great season!

Warm regards,  
*Annie*

## Upcoming CNZ Tournaments

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

[CNZ National Secondary Schools GC Finals](#)

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

[Women's GC Tournament at Bay of Plenty](#)  
(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](#)

**12<sup>th</sup> December – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

[CNZ 84<sup>th</sup> South Island AC Championships at United, Christchurch.](#)

[Click here for Tournament Entry Form](#)

## 2018 Player Survey Report

The results of the player survey distributed in April this year are now available online. The reason behind the survey was that, through feedback received, CNZ had identified two areas of risk - firstly, the decline in AC participation nationally (compared with worldwide trends); and secondly, a need to increase the entry numbers for tournaments.

An impressive 1,492 responses were received (representing 33% of the membership) and thanks go to all who completed the survey.

The results of the survey supported the hypothesis that the playing population is generally formed of an older demographic, and also that golf croquet has a much larger participation level than association croquet.

Only 32% of respondents had played association croquet during the last two years, compared to 92% having played golf croquet over the same time period.

To read the full report online, including recommendations for actions that could be taken, please click [here](#).

## New GC Rules Published

Last month the World Croquet Federation administered a vote with its members on whether to accept the proposed GC Rule changes, and this was passed.

These rules will come into effect from **1<sup>st</sup> September 2018** in New Zealand although the New Zealand Secondary Schools GC Championship Final will be played under the old rules.

Please click on the following link to access the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the WCF Golf Croquet Rules and supporting documents.

[New GC Rules](#)

Croquet New Zealand presents  
**The South Island GC Championships**  
Held by Nelson Croquet Association  
At Nelson-Hinemoa Croquet Club,  
Halifax Street, Nelson  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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**Events:-**

**Open Doubles: 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Open Singles: 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Register online using the link below:**

[Tournament Entry Form](#)

**Entries close Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

## 2018-19 CNZ Invitation Events

Croquet New Zealand is calling for **ALL** players who are interested in being considered for any of the 2018/19 Invitation events to complete the online registration form.

This process will help the selectors understand who is, or isn't, available for each of the invitations. More information on all events is available online at [CNZ Fixtures Yearbook 2018-19](#) or use the link below to access more information on the individual events:-

### AC Invitations

8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

[Women's AC Invitation-Masterton CC](#)

21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

[CA Silver Tray AC Invitation-United CC](#)

20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

[Edwina Thompson AC Invitation-St Martins CC](#)

20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

[Roger Murfitt AC Invitation-Cashmere CC](#)

22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

[Mrs R A Clarke Copper Tray Invitation-Wellington Municipal CC](#)

22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

[CA Gold Cup Invitation-Masterton CC](#)

### GC Invitations

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

[Yvonne Yeates GC Invitation-North Shore CC](#)

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

[Duncan Dixon GC Invitation-Takapuna CC](#)

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

[Geoff Young GC Invitation-Manurewa CC](#)

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

[Gordon Smith GC Invitation-Howick CC](#)

The online form to register your interest can be found [here](#). Please note that registering interest, does not guarantee a spot. Those selected will be notified shortly after the respective National Championships.

## NZ U21 GC Championship



In recent years, this tournament has grown significantly and this year it will take place at Matamata's new 6-lawn venue over the Labour Weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.

Top contenders for this year's title are likely to include U21 World & current NZ GC Champion Felix Webby and the 2017 NZ GC Champion, and current holder of the title, Edmund Fordyce.

Both players will be tested against a very strong field of players that will be looking to improve their ranking positions prior to selections for the U21 GC Worlds in England next year.

The event includes doubles and singles competition and is open to all U21 players who are an affiliated member of their local club.

Event details: [CNZ U21 GC Championship 2018](#)

Register online at: [U21 GC Registration](#)

## Club Life Membership Awards

This month we have news of two clubs who have recently awarded the honour of Life Membership to three of their members.

At Pakuranga Croquet Club, Helen Hopkins, long standing loyal member and helper who was secretary of the club for many years, together with Brien Leitch, the club's main hoop setter and a wonderful helper with maintenance of the green, were both awarded Life Membership. President Precille Harrison presented them with their certificates at a morning tea.



*Left to right: Helen Hopkins, Precille Harrison (President), Brien Leitch*

At Pukekohe Croquet Club, long-time member Owen Knapman has been awarded Life Membership of the club. Playing croquet since 1990, Owen achieved an AC handicap of -1 and has won many club championships at different levels. Not only has Owen represented Franklin (now Counties-Manukau) in winning Upper North Island AC teams, but he has also been Club Captain, a club coach, an AC umpire, and a great supporter of newer players to competitions. For eight years, he has taken pride in his role of the club's 'mower-man'.

Owen was presented with a plaque recognising his worthy contribution to Pukekohe Croquet Club. Both current and former members attended a morning tea in his honour.

Many croquet players from other clubs will know Owen and join Pukekohe in wishing him well – and many more croquet games!



*Left to right: Jim Guthrie (son-in-law); Owen Knapman; Laurel Guthrie (daughter).*

## Croquet New Zealand AGM

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

The 2018 Croquet New Zealand AGM will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at the Brentwood Hotel, Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington.

The remaining key dates are set out below:-

### September

- By 12<sup>th</sup> September AGM Agenda and reports will be received by the Council Delegates.
- By 12<sup>th</sup> September the financial balance sheet and annual accounts will be received by the Council Delegates.

### October

- AGM: Voting strength is based on membership at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.