



CROQUET MATTERS 2020

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Executive Director Update:

Sport is an important part of our lives in New Zealand. It's part of our DNA. The level 4 lockdown has changed many things however it doesn't mean the end of sport or having some fun!

While some of our members are part of the essential services and work tirelessly to ensure we still have the necessities (and we thank you for this), the rest of us are doing our bit by staying home. This can be a big change from our normal lifestyle so we thought it would be worthwhile providing some ideas of what you can do over the coming weeks.

Sky Sport Next:

The launch of Sky Sport Next in late 2019 has provided a YouTube channel dedicated to sport, with a variety of grassroots sports that do not always get the publicity they deserve!

You can see everything on their channel [here](#). Make sure you subscribe!

GC World Team Championships

In January 2020, the New Zealand team of Felix Webby (Captain), Duncan Dixon, Edmund Fordyce, Josh Freeth and Manager, Phillip Drew, defended the Openshaw Trophy New Zealand had won in England in 2016.

This was the first croquet event to be streamed to the Sky Sport Next platform. If you have some time, you can watch the entire final against Egypt using the links below:

[GCWTC Final Day 1 – Full Stream](#)

[GCWTC Final Day 2 – Full Stream](#)

[GCWTC Final Highlights](#)

Home advantage

Sky Sport Next fully understand how important sport is to the lives of New Zealanders. That is why they have started the initiative of Home Advantage.

Home Advantage is a series of skills and drills from various sports that you can do at home.

For an introduction video, click [here](#). From here, you will be able to see all the different videos that have been uploaded so far from a range of sports such as football, touch, tennis, badminton and more.

YouTube:

If you are craving a fix of croquet while you cannot get out on the lawns, why not check out what some of the young stars from Christchurch have been up to?

They have a variety of videos including; [Croquet Stereotypes](#), [Crazy Croquet Shots](#), [2018 Trick Shots](#) and more.

2019-20 has been a successful year for New Zealand players in Golf Croquet. Before he was a part of the NZ Team that won the 2020 GC World Teams Championship in January 2020, Edmund Fordyce became the 4th New Zealander to win the U21 GC World Championships when he beat England's, James Galpin, back in July 2019. You can watch the final on YouTube [here](#).

Or simply search Croquet in [YouTube](#) and watch a variety of videos from highlights of recent matches to some coaching videos. You could even learn a new version, [Irish Speed Croquet](#).

Quizzes:

Do you think you know your Croquet? Why not test your knowledge against some of your friends, family and club mates with the Croquet Quiz!

Suggested by Sally Harper and organised by Chris Clarke. Each quiz will be 26 multichoice questions and will last for about 15minutes. There will be 25 seconds to answer each question followed by the answer and then 10 seconds until the next question.

There will be three quizzes a week on Tuesday (Croquet), Wednesday (General Knowledge) and Thursday (Croquet). All quizzes will be run at 8.05pm NZ time and will be run again at 8.05pm UK time to allow as many people to play as possible.

The quizzes will be hosted at [myquiz.org](#). Allow yourself a few minutes to set up and account.

Information for this week's quizzes:

Tuesday 7th April @ 8.05pm – Croquet Quiz – number 090875.

Wednesday 8th April @ 8.05pm – General Knowledge Quiz – number 097727.

Thursday 9th April @ 8.05pm – Croquet Quiz – number 097935.

You will need the quiz number shown above to enter each quiz.

Good luck!

Your Ideas:

We want to hear from you as to how you are passing the time with your croquet themed activities.

Have you made a game at home that enables you to still have a hit? We want to hear about it.

Send your skills, drills and games in a short video (or an explanation if a video isn't possible) to croquet@croquet.org.nz so we can share it with the rest of the membership.

Together we can still enjoy the great game of Croquet from our living rooms!