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has been completed for the AGM in October. Thank you all for your comments on the Constitution. These were discussed by the Executive and Jake has responded to each group regarding their comments.

The biggest impact of the new Constitution is to ensure the current Executive Director, who will become the Chief Executive Officer, is the central cog in the CNZ structure. The Board will be responsible for setting the strategic direction and policies while the Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for operationalising the strategy.

All the best for your tournaments and enjoy the privilege of being able to play.

Kathie Grant

President’s Corner



Life is what happens while you are busy making plans. Upheavals occur, such as wind on the harbour bridge blowing over a couple of trucks, total uncertainty of when unrestricted travel will resume across the Tasman Sea, let alone as to the impact of Covid-19 on croquet tournaments.

Meanwhile the Executive have continued to communicate and function effectively. It was with great relief that the draft of the Constitution

Croquet New Zealand Tournaments

Tournament Registration

Upcoming Tournaments:

5th – 8th November 2020

[CNZ North Island GC Championships](#)

5th – 8th November 2020

[CNZ South Island GC Championships](#)

To register for any of the Croquet New Zealand tournaments, click [here](#).

CNZ Tournaments Under Alert Levels

The Government announced on Monday, 21st September, that Auckland would formally move to Alert Level 2 from 11.59pm on the 23rd of September. While the rest of New Zealand moved to Alert Level 1 from 11.59pm that night.

Unfortunately, this has meant that the Women's GC Tournament and the AC Club Championship have been cancelled in line with the [2020-21 Tournament Guidelines](#).

A decision on the North and South Island Golf Croquet Championships will be made following the next announcement on the 5th of October.

CNZ Invitation Events

Players who are interested in being selected for any of the CNZ Invitations in 2020-21 are asked to register their interest by clicking [here](#) and completing the EOI.

Expressions of interest for each of the Invitations will close on the following dates.

Women's Invitation – 13th January 2021

All GC Invitations – 28th January 2021

All other AC Invitations – 1st February 2021

The players selected will be announced on the following dates.

Women's Invitation – 22nd January 2021

All GC Invitations – 14th February 2021

All other AC Invitations – 8th February 2021

GC Referee Qualifications

Since the establishment of Golf Croquet in New Zealand, there has only been a single rules qualification – Golf Croquet Referee.

There are 188 current Golf Croquet Referees in New Zealand with a wide variance in knowledge and experience.

The Laws Committee have identified the need to establish a second tier of Golf Croquet qualification which will be known as Golf Croquet Senior Referee. This qualification will be for those referees that have demonstrated to have experience and the ability to handle complex situations.

Over the course of 2020-21, the Laws Committee will develop the new exam required for the Senior Referee, rewrite the exam for the Golf Croquet Referee and review / update the relevant clauses within the Tournament Regulations.

WCF News

Plenty has been happening on the world croquet stage including the appointment of a Deputy Secretary-General and an Associate Member became the WCF's 11th Full Member.

For more information on these stories and more, check out the WCF's August/September newsletter [here](#).

Club News

Tournament Updates

Croquet Mount Maunganui have announced an update to the dates of their 62nd Annual Tournament (page 58 of the yearbook). This tournament will now be held from Monday 1st to Thursday 4th March 2021. The Manager is now Peter Taylor, 027 239 6010.

Whakatane Croquet Club have announced they have updated information for their Annual New World tournament (page 59 of the yearbook). More information on these changes can be found [here](#).

Auckland Men's and Women's AC Open will be held at [Orewa Croquet Club](#). This is different to what was advertised in the yearbook. More details on this event can found on page 51 of the 2020-21 Yearbook.

Heretaunga Ryman GC Doubles



Figure 1 L to R: Junior competitors: Nicholas Flood & Paul Kaiser (Rose Gardens), Connor Parker (Marewa), Thomas Monteith (Heretaunga), Maureen Johnson (Ryman Representative), Cole Smith, Oliver Brown, Izzy Ladd & Zedina Sedgwick (Heretaunga).

Ryman Healthcare sponsored the Golf Croquet Doubles Tournament at the Heretaunga Croquet Club on Saturday and Sunday 5 & 6 September. We had players from Rose Gardens Palmerston North, Park Hawera, Barry Memorial, Gisborne and Paraparaumu. We were very fortunate to have had 8 Juniors entered. As usual, the catering and management was appreciated by the players.

RESULTS: Level Doubles: 1st: T. Stephens & G. Wood (Heretaunga), 2nd: H. Reeves & R. Vavasour (Heretaunga), 3rd: S. Hurst (Heretaunga) & D. Bulloch (Rose Gardens)

Handicap Doubles: 1st: I. & O. Brown (Heretaunga), 2nd: S. Hawkes & C. Cowley (Heretaunga) 3rd: P. & I. Elzen (Barry Memorial).



Figure 2 L to R: T. Stephens, R. Vavasour, H. Reeves, G. Wood, I. Brown, O. Brown, C. Cowley, S. Hawken, S. Hurst (Heretaunga), D. Bulloch (Rose Gardens), Maureen Johnson (Ryman Representative), C. Hurst (Manager).

Yummy Fruit Company GC Tournament

Heretaunga Croquet Club hosted the YUMMY Fruit Company Golf Croquet singles tournament 26 & 27 September managed by President Colin Hurst and assistant Sheila Hurst. There were 19 entries in the Level singles and 8 in the handicap singles. Visitors from Rose Gardens, Barry Memorial, Morrinsville, and Marewa. Interesting to note that there were 3 couples entered, one daughter, and one son. There were 2 players in their 20's and 3 teenagers. Playing and weather conditions on Saturday were exceptional.

However, Sunday with an earlier start because of daylight saving turned out to be very wet. Two rounds were played to complete the Level singles two sections and sufficient games played in the handicap singles to get a result there. The winner of the handicap singles was Thomas Monteith, runner-up Patrick Dingemans and 3rd Jeff Cook (all Heretaunga). Play recommenced at 2pm for the Levels final between Tony Stephens and Ian Brown (Heretaunga) and John Christie (Morrinsville) and Sonya Sedgwick (Heretaunga) for third and fourth places. Both games were very exciting, and both finished within minutes of each other. Tony 7 Ian 4. In the other game Sonya 7 John 6. Sonya won the 13th hoop with a spectacular jump shot from 3 yards off the boundary over John's two balls which were about two feet apart. At the presentation John Paynter from YUMMY Fruit Company congratulated the winners and thanked the club for the support shown to Thomas who is his grandson. Amongst the spectators for the finals were Thomas's Grandmother and his Mother.



Figure 3 L to R: Tony Stephens, Sonya Sedgewick, John Paynter, Ian Brown, Patrick Dingemans, Jeff Cook, Thomas Monteith.