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Chief Executive



Welcome to the first edition of Croquet Matters for 2021-22.

The first 6 weeks of our financial year have been extremely busy for Croquet New Zealand.

We have made tremendous progress in a number of key areas, including two new partnerships, that will assist Croquet New Zealand to develop and grow croquet in New Zealand. More on those partnerships can be found later in this edition of Croquet Matters.

The recent Covid-19 outbreak in New Zealand has resulted in the Government moving the entire country to Covid-19 Alert Level 4 (with most of the country moving down to Alert Level 3 at 11.59pm on Tuesday, 31 August). This increase has had a number of impacts on Croquet New Zealand which I will outline

shortly. However, as we were in the first Covid-19 lockdown, we are equipped to work remotely so we can continue to work on developing and growing croquet and will provide Associations with relevant updates when appropriate to pass onto Clubs.

The key impacts of being at Covid-19 Alert Level 3 and 4;

- Yearbooks have been delayed as the printers can only print for essential services. While you wait, you can find the 2021-22 Yearbook on our website, [here](#).
- The New Zealand Secondary School GC Championships have unfortunately been cancelled. Secondary School Sports New Zealand have explained the impact this Covid-19 outbreak has had on Winter Tournament Week, to read this article click [here](#).
- The 2021-22 Tournament Guidelines will help guide decisions for upcoming tournaments. More on these later in this edition.

I hope everyone, and their loved ones, are staying safe.

Jake Inwood

CNZ AGM

The 2021 Croquet New Zealand Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Brentwood Hotel in Wellington on the 9th of October.

Any key information coming from this meeting, including the 2020-21 CNZ Award winners, will be announced in the week following the AGM.

New Partnerships

Croquet New Zealand was able to announce two exciting new partnerships over the past couple of weeks, with Audika and PGG Wrightson Turf.

Audika



Audika is part of the Demant group, a world-leading hearing group, with 29 clinics nationwide.

As part of this partnership, individuals can call 0800 632 971 and use the code "Croquet New Zealand" to book a free hearing test. For every completed hearing test using this code, Audika will donate \$30 to Croquet New Zealand (for full T&C's click [here](#)).

Head over to the [Partners page](#) on our website to learn more about Audika.

PGG Wrightson Turf



PGG Wrightson Turf is a market leader in turfgrass breeding, and turf research and evaluation. They have been breeding turfgrass seed specifically for the New Zealand environment for over 40 years.

As part of this partnership, PGG Wrightson Turf will ensure croquet clubs get the services and products they need to maintain their lawns at a competitive price.

If you are responsible for your Club's lawn maintenance, we recommend you seek more information from your Club.

Head over to the [Partners page](#) on our website to learn more about PGG Wrightson Turf.

2021-22 CNZ Tournaments

As we prepare for the 2021-22 season, we find ourselves in Covid-19 Alert Level 4 again. Please ensure you are familiar with the [2021-22 Tournament Guidelines](#) which will be used to assist decision making during the 2021-22 season.

To ensure that we are ready to start the season whenever the Covid-19 Alert Levels allow, the 2021-22 Tournament entry portal is now open. To register for CNZ Tournaments, click [here](#).

Upcoming Tournaments:

2nd and 3rd October 2021

[CNZ Women's GC Tournament](#)

Entries Close: 8th September 2021

14th to 17th October 2021

[CNZ North Island GC Championships](#)

Entries Close: 23rd September 2021

28th to 31st October 2021

[CNZ South Island GC Championships](#)

Entries Close: 6th October 2021

Any decisions on the postponement or cancellation of tournaments, as well as any updates to the 2021-22 Tournament Guidelines will be posted on our website.

CNZ Invitations

Players are now able to register their expression of interest to be selected for any of the AC or GC Invitations. To register your interest, click [here](#).

Expressions of interest are due by:

Women's AC Invitation → 19th January 2022

All other AC Invitations → 2nd February 2022

All GC Invitations → 16th February 2022

Future Tournament Calendar

Thank you to all individuals and Associations that took the time to complete the recent survey regarding the proposed changes to the 2022-23 Tournament Calendar.

It is important to CNZ that the tournaments offered assist us in meeting our strategic objectives as well as meeting the needs of our member's. Your feedback will provide guidance during our decision-making process.

Croquet New Zealand will now review the feedback received and develop the proposed calendar for the 2022-23 season. Any changes, and the rationale for those changes, will be shared once they have been confirmed.