



CROQUET MATTERS

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Chief Executive



As we approach Christmas, another year has flown by and it is always good to take some time to reflect on what has been achieved, and what

a year 2021 has been!

There is a lot to be proud of as a sport. We progressed the implementation of the new Constitution with the appointment of our first independent Board members. We completed the 2021-26 Strategic Plan which will guide us over the next 5 years. We formed more commercial partnerships to benefit our members and Croquet New Zealand. We received additional funding to hire a third staff member to continue to support the growth of croquet. And of course, the 2020-

21 membership grew for the 7th consecutive year. What is even more pleasing is our ability to achieve all of this during the middle of a pandemic.

Although croquet, like many other sports, was once again disrupted by Covid-19 there is plenty that we can be thankful for. Living in New Zealand, we were able to enjoy a long period of relative *normality* compared to the rest of the world.

The new Covid Protection Framework will enable national tournaments to resume in 2022 with the use of the My Vaccine Pass, providing certainty to players and hosts.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has helped make croquet happen during 2021. No matter how small (or big) a task may seem, they all contribute to helping build the strong, inclusive environment which has helped croquet continue to grow and thrive. Thank you.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! See you in 2022!

Jake Inwood

CNZ Tournaments

With the move to the Covid Protection Framework in early December, there is now certainty that CNZ tournaments can proceed. This is a reminder that everyone that wants to attend a CNZ tournament, either as a participant, volunteer, or spectator, will need to produce their My Vaccine Pass.

Time is quickly running out for those that want to participate in the CNZ GC Nationals or the CNZ 3+ GC Championship with entries closing on the **23rd of December**.

To register for these tournaments (and other CNZ tournaments), click [here](#).

Upcoming Tournaments

16th – 23rd January 2022

[CNZ GC Nationals](#)

Entries Close: 23rd December 2021

21st – 23rd January 2022

[CNZ GC 3+ Championship](#)

Entries Close: 23rd December 2021

12th – 18th February 2022

[CNZ NZ Open](#)

Entries Close: 20th January 2022

19th – 20th February 2022

[CNZ Women's GC](#)

Entries Close: 26th January 2022

Invitations

A reminder that expressions of interest for the 2021-22 CNZ Invitations are due by the following dates;

Women's AC Invitation → 19th January 2022

All other AC Invitations → 2nd February 2022

All GC Invitations → 16th February 2022

To register your interest, click [here](#).

U21 vs NZ Select

The first event for CNZ in 2022 will be the U21 v NZ Select match to be held on the 8th and 9th of January 2022.

This match will feature some of the top players in New Zealand, as well as some of the up-and-coming stars of tomorrow.

Being played at United Croquet Club in Christchurch, the teams will compete in a two-test series. Each test being best of 9 matches.

Can't be in Christchurch but still want to watch? No worries at all. We will be streaming both days live on our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV7k1gW3FQ3gamtHCmPDZZA/featured>

Updated teams:

NZ Select	U21
Jenny Clarke	Jessica Bullen
Duncan Dixon	Levi Franks
Edmund Fordyce	Paul Kaiser
Helen Reeves	Mikey Lauer
Sonya Sedgwick	Joel Steele
Felix Webby	Josh Winter

WCF Management Committee & Treasurer

The World Croquet Federation has recently held elections for their Treasurer role and for the Management Committee.

We are excited to share that Graeme Roberts has been elected to serve on the WCF Management Committee beginning from 1 January 2022. Graeme's election ensures there remains a member from New Zealand following Geoff Young's retirement which takes effect from 31st December 2021.

Geoff served on the Management Committee for 8 years. Thank you for your service, Geoff.

The other two individuals elected for the Management Committee are;

- Roberts Stafekis (Latvia) – re-elected
- Begona Elzaburu (Spain)

To learn more about the three elected members, click [here](#).

Peter Payne (Switzerland) has been elected as the WCF Treasurer and will take office from the 1st of January 2022.

To learn more about Peter, click [here](#).

Club News

Tauranga CC – Christmas Spirit

Each year when members of the Tauranga Croquet Club celebrate Christmas instead of exchanging gifts, they bring a donation for the local Food Bank.

This always results in a good haul of necessities and this year was no exception with the generosity of our members resulting in a larger than usual array of goodies to be delivered to the Food Bank for distribution to folk in the community less fortunate than ourselves.

