



# CROQUET MATTERS

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## Chief Executive



As another month comes to a close, we edge closer to the end of another successful season of croquet.

Despite the continued interruptions from the Covid-19 Pandemic, volunteers in Associations and Clubs have worked tirelessly to ensure that croquet was still able to be played. Whether you simply enjoy playing at your club, or whether you wanted to test your skills against others from around your region or the country. A massive thank you to everyone that has continued to help make croquet happen.

The support of everyone involved with croquet is imperative to creating more opportunities within our sport and to grow our membership. It has been exciting to see

the growth and implementation of our Inclusion Project during the past couple of months, more on this later.

For those that are winding down for the year, I hope you had a successful croquet season. For those that are continuing through the colder months, I wish you all the best for your winter croquet.

We will be reviewing the 2021-22 season and planning for the 2022-23 in the coming months and we will share these insights with you as they become available.

*Jake Inwood*

## CNZ Tournaments

### GC Invitations

#### **Top GC Invitation – Matamata CC**

Winner: Brain Bullen (Wellington)

#### **Second GC Invitation – Matamata CC**

Winner: Vanessa Hanna (Waikato-King Country)

#### **Third GC Invitation – Rose Gardens CC**

Winner: Callum McKinnon (Manawatu-Wanganui)

You can find the tournament wrap-up [here](#).

### Terminator Mallets U21 GC Champs

#### **Doubles Competition – Heretaunga CC**

Winners: James Duggan & Joshua Winter (Canterbury)

#### **Singles Competition – Heretaunga CC**

Winner: Joshua Winter (Canterbury)

Follow the links for the tournament wrap-up and the videos on our YouTube page:

[Terminator Mallets U21 GC Wrap-up](#)

[Doubles Competition Highlights](#)

[Singles Competition Highlights](#)

## CNZ Awards

As the 2021-22 season draws to a close, we will soon be requesting nominations for the Croquet New Zealand awards. The categories include:

- Player of the Year
- Most Improved AC Player
- Most Improved GC Player
- Volunteer of the Year
- Contribution to Croquet

We will post the nomination forms on our website as well as sharing through your Associations.

In conjunction with these categories, we will also be sending the Club Participation Award form for Clubs to complete. Please encourage your Clubs to complete this form. It provides Croquet New Zealand with great insights to grassroots croquet while also giving your Club a chance to win up to \$750 worth of croquet equipment!

## Halberg Inclusion Training



As part of our inclusion initiative, CNZ held its first ever inclusion training session through the Halberg Foundation at Wellington Municipal CC on 12 April.

Run by Celia O'Driscoll, the training included discussions about different disabilities, accessibility and adaptations. Some great open

conversations were had, and attendees were able to gauge how to make croquet as inclusive as possible.

The training was run as an introduction before the club hosted its first programme in association with d Sport, Wellington's main disability sport organisation.

As more inclusion projects happen around the country, CNZ will arrange for sessions to be held. However, if your club or association would like to have one independently, please contact [Oliver Field](#).

## World Croquet Federation

In early April, the WCF published the first version of its Gender Policy.

You can access the policy [here](#).

## Club News

### Tainui CC – Tahuna Students



Students from Tahuna Normal Intermediate School in Dunedin have been receiving training from the experienced members of Tainui Club during April. More groups will be visiting the club over the coming three terms.

At the end of the year, Tainui will host a doubles tournament for all the students who have participated, and they'll be playing for the coveted trophy donated by the Tainui CC.

We look forward to seeing more from the next generation of croquet players. You can find out more on the club's [Facebook page](#).

**If your club has any unique news that you would like to see in *Croquet Matters*, please send your articles and photos to us [here](#).**