



CROQUET MATTERS

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Chief Executive



Welcome to the July edition of Croquet Matters!

Plenty has happened over the past month, and there is so much more

happening over the coming month as we move closer towards the start of the 2022-23 season.

It is exciting to see New Zealand players back competing on the world stage. All the best to Jenny Clarke and Nelson Morrow at the 2022 GC World Championships.

More New Zealanders will take to the lawns later in the season with the MacRobertson Shield in November in Australia, and the Women’s AC World Championships (January 2023) and U21 GC World Championships (February 2023) being held in New Zealand!

The Inclusion Programme keeps going from strength to strength with more disabled New Zealanders getting the opportunity to play and fall in love with our great sport.

I hope everyone is looking forward to an exciting 2022-23 croquet season!

Jake Inwood

Chief Executive Recruitment

The Board regrets that Jake Inwood is leaving Croquet New Zealand (CNZ) on the 23rd of August and wishes him success in his role as General Manager of Hockey Manawatu. CNZ has made a number of successful advances over Jake’s five-year tenure for which we express our thanks and appreciation.

The recruitment of his successor is one of the most important tasks of the Board, and with the help of a grant, we engaged *INSIDE*, a professional recruiting firm to guide the process. Over thirty applications were received of which *INSIDE* provided a longlist of fifteen candidates who were considered suitable for the role.

The quality of the applicants was exceptional and the appointment subcommittee, chaired by me and with Judith Hanratty and Graeme Roberts as additional members, spent many hours in consultation. We interviewed six candidates before whittling it down to two after a series of interviews.

We expect to be able to make a final appointment in time to enable the successful applicant to spend some time with Jake to assist in a smooth handover.

Tony O'Donnell

CNZ Board Chair

CNZ Tournaments

Tournament Entry Portal

Our new entry portal is getting some finishing touches before going online. This will be available for national tournaments and invitation expressions of interest.

Keep an eye on our website in the coming weeks for the launch of the portal.

Inclusion Project

Parafed Taranaki Programme



CNZ's Inclusion Project continued with our first session of 2022/23 in New Plymouth, in association with [Parafed Taranaki](#) on the 2nd of July.

Members from all three clubs in the city welcomed and coached the basics to participants at The Tasman Club. Families could then take part in GC matches, while the club had specially set up custom hoops on another lawn for games and drills.

CNZ would like to thank all the volunteers on the day, who helped to make it a memorable experience. Parafed Taranaki are looking forward to another session later in the year.

You can read the full report from Croquet Taranaki [here](#).

Learn more about our inclusion journey on our website [here](#).

Lawn Maintenance Book



CNZ, in association with The NZ Sports Turf Institute, is pleased to announce the launch of a new handbook to assist in lawn maintenance.

The manual contains advice on mowing, fertilizing, irrigation, drainage and much more.

If you would like to order a copy for \$35, please email CNZ [here](#).

Clubs can also take advantage of CNZ's partnership with PGG Wrightson Turf. Contact your association for more details.

World Croquet Federation

GC World Championships

The World Championships will take place at the Sussex County Croquet Club from 30th July to 7th August.

You can follow the progress of New Zealand's Jenny Clarke and Nelson Morrow through the tournament website [here](#).

The Croquet Association will also have live streaming of the Championships which you can watch [here](#).

U21 GC World Championships

The 2023 World Championships will be held in Bay of Plenty from the 8th to the 12th of February next year.

Any New Zealand players who would like to be considered for a place in the event should email [Croquet New Zealand](mailto:info@croquetnz.co.nz) no later than 5pm, Wednesday 17th August.

You can find more information about the World Championship and eligibility [here](#).

Referee Regulations

The WGC has updated its Referee Regulations to reflect changes in the 6th Edition of the GC Rules.

You can access the updated regulations [here](#).

AC & GC Country Rankings

The quarterly AC and GC rankings were updated at the end of last month.

New Zealand currently sits third for AC and fourth for GC.

You can access the AC rankings [here](#) and the GC rankings [here](#).

Club News

Vilna Gough-Jones Receives Award



Fendalton Park Croquet Club was delighted that Vilna Gough-Jones was recently presented with a Community Service Award from the Christchurch City Council for her services to the club and the wider Canterbury Croquet Community.

Vilna has been the Secretary of the Fendalton Park Croquet Club since 2011 and took on the

joint role of Secretary/Treasurer in 2013. In addition, Vilna is an accredited Croquet Referee and Coach. She has been a member of the Executive of the Canterbury Croquet Association for the past four years and is currently President and Treasurer.

Vilna willingly gives her time, not only to coach Fendalton members, but regularly makes coaching trips to other CCA Clubs, as well as managing and refereeing tournaments.

Canterbury CA Lawn Workshop



A Turf Management Workshop, presented by PGG Wrightson Turf was held this month at Fendalton Park CC.

The grounds coordinators from the region were given information about many lawn management factors including renovation techniques and disease control.

You can read the full report from the Canterbury Croquet Association [here](#).

Rule of the Month

8.2.3 Offside Balls

“If a stationary ball is subject to interference by the opposing side or an outside agency when there is reasonable doubt about its position relative to the halfway line...it is replaced...but is not to be treated as an offside ball...”

This new rule in the 6th Edition of the GC Rules gives the benefit of the doubt to a ball close to the halfway line which has suffered interference.

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