



CROQUET MATTERS

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Chief Executive

Welcome to the September Edition of Croquet Matters.

This month’s letter covers the first CNZ tournaments for the 2022-23 season. If you haven’t done so already, please hop online and register for our tournaments or submit an expression of interest for the CNZ invitation events and help us make these tournaments a success.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the CNZ Women’s GC Tournament due to the low number of entries.

We also cover the two WCF World Championships New Zealand will be hosting this season. I would like to congratulate all players who have been selected to represent our country in these World Championships and I am looking forward to watching you in action. And there will be even more representatives in both events, with qualifying places in the Women’s AC World Championship still to be earned and the membership places for the U21 GC World Championship still to be awarded.

Our team for the MacRobertson Shield are continuing their preparation with a training weekend scheduled for 8-9 October in Wellington. We will provide an update on the team in our next edition before they head off to Melbourne.

Stefan Horrer

CNZ Tournaments

North Island GC

The CNZ North Island GC Championships will be held from 13-16 October in Matamata.

This event is now held biannually, and will alternate with the South Island GC Championships which will be held next season.

The North and South Island AC Championships will also be alternated annually.

GC Invitations

Expressions of interest for the GC Invitations will close on **Thursday 6th October 2022**. If you would like to play and haven't registered yet please do so as soon as possible. You can make expressions of interest [here](#).

A reminder where the invitations will be held:

Top 10 President's Trophy presented by Yvonne Yeates & Second 10 Duncan Dixon Trophy – Nelson Hinemoa CC (Nelson).

Third 10 Geoff Young Trophy – Fendalton Park CC (Canterbury).

Women's AC Invitation

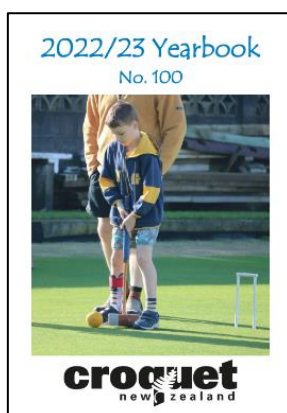
The ten places and two reserve places for this year's invitation event have been announced.

The Edna Willis Silver Salver will be competed from 4-6 November in Whakatane.

You can access the full list [here](#).

CNZ Yearbook

The 2022/23 CNZ Yearbooks have been despatched. Please take note of the following changes to the hard copy which can be found in the updated version [here](#):



- Front cover inset: Terminator Mallets advert has the incorrect pricings. Please find the updated advert [here](#).

- Page 20: CNZ New Zealand Open allocation date is **20th December 2022**, and not 5th January 2023.

- Page 87: Wellington Croquet Association 18+ AC Tournament at Paraparaumu CC is on **19th & 20th January 2023**, and not 21st & 22nd January.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

CNZ celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Māori during September by releasing several words and phrases on our Facebook page that were translated with the help of Ngāti Toa Rangatira.

You can access all the slides [here](#).

Inclusion Project

Halberg Regional Games



CNZ, with the help of the Canterbury Association and Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui, will have an area set up for families to try the sport at two of the Halberg Regional Games for the first time next month.

Halberg Games South – Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub, Christchurch on 1st October.

Halberg Games Central – Palmerston North Boys' High School on 15th October.

Volunteers are welcome to join at either event to help with introducing New Zealand's young athletes with disabilities to croquet. For more information, contact our Inclusion Officer, Oliver Field, [here](#).

PGG Wrightson Partnership



CNZ would like to remind Clubs and Associations about our partnership with PGG Wrightson Turf.

For orders and more information on the benefits, please contact Stefan [here](#).

World Croquet Federation

Women's AC Member Places

The WCF has finalised the 36 places for the Women's AC World Championship in Christchurch next year.

New Zealand will have nine representatives who were selected from ranking places and membership places.

For the full list of competitors, click [here](#).

An additional minimum of four places will be awarded through a qualifying tournament to be held on 3-5 January at Waikanae CC. To register for the qualifying tournament click [here](#).

For more information on the Championship, click [here](#).

U21 GC Ranking Places

The WCF has announced the 17 rankings placings for next year's U21 GC World Championship in Bay of Plenty.

For the list of New Zealand's ten players and more information on the Championship, click [here](#).

In addition to the ten ranking places, New Zealand has the right to nominate five membership places which will be announced in late October.

Club News

Croquet Taranaki 100 Year Celebrations



Croquet Taranaki celebrated its 100 years last season with a successful rebranding and a croquet history compilation of the region, led by former President, Susan Burgess.

The celebrations were capped off by a dinner held in New Plymouth last month.

You can read more about the Centenary celebrations [here](#).

Faith & Light at Tasman Club



Kimi Ora Faith and Light Community group enjoyed a day of croquet at Tasman Club in New Plymouth on 17th September. The disability care group meets once a month. The lawns were set up for a variety of activities, including musical hoops, skittles and an obstacle track.

The group, led by Mavis and Rex Brogden, would like to thank all the members from Tasman Croquet Club who gave their time and energy to make it such a great experience.

GC Rule of the Month

11.2.3 Ball Striking Faults

"A fault is committed by a player, who, during the striking period, strikes a ball with any part of the mallet other than an end-face of the head, either deliberately in any stroke or accidentally in a stroke that requires special care because of the proximity of a hoop or the peg or another ball."

This rule was amended in the 6th edition to clarify the difference between deliberate and accidental use of a part of the mallet other than an end-face of the head.

Players should make particular note to take care in attempting strokes when there are obstacles close to the striker's ball, as a miss-hit results in a fault.

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](#).