



Hector Stratton

Hector was the inaugural winner of one of the longest running tournaments in the country, winning the first edition of the North Island Open Singles in 1920.

He would go on to be a regular competitor in the event, taking success again in the singles in 1923 and forming a formidable partnership with fellow Hall of Fame inductee, Rene Watkins. The pair won three North Island Doubles Championships and a title in the South Island Championships in 1937. Both were members of the Hastings Croquet Club and competed at several NZ Open Championships together, winning in 1923. Hector's other Doubles victory came ten years later with Mrs F. Palmer in 1933.

He was the Hawkes Bay Champion in 1924.

Hector claimed his spot in New Zealand Croquet history by being a member of New Zealand's first MacRobertson Shield team in 1930 and the only player to be in the first two teams.

Inducted: 2019

Achievements:

- *NZ Open Champion*
(1933, 1923)
- *NZ Open Doubles*
(1933, 1924)
- *MacRobertson Shield Team*
(1935, 1930)
- *Men's AC Champion*
(1936)
- *North Island AC Champion*
(1923, 1920)
- *North Island AC Doubles*
(1939, 1937, 1927)
- *South Island AC Doubles*
(1937)

Representative Matches:

- *vs England* (1929)