



## Steve Jones

Steve started playing croquet in 1957, but began his tournament career in Cheltenham, England, where he was a member of the Cheltenham Croquet Club and the Coal Research Establishment Cronies Club from 1978-1981.

After moving to Wellington in 1982, he joined Waimarie Club and was a member there, at Naenae and at Wellington Municipal until 1999.

In 1989, Steve became the first and only New Zealand representative to win the Sonoma Cutrer World Championships.

It was during the early 90s that he solidified his place in the MacRobertson and Trans-Tasman teams, of which he was a core member and eventually captain. During the decade, Steve won four NZ Open Doubles Championships and the Singles Championship in 1996. He also published a book at this time, "Peel Appeal", when he was ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the world.

Off the lawns, Steve was also a key part of the Wellington Croquet Association, culminating in his presidency in 1994 after which he joined the NZCC as a council member from 1997-2000.

He moved to Queensland Australia in the early 2000s, where he continued giving to the sport by being the Senior Vice-President of the Australian Croquet Association, as well as being the head coach for Australia including the 2006 and 2010 MacRobs.

Steve returned to New Zealand in 2010, and he has been a member at Rangatira in Dannevirke ever since.

### **Achievements:**

- *NZ Open Champion*  
(1996)
- *NZ Open Doubles*  
(1998, 1997, 1995, 1989)
- *MacRobertson Shield Team*  
(2000, 1996, 1993, 1990)
- *Trans-Tasman Team*  
**(1999, 1995, 1994)**
- *AC Mixed Doubles*  
(2019, 2017)
- *Open Handicap Arthur Ross*  
(1987)
- *Silver Tray Invitation*  
(1988)
- *President's Tray Invitation*  
(2012)
- *North Island AC Champion*  
(2019)
- *North Island AC Doubles*  
(1991)

Representative Matches:

- *vs Wales* (1996)

- *vs Great Britain & Ireland*  
(1990)

**Other international honours:**

- *Sonoma Cutrer Champion*  
(1989)

- *Sonoma Cutrer Runner-up*  
(1990)