



# CROQUET MATTERS

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## Chief Executive

Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter. The new season is now in full swing with tournaments happening across the country.

We will cover results of recent tournaments as well as the upcoming CNZ tournaments below.

You can find an update on recent initiatives of our Inclusion Programme. Our Inclusion Officer Oliver Field has been busy on both islands.

November will also see our national team travel to Melbourne to compete for the MacRobertson Shield. Please check our Facebook page in the coming days as we will be sharing player profiles in the lead up to the first test match.

The entire event will be livestreamed by the tournament hosts. We will make sure to share the link once available.

We will also be opening our merchandise store again soon in time for Christmas.

*Stefan Horrer*

## CNZ Awards



Congratulations to all the award winners from the CNZ AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> October:

President’s Trophy: **Otorohanga**

Huon Pine Bowl: **North Shore & Wanganui**

Club Participation Award:

- 1) **Park**
- 2) **Masterton**
- 3) **Hamilton East**

Most Improved AC Player: **Callum McKinnon**

Most Improved GC Player: **Amy Gust**

Volunteer of the Year: **Margaret Foxton**

Contribution to Croquet: **Eileen Judd**

Players of the Year: **Paddy Chapman & Josh Winter**

You can see all the photos from the presentation on our Facebook Page [here](#).

## CUS Merchandise



We are pleased to announce that our merchandise store through Custom Uniforms & Sportswear (CUS) is open again from **10<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

Orders will be dispatched in December in time for Christmas, so get your gifts from 10<sup>th</sup> November [here](#).

## CNZ Tournaments

### North Island GC Results

Thames Valley's Paddy Chapman got his season off to a flier with a 7-3, 7-1 win over South Taranaki's Ricky Clement in the Singles final to take the Ron Johnson Memorial Trophy.

In the doubles, Helen Reeves & Nelson Morrow beat Vanessa Hanna & Jean Kent. Congratulations to the winners, who will hold the titles until the 2024/25 season.

## AC Club Teams Event

The Epsom-Remuera Croquet Club hosted the AC Club Teams Event on Labour Weekend with Epsom-Remuera CC, Whakatane CC, Wellington MCC and Waireka CC competing against each other in teams of six. The event has a development focus with top players pairing with junior players, and group discussions and analysis after play finished for the day.

All games were doubles games with at least the first game of each day played as Alternate Stroke Doubles games. After three days the Waireka team emerged victorious beating Epsom-Remuera in their final test match to win all three tests. Epsom-Remuera finished second with Wellington and Whakatane in third and fourth place respectively.

## November Tournaments

This month will see the three GC Invitation events taking place in Nelson and Christchurch.

The Women's AC Invitation will also be held by the Bay of Plenty Association at Whakatane CC from 4-6 November.

Best of luck to all players in our upcoming tournaments.

## Men's and Women's Championships

Registration for the Men's and Women's AC Championships will close on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

You can register [here](#).

The Championships will be held at Waimarie Hutt Valley CC and Petone-Central CC (if needed) from 7-11 December.

## GC Senior Referees

Congratulations to our seven GC Senior Referees who have qualified since the exam was set up earlier this year:

Pat Anderton (Thames Valley)

Janet Boutel (Wellington)

Bryan Lesley (Waikato-King Country)

Anne McKenzie (Wellington)

Tony O'Donnell (Canterbury)

Helen Reeves (Hawkes Bay)

Josh Smith (Manawatu-Wanganui)

Experienced GC Referees who would like to sit the exam for Senior Referee should email the Convenor of CNZ Laws Committee, [Michael Hardman](#), to be put in touch with the nearest examiners.

## New Office Location

CNZ has moved offices. You can find us at:

Level 6, 2 Woodward Street, Wellington Central, 6011.

## Inclusion Project

### Halberg Games South



For the first time, croquet was available as an option at a Halberg Games at the regional event in Christchurch on 30 September.

Families were given the chance to try the sport in between athletics events at the Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub.

Over 20 players with a disability ran hoops and played in mini games, and were given also the chance to play gateball.

CNZ would like to thank the Canterbury Croquet Association for the use of equipment and all the volunteers who came out.

## Halberg Games Central



Following the success of the Christchurch event, croquet also had a presence at the Halberg Games Central at the Manawatu Community Athletics Track on 14 October.

Over 40 athletes, family members and support staff had a go at croquet, utilising the adapted equipment and lawn.

CNZ would like to thank Josh Smith and the other volunteers from Rose Gardens CC who made it a memorable day.

## World Croquet Federation

### AC & GC Country Rankings

The WCF's quarterly team rankings were updated at the end of September.

In AC, the top 4 remains unchanged with New Zealand staying in third place. Wales and Ireland have both moved up a place to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively, while Scotland have dropped to 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

In GC, New Zealand is also unchanged in fourth place, but have extended the lead over Spain in fifth up to 43 average points.

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

## U21 GC Player List

With entry to next year's U21 GC World Championship in Bay of Plenty now closed, the WCF has announced the 32 places for the tournament.

New Zealand will have at least seventeen players competing. For the full list of New Zealand players, click [here](#).

## 2023 AC World Championship

The 2023 AC WC will be held in England in July next year. Expressions of interest should be sent to [croquet@croquet.org.nz](mailto:croquet@croquet.org.nz) by 15 November at the latest.

## Club News

### Masterton CC Centennial

The Masterton Croquet Club celebrated its centenary on Saturday 29th October.

The day included a demonstration game, special presentation for outstanding service to life member Duncan Adair, and an afternoon of golf croquet.



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

## AC Law of the Month

### 8.4 Cancelling a Stroke

*“The striker may cancel the stroke and the striking period after they have started and before the stroke is played by:*

*8.4.1.1 stepping away from the stance under control; or*

*8.4.1.2 stopping or diverting the mallet, after having begun to swing it for the purpose of striking the striker's ball, in a successful attempt to avoid hitting the ball or committing a fault.”*

This rule was introduced in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Laws to clarify the difference between cancelling and annulling a stroke. The above rule refers to cancelling, in which a player makes no contact with the ball.

In this case, the striker is entitled to begin the *stroke* and *striking period* again.

**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](#).**