



# CROQUET MATTERS

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## Chief Executive

I hope you had an opportunity to watch the livestream and see our national AC team competing in the MacRobertson Shield. The team was not only competing against three other teams, but also four different seasons on most days, and extremely challenging lawns.

Domestically November saw the Women’s AC Invitation event held in Whakatane and the

GC invitation events being held on the South Island in rainy conditions. A big thank you to our managers and other officials and volunteers for adapting, adjusting and managing to complete these events.

Following the release of our Safeguarding Policies in late August I am pleased to announce that Oliver Field has been appointed our Chief Safeguarding Officer.

Unfortunately, November was also a sad month with croquet losing one of our young and talented players, Aiken Hakes. AJ, as he was known, represented New Zealand at various international events. He will be missed.

*Stefan Horrer*

## CNZ Tournaments

### Women’s AC Invitation Results

Carissa Price of Manawatu-Wanganui won 7 of her 8 matches to claim the Women’s AC Invitation played at Whakatane CC, showing great form going into January’s World Championships.

Carolyn Fordyce (South Canterbury) and Cindy Clarke (Bay of Plenty) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively.

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

### GC Invitation Results

This season’s Invitations were held over a rainy weekend from 18-20 November at Nelson Hinemoa CC and Fendalton Park CC.

Top 10: **Logan McCorkindale** (South Canterbury)

2nd 10: **Stephen Green** (Nelson)

3rd 16: **Kevin Freeth** (Marlborough)

Congratulations to all our Invitation winners. You can read the full report and access results [here](#).

## December Tournaments

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

It promises to be another great preparation step, particularly for those competing in the Women's AC World Championships and Qualifier.

## Upcoming Registrations

The start of 2023 will be very busy with five major tournaments:

The **GC Nationals**, our premier Golf Croquet event, will be held in Hawkes Bay and registration closes on **22 December 2022**.

The **GC 3+ Championship** will be held in Levin. Registration also closes on **22 December 2022**. This event is open to all players with a handicap of 3 and above as of 8 December.

The **South Island AC Championships** will be held in Otago and registration closes on **4 January 2023**. This is now a bi-annual tournament.

The **NZ Open**, our premier AC tournament, will be held in February at Paraparaumu, Waikanae and Plimmerton. Entries closes on **26 January 2023**.

You can register for these four CNZ tournaments [here](#).

Finally, a new event, the **Women's GC Invitation** will be held in Morrinsville. You can make expressions of interest by **19 January 2023** [here](#).

## MacRobertson Shield

Our MacRob team returned from Melbourne with a third place, but was only two games away from winning the tournament. In the first two tests against Australia and England our team lost 10 matches to eleven pushing those higher ranked teams all the way. The performance against the highest ranked team and match-fit England was particularly impressive.

In the third test against the USA the team was forced to play with only four players due to Covid and had a slow start losing both opening doubles matches. In the end however the team was too strong for the US team beating them 9 to 5.

Despite finishing third the team won over 50% of matches, which is remarkable.

Congratulations to Greg (captain), Jenny, Aaron, Paddy and our two debutants Felix and Edmund for a solid performance over the three tests.

## Inclusion Project

### Parafed Canterbury

Young athletes, through the two Junior Sports Clubs run by Parafed Canterbury, were given the opportunity to play croquet over two sessions at the end of November.

Many of the players had already got a taste of the sport at the Halberg Games South, and were able to hone their skills again.

Five families from the Selwyn Junior Sports Club played matches with adapted rules at Rolleston School, while the Christchurch Junior Sports Club's families were given the full club experience at Fendalton Park CC.

CNZ would like to thank the club and the CCA for all their help in making these sessions happen. We look forward to a strong relationship in the region between the Association and the Parafed organisation.

## World Croquet Federation

### Sunshiny CQ 16 Balls

The Sunshiny balls have been re-tested and are now approved for competitions by the WCF until November 2025.

You can order these balls through CNZ [here](#).

## Club News

### Association & Club Results

Our website now has a dedicated page for Association and Club tournament results from this season. You can access it [here](#).

If you would like your results to be published, please email them, along with a report and photos, to us [here](#).

### Tauranga CC Centennial

The club celebrated its Centenary over the final weekend of October with a dinner on the Friday night and some 7 hoop GC matches on the Saturday. This was followed by High Tea with a birthday cake.

Unfortunately, rain intervened on the Sunday, but the club looks forward to another successful 100 years.

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

### Waimarie Hutt Valley CC Centennial



The club continued centenary season by hosting a weekend of activities on 5 & 6 November.

The weekend's highlights included a 1920s themed dinner, special guests, and the AC and GC Centennial tournaments.

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

### Bay of Plenty AC Referees



The Bay of Plenty Croquet Association had not had an AC Referee for a number of years.

They can now proudly boast to having two as Steve Clarke (Whakatane CC) and Jim Gilligan (Mount Maunganui) recently sat and passed their exams.

There are now 11 qualified AC Referees in the country. If you are an AC Umpire and would like to gain the next qualification, please contact your Association.

## GC Rule of the Month

### 11.4.2 Action After a Fault

If a fault is committed and the *striking period* is completed, "*the non-offending side is to decide whether the balls are left where they stopped or are replaced. The non-offending side is to decide its decision promptly and may not change that decision.*"

A rule that all GC players should be well aware of when your opponents commit a fault. *Replaced* in this sense means putting the balls back where they were before the fault was committed.

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