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Chief Executive

What a month it has been. Large parts of our beautiful country were impacted by a cyclone bringing destruction and devastation. Unfortunately, our croquet community has not been spared so our thoughts are with those in the affected areas.

Despite the destruction in some parts of the country we have also been busy playing croquet. Mount Maunganui and Tauranga saw 32 of the best young croquet talent in action in early February, and despite missing out on

the big prize our players did us proud winning multiple medals and trophies.

And last week the croquet clubs on the Kapiti Coast hosted the NZ Open. Those who were there or those who watched the livestream were treated to some AC masterclasses. I personally had the pleasure to be on the receiving end of a perfectly executed quadruple peel by Paddy Chapman. In the end we did see a new winner in Logan McCorkindale, who dominated all week and I can’t wait to see him compete at the AC World Championship in July.

And next month will see more great croquet tournaments with the Women’s GC Invitation Event, our two national handicap tournaments and the AC Invitation Events.

Stefan Horrер

CNZ Tournaments

NZ Open Results



This year’s Open took place from 18-25 February along the Kapiti Coast.

Singles Champion: **Logan McCorkindale** (South Canterbury)

Singles Runner-Up: **Paddy Chapman** (Thames Valley)

Bronze Medal: **Harps Tahurangi** (Wellington)

Heenan Plate: **John Christie** (Thames Valley)

Doubles Winners: **Paddy Chapman & Greg Bryant** (Wellington)

Doubles Plate: **Nelson Morrow** (Auckland) & **John Christie**

Charles Jones Memorial Encouragement Salver: **Carey Johnstone** (South Taranaki)

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

You can watch replays of the semi finals and final through our YouTube channel [here](#).

Upcoming Tournaments

This month will be jam packed with both AC and GC events around the country.

The inaugural **Women's GC Invitation** will be in Morrinsville from 3-5 March.

The **Arthur Ross National Final** will be held at Pukekohe CC from 10-12 March.

The **Don Reyland Stars National Final** will take place at Rangatira CC in Dannevirke from 17-19 March.

Finally, the **AC Invitations** will be taking place at the end of the month. The 3rd 16 will be held in Palmerston North at Rose Gardens from 24-26 March while the Top Eight and 2nd Eight will both be held from 25-29 March at Epsom Remuera and Orewa clubs in Auckland respectively.

U21 GC Registrations

This year's Terminator Mallets U21 GC Championship will take place in Ashburton over the Easter weekend from 7-11 April.

Entries close on **Thursday 16 March** and all our young players are encouraged to take part as this is a great opportunity to play against some of our U21 World Championship competitors.

You can register for the event [here](#).

John Prince

John Prince sadly passed away on 14 February aged 77.

John was a life member of United Croquet Club, the Canterbury Croquet Association, Croquet New Zealand and the Croquet Association in England.

He was also inducted into the CNZ Hall of Fame and WCF Hall of Fame for his brilliant croquet achievements.

You can read more about John [here](#).

He will be sorely missed.

Inclusion Project

Upcoming Events



CNZ will be hosting two major inclusion events in March to introduce athletes to the sport.

Some of Parafed Otago's members got a taste of croquet at last year's Halberg Games South, but will get the club experience at Tainui CC in Dunedin from 2pm on Saturday 11 March.

In association with Parafed Waikato, Leamington CC will have a Have-a-Go day on Saturday 25 March from 10am.

If you would like to volunteer for some basic coaching at either event, please contact our Inclusion Officer, Oliver, [here](#).

World Croquet Federation

U21 GC WC Results

This year's championship was held in Mt Maunganui and Tauranga earlier this month.

The organisers put on a world class event in which our NZ players impressed. England's Aston Wade became the first English winner, beating Egypt's Fawzy Helmy in the final.



Congratulations to Joel Steele and Te Kiri King (pictured above) who both achieved bronze medals by making the semi finals.

Canterbury's Levi Franks and Josh Winter won the Shield and Bowl respectively.

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

You can watch coverage of the knockout matches through the Whakaata Māori YouTube Channel [here](#).

AC WC and Women's GC Qualifying

The AC World Championship Qualifier will be held in Sussex, England, from 10-13 July 2023.

You can find out more about the event [here](#).

The Women's GC World Championship Qualifier will be held in Eastbourne, England, from 3-5 August 2023.

You can find out more [here](#).

Club News

Croquet Nelson GC Grade Championship

The Nelson GC Grade Champs were held on 4 & 5 February.

Congratulations to all the winners, which included Alan Winwood, Jeff Sawyer, Geoff Tuck, Phil Spencer, Brian Goodwin, Dave Grigg and Michael Bucknell.

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

Waikanae AC 4+ Open Tournament

The 4+ AC Tournament was held in January.

Janet Boutel (Wellington MCC) took first place ahead of Shaun Theobald (Waimarie Hutt

Valley CC). Waikanae players, Brent Frogley and Stephanie Drinnan, finished 3rd and 4th.



Full results [here](#).

Nelson Tournament Manager Change

The Nelson Annual Tournament (page 73 of the Yearbook) has had a Tournament Manager change. It will now be co-managed by Manly Bowater and Annie Henry.

Entries can be made by **Wednesday 1 March** to Annie Henry [here](#).

TSSSA Events

The Taranaki Secondary School Sport Association held two sessions for schools on 22 March.

At West End CC in New Plymouth, students from Waitara High School and Sacred Heart Girls' College were introduced to the sport and played some GC doubles matches with adapted rules.

In Hawera, students from Te Paepae o Aotea were welcomed by Park CC. A mini tournament was held, with a round robin of 20 minute games.

A big thank you to both clubs and all the volunteers as TSSSA looks forward to hosting more croquet events in association with the clubs in the region in the future.

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](#).