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Chief Executive

Most of our Associations and Club have now held their Annual General Meetings and I would like to welcome all our new committee members at Association and Club level. Thank you for giving your time to further croquet in your respective regions.

While winter should be the quiet season, we are busy putting the final touches on next season. The tournament committee has been busy with next season’s calendar and updating the tournament regulations. Anyes, our Office Administrator, has been collecting Association and Club information for the yearbook, our website is having a little make-

over, and planning has started for the CNZ Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October.

As in prior years we will again have an Awards Ceremony at the AGM, so if you would like to nominate someone for any of the awards please do so. Categories and nomination forms can be found [here](#).

Below you will find some updates on the Inclusion Programme, WCF updates, some club news, the launch of this year’s Secondary Schools Programme, as well as more detail about Kiwi’s adventures.

Finally, CNZ has teamed up with 2degrees to offer our affiliated members, their families and friends an opportunity to save on their mobile phone bills. Please check out the flyer at the end of the newsletter. You could save enough to cover your annual levy!

Stefan Horrer

John Prince Memorial Service

A memorial service to celebrate the life of John G Prince will be held on:

Saturday 26 August at 11:30am at 10 Peel Street, Waipukurau.

For those unable to attend, there will be an option to follow the service online. Please keep an eye on our website for this link.

NZ Secondary Schools Tournament



The Secondary Schools GC Tournament will be held on 9 & 10 September in Hawkes Bay.

Live streaming of the event will be available through the [Whakaata Māori YouTube Channel](#).

For more information, please contact Development Officer, Greg, [here](#).

Inclusion Project

ISAPA Dunedin

Croquet was invited to be part of the International Symposium for Adapted Physical Activity (ISAPA) Have-a-Go Day at Forsyth Barr Stadium in Dunedin on Sunday 25 June.



The symposium welcomed delegates from around the world and local athletes with disabilities to try various sports.

A mini croquet lawn was set up outside the stadium while participants also had an indoor option.

CNZ would like to thank all the volunteers who came, and who were brilliant in adapting the sport to suit the environment.

iAM Games Southland



Croquet will be part of the inaugural iAM Games in Invercargill on Sunday 9 July from 10am to 4pm.

The Games will cater for young people aged five to 21, including tamariki or rangatahi with a physical or intellectual disability, sight or hearing impairments or neurodiversity.

If you would like to volunteer to help for the event, please contact Inclusion officer, Oliver, [here](#).

CNZ Website

Our website has undergone some changes over the last few months and will continue to be refurbished in the coming weeks.

Some notable changes include:

- Movement of main menu items to make the website more user friendly.
- All documents, the Yearbook and handicap cards under a new "Resources" tab.
- A "News & Media" tab with links to live streams and videos.
- Updated "Honours Board" with links to major CNZ Tournaments.
- Updated "Search" function.
- Access to all partners and sponsors at the bottom of the Homepage.

Thank you to Aaron Westerby for the hours of work that go into maintaining our site.

Please take some time to familiarise yourself with some of the changes [here](#).

Kiwi the Mascot



In our April newsletter, we highlighted how Kiwi underwent a makeover from Janet Boutel.

Since then, Roger Murfitt, with the help of Graham Beale, has provided us with a write-up of the original Kiwi, who debuted at the 1986 MacRob.

Roger recalls how Kiwi was often seen with Paul Skinley's frog Herbie, how it carried a mini MacRob during that initial event, and how revenge was achieved against a wily 1999 Australian team.

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

World Croquet Federation

GC Over 50s Qualifier

The details for this year's qualifying event for the GC Over 50s World championship have been announced. It will be held across two locations in Melbourne and Perth.

Further details can be found [here](#).

Club News

Kapiti Annual Competitions

At the end of April, the 3 Kapiti Clubs competed in 2 annual competitions at the Waikanae Croquet Club. These 2 cups, the Cherrington and the Ellis, have been strongly competed for since the early 2000s when they were both donated to promote the game of croquet in the Kapiti Coast: The Cherrington by Ann Cherrington and the Ellis by Peter Ellis. This was the first playing of them since the Covid pandemic.

Both competitions were closely fought. The Cherrington was won this year by Paraparaumu and the Ellis Speedball was won by Waikanae.



Cherrington winners from Paraparaumu



Ellis Speedball winners from Waikanae

Te Aroha Makes Croquet for Everyone

The Te Aroha club has been making GC lessons available, free of charge, for local school children over the past 3 years.

District Schools Programme co-ordinator, Cath Hughes, has helped to make the club available for up to 3 times a week during school holidays. Over 250 young players have benefited from the programme in this year alone.

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

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](#).

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