



# CROQUET MATTERS

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## Chief Executive

The new season is approaching fast and registrations for all CNZ tournaments are now open. While there was no competitive play on our shores, we were able to watch some exciting croquet on the livestreams from two World Championships.

Congratulations to all our competitors in these two events. A special congratulations goes to our youngest competitor at the

Women’s GC World Championship, Jessica Bullen, who won the Plate Final.

And I understand some special celebrations were held in Lower Hutt. Annette and Ross Bisley, members of the Waimarie-Hutt Valley CC were celebrating their granddaughter Jamie Gumbrell (representing Australia) become the new Women’s GC World Champion.

You will find more detail on the World Championships and other international tournaments below.

The newsletter also covers some of the work our Sport Development Officer is doing across the country and it will include an update on our Inclusion Programme.

Enjoy!

*Stefan Horrer*

## CNZ Tournaments

### Tournament Entries Open

The registration portals for CNZ Tournaments and Expression of Interest for Invitation Events are now open.

Enter CNZ Tournaments [here](#).

Submit Expressions of Interest [here](#).

Full Tournament Calendar [here](#).

This season begins with the Women’s GC Tournament in Waikato-King Country on 14 October.

## AGM and CNZ Awards

The 2023 AGM will be held on Saturday 7 October at the Brentwood Hotel in Wellington.

## CNZ Community Coaching

The CNZ Community Coaching sessions, taking place around the country between August and November, are an excellent opportunity for players to become familiar with the rules and regs of Advantage GC and the tactical aspects of the game. Advantage GC will be the recognised Handicap GC format in New Zealand from 1 July 2024.

Players of all codes and abilities are enjoying “Rush”, a new game being introduced at the Community Coaching Sessions. Rush is a short, interactive and tactically rich game which includes attributes of GC, AC and Ricochet. Try something new, learn some new things and have some fun with the game.

Advantage GC and Rush sessions are both being presented to players on ½ size croquet lawns. CNZ appreciates the work involved in setting up and thanks those that contribute to the success of the sessions and the development of players in attendance. Host clubs are intending to retain some ½ size lawns to continue with the enjoyment of Rush and to become more familiar with the tactical strategies of a strong GC player.

If you would like to attend, please register via the contact on the Community Coaching poster distributed by your club or on your club noticeboard.

## Inclusion Project

### iAM Games Southland



Croquet was present at the inaugural iAM Games in Invercargill on 9 July, which catered for various disabilities.

More than 20 families tried a range of croquet activities at the ILT Stadium, and received more information on the clubs in the Southland region.

CNZ would like to thank all the volunteers who came through and made the day a memorable one.

## World Croquet Federation

### Women’s GC World Championship



Jessica Bullen (Wellington) brought home her first piece of international silverware after winning the Plate Final of the Women’s GC World Championship.

The Championship was won by Australia’s Jamie Gumbrell, who beat Rachel Gee of England.

Jenny Clarke (Canterbury) made it through to the Championship quarterfinals. Dallas Cooke, Ashley Cooke (both Bay of Plenty) and Helen Reeves (Hawkes Bay) all made it through to the knockout stages and then through to the Bowl. Ashley Cooke lost to eventual winner Judith Hanekom in the last 16, while Dallas & Helen faced each other in the quarterfinal.

Congratulations again to Jessica for flying the flag high for New Zealand as the tournament’s youngest competitor.

You can see the full results with links to the streaming videos [here](#).

## AC World Championship

This year's World Championship was won by England's Robert Fulford, who beat GC World Champion Matthew Essick in an epic 5 match final. This was Fulford's 6<sup>th</sup> AC World Championship. You can read a play by play of the final [here](#).

NZ's Logan McCorkindale (South Canterbury) made it furthest out of our representatives, through to the quarterfinals where he lost to champion Robert Fulford.

Jenny Clarke made the Plate semi-finals after winning 5 matches in her Block and just missing out on the Championship knockouts. Peter Filbee (South Taranaki) and Dennis Bulloch (Manawatu-Wanganui) both won 4 matches in their Blocks.

## GC Over 50s Championship

Six New Zealanders will compete in the GC Over 50s Championship in Bunbury, Western Australia from 14-21 October.

Ricky Clement (South Taranaki) has been awarded a replacement ranking place and joins Jenny Clarke, Brian Bullen (Wellington), John Christie (Thames Valley), Helen Reeves and Nelson Morrow (Auckland) for the final playing of the tournament before it becomes eligible for over 60s only.

Information on how best to follow the tournament will be available in the coming weeks.

## WCF Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations to the 2023 WCF Hall of Fame are due by 30 September.

You can find out more about the Hall of Fame and how to nominate [here](#).

## International Events

### Swiss Open GC Championship

Peter Filbee won the 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the Swiss Open GC Championship played in Geneva in early July.

Peter beat compatriot Helen Reeves in the semi-final en route to beating David Boyd of England in the final.

You can see all our winners of international tournaments [here](#).

## Club News

### Gold Merit at World Qualifiers

Carey Johnstone (South Taranaki) achieved a Gold Merit Award at the AC World Qualifiers in Eastbourne, England. Carey got his first triple peel to qualify for the award.

### Waireka 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Each year, the three Ashburton clubs hold a mid-winter lunch. This year, the festivities were joined in with the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Waireka CC.

The lunch had 53 attendees. You can access more information on the history of the Waireka club [here](#).



*Raylene Phillips, Life Member & Patron of Waireka CC, cutting the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cake*

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