



Madeline Hadwin

Madeline Hadwin began playing association croquet in 1972 and during her croquet career she won national titles, represented New Zealand and made croquet history.

In 1992 Madeline was described as the outstanding Australasian women's croquet player.

Madeline represented New Zealand twice at Sonoma-Cutrer in the USA and was New Zealand representative at the prestigious Australia Day tournament in Canberra in 1988. At the time she was the current New Zealand and Australian Women's Champion and the sole New Zealander to be invited to play against top Australian players.

She won a record seven consecutive New Zealand Women's Championships and was Captain of the New Zealand Women's Test Team four times, winning against Australia in 1990.

Croquet history was created when Madeline became the first woman to be invited to play in the National Senior Invitation tournament to be played in Auckland. Previously the competition was called the Men's Invitation so her inclusion forced a name change for the annual event.

In 1994 Madeline was nominated for the Waikato Sportsperson of the Year award for being the first woman player in ten years to be invited to play in the "New Zealand Top 16" invitation event and for winning the Gold Coast Tweed Heads Women's Event in Australia.

Her contribution to the game of croquet was not only a long and successful playing career but for many years she was also involved in the administration of the game serving as a member of the New Zealand Croquet Council Executive, she was also the National Coach for ten years and for several years was a National Selector.

Madeline was given credit along with Dennis Bulloch for providing coaching material for the NZCC (as it was known then) publication "Approaching Croquet" which comprised three booklets.

Ashley Heenan, as Executive Director, assembled and edited the material and John Prince did the illustrations. It was part of the Hillary Commission/Sports Council directives with Coaching NZ also having an involvement.

As a member of the WKCC Association Madeline was also actively involved and held positions on the Management Committee, including the roles of Coach, Publicity Officer and

Achievements:

- *Trans-Tasman Team*

(2004, 2002, 1999)

- *Trans-Tasman Women's Team*

(1995, 1993, 1991, 1989)

- *Women's AC Champion*

(2004, 1989, 1988, 1987, 1986,

1985, 1984, 1983)

- *AC Mixed Doubles*

(2003, 1983)

- *AC Open Handicap*

(1982)

- *Women's AC Invitation*

(1994, 1991, 1989, 1988)

- *President's Tray AC Invitation*

(1988)

Representative Matches:

- *vs Great Britain & Ireland (1990)*

- *vs Australia (1990)*

Other international honours:

- *Australian Women's Champion*
(1988)

Vice President and for the Hamilton East Club she was Treasurer for eleven years, Club Captain, Vice President and Committee member.

Her commitment to croquet was honoured by the Waikato King Country Croquet Association as she was inducted as a life member. Madeline passed away in 2019.

Administration Achievements:

- *National Coach* (1980-1990)
- *New Zealand Croquet Council* (1989-1995)
- *National Coaching Committee* (1989-1995)
- *International Committee Chairperson* (1991-1992)