



## Susan Wiggins

Susan Wiggins (nee Grigg) was a very accomplished sportswoman before taking up croquet, excelling in equestrian events, figure skating and golf. She exhibited the same gritty determination as a croquet player. Coached by Fred Guernsey at Fendalton Park Club, she adopted the same tactical approach as Fred employed which tended to be rather careful and somewhat defensive. Susan sometimes expressed the wish to become a more adventurous player, but Fred's influence persuaded her otherwise. However, on her day she was a formidable opponent, never giving an inch and remaining determined to win to the very end.

Susan was a member of the New Zealand Team in the Women's Trans-Tasman Test series in 1989, 1991 and 1993 (vice-Captain). During the 1979 MacRobertson series, she played for a New Zealand Representative side against Great Britain and during the 1990 series was Captain of the Rep side against Australia. In the NZ Championships she was runner up in the Open in 1983, won the Women's in 1975 & 79, Heenan Plate in 1978, Mixed Doubles (with P. Couch) in 1981 and the Handicap Singles 1978, 1983, 1986 and 1989. She also won the South Island Open in 1982. She had an outstanding record in the S.I. Women's Championship, winning the title a record 15 times, namely 1973, 1975 through to 1985 (10 consecutive wins), 1987, 1989 and 1991. To add to her titles, she won the South Island Doubles (with Mrs. F. Fraser) in 1979 and 1981, and with husband Robert Wiggins in 1982. She also won the Handicap Singles in 1972, 1984, Silver Medal in 1982, Bronze Medal in 1972, Gold Mallet in 1983 and Silver Mallet in 1978.

### **Achievements:**

- *Trans-Tasman Women's Team*  
(1993, **1991**, 1989)
- *Women's AC Champion*  
(1979, 1975)
- *AC Mixed Doubles*  
(1981)
- *South Island AC Champion*  
(1982)
- *South Island AC Doubles*  
(1982, 1981, 1979)
- *Copper Tray Invitation*  
(1974, 1973)

### Representative Matches:

- *vs Australia* (1990)
- *vs Great Britain* (1979)

### **Other international honours:**

- *CA Women's Champion*  
(1986, 1983, 1982)
- *CA Ladies' Field Cup*  
(1982, 1984, 1985)