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Chief Executive

Welcome to our latest newsletter. CNZ held its Annual General Meeting in early October, which saw some changes to our board composition and our Board Appointments Panel. I would like to thank Michael Lulich for his time and contribution on the Board.

Michael decided to not stand for re-election and spend more time with family. I would also like to welcome Baubre Murray as a new board member replacing Michael, and Michael Hardman who is the new elected member on the Board Appointments Panel replacing Aaron Westerby. Thank you, Aaron, for your work on the Panel since its establishment in 2020.

The members also voted to grant CNZ Life Membership to Aaron Westerby for his contribution to croquet in New Zealand. Congratulations Aaron!

The AGM was followed by the presentation of our CNZ Awards, with the winners listed below. Congratulations to all of you.

The October also saw the first CNZ tournaments being held with the Women’s GC Championship held in Hamilton and the AC Club Teams Event held in Wellington.

Internationally we had six players representing New Zealand at the Over 50s GC World Championship with Jenny Clarke going all the way to the final and winning the silver medal. Well done!

We also have some news from clubs around the country and about the upcoming Masters Games. Enjoy!

Stefan Horrер

Aaron Westerby made CNZ Life Member

Aaron Westerby was granted CNZ Life Membership at the AGM on 7 September. His

many contributions to the sport make him a very worthy recipient.

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

CNZ AGM

Along with Aaron's induction, several changes were made to the composition of the Board and the Board Appointments Panel at the Brentwood Hotel in Wellington.

Baubre Murray has joined the Board, taking the position vacated by Michael Lulich, while Dallas Cooke and Tony O'Donnell were re-elected as Board Members.

Michael Hardman has taken over from Aaron Westerby on the Board Appointments Panel.

CNZ Awards



Following the AGM, the CNZ Awards were held. Congratulations to all the winners!

Presidents Trophy: **Forbury Park CC** (Otago)

Huon Pine Bowl: **North Shore CC** (Auckland)

Club Participation Award:

- 1) **Cashmere CC** (Canterbury)
- 2) **Park CC** (South Taranaki)
- 3) **Fendalton Park CC** (Canterbury)

Most Improved AC Player: **Carloyn Fordyce** (South Canterbury)

Most Improved GC Player: **Levi Franks** (Canterbury)

Volunteer of the Year: **Colin Bray** (Wellington)

Contribution to Croquet: **Nairn Smith** (Otago)

Player of the Year: **Logan McCorkindale** (South Canterbury) – pictured above.

CNZ Tournaments

Tournament Results

The 2023/24 season started with the Women's GC Tournament in Hamilton.

Dallas Cooke (Bay of Plenty) won her third Women's GC title, beating Jean Kent (Northland) in the final.

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

The CNZ AC Teams Championship was played in Wellington over Labour Weekend.

Epsom Remuera, Waireka, Wellington and Whakatane were represented by some of the best AC players in the country.

Ultimately, Whakatane CC, made up of captain Steve Clarke, Paddy Chapman, Cindy Clarke, Peter Filbee, Callum McKinnon and John Versey came out victorious, ahead of 2nd placed Epsom Remuera on games won.

You can see the full results [here](#).

GC Invitation Selections

Congratulations to the 32 players who have been selected for the GC Invitation events to be held from 17-19 November in Palmerston North and Auckland.

You can see the full list of players [here](#).

Women's AC Invitation Selections

8 players will be competing at Waikanae CC over the 2nd weekend of November for the Women's AC Invitation. Congratulations to all the selections.

You can see the full list [here](#).

Upcoming Tournaments

As mentioned above, the GC Invitations and Women's AC Invitation events will be played later this month.

Before that, the bi-annual North Island AC Championships will be held in Auckland from 1-5 November.

Inclusion Project

Halberg Central Sports Day



The Halberg Foundation hosted a Sports Day for the Lower North Island at Palmerston Boys High School on 7 October.

Croquet was one of the sports on offer on a rainy Saturday that was still well attended. Around 10 new athletes and several returning ones were able to try the sport and play matches. Families were also given more information about the clubs in the regions they were from.

Hawkes Bay Disability & Inclusion Event

Disability Sports & Rec Hawke's Bay will have a Have-Go-Day at Heretaunga CC on 12 November.

This will be CNZ's first inclusion event in the region as we look to create more opportunities in this sector.

If you would like to volunteer for the Hawkes Bay event, would like more information on the inclusion project, or would like to host events of your own, please contact our Inclusion Officer, Oliver, [here](#).

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori



CNZ celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2023 on our Facebook page, with a different kīanga each day.

You can see all the posts [here](#).

NZ Masters Games



The NZ Masters Games are being held in Ōtepoti Dunedin in February 2024 and croquet will be one of the participating sports. AC Laws and GC Rules will apply but not handicap cards.

The GC Singles and Doubles will be held from 3-5 February and AC Singles and Doubles from 7-9 February. Ricochet Doubles will be on 6 February.

Entries are now open, and GC Singles and Doubles are already half full. Players travelling

to Ōtepoti Dunedin can expect a warm welcome and a week of fun-filled croquet games taking place across the four clubs in the city.

For more information, see the website [here](#).

World Croquet Federation

Jenny Clarke wins Silver at GC Over 50s Championship

Jenny Clarke, after a fantastic week, won a Silver Medal at the WCF GC Over 50s Championship in Western Australia.

In the best of 5 final, Jenny won the first game but lost the next three to Egypt's Ahmed Al Mahdy.

Our other five representatives also flew the flag high, with John Christie, Nelson Morrow and Brian Bullen all making the knockout stages, and Helen Reeves and Ricky Clement having good form in the Plate.

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

Club News

Kelburn - Wellington Heritage Festival

Kelburn Municipal CC will be celebrating its 110th Anniversary this year. As part of the celebrations, the club will be part of the Wellington Heritage Festival from 26 October to 5 November.

Visitors will be able to find out more about the club's history and the experience the sport.

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

Kaikoura Centenary



Kaikoura CC celebrated its Centenary on 23 September with an enjoyable but wet day attended by many.

The day included some speeches, a High Tea and an honorary running of the first hoop.

You can read more about the celebrations [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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