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## Chief Executive

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

The tournament season continued with three more strong tournaments. In the Men’s & Women’s Championship we saw two former world champions prevail, while in the South Island GC Championship one of our young talents succeeded in both the doubles and singles events. And the Waipu Croquet Club hosted the Women’s GC Invitation and made it a memorable experience for all involved.

And the month ahead will be even busier with both handicap tournaments, the AC

Invitations and the U21 GC Championship all scheduled in March.

As mentioned in our last edition CNZ will be livestreaming the Terminator Mallets U21 GC Championship. This will be an exciting opportunity seeing our talented young players in action. If you would like to help with the production please get in touch (contact details below).

This month also sees change, with two vacancies at the board level following the retirement of Fiona Martin and Michael Naylor at the end of their term. I would like to thank both and wish them all the best for the next chapter in their careers.

Enjoy!

*Stefan Horrer*

## CNZ Board Retirees

Board Members Fiona Martin and Michael Naylor will not seek reappointment to the CNZ Board.

CNZ would like to thank Fiona and Michael for their time and contribution on the CNZ Board and wish them well for their future.

## CNZ Board Vacancies

CNZ is seeking two independent experienced board members to fill the vacancies mentioned above.

Applications should be made to [croquet@croquet.org.nz](mailto:croquet@croquet.org.nz) by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

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

## CNZ Tournaments

### Men's & Women's Champs Results



Miranda Chapman (Thames Valley) and Joe Hogan (Hawkes Bay) won the Women's & Men's Championships at Rose Gardens.

John Christie (Thames Valley) and Pam Fisher (Waikato-King Country) won the Mixed Doubles, ahead of Graeme Fisher and Baubre Murray (Wellington) in second.

Full report [here](#).

### South Island GC Results



Josh Winter and Levi Franks (Canterbury) won the South Island GC Doubles in Ashburton.

Josh completed the SIGC double, beating John Borner (Canterbury) in the Singles final. He became just the third player to do so after Duncan Dixon and Jace Hobbs.

Full report [here](#).

### Women's GC Invitation Results

Helen Reeves (Hawkes Bay) won the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Women's GC Invitation with 8 wins out of 9 in Northland.

Defending champion Ashley Cooke (Bay of Plenty) finished second, ahead of Nicola Clement (South Taranaki) on net hoops.

Full report [here](#).

You can see photos of all our recent tournaments on our [Facebook page](#).

### Upcoming Tournaments

March will be a busy month in the CNZ Tournament Calendar, starting with the Don Reyland Stars Final at Forbury Park CC in Dunedin from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our three AC Invitation Events all have full rosters, with the Third 16 being played in Paraparaumu from 15-17 March.

The Top 8 and Second 8 will be competing for the CA Silver Tray and the Miss Edwina Thompson Tray in Nelson from 16-20 March.

The Arthur Ross Final will be played in Blenheim the following weekend from 22-24 March.

Finally, the Terminator Mallets Under 21 GC Championship will conclude the CNZ season, starting on 29 March at Waimarie Hutt Valley CC. The doubles final and singles will be livestreamed (see details below).

Entries are still open for the U21 GC Championships. You can register [here](#).

### U21 Championships Streaming



CNZ will livestream the upcoming U21 GC Championship from Waimarie Hutt Valley CC over the Easter weekend.

Volunteer camera operators and GC commentators will be needed from 30 March to 2 April. Opportunities for a trainee editor and video director will also be available.

If you are interested and able to contribute on any of the tournament dates, please contact Greg Bryant at [admin@croquet.org.nz](mailto:admin@croquet.org.nz).

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](#).

## World Croquet Federation

### 2024 GC World Championships

A reminder that players who wish to be considered for a place at the Championships, to be played in Chesapeake Bay in Virginia from 18-26 October should email CNZ by **Wednesday 10 March**.

More information on the Championship can be found [here](#).

### WCF Regulations Updated

The WCF Council voted to amend the method for seeding GC Knockouts to a new system: Block Separation by Grade.

All future WCF events will now use this method of seeding.

## Club News

### Lower North Island Teams Event



The annual Lower North Island GC Teams Event was held over the last weekend of January at Rose Gardens club in Palmerston North. The teams of 4 players representing Hawkes Bay, Manawatu-Wanganui, South Taranaki, Taranaki, Wairarapa and Wellington played a round robin of Doubles matches on Saturday and Singles matches on Sunday.

Hawkes Bay's team of Rob Hayes, Ian Poole, Lynn Davies & Ngaire O'Brien (pictured) came first with 18 game wins. Wellington finished second ahead of Wairarapa in third on net hoops.

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