



# CROQUET MATTERS

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## Chief Executive

Welcome to our latest newsletter and to the start of another season of great croquet!

Our Tournament Committee and team have been working hard to get the everything for the new season ready. The tournament calendar is final and registrations are available online. Our first tournament will be held on 2/3 September at the Epsom Remuera CC with the Secondary Schools National Final returning after four years.

There have also been some changes to our committees with both Tony Stephens and Mike Crashley retiring from the GC Selection Committee after more than 10 years of dedicated service. Helen Reeves has joint the GC Selection Committee with another committee member still to be appointed.

Michael Hardman retired as the Chair of the Laws Committee, with Vince Neall taking over as Chair from 1 July. Michael has agreed to continue on the committee ensuring a smooth transition.

I would like to thank Tony, Mike and Michael for all their work and dedication over the years and welcome Helen to the new role. I would also like to thank Vince for taking on this additional responsibility.

Over the last few months we have also been busy working with associations to prepare the clubs for re-registration under the new Incorporated Societies Act. CNZ has done some groundwork preparing a template constitution for clubs to allow clubs to work towards adopting a new constitution and re-registering by 30 September. Clubs have been working hard on achieving this with many clubs have already already re-registered and many more to follow over the next few weeks. Thank you to all the association coordinators and the club officials involved.

CNZ will hold its Annual General Meeting in Wellington on 5 October 2024, following by our Annual CNZ Awards Presentation, recognising our outstanding clubs, volunteers and players.

*Stefan Horrer*

## CNZ Tournaments

### Tournament Calendar

The CNZ tournament calendar has been finalised and can be found [here](#).

This season starts off with the North Island GC Championships in October and ends with the Arthur Ross final at the end of March 2025.

## Tournament Entries Open

The registration portal for CNZ tournaments and the portal to submit Expressions of Interest are now open for the 2024/25 season.

You can access them through the blue tiles on the CNZ homepage or through the links below:

[CNZ Tournament Entries](#)

[CNZ Expressions of Interest](#)

## Secondary Schools GC Competition

The CNZ Secondary Schools GC Competition, co-sanctioned with NZSSSC, will return on the first weekend of September at Epsom-Remuera Croquet Club.

CNZ will be livestreaming the event. Check our Facebook page before the event for more information and links.

## CNZ Yearbook



The 2024/25 Yearbook is currently in the printing process and will be shipped to clubs in the coming weeks.

The soft copy is available on our website [here](#).

## Inclusion

## Programme

### iAM Games Southland

Croquet will form part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the iAM Games, taking place at ILT Stadium in Invercargill on Sunday 15 September.

Athletes with a range of disabilities will have a chance to play matches on the indoor lawn and try out adapted equipment.

If you would like to be involved, please contact us [here](#).

## World Croquet Federation

### 2024 GC World Championship

Edmund Fordyce, Felix Webby, Jenny Clarke, Nathan Bullen and Te Kiri King will be representing New Zealand in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia, USA for the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the GC World Championship.

They will be looking to become the first New Zealanders to win the event after Josh Freeth and Felix were bronze medallists in 2019 and 2017 respectively.

### 2025 Openshaw Shield

The GC World Teams Tier 1 Event will be held in Tasmania from 17-23 February 2025.

Players currently in the wider squad are: Jenny Clarke, Edmund Fordyce, Levi Franks, Josh Freeth, Te Kiri King, Logan McCorkindale, Felix Webby and Josh Winter.

The team of four players looking to defend the title for a second time will be finalised at the end of October.

### 2025 U21 GC World Championship

The Under 21 GC World Championship will be held from 14-18 April 2025 at the Sarasota Country Club in Florida, USA.

More information on the U21 World Championship can be found [here](#).

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