



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 very hard to get everything ready for the new season. The tournament calendar and registrations are available online on our website. Our first tournaments will be the Secondary Schools competitions which have

been split into two events with one to be held on each island.

Approximately 18 months ago we started our journey to get our clubs, associations and ultimately CNZ reregistered under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

With almost all clubs reregistered, most associations having completed the process as well we are now looking at adopting a new constitution for CNZ to complete the process.

CNZ has prepared comprehensive templates and guidance notes for clubs and associations to use, that provide a clear link across all levels of our organisation. While the vast majority has followed the templates there are a few exceptions and these clubs will need to bring their constitutions in line with our template and CNZ will work with associations to complete that process over the coming months.

The new CNZ constitution is expected to be adopted at our Annual General Meeting. The new constitution has undergone consultation of members which has been overall very positive and supportive. The new constitution will provide our associations with a greater opportunity to participate and influence the board and ultimately shape CNZ. With that opportunity comes a responsibility for associations to become more active and embrace that opportunity.

The CNZ Annual General Meeting will be held in Wellington on 4 October 2025, followed by our Annual CNZ Awards Presentation, recognising our outstanding clubs, volunteers and players.

Stefan Horrer

CNZ Tournaments

Tournament Calendar

The 2025/26 CNZ tournament calendar can be found [here](#).

Tournament Entries Open

The registration portal for CNZ tournaments and the portal to submit Expressions of Interest are now open for the 2025/26 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 Tournaments

CNZ has organised two editions of the Secondary Schools GC Tournament this coming season. The North and the South Islands will each host one Secondary Schools GC Tournament. Please ensure any school teams in your region enter the South Island competition by 25 August or the North Island event by 1 September.

The South Island edition will be held at Brooklyn CC on 6/7 September 2025.

The North Island edition will be held at Heretaunga CC on 13/14 September 2025.

Entries are OPEN via [School Sport NZ](#) until 25 August and 1 September respectively. The events are open to year 7-8 students upward and to composite teams. Please contact [Greg](#) for further information.

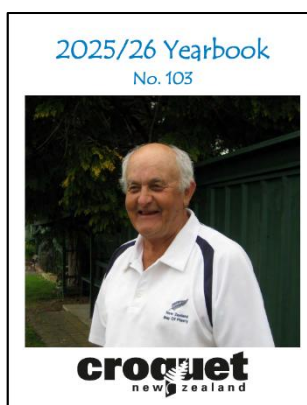
CNZ is expected to be livestreaming the event via Whakaata Māori. Check our Facebook page before the event to find the link.

Volunteers Needed



CNZ is looking for volunteers to support our **livestream crew** (camera operation, commentary, trainee directors and editors). We encourage caregivers of players and local club members to consider getting involved. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn and be part of the action. Contact [Greg](#) for further information.

CNZ Yearbook



The 2025/26 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](#).

CNZ AGM

2025 Annual General Meeting

CNZ Annual General Meeting will be held at the Brentwood Hotel in Wellington on Saturday 4 October.

At our AGM a new constitution will be presented for adoption to allow CNZ to reregister under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

We are looking forward to our Annual CNZ Awards Presentation, where we will celebrate the remarkable achievements of our clubs, volunteers, and players over the past season.

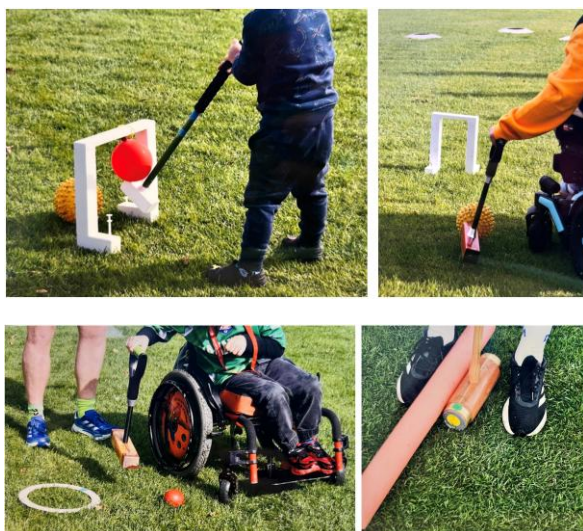
Inclusion Programme

2025 Halberg Games

CNZ would like to give a big shoutout to Gillian Bannan and her group of volunteers from Point Chevalier Croquet Club for delivering an awesome golf croquet experience at the Halberg Games on 24 April 2025. Participants travelled from all over the North Island to take part in the event.

Gillian's fun and engaging activities helped players of all abilities to build confidence, improve their agility, and discover just how enjoyable and accessible croquet can be. CNZ would like to thank all the volunteers who made this day memorable.

Our inclusion mallets as well as adapted equipment developed by Gillian were used in the event.



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

CMM ParaFed Games

Croquet Mount Maunganui hosted 14 participants as part of the ParaFed Games on 10 May. The volunteers created such a fun and welcoming event that many participants are now keen to return to the lawn. Events like these bring communities closer together and provide meaningful experiences for everyone involved.



CNZ is deeply grateful to the volunteers whose dedication and enthusiasm help make these events accessible to all.

See full report [here](#).

World Croquet Federation

2025 WCF Association Croquet World Championship

New Zealand will be represented by Jenny Clarke, Logan McCorkindale (both Canterbury), Edmund Fordyce (Thames Valley), John Versey (Hawkes Bay) and Jarrod Coutts (South Canterbury), with Reece McCorkindale (South Canterbury), playing in the Qualifying Tournament hoping to join the other five players in the main event.

Association & Club News

Wellington Tournament Manager Training Course

On 28–29 June, eleven current and future tournament managers took part in a comprehensive training course led by members of the WCA Executive Committee, with a second course on 12–13 July for a further 10 participants. The course covered essential skills such as planning, budgeting, and pre-tournament preparation, along with hands-on experience using CroquetScores.



Participants engaged in training, guided by course leaders Tom Berryman and Anne McKenzie, with Bob McKenzie behind the camera.

See the full report [here](#).

CMNWC

On 16 July, 8 clubs met and formed a new association, the Croquet Marlborough Nelson West Coast Incorporated (CMNWC).

CMNWC will become a member of Croquet New Zealand as part of the adoption of our new constitution and will replace the current members across the region.



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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