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***** Newsflash*****

Croquet Matters Editor Pamela George has been "enjoying" life at Kenepuru Hospital and has just returned home. She will be returning as editor for the September issue.

This month

There is info on the award nominations to be presented during the AGM weekend, details of the first Croquet NZ tournaments of the new season, lots of regional news, and more excellent coaching tips from Greg Bryant.

From the Executive

The nominations for the Croquet NZ Awards have closed.

We are pleased to advise that there were fantastic nominations in all award categories. It was a difficult job to decide on the finalists.

Most Improved AC player:

A really interesting category where both Carissa Price of Wairarapa and Kent Caddick of Canterbury have both been nominated for this award two years in a row! Carissa has reduced from 18 to 8 to 2.5 and Kent has reduced from 24 to 10 to 6. They are however up against two youngsters from South Canterbury, Edmund Fordyce and Logan McCorkindale. Both of whom are members of the Youth Development Squad.

Most Improved GC player:

Again, several members of the Youth Development Squad are in line for this award; George Redpath from Taranaki and Josh Freeth from Canterbury. Hannah Brown from Nelson was also nominated. Max Charlton (Manawatu-Wanganui) and Warren Newcombe (Counties-Manukau) also feature strongly, both having reduced from 10 to 4.

Volunteer of the Year

Again, finalists from last year are nominated again, with Jim Peck (Bay of Plenty) and Derek Pleasants (Bay of Plenty) being recognised. Lester O'Brien (Hawkes Bay), having served for long periods at club, association and national level, has also been nominated - Lester retires from the Executive at the AGM. Chris Clarke's nomination reflects the breadth and depth of volunteering that he puts into the United club and the Canterbury region. We will definitely get a deserving winner on the night.

Player of the Year

A very tricky decision needs to be made here: The whole MacRobertson Shield team has been nominated, as have several of the members of the team, individually. Greg Bryant won the NZ Open for the 3rd time in four years as well as the Men's Championship and the top invitation. Paddy Chapman won the silver medal at the World Championships in England. Chris Clarke won events in both AC and GC (including the top GC Invitation - unbeaten).

Croquet New Zealand AGM

Executive nominations

With Lester O'Brien retiring from the Executive and Annie Henry finishing a first term as councilor, there was one Vice President position and one Councilor position to be elected. We received a nomination from Annie Henry (Nelson) for the Vice President position and a nomination from Murray Goldfinch (Otago) for the councilor position.

Sunday workshops/presentations

Annie Henry will lead a workshop on "association issues". Please discuss within your association prior to the AGM what the pressing issues in your association are, so that they may be discussed in small groups. There will be a report-back on the day and then the results will be distributed with the AGM minutes.

This session will be followed by a presentation by John Collyns from the Retirement Villages Association. John will present on "Living in a retirement village - what to look for, what to look out for, the retirement village act, equity release and what that means etc" Notes on this presentation will be available for association delegates to take away and more information and copies of the notes will be circulated with the October Croquet Matters newsletter.

Notices

Thanks very much to the Takapuna Croquet Club who have agreed to host the Bronze Development Squad coaching on the 17th October.

INFORMATION OFFICER WANTED

Volunteer wanted to liaise with media and tournament managers to promote Croquet NZ tournaments and results.

Develop relationships with TV, radio and print to gain more coverage for the sport.

Promote "angles" and interest in the sport.

For more information about what is proposed please contact Annie Henry (annie58@ihug.co.nz) or the Executive Director

Tournaments

Upcoming Croquet NZ fixtures:

18-19 October - Gold & Silver Mallets to be played in the Wairarapa

1-2 November - Northern Premier Silver Badge to be played at Epsom/Remuera in Auckland

8-9 November - North Island GC Grade Champs at Pukekohe

8-9 November - South Island GC Grade Champs at Aorangi in South Canterbury

To enter online click here:

<http://www.croquet.org.nz/NZ/index.php?CID=nz-croquet---tournament-entry-forms>

Results

Please send in results, write-ups and photos of your local club and association tournaments. Many favourable comments were received about this section last season.

2014/15 Gold & Silver Stars Handicap Trial

It is becoming very apparent that the lower end of the GC Handicap scale is becoming far too cramped with players of a very wide range of abilities sharing a 0 handicap. The CNZ Tournament Committee discussed this issue at a recent meeting in Wellington and determined that a trial should be conducted to provide guidance toward an improved GC Handicap scale in the future.

A Croquet Association (CA) trial introducing GC minus handicaps is now in its second season. Some amendments to the trial were made for this current season, and the CNZ Tournament Committee has referred to this latest handicap scale to form the basis of a CNZ trial in the 2014/15 season.

The CNZ trial will be applied to:

All 2014/15 Gold and Silver Stars GC Handicap Singles games at Club, Association and National Finals events only.

The allocation of extra turns in all other GC handicap singles games will not be included in the trial. Players will retain their current handicap cards and the usual plus or minus 10 points will apply for **all handicap singles games** to be recorded on handicap cards. Trigger points and existing actual handicaps will not be effected by the CNZ trial unless a player passes an existing trigger point.

The attached chart will be used to determine the number of free turns available to the higher handicap player in a Gold and Silver Stars match during the 2014/15 season, using the "Effective Handicap" column.

For example,

Duncan Dixon would give 18 free turns to a handicap 12 player (12 less minus 6 = 18)

John Christie would give 11 free turns to a handicap 6 player (6 less minus 5 = 11)

A handicap 2 player would give 4 free turns to a handicap 4 player (4 less 0 = 4)

A handicap 4 player would give 5 free turns to a handicap 9 player (9 less 4 = 5)

Actual Handicap (Or named player)	'Effective Handicap' for calculation of extra turns 2014/15 Gold & Silver Stars
C Clarke, D Dixon, P Drew, T Stephens, J Clarke	-6
J Christie, P Chapman, H McIntosh, J Keeman, D Bulloch, R.V. Jackson, M Crashley	-5
0	-4
1	-2
2	0
3	2
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
11	11
12	12

Regional News

We apologise in advance if any articles sent to Pamela are not included in this issue.

AUCKLAND

Pakuranga Croquet Club
By Joleen Sutherland

We have 47 very keen members at our club situated in Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga. We have 4 lawns and members are able to play almost any day of the week by purchasing a key to the lawns. The hoops are left set up ready for play almost any time, the exception being when they are being mowed. At the beginning of the winter we lifted our plastic lines as they were gradually cracking and in need of replacing. We decided to have painted white lines and purchased a new line marking machine to enable the job to be well done. We are very satisfied with this decision.

The winter months are our quiet time of the year but recently we had a Soup Day. It was wet, cold and windy but very suitable to partake of the delicious soups prepared by our members. Many reported it was a most enjoyable occasion because they were able to mix socially and enjoy the company of many members they don't always get the opportunity to speak with on club days. The sherry/orange juice served with Frangelico fruit cake certainly made it a special occasion. There was no play on that particular day.

We have our opening day on the 1st September followed by a shared lunch. Inter club begins this year on the 30th September for the first time. For many years it has been played in February/March, a very hot time of the year. Playing in the early

spring seems to be more popular than playing in the middle of the hot summer and we therefore have three teams playing instead of the usual two with several reserves.

GC Coaching at Mt Albert, Auckland
By Kathie Grant

Mt Albert Croquet Club initiated a GC coaching session for 7-12 h'cap with 16 participants coming from 4 different clubs. Some participants were very new into croquet including 2 from Pt Chevalier, so it is great to see that club attracting new members. The request to me was to focus on some GC tactics and GC rules particularly changes to GC rules. In the discussion at the beginning of the session, it was clear that people wanted to know what a crush was and when a hoop had not yet started to be run. This was relevant when the ball had been hit into the jaws from the wrong side.

Rules were discussed with interest, not in the order they appear in the WCF GC Rules book, which everyone was encouraged to buy, but where they were related eg rule 16(f) &(g) when free turns could and could not be used along with defining a non-striking fault. A question was raised, "Is croquet a game with more rules than other sports?"

In the practical exercises, after we had observed several ways of making a hoop if you allowed crushes, and also establishing when a ball had started and completing running a hoop the group split into 4 with a helper supervising each group. Here we practiced various tactical exercises, such as first into position for running a hoop, each person needed to establish their own critical distance for clearing a ball, and weighing up options given your own ability - run a hoop, take position or to clear the opposition. The exercise was followed with a very short game of GC putting into place the skills just practiced. All participants found the entire

session very helpful and informative and appeared quite buzzed and eager for their next game.



COUNTIES MANUKAU

SMYTH TRAY

By Jenny Begg

An annual challenge between Croquet Auckland and Counties Manukau CA – was played at Howick and Pakuranga clubs on the only really good day in August!

Both teams met for afternoon tea and presentation of the tray.

Counties-Manukau were winners on the day: 29 wins to 22. Steve Wardle from Auckland spoke and handed over the tray.



TARANAKI

New Plymouth Croquet Club Opening Day Friday
1st August 2014

In the midst of a 10 storm warning the NP croquet club went ahead with plans for opening day and were rewarded with a fine day of increasing sunshine. Long standing member, coach in both codes and new patron, Dawn Smeaton played the first hoop of the season applauded by Susan Burgess, new president (picture no 2). All four greens were in use for golf croquet in the morning and after a shared lunch two lawns were used for association croquet after another first hoop from Dawn (no 1). Now that the season has opened golf croquet will be played every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning and association croquet on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons.



Carterton Bowling Club Centenary - Tuesday, 28 October, 1997

"Originally known as the Carterton Bowling Croquet Club with an acre of ground on its present site, the club was responsible for the management of bowls, croquet and tennis in the town.

The Croquet Club went into recession but what was the croquet lawn has been redeveloped as an almost full size, second bowling green. Responsibility for the tennis club was relinquished in 1950 when the bowling club sold that portion of its land to the Carterton Borough Council, though the tennis club still flourishes."

Several years later, in 2004 when croquet was re-established at the club, the name Carterton Bowling Club was officially changed to Carterton Bowling & Croquet Club then approximately 3 years ago the club merged with South End Bowling Club and the newly amalgamated club was named Carrington Bowling & Croquet Club.

Playing two sports in our club works extremely well and although completely different from one another members enjoy the uniqueness the club offers. With no bowls during the Winter months several bowlers have taken up croquet and indeed one (Roy Smith) ended up a keen croquet player and so plays the whole year round becoming affiliated and has this year, for the second time, won the Wairarapa Croquet Association Silver Badge (B Grade). However he is adamant that bowls is his first love!

Our croquet members both past and present have competed very successfully both regionally and nationally and our green under the meticulous control of our greenkeeper Max Sedcole is up with the best in New Zealand.

WAIRARAPA

Carrington Bowling & Croquet Club

By Stella Smith

For those who don't know our history I would like to tell you a little about our club. In 2004 when the bowling club found that their second green was "surplus to requirements" an approach was made to the Probus Club in Carterton asking if any of their members would be interested in using the lawn for croquet. And so croquet was recommenced in the town. But really it came a full circle as the following extract from the Midweek newspaper, dated Tuesday 21 October 1997 stated:

Masterton Croquet Club

Brrrrrrr !!!!!

We are a hardy lot in the Wairarapa, but, there comes a time when a cup of coffee takes precedence over Croquet.

Even so, Terry Price can be seen continuing to practice on Lawn 2 - hardy and dedicated !!



SOUTHLAND

By Judy Buchanan @ Southland Croquet
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The Official Opening Day for Croquet in Southland is set down for Saturday, 13th September at the Gore Croquet Club. Clubs in Southland take turns in hosting the opening, giving players a chance to visit other clubs & meet up again with friends. Plans to open the new season of Croquet in the south will depend on how well the weather behaves, we have had very wet conditions & some of our greens are rather sodden. Hopefully we get some drying before the new season kicks in for real. 20th September will see Queens Park in Invercargill hold their club opening. Saturday 27th September, the Winton Club will hold theirs. At this stage Te Anau have not set a date.

We are delighted that Tony O'Donnell is coming south to coach to our Golf Croquet

players. This is to be held at the Winton Croquet Club on Thursday, 11th September starting at 12.30pm. There is a \$5.00 charge for a light lunch. Tony is going to work on tactics so for all players, this will be well worthwhile. Names to Caryll Burdon by 8th September please. (03 2368457)

Our Association Interclub is set to start early October & this season, Southland is trialling a Golf Croquet Interclub competition with teams from Queens Park, Winton, Gore & hopefully Te Anau. This only can help improve the standard of play in the region.

Coaching (by Greg Bryant)

Coaching Article: Goal Setting (Part 2)

Last month we discussed three *types* of goals; Outcome, Performance and Process goals. This month we will look at creating a plan of action to achieve an Outcome goal using the SMART model; a well-known and effective acronym for essential goal setting criteria:

- **S**pecific: Is my goal specific? Can I define exactly what it is?
- **M**easurable: Is my goal measurable? Can I quantify where I am presently and the amount of improvement needed? Can I gauge my progress towards achieving my goal? When will I know that I have achieved it?
- **A**chievable: Do I know what the skills I have to improve are? Do I need to get some help or information to improve those things? (Maybe I need a Coach). Can I play in events this season where I could complete my 12 hoop break? What are my options?
- **R**ealistic: Is this goal do-able? Does this goal motivate me? Can I get to the club twice a week for an hour of break practice? How will it affect my other commitments? Other people? Is this goal a feasible proposition?
- **T**ime based: When will I achieve this goal by?

In this discussion, I am describing an 'intrinsic' or *mastery* framed goal as the Outcome i.e. it is about mastering something that I personally have control of. I am focusing on a goal that has an outcome that relies entirely on my own efforts and not affected by what someone else might do or how they perform. To summarise a future article... mastery framed goals in logical steps are more motivating, fulfilling and generally more

effective than extrinsic ego framed goals in croquet. (Probably most things?)

So let's take an example in a croquet context and set a goal. I've decided, after considerable deliberation, that I want to achieve a Bronze Merit Award. I want to achieve a Bronze Merit Award this season. Now I want to develop a plan to achieve my goal. Creating a plan simply means breaking down the outcome goal into logical steps or ingredients, as Mr Edmunds does for cakes and biscuits.

1. Specific

Achieve a Bronze Merit Award. To achieve this, I will complete a break of 10 hoops with or without using bisques in a competition match that I win. I have recorded this goal.

2. Measurable

I will record how many bisques I use to make a break of 12 hoops at each practice session. My best is 8 bisques. I will improve on this by 1 bisque less per month.

3. Achievable

I need to improve my hoop approach shots and I'm still a bit inconsistent with most croquet strokes. I'm using most of my bisques because of poor croquet strokes. I can enrol for the Bronze Development Squad to get assistance with this.

I can play in the Club C Grade events, the Arthur Ross and the Interclub competition this season.

4. Realistic

I can play the above events and I have Wednesday afternoons available for practice. My family is supportive. My goal is achievable with these activities.

5. Time framed

I will achieve a Bronze Merit Award by the end of this season, 1st April 2015.

My Plan: Bronze Merit Award this season. !0 hoop break with or without bisques in competition game won				
GOAL	STRATEGY	KPI (Key performance Indicator)	PERFORMANCE MONITORING	
Play 4 x 12 hoop practice breaks with bisques each week	Practice at the club Wednesday afternoons. Club games Saturday	Reduce # of bisques req'd by 1 per month Current best: 8 Bisques Sept best: 7 Bisques Oct best: 6 Bisques Nov best: 5 Bisques Dec best: 4 Bisques	12 hoop breaks (practice sessions)	Bisques Used
			Wed 1st	
			Wed 8th	
			Wed 15th	
			Wed 22nd	
			Wed 29th	
Improve Break Play	Join Bronze Development Squad. Discuss croquet strokes issue with coach	Attend Squad Coaching in Auckland 17 October		
Competition Breaks	Interclub (Tues) Club Arthur Ross Club C Grade Assn. C Grade	Maintain same average # of hoops per bisque as I do in practice when I get a break going. Current: 1.5 October: 2 December 3	Tues 7th	
			Tues 14th	
			Tues 21st	
			Tues 28th	

With this plan written out, we can define the steps towards the goal. We can also see that almost all of this plan includes performance and process goals that have a strategy to achieve them, and there is provision to monitor progress.

Under 'Competition Breaks' (Which is where the Outcome Goal will be achieved) there is provision to carry a performance goal over into competition. The competition KPI is to maintain the same average of hoops per bisque as I'm achieving in practice. This will help me to remain focused on the things that need to happen to achieve the outcome goal, and reduce any anxiety in a match situation.

As I reduce the number of bisques it takes me to complete 12 hoops in practice, and I gain knowledge of how many hoops per bisque I'm using on average, I'll realise when I have a great opportunity to achieve my goal, especially when my opponent has to give me

8 bisques in the Arthur Ross competition in December!

I have already identified an area of my game that I believe I have to improve on and have a strategy in place to address it. If my monitoring doesn't show the progress I expect, then I need to revisit my plan or seek some assistance on my technique that I'm not yet familiar with.

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*The emotive *intrinsic* and *extrinsic* influences on setting and achieving goals will be discussed with Bronze, Silver and Gold Development Squad members this season. These influences can have a very powerful effect, positively or negatively on goal setting and achievement. Get along to a squad session - details are in the yearbook and last month's Croquet Matters.

YOUTH CROQUET

Golf Croquet U21 World Championship Singles Players Announced

The WCF has announced the first 15 selections from World Rankings along with 2 wild card selections for the U21 Golf Croquet Worlds in February. In addition, New Zealand has nominated its 4 Membership selections (Two places by right and two additional places as the host country).

The New Zealanders selected on ranking are:

Lachlan Hughes	Manawatu -Wanganui
Laura Whittaker	Canterbury
Andre Murray	Manawatu-Wanganui
Hemi Mellars	Thames Valley
George Redpath	Taranaki
Liam Reeves	Hawkes Bay
Jasmine Rule	Otago
Hannah Brown	Nelson

Two wild card selections have been made, both are New Zealand players:

Edmund Fordyce	South Canterbury
Felix Webby	Taranaki

New Zealand's four Membership nominations are:

George Coulter	Bay of Plenty
Josh Freeth	Canterbury
Andrew Hawthorne	Sth Canterbury
Sean Pearless	Wairarapa

Membership nominations close with the WCF on September 14. If any positions remain available, there are another 13 Kiwi's waiting side-lines... Congratulations players!

2014 Development Squad Announcements:

Two squads will meet in December - the U21 and Youth Development Squads.



2014 Youth Development Squad:

Brodie, Ariana	Manawatu-Wanganui
Fowler, Jamie	Manawatu-Wanganui
Leahy, Connell	Manawatu-Wanganui
Leahy, Declan	Manawatu-Wanganui
Gibb, Bradley	South Canterbury
Greenlaw, Jack	South Canterbury
Hodgett, Jason	South Canterbury
Orme, Zac	South Canterbury
Terpy, Richard	South Canterbury
Coomber, Grace	Taranaki
Mohi, Grace	Taranaki
Gemmell, Kelsi	Wellington

2014 U21 Development Squad:

Brown, Hannah	Nelson
Coulter, George	Bay of Plenty
Fordyce, Edmund	Soth Canterbury
Freeth, Josh	Canterbury
Hughes, Lachy	Manawatu-Wanganui
Marsh, Adam	Taranaki
Mellars, Hemi	Waikato
Pearless, Sean	
Prankerd, Mary-Kate	Taranaki
Redpath, George	Taranaki
Reeves, Jez	Hawkes Bay
Reeves, Liam	Hawkes Bay
Rule, Jasmine	Otago
Simons, James	?
Theobald, Shaun	Wellington
Trelor, Sam	Waikato
Webby, Felix	Taranaki
Lusty, Giles	Waikato King-Country

Hayden Kilpatrick & Logan McCorkindale selected but unavailable.



BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Croquet NZ has extended the Player Development Programme for the 2014/15 season with the addition of three new self-nominated player development squads: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Based on the CNZ Merit Awards, the Bronze, Silver and Gold Development Squads provide all CNZ affiliated players with an integrated pathway for achievement through squad specific coaching, individual goal setting, and tournament participation.

Contact the convenor, Greg Bryant, to register and participate in a 2014/15 Gold, Silver or Bronze Development Squad.

(See conditions attached)

admin@croquet.org.nz

(Club Secretaries: Please print these Development Squad pages and place on your notice boards. *Bronze Squad entries close 26 September)

This information supersedes Development Squad information in the 2014/15 Yearbook

CNZ BRONZE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

2014/15 Coaching Session

To be held in Auckland (Takapuna)

On 17 October 2014 from 8.45 am

The CNZ BRONZE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD coaching session is an open invitation for CNZ affiliated players to register and participate in the CNZ Player Development programme. This Bronze Development Squad coaching session will target the objective of all self-nominated members of this squad: To achieve a CNZ Bronze Merit Award;

Completion of a break of 10 hoops or more with or without bisques in a tournament game that is won.

Coaching session topics from the CNZ coaching programme:

1. Shot selection and technique
2. Bisques for breaks
3. Goal setting and reviewing.

Conditions:

1. A participant must be a member of a Croquet Club in New Zealand and an affiliated member of CNZ.
2. Entry is open to any CNZ affiliated player who has not previously achieved a CNZ Merit Award. Their Association Croquet Handicap should be in the range of 24 to 16 and they should possess an understanding of association croquet shot sequences and basic break play concepts.
3. Bronze Development Squad members are expected to;
 - a) Participate in the Bronze Development Squad coaching session.
 - b) Participate in their CNZ Arthur Ross competitions and at least 1 other CNZ AC Tier 3 event in the current season (Defined in Tournament Regulations Appendix 4(2) Tiered Events.
 - c) Participate in email communications with the squad convenor and/or their coach.

Entry:

- 1 Participants that meet the criteria above are self-nominated. Please register your entry with Croquet NZ at admin@croquet.org.nz before **26 September 2014**, including Name, AC Handicap, present Index, the club you are a member of, and a brief playing history.
- 2 A Club-house fee of \$5 per day, including light refreshments is payable to the host venue. Tournament entry fees or any other costs associated with participating in development squad activities are payable by the participant.

CNZ SILVER DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

2014/15 Coaching Session

To be held at the Marton Croquet Club

On 1 & 2 December 2014 from 8.45 am

The CNZ SILVER DEVELOPMENT SQUAD coaching session is an open invitation for CNZ affiliated players to register and participate in the CNZ Player Development programme.

This Silver Development Squad coaching session will target the objective of all self-nominated members of this squad: To achieve a CNZ Silver Merit Award;

Completion of a break of 12 hoops or more without bisques in a tournament game that is won.

Coaching session topics from the CNZ coaching programme:

1. Shot selection and technique
2. Moving pivot 4 ball break hygiene
3. Goal setting and reviewing.

Conditions:

1. A participant must be a member of a Croquet Club in New Zealand and an affiliated member of CNZ.
2. Entry is open to any CNZ affiliated player who has not previously achieved a CNZ Silver Merit Award. Their Association Handicap should be in the range of 4 to 16 and they should have achieved a Bronze Merit Award or be capable of demonstrating the playing requirements of a Bronze award.
3. Silver Development Squad members are expected to:
 - a) Participate in the Silver Development Squad coaching session.
 - b) Participate in their CNZ Arthur Ross competitions and at least one other CNZ AC Tier 2 or 3 event in the current season (Defined in Tournament Regulations Appendix 4(2) Tiered Events.
 - c) Participate in email communications with the squad convenor and/or their coach.

Entry:

1. Participants that meet the criteria above are self-nominated. Please register your entry with Croquet NZ at admin@croquet.org.nz before **14 November 2014**, including Name, AC Handicap, present Index, the club you are a member of, and a brief playing history.
2. A Club-house fee of \$5 per day, including light refreshments is payable to the host venue. Tournament entry fees or any other costs associated with participating in development squad activities are payable by the participant.

CNZ GOLD DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

2014/15 Coaching Session

To be held at Leith Croquet Club

On 23 & 24 February 2015 from 8.45 am

The CNZ GOLD DEVELOPMENT SQUAD coaching session is an open invitation for CNZ affiliated players to register and participate in the CNZ Player Development programme.

This Gold Development Squad coaching session will target the objective of all self-nominated members of this squad: To achieve a CNZ Gold Merit Award;

Completion of a triple peel in a tournament game that is won.

Coaching session topics from the CNZ coaching programme:

1. Peeling shot selection and technique
2. Triple Peel Break Hygiene
3. Goal setting and reviewing.

Conditions:

1. A participant must be a member of a Croquet Club in New Zealand and an affiliated member of CNZ.
2. Entry is open to any CNZ affiliated player who has not previously achieved a CNZ Gold Merit Award. Their Association Croquet Handicap should be in the range 4 to -2 and should be able to demonstrate a good understanding and ability of 3 and 4 ball break play.
3. Gold Development Squad members are expected to:
 - d) Participate in the Gold Development Squad coaching session.
 - e) Participate in their CNZ Arthur Ross competitions and at least two other CNZ AC Tier 2 or 1 events in the current season (Defined in Tournament Regulations Appendix 4(2) Tiered Events.
 - f) Participate in email communications with the squad convenor and/or their coach.

Entry:

1. Participants that meet the criteria above are self-nominated. Please register your entry with Croquet NZ at admin@croquet.org.nz before **31 January 2015**, including Name, AC Handicap, present Index, the club you are a member of, and a brief playing history.
2. A Club-house fee of \$5 per day, including light refreshments is payable to the host venue. Tournament entry fees or any other costs associated with participating in development squad activities are payable by the participant.