



December 2014

This month

'Tis the season of play and folly.....



From the Exec

The Executive met on the 13th December.

The following committee convenors were confirmed:

Finance Audit and Risk: Baubre Murray

Player Development: Phillip Drew

Laws: Brian Boutel

Tournaments: Dallas Cooke

Organisation Development: Annie Henry

We have repeatedly advised the potential loss of investment in Croquet by SportNZ over the last 12 months. This investment was due to expire at 30 June 2015 with SportNZ putting a new Community Sport strategy in place - with an increased focus on youth.

However, when SportNZ put out their draft strategy for consultation from stakeholders, there were over 60 replies from affected organisations (including ourselves) querying various aspects. Considering the feedback and

"re-shaping" their strategy took longer than they expected which means there is not enough time before 30 June 2015 to determine investment criteria, assess stakeholder applications against the new criteria and develop an investment framework. So they have had to rollover all stakeholders funding for 12 months until 30 June 2016. Therefore, Croquet NZ will continue to receive Community Sport Investment for another 12 months. That is the good news.

The bad news for Croquet is that the investment from this source will become more "contestable". In our experience the practical application of this is that large sports get more and smaller sports (like ourselves) get less/nothing. The Executive Director and Sport Development Officer have an enormous task ahead of them to convince SportNZ of Croquet's "value proposition in the Community Sport space".

If, over the next 6-9 months (as they put together our proposal), they ask you for assistance on this proposal, please provide any help you can.

Seasons Greetings

Handicap Changes from the AGM

The Executive confirmed that players can now accumulate more than 1000 index points on their GC handicap card, pending the outcome of a handicapping review as approved by the AGM.

In the New Year the Tournament Committee convenor will gather a committee together to

progress this work. Decisions will be made for implementation in the next playing season.

CNZ Awards & Qualifications:

Silver merit award

Hemi McLaren (Morrinsville)



Croquet New Zealand Tournaments

CNZ National Golf Croquet Tournament Friday 2 January to Thursday 8 January 2015

Hosted by Wellington Croquet Association at Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Plimmerton Clubs

New Zealand Open Championships Saturday 10 January to Sun 18 Jan 2015

Hosted by Canterbury Croquet Association at United and Fendalton Clubs

CNZ South Island Championships Saturday 24 January to Wed 28 Jan 2015

Hosted by Croquet Nelson at Nelson Hinemoa Club

Association and Club GC tournaments in January 2015

Saturday 6 January 2015

Orewa Croquet Club

Sunday 7 January 2015

Canterbury Association GC handicap doubles Tournament

Waimarie Croquet club (Wellington) Golf Croquet Open Singles

Thursday 8th January 2015

Whangarei Croquet Club Annual Tournament

Saturday 17 January 2015

Morrinsville Croquet Club GC Open Singles

South Canterbury Croquet Association GC Doubles

Croquet Southland 88th Annual Tournament

Friday 23 January

Bay of Plenty CA -Upper North Island GC Teams Event – Mt Maunganui

Saturday 24th January

Croquet Taranaki - Lower North Island GC Teams event – New Plymouth

Association and Club AC Tournaments in January 2015

27 December 2014

Wellington Croquet Association Open Championship Singles

Saturday 3 January

Palmerston North City Clubs – Triton Hearing Tournament

Thursday 8 January 2015

Whangarei Croquet Club Annual Tournament
Marlborough Croquet Association Annual Tournament

Saturday 17 January

Orewa Croquet Club 24th Annual Maygrove Village AC Doubles tournament
Croquet Southland 88th Annual Tournament

Mon 19 & Tue 20 January :

Orewa Croquet Club 24th Annual Maygrove Village AC Singles tournament

Saturday 24 January

Canterbury Croquet Association – AC Grade Championships
Waikanae Croquet Club 4+ Championships
Northland Croquet Association Upper North Island AC Teams Event

Friday 30 January 2015

Croquet Taranaki 87th annual Tournament

Saturday 31 January

Croquet Auckland 110th annual Championship Doubles 0-3, 4-9

South Canterbury 86th Annual Tournament



**Palmerston North City Clubs
Triton Hearing Tournament
26th Annual Tournament at Rose Gardens and
Takaro**



**On Saturday 3 January to Thursday 8 January
2015**

Starting at 8.30AM

Catering: Morning and afternoon teas
will be available, \$4 per day

Events:

1. **Open Doubles:** Advanced play. Open to all. Played on Saturday & Sunday
2. **Handicap Doubles:** Combined HC 10+ at closing date. Partners found on request. Played on Saturday & Sunday
3. **Open Championship Singles:** Advanced Play. Open to all. Played on Monday & Tuesday.
4. **Scratch and over Championship Singles:** Advanced Play. Played on Monday & Tuesday. Events 3 and 4 may be combined if insufficient entries in either.
5. **Handicap Singles:** Ordinary handicap play. Minimum handicap 4. Played on Monday & Tuesday
6. **4 bisques and over Championship Singles:** Advanced Play. Played on Wednesday & Thursday
7. **10 bisques and over Championship Singles:** Advanced Play. Played on Wednesday & Thursday

Conditions

1. All events will begin with section play. The form of post section play will depend on the number of entries.
2. Players may enter only one event on each pair of days. Entries may be limited.
3. If you want your entry to be acknowledged, please provide an email address or enclose a stamped addressed envelope.
4. Nominal hoop dimensions will be 3 11/16 inches.

Dawson International Balls



**CROQUET SOUTHLAND INC
88th Annual Tournament**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

**The Southland Croquet
Tournament
Will now be held at
QUEENS PARK CROQUET
CLUB
Gala Street
Invercargill
3 Full sized lawns**

Everything else as advertised
P366 CNZ Yearbook

Glennis Gray
Secretary
Croquet Southland Inc.

Results & Regional News:

Croquet New Zealand

29-30 November 2014

Yvonne Yeates Golf Croquet Invitation Event
Winner: Hamish McIntosh (Auckland)

Gordon Smith Golf Croquet Invitation Event
Winner: Edmund Fordyce (Sth Canterbury)

Duncan Dixon Golf Croquet Invitation Event
Winner: Mike McClure (Nelson)

91st Annual North Island Championships Wanganui and Marton 3-7 December 2014

Championship Doubles Winners: Steve Clarke & Bruce Baker (Bay of Plenty)

North Island Open Championship Singles

Winner: Greg Bryant (Wellington),

Runner-up: Peter Filbee (South Taranaki)

The final went the full five games. Peter Filbee had played well throughout the event and took a two game lead in the final but a strong comeback from Bryant gave him the match 3-2.

North Island Open Plate

Winner: John Broughton (Bay of Plenty) 75%,

Runners-up: Nina Mayard-Husson (Wellington) & Graeme Fisher (Wellington) 62.5%.

North Island Singles (HC 4+)

Winner: Robert McLay (Manawatu-Wanganui)

Runner-up: Hemi Mellars-McLaren (Thames Valley).

John Wall from Rose Gardens has made the wonderfully generous donation to Croquet New Zealand in memory of Alison Wall - one of the top NZ Women players.

"When I was refereeing at the NI Open Plate I noted that there was no award for the winner of the plate, so after consulting Greg Bryant to find out if there was an appropriate protocol for such things - there isn't - on Monday last I went into my favourite Trophy people here in Palmerston North and ordered a plate to be used for an award to the Plate winner. It is the "Alison Wall" Memorial Plate, and I was able to present it to the winner, John Broughton as, serendipitously, he was playing in the Men's and Women's at Dannevirke the following week."

John tells us that he is fortunately progressing - somewhat sedately but steadily - to full mobility. His physio says that he should be free of crutches by the end of February. Well done John - it has been a long painful haul. Ed

CNZ Men's and Women's Championship

Dannevirke 10 -14 December 2014

Mixed Doubles

Winners: P Skinley & N Mayard-Husson (Wellington)

Runners-up: G Bryant (Wellington) & B Johnstone (New Plymouth)

Men's Championship

Winner: Greg Bryant (Wellington)

Runner-up: Paul Skinley (Wellington)

Women's Championship

Winner: Alison Robinson (Kelburn)

Runner-up: Nina Mayard-Husson (Wellington)



Auckland Croquet Association

Orewa Club



Golf Croquet tournament a great success

The weather gods were smiling on the 5th Evelyn Page Retirement Village Golf Croquet tournament held at the Orewa Croquet Club last weekend with a full field of 40 players from around the Auckland region taking part.

The eventual winners of the Singles titles went to Carol Pugh from Orewa in section one and Marion Taylor from Warkworth in section two.

The Doubles tournament was very tight with eventual winners Brian & Vanessa Morrison from Warkworth taking out section one from Orewa locals Robert Letcher and Rhyl Jansen.

Orewa Croquet Club pairs battled out section two with Julie Parry & Jeanne Webber winning this section from Gloria & Trevor LeComte.



Winner Carol Pugh receiving prize from Club sponsor Evelyn Page representative Tony Rickerby



Doubles winners Julie Parry and Jeanne Webber receiving prizes from Club Captain Carol Pugh



Julie Parry presenting Robert Letcher and Rhyl Jansen with 2nd place Doubles prize

Wellington Croquet Association

Khandallah Croquet Club turns 100

Sunday 16 November 2014 was a stunning day for the centennial celebration of the Khandallah Croquet Club in Woodmancote Road, Wellington. Current and former members of the club mixed on the green with members of the Onslow Historical Society, before a function at the Khandallah Bowling Club next door. Croquet Club members had decorated the venue with Ikebana floral arrangements and a historical display that included Edwardian croquet outfits - far too slender for any current member!

The venue was fitting, because the Bowling Club stands on the site of the private croquet green of the former Woodmancote homestead, which was owned

by the IZARD family until it was demolished in 1910. The ladies who subsequently formed the Croquet Club were the wives and daughters of the bowlers. It is likely that the privileged and extrovert Keith IZARD played here as a child. He went on to be a champion croquet player in England before becoming the first NZ Open Champion in 1913.

The President of the Croquet Club, Gaylia Powell, welcomed about 100 guests, including Hon Chris Finlayson, Hon Peter Dunne, and Her Worship the Mayor of Wellington, Celia Wade-Brown. Baubré Murray spoke on behalf of Croquet New Zealand and presented the club with a congratulatory certificate. Alison Robinson, Vice President of the Wellington Croquet Association, spoke about how, as the previous Tournament Convenor, she had scheduled as many golf croquet inter-club matches as she could at Khandallah, so that players from other clubs could discover it as she had!

The occasion celebrated the launch of a 60-page history, researched and written by a six-person sub-committee. The book covers the themes of developing and maintaining the club, set in the historical, social and economic context of the area. Gaylia said that it was remarkable that this little club with its single green had survived the challenges of fluctuating membership, maintaining the court, and financial pressure. With the property owned by the Croquet Club and not the City Council, members are responsible for its upkeep and pay rates. However, with 35 members, it is in good heart, and looking ahead with confidence.

The Club's Patron, Lorraine Murrie, grand-daughter of a founding member, launched the book, and then guests enjoyed a fabulous old-fashioned "dainty" afternoon tea, including lamingtons, cucumber sandwiches, and lemon tarts. A fruit cake had been beautifully decorated by Tamiya Rowlands, a Weltec patisserie student, and was cut by 94 year-old Aline Clarke, a former member and neighbour of the Croquet Club. The afternoon ended with the Mayor drawing the raffle - a favourite fund-raiser through the century.

This little poem read out at the function is by A.R.D. Fairburn, from an anthology published by Pegasus Press, Christchurch, and titled "The Hon Mrs Tweedscantie", 1966.

*Her bridge? Gad, sir, rotten.
Her golf? best forgotten.
Her fishing? Well, frantic.
Her hunting? An antic.*

*Her shooting? Oh nervy.
Her archery? Scurvy.
Her billiards? Just pokey -
But crikey, her croquet!*

The history, *Khandallah Croquet Club 1914 - 2014* is available from the Khandallah Croquet Club for \$20 plus \$2.90 p&p if required (phone Alison 04 479 5440), and also from the Onslow Historical Society.



ThamesValley Croquet Association

CNZ Veterans' Tournament (Northern Region)

Thames Croquet Club hosted the tournament over 19 - 23 November 2014. There was fine weather over the five days. The setting was idyllic with the Firth of Thames on one side and heritage Pohutukawa trees on the other. Blue herons flew overhead going from the heights of the Pohutukawas to the Mangroves whilst all the time squawking in their high pitched tones. Swallows dived and swerved over the lawns making a lovely and unobtrusive sight.

Lance Barker served as manager for the Association Croquet part and Ross Sutton as the Golf Croquet manager. This was first time for both as CNZ tournament managers.

Entries were not large: Six in the AC Open Championship, four in the Handicap Singles and four in the Handicap Doubles. Nelson Morrow (Warkworth) won the Open, Jeffery France (Pukekohe) won the Handicap Singles and Ross Sutton runner up. Ross Sutton (Thames) and Phyllis Young (Kereone) won the Handicap Doubles with Liz Jackson and Gwen Falconer (Waihi) runners up.

Golf Croquet Handicap doubles were played on day three with Sally Cole and Susan McKessar (Carlton) the winners, and Joeline and Jeff Sunderland (Howick) runners up; Geoff Young (Kereone) won the Open Championship Singles with Sabri Mullaaliu (Mt Albert) runner up.

The Open Singles had a very good field with eight entrants with handicaps ranging from zero to three. Most were competing for a spot in the World Championships to be held early next year. Four people tied for runner up with nine games won so Sabri came second on countback.

Overall, some excellent croquet was played.



Ross Sutton and Phyllis Young, winners of the AC Handicap doubles



Ross Sutton (GC Manager), Claire Twentyman (Life member, Thames Valley Assn.) with Geoff Young, winner of the GC Open singles championship

Contributed by Ross Sutton - Thames Croquet Club

WATCHFUL EYE:

They say croquet is an old persons sport, well just ask four Paeroa primary school children what they think of the game and you will get a different answer.

The four children, from Miller Avenue School in Paeroa, have been in training for a sports camp at Totara Springs under the tutelage of Paeroa croquet Club member Dawnry Slavich three days a week for the past month and they love it.

Darion Williams, 13, said he thought it would be a bit boring.

“Once we started and learnt the rules and had a go I found it really took some thinking about,” he said.

Sommer Hemming and Samuel Broadbent said they thought it was fun and Kyle Parker said he thought it was just for old people.

“I have really enjoyed learning to play, Mrs Slavich is a cool coach and has taught us all about shots and angles,” he said.

Dawnry Slavich, 86, said she has been training primary school students for the sports camp for at least seven years.

“I really enjoy getting the young folk out on the green and learning the game,” she said.

“They are a lovely bunch of kids and enjoy learning as much as I enjoy teaching them,” she said.

Croquet New Zealand does have a children’s league but all Dawnry is hoping for is that the children she coaches will go off to college and work and then maybe pick up the game again when they get older.

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Miller Avenue School students (from left) Darion Williams, 13, Sommer Hemming, 11, Kyle Parker, 11 and Samuel Broadbent, 11 under the watchful eye of croquet coach Dawnry Slavich



Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui

Association Croquet Championship Doubles for the Brighton Mallets

(Partners allocated on High/Low handicap basis)

Winners: Josh Smith & Max Charlton (Rose Gardens)

Rose Gardens Croquet Club

Golf Croquet Handicap Doubles for The Patron's Trophy (Joint handicap 10+)

Winners: Josh Smith & Frank Callear

Runners-up: André Murray & James Simons

Rose Gardens Croquet Club

Business House Spring Golf Croquet Competition - Final Week 6

It was a rain- and wind-free evening for the final week of the Novice and Experienced events, with the Schools Event having been completed the previous week. King Arthur's Knights won a tight Novice Event final against Odds'n'Sods with most of the playoff matches being close as has generally been the case throughout this event. In the final of the Experienced Event, a countback had to be used to declare The Genies winners over Bill's Boys. Playoff matches in this Event were all clear-cut. Players and Officials can now look forward to the Autumn Competition with, perhaps, more pleasant weather.

Novice Event

Winners: King Arthur's Knights,

Runners-up: Odds'n'Sods.

Experienced Event

Winners: The Genies (on countback),

Runners up: Bill's Boys.

Association Croquet Interclub Competition

With the halfway mark having been reached and all clubs having received their first bye, Tararua, on 10 points, has a commanding 3 point lead over Rose Gardens and Feilding. These two clubs are tied on 7 points with Rose Gardens having the superior hoop count. Levin

and Marton are tied on 3 points with Levin having the better hoop count. This competition resumes on 26 February. The second half of the Golf Croquet Interclub competition begins on 22 January.

Points to date (net hoops in brackets): Tararua 10 (+96), Rose Gardens 7 (+20), Feilding 7 (-4), Levin 3 (-43), Marton 3 (-69).

Wanganui - Rose Gardens Golf Croquet Challenge for the Tyler-Gay Trophy

First Leg at Wanganui

Wanganui 9, Rose Gardens 21

Manawatu/Wanganui - Wairarapa Exchange at Feilding

Manawatu-Wanganui 5, Wairarapa 7



Wairarapa Croquet Association WAIRARAPA INTER ASSOCIATION CROQUET

Because there are only two Clubs in the Wairarapa it is impossible to play a properly formulated Inter Club competition.

Consequently, for the last two of three seasons, largely due to the efforts of Terry Smith and Duncan Adair, arrangements have been made to play Inter Association competitions against Manawatu/Wanganui and South Taranaki. The first takes place fairly early in the season and the latter towards the end. It gives the Wairarapa players in particular some much needed additional experience against players more used to playing against other Clubs.

The latest competition was played against Manawatu/Wanganui in Feilding on 14 December with Wairarapa winning 7 games to 5.

There is a small band of player in the Association who do make the effort to play in many competitions, mainly in the North Island, Terry Price, Carissa Price and Harry Murrell being the most regular at the moment. However, it is always hoped that David Wickham will return and Peter Williamson has started playing for the Masterton Club again

Certainly this small nucleus of players have helped ensure that the Wairarapa performs well on the National Croquet stage and probably beyond what would be expected for its size. Of course there are several other players who play regularly in competitions, mainly in Wellington and/or Manawatu. They are also reasonably successful and, overall, this seems to be giving Association Croquet a real boost in the area. We also have a very enthusiastic band of Golf players who thoroughly enjoy their Club Days although they do not seem to want to partake in competitions outside the district. We are hoping to maintain this momentum and increase our membership. However, as we all know that is not easy. So if anyone has any ideas *please* let us know.

Maybe we will need to follow the possible footsteps of Wellington and become a *Super Croquet Association!!!* Perish the thought.

Carl Redvers Publicity Officer

Originally the Wellington Croquet Association was combined with the Wairarapa. This proved contentious and eventually led to the two separate Associations. So perhaps Wairarapa are safe despite the moves to amalgamate the Territorial Local Authorities into a super city a la Auckland. Ed.

*Merry
Christmas*

South Canterbury Croquet Association

AWAMOA CROQUET CLUB, OAMARU 90th ANNIVERSARY

It was on the 24 May 1924 that a meeting was held in the Junction Hotel, Oamaru for the purpose of forming a croquet club. It was chaired by the Mayor, Mr J. McDiarmid and the twenty-five ladies present all enrolled as members of the Awamoa Croquet Club. The

subscription for the first year was set at one guinea and membership was restricted to 65.

The Awamoa Bowling Club offered surplus ground for the greens, but until this was prepared the Borough Council gave permission to use part of the lawn adjacent to the band rotunda in the Public Gardens. So on 22 November that year play commenced on two afternoons a week excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

On 24 February the following year, the lawns at Awamoa were officially opened – one large and two smaller ones. Previously the area had been a lagoon with a rowing boat moored on it and for many years the lawns would be submerged after heavy rain.

At first members had to teach themselves the game by trial and error consequently matches with other clubs proved that there was much to be learned! Members sometimes travelled to Timaru by chartered bus twice a week to play teams from Timaru, Temuka and Ashburton – the day's outing costing five shillings!

The closure of the Gardens Club resulted in amalgamation with us and on 5 February 2011 The Awamoa Gardens Croquet Club was officially formed and on 2 January 2014 two new lawns were opened making a total of five lawns. We had been working towards this for a few years as with the popularity of golf croquet the existing three lawns were becoming overcrowded on club days.

Much has been achieved by the Awamoa Croquet Club in its 90 years and we gathered to celebrate this on 16 and 17 November. An afternoon tea was held on the Sunday which was attended by life and past members as well as representatives of the other clubs in South Canterbury and Forbury Club in Dunedin and our new flag was raised. Sixty players participated in our Fun Day on the Monday which brought to a close the anniversary celebrations.

Ann Weir, President

Unfortunately the quality of reproduction of recent photos in Croquet Matters has deterred Awamoa from sending us some to include here. Perhaps we can persuade them to fill the gap for the next newsletter Ed.



Croquet Taranaki

In the first weekend of November the GC section of the 90th Taranaki Tournament took place at the three clubs which make up Croquet Taranaki: New Plymouth, Inglewood and West End.

In the last weekend of November the AC tournament was held. The weather was variable as can be seen from the photograph taken at the final of the doubles.



J Powis Marewa CC, B Reader New Plymouth CC, C Reynolds Marewa CC and A Cooke Kerone; dressed in warm hats and coats.

The doubles was won by Bushie Reader and A Cooke. The 0-4 ranking event was won by John Christie (Morrinsville CC) with Bill Heapy (NP) 2nd. They are pictured with Helen Elder, Patron of Croquet Taranaki.



As usual this tournament was a well-managed event with full greens at all three clubs. We enjoyed fellowship, great lawns, masses of

delicious morning and afternoon tea, sunshine most of the time and some great play in all sections. The tournament was sponsored by the Jean Sandel Retirement Village of the Ryman group. Entries are already coming in for next year's tournament.

NP club is very lucky to have the management and computer skills of Gary and Val King who contribute so much to the successful running of this annual tournament.

Susan Burgess, president NPCC

GC Jean Sandel results.

0-4 Levels (world ranking event)

1st John Christie (Morrinsville),

2nd Bill Heapy (NP),

3rd A Cooke (Kerone);

Handicap 1st F Mouat (Mt Maunganui),

2nd M McDonald (Hawera Park)

3rd Nola Bachelor (NP)

5-7 Levels

1st Felix Webby (WE),

2nd Hayden Kilpatrick (Inglewood),

3rd J Powis (Marewa);

Handicap

1st Sandy Mitchell (NP),

2nd Colleen Reynolds (Marewa),

3rd Barbara Johnstone (NP),

8-12 Levels

1st Mary Kate Pranker (Ing),

2nd Kathleen Pintor (Ing),

3rd Wendy Nash (WE)

Handicap Section 1

1st Jeremy Neild (PN Rose Garden),

2nd Susan Burgess (NP)

Section 2

1st Tony Keeper (NP),

2nd Margaret O'Meagher (Ing)

Winner of play off J. Neild.

Doubles section 1

1st J Powis and C Reynolds,

2nd D&M Low,

3rd John Christie and Geoff Young

section 2

1st Mickie Tyler and W Hawke (Rose Gardens),

2nd Don and Annette Reyland, (HB)

3rd Bill Heapy and Moya Lewis (NP)

Section 3 1st A. Cooke & B. Reader

Play-off from 3 sections:

1st A. Cooke & B. Reader,

2nd J Powis and C Reynolds,

3rd Mickie Tyler and W Hawke



Otago Croquet Association



Wakatipu Croquet Club was bathed in beautiful sunshine for the Opening, held on Saturday, 6th September. Nearly all our Members turned out, enjoying the Shared Luncheon and 3 hours of afternoon play. The Club was thrilled to introduce Croquet to three potential new members.

We had to share such a beautiful photo. Ed

INTERCLUB

The OCA Match Committee had a real challenge on their hands this season organizing Interclub because of the imbalance of Association and Golf Croquet players in the clubs as well as one club only being able to play on a Saturday. However, the competition has been going along quite nicely, although the weather has been rather challenging some days as you can see in this match at Leith.



*Our intrepid croquet player Jacqui Frood
We decided to call it a day at this point! Can you blame us?*



NZCC SILVER BADGE FINALS

The finals of the NZCC Silver Badge Competition were held over the weekend of November 22/23 (Association) with the Golf Croquet finals November 29th. Unfortunately, the Association event had to be abandoned before the end of the first round because of heavy rain. However, play resumed

Association

0-3 Handicap

Winner: Murray Goldfinch (Leith)

Runner-up: David Jackson (Forbury)

4-9 Handicap

Winner: Carol Leishman (Forbury)

Runner-up: Lyn Cvjetan (Tainui)

Thomas

10-16 Handicap

Winner: Judy Thomas (Tainui)

Runner-up: Molly

18-24 Handicap

Winner: Molly Duncan (Tainui)

Runner-up: Frances L Casey (Forbury)

Golf Croquet

3-5 Handicap

Winner: Murray Goldfinch (Leith)

Runner-up: Ron McMurrin (Forbury)

6-8 Handicap

Winner: Lyn Cvjetan (Tainui)

Runner-up: Carol Leishman (Forbury)

9-12 Handicap

Winner: Brigid Marr (Tainui)

Runner-up: Lynn Howson (Forbury)

From the Archives

Movember has been fun for many NZ males and an interesting experience for their partners.

The 1982 MacRobertson Shield team were certainly followers of Movember before it was ever conceived as a movement.



L to R: Graeme Roberts, Paul Skinley, Roger Murfitt, Richard Clarke, John Prince. Missing – Joe Hogan (clean shaven)

Miscellaneous

Single Balls

CNZ has received a couple of queries regarding the purchase of a single ball (ie when one has been lost) from a set of Dawson balls. We don't normally do this.

However, if we become aware of several clubs who have lost a ball, and we can sell each colour - individually, we will do this.

If you are in this situation please contact the Executive Director

Photographs for Croquet Matters

We recognise that it is not always easy to send us photographs but we can reproduce better ones if we are sent scanned copies of originals as either **jpeg or tiff files**.

We edit photos using Photoshop Elements and can resize, lighten or change the contrast to get a better image.

It is a lot of work to extract photos from a word document and these are sometimes the ones which become a bit distorted when the draft Word Document is converted to a pdf to upload to the website. *Ed.*

2015 GCWC timetable

The 2015 Golf Croquet World Championship will be held at Mount Maunganui Croquet Club and other clubs in Bay of Plenty, New Zealand from **Saturday 7 to Sunday 15 February 2015** inclusive.

Qualifying Tournament Closing Date: Monday, 19 January 2015 (this is the last date on which entries can be received to fill any vacancies in the Qualifying Tournament)

The **Qualifying Tournament: 3-5 February 2015** at Morrinsville Croquet Club.

2015 GCWC - Qualifying Tournament

2015 Golf Croquet World Championship Qualifying Tournament

Dates: Tuesday, 3 to Thursday 5 February 2015

Venues: Morrinsville Croquet Club and Claudelands (Hamilton) Croquet Club

Headquarters: Morrinsville Croquet Club

Manager: Joan Jenkin, 110A Studholme St, Morrinsville

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Entries may be sent to either the Manager or Assistant Manager

Entry Fee: NZ\$60

Conditions

1. Entries close with the Managers on Monday 19th January 2015.
2. Places may be limited. Entries will be accepted in grade order up to 7th December 2014 and thereafter in order of application.
3. Overseas players may pay entry on arrival at tournament.
4. The top four players will be awarded places in the Golf Croquet World Championship

The **2015 Golf Croquet World Championship** will be held at Mount Maunganui Croquet Club and other clubs in Bay of Plenty, New Zealand from **Saturday 7 to Sunday 15 February 2015** inclusive. The timetable from 14 September 2014 onwards may be found [here](#).

Details of the Qualifying Tournament may be found [here](#).

The New Zealand entry list is as follows.

Dennis Bulloch

John Christie

Chris Clarke

Jenny Clarke

Dallas Cooke

Mike Crashley

Duncan Dixon

Phillip Drew

Lachlan Hughes

Bob Jackson

Jared Keeman

Hamish McIntosh

Hemi McLaren

Nelson Morrow

Sabri Mullaaliu

Stephen Piercy

Erica Stephens

Tony Stephens

With this group of players we have a fantastic opportunity to pick up some medals.

If you are interested in coming to see our players battle it out against the world's best, please come along

2015 Under-21 GC World Championship

The 2015 Under-21 Golf Croquet World Championship will be held at the United Croquet Club, Christchurch, New Zealand from **1-5 February 2015**.

Hannah Brown
George Coulter
Edmund Fordyce
Josh Freeth
Lachlan Hughes
Hemi Mellars
Andre Murray
Sean Pearlless
George Redpath
Liam Reeves
Jasmine Rule
Felix Webby
Laura Whittaker
Hayden Kilpatrick
Adam Marsh
Samuel Treloar
James Simons
Giles Lusty
Mary-Kate Prankerd
Logan McCorkingdale



Croquet Matters was prepared by the Executive Director and Sport Development Officer and Pamela George



2015 wishes

May all your roquets connect, your balls behave, and your hoops run true