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Note from the Editor

Here is the June edition of Croquet Matters in which we preview the forthcoming World Golf Croquet Championships taking place in the UK. Best wishes go to everyone competing and safe travels. There will not be an issue in July, so in the August edition we will report on those events and start looking forward to the new season.

Regards

Jackie

From the President



Kia ora,

Congratulations to the newly elected and returning Presidents of the 112 Clubs and 19 Associations! You are the leaders of croquet and I applaud you for working for your clubs and associations to provide the best

croquet for your members. I also congratulate the officers and committee members for the work they do to support croquet and clubs and associations.

I look forward to welcoming your delegates to the AGM in October.

Continuing the congratulations—

I participated in the 70th birthday of the Marewa Croquet Club in Napier. It was a festive occasion. Club members enjoyed celebrating both the birthday and the progress the club has made over the years, complete with a video, slide show, and memory book that was kept throughout the years. My reflections on the club were seeing it as a club that grew leaders, members who unselfishly gave to encourage others to be better croquet players, and a club that has hosted local, regional, national and international events. At the Women’s World’s GC tournament in February, 63 members out of nearly 100, volunteered in some way during the week-long event. What a fantastic reflection on the club and its members.



AGM

CNZ’s AGM will be held in Wellington on 5th -6th October. Prior to the AGM there are a few deadlines: Life Member nominations are due by 30th June. All other nominations are due by 31st July to our National Office. I hope each Association considers nominating someone who will continue to move CNZ forward. We want to continue growing our sport and we need people who have fresh ideas, are willing to work for the greater good of croquet and make a

difference. We've come a long way over the years. The forward thinkers who can work with others are the ones who will make the changes.

The two days will be filled with sessions that require the delegates' input into our future as well as review and reflect on our achievements.

The first day of the AGM will be the general meeting and workshop sessions. At the general meeting time will be allotted to recognise those croquet players who have passed. Please be sure to let the National Office know those who should be recognised from your association. Time will be left at the end of the day for associations to hold meetings if needed. The Awards dinner will be that evening. The second day will be workshops that will finish at noon with lunch before everyone leaves. One of the workshops will be the Constitution Rewrite in which the delegates will be asked for their input. Materials will be sent in advance to enable discussions to be held prior to the workshops.

Personally, I have attended two board development sessions. I believe in accepting the opportunities available to continue to grow as a board member. There are quite a few free resources available for clubs and associations. If you haven't read the 9 Steps to Effective Governance, it is available to download for free on the Sport New Zealand website (www.sportnz.org.nz).

For those who are fortunate to be able to play year-round, have a great winter season. For those who will have a bit of rest, we look forward to seeing you next season.

Warm regards,
Annie

D. Annie Henry

Matamata Magpies Successful Again in Midlands Trophy by Ruth Turner

Midlands trophy defenders, Matamata Magpies, have successfully defended their title in a hard-fought battle against the Matamata Falcons. The Midlands Trophy is played between the Waikato King Country and Thames Valley.

The two teams made it to the final after beating Morrinsville and Whangamata in the semis.

Team members Neville Fursdon, Stephen Turner, Heather Aitken and Peter Reeve had to pull themselves together as a team because this was the first time this season that they had played together.

Stephen had replaced Nigel Grondin due to injury for the last 3 games and then Lynette Bruce and Bert Daisley had to pull out of the final, leaving Neville as the only original member. An additional challenge was that the Falcons had the better handicapped players, so the odds, on paper, were not on the side of the Magpies.

At lunchtime things were looking very dire with the Falcons up 4 games to 2. With 4 games to go the Magpies had to win at least 3 of them and score more hoops. It came down to the last 2 games. The final 2 games, played at the same time, had the spectators on the edge of their seats and this mum willing her son to play his very best. We were witness to some great shots and the Magpies pulling ahead only to have the Falcons get themselves back in the game with some hoops.

Ultimately, the Magpies showed a high degree of skill and determination to win both games and retain the trophy.



Team Members Stephen Turner, Neville Fursdon, Heather Aitken and Peter Reeve with the Midlands Trophy.

Q & A with Brian Boutel

Cannon with a dead ball

The following correspondence was received from a reader seeking some guidance:-

'In playing a cannon involving a dead ball can the dead ball be repositioned around the roqueted ball?

To put this in context I was playing R (for 6) and rushed Y (for Penult) to a position adjacent to 6 where it came to rest against K (the dead ball).

I would have liked to move K so that the cannon would have promoted Y to peeling position but the consensus at the time was that I couldn't. R therefore took off from Y (ignoring K), made 6 but then had to play the escape ball (K) before peeling Y. Fortunately B was not too far away and so the TP was completed.

In the ORLC 19.3 implies that the dead ball can be moved whereas 6.4.2 implies the opposite. 19.3 refers to a cannon; 6.4.2 refers to 2 balls. A case for the lawyers to debate!

The response from Brian Boutel is as follows: -

Players are often confused by this one, but when you think about it logically, it is quite clear.

When you are required to take croquet from a ball that is in contact with another ball, you have a cannon (see Law 19) , and the striker's ball and the third ball can be moved around the ball from which croquet is being taken.

It does not matter whether the third ball is live or dead.

The one caution is that if the third ball is dead, the striker must be careful to ensure that there is no double tap when the striker's ball hits it, because it is not a roquet, and double taps are not excused.

The commentary to Law 6 at 6.4.2 covers a different situation. That is when the striker's ball comes to rest in contact with a dead ball. In this case no roquet has been made and so croquet may not be taken, and therefore no balls may be moved.

The difference between the two situations is that in the first (Law 19) the striker's ball is not in direct contact with a dead ball, while in the second it is.

WCF Under 21 Golf Croquet World Championship 2019



be held this year at the impressive Nottingham

Croquet Club complex in the heart of the English Midlands between 20th and 24th July.

The club, which has five croquet lawns and use of three adjacent bowls greens, each with a pavilion, was founded in 1929 and is situated on land given in trust by local philanthropist Jesse Boot, Lord Trent, founder of Boots the Chemist and generous benefactor in Highfields Park, which is about two miles SW of Nottingham's city centre.



Entry to the Championship is limited to just 24 places, and entries have been received and accepted from seven countries which, in addition to New Zealand, includes Australia, Egypt, USA, Spain, Latvia and Germany. Of the 24 places allocated, 10 were originally taken by New Zealand players, but unfortunately the reigning U21 World Champion, Felix Webby, has now had to withdraw due to other commitments.



As the youngsters have to fund their own travel and accommodation, a big shout-out must go to the clubs, associations, individuals and local businesses who have supported them in their endeavours to reach the tournament. Croquet New Zealand has been instrumental in obtaining support from the Pelorus Trust to fund uniforms for the squad, which will be an impressive sight to the opposition.

A Team Manager has also been appointed in the form of Brian Bullen, to help with making sure things go smoothly.

The players making up the NZ team are: -

Nathan Bullen; Edmund Fordyce; Jeffrey Gatchell; Jason Hodgett; Logan McCorkindale; Ellie Ross; Kaleb Small; Christopher Spittal and Isobelle-Alan Ward.

Full details on the event are on the dedicated website: - [WCF U21 GC World Championship 2019](#)

Scores will be available [here](#) on Croquet Scores

WCF Simon Carter Golf Croquet World Championship 2019



The event is being organized from 27th to 4th August 2019 in the County of Sussex, on the south coast of England, with an excursion into Kent for one of the

venues. The headquarters venue is the Sussex County Croquet Club (5 miles to the west of Brighton) with 10 lawns, which will host the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and the Championship Blocks, Semi-Finals and Finals.

The other venues are: - Compton (in the centre of Eastbourne) with five lawns; Royal Tunbridge Wells with three lawns, and West Worthing with two lawns.

The event, which will be formally opened by HRH The Duke of Gloucester on 26th July, will see 80 players attending from 23 competing nations, including a squad of five from New Zealand.

The New Zealand team consists of: -

Hamish McIntosh, Duncan Dixon, George Coulter, Brian Bullen and Joshua Freeth.

Full details are to be found on the event website: - [WCF Simon Carter GC World Championship 2019](#)

Scores will be available [here](#) on Croquet Scores.

From the Desert to an Oasis!

There has been quite a bit of work going on at the Matamata Croquet Club of late. After this very dry summer that left lawns 'brown as a desert' the club decided something needed to be done, especially if it wanted to be able to hold national and international tournaments during the coming summer.



Drilling Rig in Position!

Matamata asked other clubs what they did, consulted with council, as well as their lawn keeper. As a consequence, the photos demonstrate what has appeared at the club, complete with sinking a well and installing a tank. This is Stages 1 and 2 completed. This will enable the club to give the lawns the watering they need, when they need it, and not take much needed water from the town supply. This is great news as Croquet New Zealand has penciled Matamata in for a national tournament next summer and an international tournament the following year.



The tank has been installed.

All stops are out to do the final stage and the club is in fundraising mode, with many in the local community already helping.