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Note from the Editor

In this edition of Croquet Matters we welcome the new President of Croquet New Zealand, Kathie Grant; I hope she enjoys her term of office.

Just a reminder that a new Editor is still being sought, so if there is anyone interested in taking on the role of Editor, please contact Jake Inwood for more information and a job description.

Regards, Jackie

World GC Team Championship

Nelson Hinemoa Croquet Club 6th-12th January 2020

As the build-up continues towards this exciting event, please find below a link to the event website which contains all the latest information.

[GC World Team Championship](#)

There is also an app available on the Apple App Store and on Android called ‘Sporty NZ’ which, when downloaded on your smartphone, you can then link to that website which will feed the latest information directly to you.

President’s Corner



I feel privileged to be elected as President of Croquet New Zealand at the 2019 AGM. Vice Presidents are Phyllis Young and newly elected Rod Templeman, along with Council members George Coulter plus newly elected Grant Poulton, Dallas

Cooke and Tony O’Donnell. Together we are the team that will continue with bringing the changes that were initiated by the immediate Past President, Annie Henry.

The Constitution rewrite committee will continue with their work until the completion of the document. This is not a small task. At the AGM it was agreed by the delegates we would change from using the term Executive to the term Board, and the Executive Director would be known as the Chief Executive Officer. This task group also recommends that the elected President be dispensed and the new board model being a mixture of elected (by Councillors at the AGM) and appointed (by an Appointments Panel) members, the exact mix is still being discussed. The Board members then appoint a chair at the first Board meeting after each AGM. This would be a very significant change from the current structure. You will have further opportunities to comment on this document.

The strategic plan is also due to be rewritten. This should reflect wants and needs driven from club level. So now is your opportunity to have your say in what you would like as an outcome from CNZ. Jake will be shortly sending out a survey monkey looking for your input and will welcome your opinions and suggestions on how these can be best implemented. If you are aware of aspects that could be improved, then have your say.

It was wonderful to see Jenny Clarke and Toby Garrison included in the Hall of Fame. The live interviews led by Annie Henry and the video clips about these two talented players were inspiring. Toby concluded these interviews with his three-croquet ball juggle.

A special congratulations to Geoff Young who now is a life member of CNZ. He has been involved with croquet over a long period of time with extensive input in many aspects of croquet.

Special congratulations also to Paul Skinley who was presented with a life membership to CNZ. Paul has represented New Zealand in croquet and has been involved in all levels of management roles.

It was also great to see clubs and individuals picking up awards. When each was introduced it illustrated how committed clubs and players are to this wonderful sport.

Now we are into the new season with lots of expectation ahead of us. I wish you all well. This includes playing as well as coaching, refereeing, umpiring and taking courses. All with the aim of having more people playing better croquet more often.

Kathie Grant

Tournament Results

CNZ North Island GC Championship

Open Doubles Final

John Christie & Nelson Morrow (TV. & AK)
beat Tony Stephens & Sonya Sedgwick (HB)
7-5; 7-5.

Open Doubles Plate

Vanessa Hanna & Paul Warner (WKC & TV.)

Open Singles Final

Hamish McIntosh (AK) beat Allister McGregor (WKC)
7-4; 7-6.

Open Singles Plate Final

Sonya Sedgwick (HB) beat Paul Kaiser (M-W) 10-6

CNZ South Island GC Championship

Doubles Final

Duncan Dixon & Josh Freeth (United) beat Josh Winter & Levi Franks (Cashmere) 6-7; 7-5; 7-5.

Singles Knockout Final

Logan McCorkindale (Marlborough) beat Josh Freeth (United) 7-5; 7-6.

Singles Plate

Myles Duggan (Cashmere)

Upcoming CNZ Tournaments

26th – 28th October 2019

CNZ AC Club Championship at Epsom-Remuera CC

2nd – 3rd November 2019 (coaching on 4th November)

[CNZ Women's GC Tournament at Heretaunga CC](#)

13th – 17th November 2019

[CNZ 85th S.I. AC Championship at Waireka CC](#)

20th – 24th November 2019

[CNZ 96th N.I. AC Championship at Mt Maunganui CC](#)

30th November – 7th December 2019

[CNZ National GC Tournament at Epsom-Remuera CC](#)

6th – 8th December 2019

CNZ 3+ Golf Croquet Championship at Howick CC

18th – 26th January 2020

[New Zealand Open at Wellington CA](#)

Click on the links above for more information.

Click [here](#) to enter CNZ tournaments online.

Billets

By D. Annie Henry

At the 2018 CNZ AGM, it was agreed by the delegates that it would not be appropriate for CNZ to create a nationwide policy for billets. It is the decision of the individuals who offer billets how much they charge and services.

However, there was a general acceptance that offering billets could be an important aspect to increase participation in tournaments.

As such, CNZ was asked to develop guidelines of areas to be discussed by the host when agreeing to billet a player.

Areas of discussion when offering a billet:

1. Charge per night: Typically, billets are \$35 to \$60 and includes breakfast but not dinner. Be upfront with the charge and what is covered.
2. Transportation from/to the airport: Is transportation included in the billet? Will the player need transportation from the billet to the lawns?
3. Meals: Specify what meals are included and how much for additional meals.

Difference between billet and host:

Please note that billet means that the player is expected to pay for the accommodations. Hosting a player means that there will be no charge to the player.

Associations can help by having an “Accommodation Officer” that is listed in the advertisement, whether it is a CNZ or regional event. If Associations can encourage local members to billet, it helps with costs and players are more likely to enter a tournament hosted by the Association or CNZ.

Managers Course at Pukekohe

By Kathie Grant



The second of the two Managers’ Courses was held in Pukekohe 12th – 13th October 2019 with 24 people in attendance. Chris and Jenny Clarke had spent many hours in preparation for this course and together had already presented the South Island course. Unfortunately, due to circumstances out of their control they were unable to make their flights, so the

course had a problematic start. In times of need, however, all hands came on deck.

Among those attending were several experienced managers hoping to glean further information from the experts. Instead, they were transformed from pupils to tutors presenting data and information. So Alex and Jenny Begg, who have run many successful tournaments using a range of different draws; Dallas Cooke who was very familiar with croquet scores as an administrator; John Christie, supporting Dallas both in draws and on the computer; and myself, Kathie Grant, who has had years of experience introducing youngsters to the computer world, we ran the Managers Course together.

The dynamics of the group was probably totally different to how it would have been if Chris and Jenny had been able to come and they were missed. However, everyone pitched in and pooled knowledge. Without exception, everyone learnt something, and the newer to croquet players learned so much they felt totally saturated.

All attendees felt prepared to either run or assist with managing a tournament by the end of the course. Several also expressed confidence that they were prepared to take on a CNZ tournament.

Obituary - Madeline Hadwin

20th May 1934 – 4th October 2019

Madeline was a Life Member of Croquet Waikato-King Country and until a few months ago when she felt it was time to step down from the role, she was Patron of the association.

Madeline began playing Association Croquet (AC) in 1972, and during her long and successful playing career she won national titles and represented New Zealand many times. Madeline captained the NZ Women’s Test Team four times, winning against Australia in 1990 and she was a member of the Trans-Tasman women’s team on at least three other occasions. She also represented New Zealand twice at Sonoma-Cutrer in the USA.

In 1992 Madeline was described as the outstanding Australasian women’s croquet player. She won a record seven consecutive New Zealand Women’s Championship titles, last winning the title in 2004. Madeline was also involved in the administration of the game by serving on the NZ Croquet Council Executive, she was the national coach for ten years and for several years was a national selector.

She was inducted to the Croquet New Zealand Hall of Fame in 2016 for her contribution to croquet.

As a member of CWKC Madeline was actively involved and held positions on the management committee including the roles of AC coach, publicity officer, and Vice President. Madeline maintained her membership of the Hamilton East Croquet Club for over 40 years, becoming a life member, during which she served in most executive committee positions and her services as club AC coach were much valued.

She will be missed by all croquet players who knew her.



2019 AGM Update

Individuals and clubs were recognised for their success over the past 12 months during the annual awards dinner. The recipients were:

Presidents Trophy: Taupo Croquet Club (Bay of Plenty)

Huon Pine Bowl: Cashmere Croquet Club (Canterbury) and Masterton Croquet Club (Wairarapa)

Club Participation Award: Fendalton Park Croquet Club (Canterbury) and Rose Gardens Croquet Club (Manawatu-Wanganui)

Baker Trophy – most improved AC: Robbie Spooner (Wellington)

Most Improved GC: Josh Winter (Canterbury)

Volunteer of the Year: Doug Nottage (Nelson)

Contribution to Croquet: Paul Skinley (Wellington)

Player of the Year: Jenny Clarke (Canterbury)

Following the awards, **Hector Straton** (Hawkes Bay), **Toby Garrison** (Wellington) and **Jenny Clarke**

(Canterbury) were inducted in the Croquet New Zealand Hall of Fame for their respective success on the national and international scene.

Croquet Mount Maunganui Mower

By Dallas Cooke

The new Jacobsen mower arrived at the club on 9th October and after some tuition from Shane Cole, the North Island sales rep, we proceeded to mow all 6 lawns. The new mower boasts rear roller brushes and the ability to back lap the cutting reels without having to take them off the machine.

A thank-you to the people in the photo, Peter Taylor who researched the best mower for the club to purchase and has been maintaining our old mower which is 24 years old; Brian Sisam our Grounds Co-ordinator; Dallas Cooke - Grants Co-ordinator; Nev Blank - GC Club Captain; and Peter Mulheron who has been instrumental in running \$50 note raffles for the last year so all funds could be allocated to the mower fund.

A special thanks to the grant funders who generously gave money to our club for this purchase. TECT \$20,000; Pub Charities \$10,000 and Infinity Trust \$10,000. Without their generous assistance we would not have been able to raise the funds to enable our club to purchase a specialised piece of equipment.

A big thank-you to all other members who helped with the fund raising over the last 18 months.

