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Associations have received a draft copy of the new CNZ Constitution. The changes are mainly around how the Executive functions and defining with better clarity the role of the Board and the role of the Chief Executive. In the past the current Constitution has led to too much ambiguity and consequently frustration as different people have approached these roles from different perspectives.

Spring is officially around the corner so hopefully by the time the weather becomes favourable for playing we will be back at Alert level 1. Let’s hope this is not just a dream. Competitions help provide a focus for improving play and for interacting with like-minded people. Social aspects of competitions are important for our health and wellbeing. Stay in contact with each other and share your dreams.

Kathie

President’s Corner



After 102 days of relative freedom it has been hard for everyone to meet the requirements of higher Alert levels. It certainly makes planning and forecasting extremely difficult. What will be happening in 6 weeks’ time is anyone’s guess. This is a long time in the world of this pandemic so we need

to wait for a bit before any decisions are changed. The restrictions at the higher Alert Levels may impact some of Croquet New Zealand’s activities such as the AGM. We continue to monitor the situation and will advise Associations if anything changes.

Croquet New Zealand Tournaments

Tournament Registration

Croquet New Zealand has been working to ensure the 2020/21 season could still be held ensuring a safe environment for our volunteers and participants.

The registration portal for the 2020/21 Croquet New Zealand tournaments is now available [here](#).

Upcoming Tournaments:

17th & 18th October 2020

[CNZ Women’s GC Tournament](#)

5th – 8th November 2020

[CNZ North Island GC Championships](#)

5th – 8th November 2020

[CNZ South Island GC Championships](#)

Alert Level Update

During the initial lockdown, Croquet New Zealand developed the [2020/21 Tournament Guidelines](#).

It is vital that anyone thinking about entering any CNZ tournament has read and understood the 2020/21 Tournament Guidelines.

These were developed on the assumption that all of New Zealand would be in the same Alert Level.

Recently, New Zealand has seen Covid-19 re-emerge in Auckland which has resulted in the Government implementing regional Alert Levels. Naturally, this has raised some questions such as, “what will happen if some of New Zealand is in Alert Level 1 and others are in higher Alert Levels?”.

For the avoidance of doubt, **all** of New Zealand must be in Alert Level 1 for CNZ Tournaments to proceed.

CNZ Invitation Events

You will be able to register your interest for the 2020-21 CNZ Invitation Events from the 1st of September 2020 [here](#).

More information around the deadline to register your interest and when the selections will be announced will be available shortly.

We are on the move!

After years on Level 5 of 49 Boulcott Street, Croquet New Zealand is moving up, all the way to Level 13.

This move is only temporary with the intended final destination to be on a revamped, modern shared floor within the same building.

The move will ultimately save CNZ money on rental expenses which we can put back into the growth of the game.

Our postal address (PO Box 11259, Wellington) remains unchanged.

Club News

Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui Historic Awards Presented to Coach House Museum

In December of this year Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui [CMW] will be celebrating the centenary of its formation, first as “Manawatu District” then later Manawatu Association of the New Zealand Croquet Council (now Croquet New Zealand).



Figure 1 - NCC Mallet

It seems appropriate that as we reach this milestone CMW has decided to gift its valuable historical awards to the Coach House Museum in



Figure 2 - Snelling Tiki

Feilding. Over the last two decades several of the awards have been lost or stolen and it has been decided to ‘lay them up’ because they are irreplaceable and of major historic importance. The awards will continue to be contested but with new easily replaceable named plastic badges in their place. The intricate engraving and quality of most of these awards is thought to be the work of a renowned expert jeweller James Baxter Fleck who lived in Palmerston North from 1924 to 1939.

The oldest award comprises a gold pin with a star on the bar inscribed ‘1918’ on the front and ‘Pollock Star’ on the reverse. Mrs Pollock was an early member in the Levin Croquet Club, and her husband was one of the first men to play croquet in Levin in 1921. One of the stars has been lost.

The Nicholson Mallets comprise two intricately carved gold-plated mallet pins inscribed 1927. The reverse is inscribed ‘Pres by Mrs. G. Nicholson’ and ‘9 ct’. Mrs. Nicholson was an inaugural member of the Levin Croquet Club and was still alive in 1965.

The Bennett Buttons were first awarded for the winners of an interclub challenge with 2 players from each club in the 1926 –27 season. Unfortunately, one has been lost and replaced with a modern replica.

Another award is the NCC Mallets (Figure 1), a gold-plated mallet pin inscribed NCC, presumably donated by the Northern Croquet Club (no longer in existence) of Palmerston North. Again, one of these was stolen.

Two Snelling tikis (Figure 2) comprise two separate silver pins, each with a beautifully engraved sterling silver tiki suspended from a bar.

Other awards laid up include one of two irreplaceable Brighton Mallets and the Corbridge Star, a large gold star presented by Mrs. C W Corbridge with the letters MCA engraved in the centre of the star.

The presentation was made on 24 July (Figure 3). It is hoped these awards will be on display at the Coach House Museum in December to honour our Association's centenary.

Vince Neall (President CMW)

Heretaunga Croquet Club Mid-Winter GC Tournament

Heretaunga Croquet Club Havelock North, hosted a mid-winter Golf Croquet Tournament 1 & 2 August. Manager Neil Armitage organised the 24 entries in the Handicap Doubles on Saturday, Sunday the Open Singles had 16 players and the Handicap Singles 12. Visiting competitors came from Paraparaumu, Rose Gardens Palmerston North, Hawera, Marewa and Heretaunga.

RESULTS:

Handicap Doubles Glenys Fulford & Bob Johnson (Heretaunga) runner-up Beverley Prankard & Kaye Bird (Hawera):

Open Singles Geoff Gibson runner-up Ian Brown (Heretaunga):

Handicap Singles Colin Harris (Heretaunga) runner-up Gillian Bird (Hawera).

The lawns were in first class condition and the catering was most appreciated by all the entrants.



Figure 3 - Vince Neall (President CMW) and Penny Carrington (Treasurer CMW) presenting the historical awards of Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui to Marilyn Wightman (Archivist) of the Coach House Museum in Feilding on 24 July.



Figure 1- Geoff Gibson (Open Singles Winner)