



January 2015

This month

Summer sun and croquet to enjoy. (Admittedly though it is the cricket I am watching while doing the first cut of the newsletter)

Much of the newsletter is about results of major tournaments.

Congratulations to all winners and also all players who took part in tournaments as without them we could not have winners.

May 2015 be a truly successful year for all players and those who support them in whatever capacity.

From the Exec

It is an exciting time for golf croquet in New Zealand with the hosting of the Under 21 GC World Championships in Christchurch, the GC World Qualifying tournament in Morrinsville and the GC World Championships in the Bay of Plenty (Mt Maunganui, Whakatane, Rotorua, and Katikati) all happening in February. If you are in the vicinity of any of these tournaments, please come along and support the Kiwis in action. You will not be disappointed by the level of skill that the competitors will be displaying - of that we are sure!

Also don't forget that we will be playing the first ever Golf Croquet Trans-Tasman at the end of the year in Nelson. We think we have some real strength in both the men's and women's ranks at present and this should be another exciting event for Golf Croquet.

The tournament committee will be meeting on 28 February to prepare the CNZ tournament calendar for next season (and hopefully confirming details for some of the major tournaments 2 and 3 years in advance). If there are any tournaments your club would be keen to host, please let the Executive Director know so it can be included in the calendar planning.

For all clubs who are playing qualifying rounds for the Gold & Silver Stars please make sure to send in the charts afterwards to the CNZ office so that we can use the results to see if the "effective handicaps" proposed work better in handicap play.

CNZ Awards & Qualifications:

Silver merit award

Sharon Sorenson (Katikati Croquet Club)

Anita Fowler (West Coast) at SI Champs 4+

New Golf Croquet Referees

Brent Frogley (Waikanae)

Bill Braithwaite (Paraparaumu)

Vic Wilson (Winton)

AC Umpire Jacqueline Anderson (Takapuna)

Croquet New Zealand Tournaments

Association Croquet

NZ Women's Invitation

Friday 20th to Sunday 22 February 2015
Hosted by Croquet Manawatu at Rangatira
Croquet Club Dannevirke
(Please note the change of Manager to Greg
Bryant. E-mail: admin@croquet.org.nz)

Invitees: Alison Robinson, Ann Sharp, Carissa
Price, Kathie Grant, Liz Mclay, Marion
McInnes, Nina Mayard-Husson, Pam
Fisher, Robyn Black, Baubre Murray

NZ 0-3 & 4+ Championships

Wednesday 25 February to Sun 1 March 2015
Hosted by Otago Croquet Association at
Forbury Park and Tainui Croquet Clubs

Arthur Ross Memorial Event

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th March 2015
Hosted by the Wellington Croquet Association at
the Kelburn Municipal Croquet Club

REMINDER

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

*Please lend your support by being spectators at the
events*

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**

Association and Club GC tournaments in February 2015

Wellington Croquet Association



PLIMMERTON CROQUET CLUB

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GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Saturday, 21 February 2015

Session 1: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Session 2: 1.30pm - 4.30pm

3 x 40 minute, 13-point Games per Session
Partners Drawn - different partner each game

First 32 Entries per Session Accepted

Entry Fee \$20.00 (or \$10 per session)

Great Prizes

Lunch, Morning Tea and Afternoon Tea
provided

Advise entries by Monday, 16 February to: Arthur
von Sturmer

14 Kinnel Grove, Papakowhai. 5024
von.sturmer@xtra.co.nz. Ph. 04 238 1525

It is a fun day. You can come for morning only,
afternoon only, or both - lunch is included
regardless.



ROSE GARDENS CROQUET CLUB
INCORPORATED

Sports Turf Renovators Golf Croquet Tournament

Saturday 28 February and Sunday 1 March 2015
Starting at 9.00 AM

Manager: Monica Huisman, 17 Sandstrom
Grove, Feilding 4702 Ph: 06 323 3365

Email: monica.huisman@xtra.co.nz

Entries: Entries should reach the manager by
Tuesday 24 February 2015

Entries should show player's name,
partner's name and handicaps

A contact address, email address or phone number should be provided, one per club will suffice

Entry fees: \$15 per player for each event. This includes cost of morning and afternoon teas. Cheques payable to Rose Gardens Croquet Club or credit to the club account at Westpac 03 0726 0571486 00. (include entrant's name).

Event 1. Handicap Doubles: Played on Saturday. Minimum combined handicap 8. Partners found by request

Event 2. Levels Singles: Played on Sunday. Open to all players.

Event 3. Handicap Singles: Played on Sunday. Minimum handicap 5.

Players may enter only one of events 2 & 3, which will be played in divisions if justified by entry numbers.

The method of play will be chosen to give full days of play.

Hoop dimensions will be set at 3 11/16 inches.

Dawson International Balls

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Tournament Results

Croquet New Zealand

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

Please find attached photos of the GC Nationals held on the Kapiti Coast 2 - 8 January. I took these photos over the two days of doubles play at Paraparaumu. On both days play concluded around 8.00 pm, a long day for everyone! The steel hoops had to be checked often for movement and Tournament Referee Wayne Gair was kept busy. The spectators were rewarded with stunning shots, tactics and strategies and couldn't wait for the Singles and

Plate to commence, another busy and exciting few days culminating in the Finals at Waikanae on the 8th.

Denise Jordan Paraparaumu Croquet Club



Open Doubles

Winners:

*Chris Clarke
(Canterbury) and Ian
Burridge (England)*

*Winner of the GC
National Open Singles
Duncan Dixon being
presented with his cup by
CNZ President Sue
Roberts. It is the fourth
time she has
presented the cup to her son*



'Limited' Doubles and Singles were played at Plimmerton.

*Louise Starkey and Roger
Hurnard (Wellington)
were the **doubles winners**.
Manager Tom Berryman
completes the picture.*



*Ken Hume and Alan Winwood
(Nelson) were the **runners-up***



The 8 teams played a BO3 round robin through Friday, Saturday and until mid-afternoon on Sunday.

The singles started on Monday with completion at midday on Thursday. With 12 players we decided on a double round robin format to make best use of the 3 1/2 days available.



*The **winner** was Bob McKenzie
(Wellington) with 16
wins. Here he being handed his
trophy by Wellington
Association President Kelvin
Watson supervised by Tom
Berryman*

The **runner-up** was Lynette Grant (Hawkes Bay) with 14 wins.

Bob's participation in the tournament was completely unplanned. At 7.30am Monday morning, the Manager, Tom Berryman, was checking the handicap card of WCA President and Plimmerton Club Captain, Kelvin Watson, and discovered that his handicap had been incorrectly recorded as 4 when it should have been 3 making him ineligible to play. Bob was at the Club assisting with court set-up and was immediately co-opted to replace Kelvin. That he then went on to win the event from a starting handicap of 7 to a final handicap of 5 was just a fantastic performance. It was appropriate to have Kelvin present the trophy to Bob.

Janeen Kenny (Hawkes Bay) was also a favourite with the rest of the team. Janeen on a 10 handicap gained valuable experience during the tournament with her scores improving dramatically as the event proceeded. There was great excitement and acclamation when she had her first win.

Paraparaumu Croquet Club

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

This year's Open Championships were held in Christchurch at United and Fendalton. The weather was generally good and became very hot towards the end of the event. The lawns ranged from 11 to almost 14 seconds.

Thirty two players competed for the doubles with all 32 playing nine different opponents over the three days.

The main event was won comfortably by Chris and Jenny Clarke (both only playing in the doubles this year), who completed four triples between them.

There were several contenders for runners-up spot with 15 year old Felix Webby almost getting there with Greg Bryant before losing by 1 point in their final game to allow Aiken Hakes and Paul Skinley to claim second spot for consecutive years. Jim Nicholls and Ed

Cunningham came third, beating Chris and Jenny in the final round.

In the doubles plate, Dick Smith and Geoff Duckett won narrowly from Kathie Grant and Peter Filbee.

The singles started in 4 blocks of 7 and the notable performances came from John Arney and 14 year old Edmund Fordyce who both managed to qualify from low-seeded positions.

The Heenan Plate saw a really strong performance from Virginia Arney. Virginia was one of 6 Aussies who played.

The Heenan Plate Final featured Jim Field from England against Harps Taurangi and provided Harps with a well-deserved win.



*Harps Taurangi
(Wellington)*

In the main event, matches went to form until the semi-finals when Paul Skinley, who had looked in good touch, having had several triple peels, lost to Ian Dumergue in a lengthy two games. Greg Bryant also took over 7 hours to beat Aiken Hakes in straight games.

The final started at 8.30 and despite having a ten hour time limit, took well over that. The speed of play was extremely slow and both players struggled with the pace of the lawn. Greg, however, looked in control of the match and took the first game 22-13 after over 4 hours.

The second game saw even less progress and Greg managed to score his 14th point to take a 1 hoop lead after time was called. Ian now had to score a point to tie. He shot with his hoop 4 ball on the East boundary and hit a ball 8 yards north of corner 1, aided by a bit of hill! From there, he played a great take-off 17 yards up the West boundary and obtained a rush to hoop 4. His approach was over-hit and he needed to run a tricky hoop to level the scores. This he did and Ian then snicked a 3 yarder to allow him to

approach hoop 5 with a drive approach and run a 3 foot hoop to tie the match at 1-1 after over 7.5 hours.

The third game was the slowest of all, with Greg seeming to retire into his shell and refusing to approach hoop 1 from 5 yards for a break. Greg took a lead after over 2 hours, but Ian picked up a good break and took most of the remaining time to go to the peg and peg out to take a 14-8 lead with 3 minutes left. Greg completely misjudged the remaining time in his contact turn, leaving himself with no real chance of winning.

Many congratulations to Ian, who is a Christchurch local despite representing Australia nowadays.

Many thanks to Referee of the Tournament Brian Boutel who made this the first major event this century I can remember where no ball stuck in a hoop, to Jared Keeman for doing most of the hoop setting despite not playing and to my Assistant Manager Janet Boutel.

Chris Clarke (Manager)

Our thanks to Chris and his team for another successful tournament. We are truly fortunate to have Chris and his expertise to run such major events. Ed

NZ Open Doubles



Winners: Chris and Jenny Clarke

Runners-up: Aiken Hakes and Paul Skinley
Doubles plate: Dick Smith and Geoff Duckett.

Open Singles Champion:
Ian Dumergue

Runner-up: Greg Bryant
Heenan Plate: Harps Taurangi



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

80th Open Championship

Winner: Greg Bryant
Runner-up: Dennis Bulloch

SI 4+ Singles Champion ship

Winner: Anita Fowler
Runner-up: Annie Henry

Championship Doubles:

Winners: Dennis Bulloch and Neil Seager
Runners-up: Greg Bryant and Anita Fowler

The South Island Open final started on the third day late in the afternoon. Many of the games took the full length of 9 hours, which made the final a late start. The first evening Dennis Bulloch beat Greg Bryant 26 – 20. The second game was played after a full day of the Open Doubles, which was 9+ hours of play. Greg beat Dennis 26 –1. The last day of the tournament the doubles ended approximately 7 pm. Dennis Bulloch and Neil Seager (Nelson Hinemoa and Richmond Clubs) and Greg Bryant and Anita Fowler (Rangimarie Club) had the same number of wins, 4. With a count back both teams had exactly the same number of net points – zero. The winner was determined by who beat whom. Dennis Bulloch and Neil Seager beat Greg and Anita twice and were declared the winners. Greg Bryant and Anita Fowler were runners up. Because there was still over 3 and half hours on the clock for the Open Singles Final, Greg was declared the winner.

In the South Island Championships 4+ Anita Fowler and Annie Henry had won all their games. The last game for the round robin was Anita against Annie. Anita took the lead in the game and Annie came back with a 5 hoop break to tie up the score. When time was called Anita was ahead by one point. Annie had a long roquet but missed and Anita won by one point.

Annie Henry

**Youth Squad Training Weekend
Incl RPM Under 21 Golf Croquet
Championships
Dannevirke 20-21 December 2014**

Winner: Josh Freeth
Runner-up: Felix Webby
Plate Winner: Shaun Theobald
Runner-up: Jasmine Rule

Regional News and Results

Auckland Croquet Association

Orewa

Maygrove tournament attracts full fields

The 24th Annual Maygrove Village Orewa Association Croquet four day tournament was held at the picturesque Orewa Croquet Club between Sat 17 and Tue 20 January. Competitors from around the Auckland Region and also as far afield as Te Awamutu challenged each other for top spots in the Doubles final and in the Singles competition. Local Doubles partners Pixie Jones-Meredew and Chris Smith (Orewa) won through to the final held on Sunday with five straight wins in section play only to be beaten by eventual winners Mal Bouzaid and Jim Wardle (Takapuna) in a tense and close fought battle. Most games went down to the wire with competitors calling on all their cunning to make points.



Doubles winners Jim Wardle and Mal Bouzaid receiving their prize from President Julie Parry

The Singles side of the tournament played on Monday and Tuesday was split into two sections – one section with an Open field which attracted some of the country’s top players with most on minus handicaps. The second section featured players with handicaps on four and

above and attracted an even field where fierce battles took place for supremacy. Eventual Open section winner, Nelson Morrow (Warkworth), achieved six straight wins all with a maximum twenty-six points in each game.



Open winner Nelson Morrow accepting his winner’s trophy from President Julie Parry

Morrow’s accuracy and touch around the lawns was of the highest quality and an inspiration to budding local croquet players. Jim Wardle (Takapuna) finished second with local Club member Keith Wallace (Orewa) finishing fourth following some hard fought games.

In the Singles four-plus competition Peter Norwood (North Shore) finished first after he prevailed in the final game of round-robin play against Kim Osborne (Pt. Chevalier) by just one point and ending with six straight wins.

Raymond Yin (Howick) was second after a count back against Kim Osborne after they both finished on five wins each.

Club President Julie Parry said that the four day competition format was a great success with all competitors planning to return for next year’s 25th celebrations.



Singles 4+ winner Peter Norwood receiving his prize from President Julie Parry

Local Club member Keith Wallace in action in the Open Championship



Counties Manukau Association

Attached please find a photo of Pukekohe Croquet Club's New Year's Eve event - some of us still playing Golf Croquet at 9.30 p.m.

Hilarious! we were surprised at how well we played in the dark!

Left to right: Gale; Pat; neighbour's porch light; Jenny; Alex; Beryl; Janet.

Jenny B.

Yes, that's it. All we can see is the porch light but there are players in there somewhere



Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui

Rose Gardens Croquet Club

Golf Croquet Handicap Singles for The MacEwan/Nikoloff Plate

Winner: Robin Scott, **Runner-up:** Vince Neall.

Palmerston North Combined Croquet Clubs Triton Hearing Tournament

This is a big Tournament of seven Events, over six days, at two Palmerston North venues, Rose Gardens and Takaro. Entries were again good, this year, at 104 from 73 individuals.

Days one & two were taken up with Doubles events. Dick Smith & Nina Mayard-Husson of Wellington were the winners of the Open Doubles, with Peter Filbee (South Taranaki) and Terry Price (Wairarapa) Runners-Up. In the Handicap Doubles, with a field of with a field of sixteen pairs, high handicap players, particularly juniors were to the fore

Open Doubles

Winners: Dick Smith & Nina Mayard-Husson (Wellington) 5 wins



Runners-up: Peter Filbee (South Taranaki) and Terry Price (Wairarapa) 4 wins with Manager, Michael

Hardman

The key game of the final round of the Open doubles at Takaro was between Dick Smith and Nina Maynard-Husson (Wellington), and Peter Filbee (South Taranaki), and Terry Price (Wairarapa). Both pairs had 4 wins and the winner of the game would win the event. The game was tense and went down to the wire. With Dick and Nina leading 14 hoops to Peter and Terry's 9, Peter made an all-round break of 12 hoops, taking the score to 21-14. Peter left Nina a long roquet to get back into the game, Nina made it and went round and made the remaining 7 hoops and pegged out to give a 1 point lead. The timer went while Nina was playing, so Peter had one turn to make a long roquet to get into play, and to tie the game and set up Terry for the match winner in overtime. He missed so Nina and Dick won by one point 22 - 21!

Handicap Doubles for the Takaro Trophies



Handicap doubles winners - father & daughter, Doug and Sam van Belle ... Sam is 13 and this was her first tournament

Runners-up Kevin Fellows and grandson Seth Garrison



The key game in the Event Final was that between Kevin Fellows, partnered by his grandson, Seth Garrison and Doug van Belle with his daughter, Samantha. The result of this tight struggle into extra time was a 13-12 win to Doug and Samantha for them to finish in first place.

Open Championship Singles for The Sesquicentennial Salver



Winner: Peter Filbee (South Taranaki)

Runner-up: Harry Murrell (Wairarapa)

Peter Filbee (South Taranaki) was a convincing winner in the Open Singles. Having completed his section undefeated, he beat Harry Murrell (Wairarapa) 22-12 in the final. In the Scratch and over Singles, both Robyn Black (Bay of Plenty) and Jean McIntyre (Manawatu-Wanganui) were unbeaten in their respective sections with Robyn winning the final narrowly. Hadyn Barrett (Manawatu-Wanganui) beat Susan Leuchars (Wellington) in the Final of the Singles event.



Winner of the Handicap Singles Hadyn Barrett (Manawatu-Wanganui)



A determined Susan Leuchars

The final two days of the Tournament saw the 4+ and 10+ Singles events being contested. Mike Lings was the winner of the 4 and over event with Duncan Adair Runner-Up. Both are from Wairarapa and this completed a good tournament for this small Association. Susan Leuchars of Wellington won the Ten and Over trophy to go with her Runner-Up certificate from the Handicap Singles.

4 Bises and Over Championship Singles for The Neall Trophy

Winner: Mike Lings (Wairarapa)

Runner-Up: Duncan Adair (Wairarapa).

10 Bises and Over Championship Singles for The Junior Trophy

Winner: Susan Leuchars (Wellington)

Runner-Up: Daryl Flood (Manawatu-Wanganui)

These events brought to a close what had been a very successful six days with excellent entry numbers and fine weather. Once again it was

well-managed and administered and players went home well-fed.

Lower North Island Golf Croquet Teams Event - Played in New Plymouth

Winners: Manawatu-Wanganui - 17

Runners-Up: Hawkes Bay 15.

Congratulations to the Manawatu-Wanganui team which won the Lower North Island GC Teams Event in New Plymouth over the weekend.



The team was Vince Neall (Rose Gardens, 6-8 division) Penny Carrington (Feilding, 9-12 division) Ken Managh (Feilding, 3-5 division. Josh Smith (Rose Gardens, 0-2 division)



Josh Smith, Manawatu-Wanganui Captain, receiving the trophy from Host Association, Taranaki's President, Bonnie Johnstone

Manawatu-Wanganui finished with 17 wins, 2 ahead of Hawkes Bay and 3 ahead of Taranaki. At the end of the Doubles Manawatu-Wanganui were one win behind Hawkes Bay, but pulled up to be equal with them on 14 wins starting the last round of Singles on Sunday.

Taranaki were also on 14 wins but with the bye in the last round were effectively out of contention. Because Manawatu-Wanganui were drawn to play Hawkes Bay in the last round it was effectively a final. Manawatu-Wanganui won 3 of the 4 games (by one hoop!) and this made all the difference.

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Croquet Manawatu-Wanganui

Golf Croquet Interclub Competition Week 6

The standout performers this week were Rose Gardens with a 7-1 away win over Tararua. This leaves them in a strong position at the head of the table, although there are still four rounds to play. The other two matches ended 4-4, leaving Feilding comfortably in second place.

**Feilding 4, Levin 4, Marton 4. Wanganui 4
Tararua 1, Rose Gardens 7**

Points to date (net hoops in brackets): Rose Gardens 31 (+64), Feilding 27 (+15), Wanganui 23 (-1), Levin 23 (-6), Tararua 22 (-14), Marton 18 (-58).

Feilding Croquet Club Anniversary Day Golf Croquet Handicap Event

**Sponsored by Julia Wallace Retirement
Village.**

Again there was a full entry for this annual event. The eventual winners were Monica Huisman (Rose Gardens) & Alan Adams (Feilding) who beat Micki Tyler & Jeremy Neild (both Rose Gardens) in the final.

Winners: Monica Huisman & Alan Adams,
Runners-up: Micki Tyler & Jeremy Neild



*A serious Monica Huisman at the
NI Teams Event*

Bay of Plenty Croquet Association

Croquet Mount Maunganui Golf Croquet Championships 19-21 December 2015

Winner: Tony Stephens (Te Mata)
Runner-up: John Christie (Morrinsville)
Plate: Mike Crashley (Barry Park)

Wellington Croquet Association

WCA Open Championship Singles
Wellington Club 27 - 30 December 2014

Winner: Paul Skinley (Wellington)
Runner-up: Steve Jones (Hawkes Bay)



*It is all that Christmas Cheer
Michael Wright and Dick Smith take time out*

Swiss Plate:

Winner:
Dick Smith
(Wellington)
Runner-up:
Robyn Black
(BoP)

Thames Valley Croquet Association

Morrinsville Croquet Club Golf Croquet Open Singles 17 & 18 January 2015

Winner: Tony Stephens (Te Mata)
Runner-up: John Christie (Morrinsville)

This event was used as a practice for the
upcoming WCF Golf Croquet Tournament

Marlborough Croquet Association

Kaikoura croquet club

The Kaikoura Croquet Club received a grant from "Creative NZ" to have these panels painted for the back of our two shelter sheds that face onto quite a busy street. Local artists Jean Laming and Marie Scott designed and painted them in a similar style to others they have done on the town toilets and our local swimming pool as part of the scheme to beautify Kaikoura. They do make us more visible as well as promote this great sport of croquet.



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

NOTE : For your records

Pamela George (CM editor) and Graeme Roberts (CNZ Life Member and Laws Committee) have moved house

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