



Board Update December 2018

Here is the final update for 2018. What a year it's been.

Croquet NSW now has a Sport Development Project Officer, Donna Olbourne, who will work with us to progress our regionalisation strategy, sports governance and also support the growth of croquet around the state. We look forward to working closely with Donna over the coming 12 months.

Mike McLaughlin, McLaughlin Sports Consultancy, is continuing with consultations across our Croquet community to assist in the development of a contemporary and forward thinking CNSW Strategic Plan. Some of you will recall we called for expressions of interest from members who may be interested in engaging with the Board and Mike in this process. Thank you to those who responded. Mike is doing some preparatory work before conducting a telephone survey with some members and a broader consultation forum early in 2019. Again we are really excited to see this work progressing.

Those who attended the annual Presentation and Christmas Lunch enjoyed a relaxed affair at the Concordia Club in Tempe. A big thank you, as always, to John Eddes for his contribution to making this event happen. John and Alison Sharpe are integral to the organisation of this event. Thank you also to Heather Smallbone who managed to round up almost all the trophies, no mean feat! Please if you still have a perpetual trophy at home from last year return to Tempe and advise John. Also thank you to Lorraine Hatfield and Lynda Toms who ably supported John by recording who collected which trophy when the winner was not present. This will help us to know the location of each trophy for next year. The Board is considering some changes for the presentation event in 2019 so watch this space.

Another change for next year is that for each CNSW event there will be the presentation of a certificate and badge for winners and runners up at the conclusion of each competition. This change was trialed for some events in 2018 with positive feedback so this will be extended to all events for 2019. Another thanks to Lorraine Hatfield for her ideas and commitment to progressing this change.

For a number of years we have also been moving to align with the digital age and from next year the yearbook will be primarily available on-line. Club Secretaries received notice of this recently. Speaking of the digital age no year should pass without thanking our volunteer web administrator David Archer for his continued efforts in maintaining and refining our website and the utility of the database that sits alongside it. This year David gave the site a new more contemporary entry page as well as expanding the member area of the site. Thank you David.

I wish to thank all our CNSW Officials, Tournament and Selection Committees, each of the State Directors and to all other officials who have helped throughout the year – Thank you.

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Special mention for Neil Hardie who will be stepping down from his role as AC State Director of Referees. Neil has undertaken this role for several years and has generously shared his knowledge and experience with so many – thank you Neil. Also many thanks to Robyn and John Compton for their huge involvement with CNSW at all levels – thank you and enjoy your new life south of the border.

We are planning to get 2019 off to a running start. We were very fortunate to have the NSW State Governor, who is also CNSW Patron, attend the GC ISS in the Hunter Valley. Following on from this CNSW received an invitation to showcase Croquet at Government House on Australia Day. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase Croquet to a wide range of people! We will be calling on our members to help out on the day so if you wish to be involved in this unique opportunity please let me know.

On behalf of the Board I wish everyone all the best for the festive season, be happy and safe in any travels and happy hooping!!

Brenda Wild
Chair