

CROQUET NSW NEWSLETTER

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NEW SOUTH WALES VOTES YES

The New Constitution has been overwhelmingly supported by the Croquet Clubs of NSW. Of the 47 clubs that voted, 44 were in favour, 1 against and 2 informal. So well in excess of the 75% required to carry the vote. The new constitution once registered with the Office of Fair Trade will be formally adopted and loaded onto the website.

The new constitution is a revised simplified version that has been based on the Model Constitution in Schedule 1 of the Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016. There have been a number of drafts made available to members, and a number of changes resulted from this useful input.

It makes clear that Croquet NSW is a collection of member clubs. The CNSW board will continue to have seven members, directors will have terms of one year, with a maximum of five years to be served; the Board nomination process has been simplified, there is no longer a casting vote by the chairperson, discipline

becomes primarily a matter for clubs. Note that the proposed changes do not affect insurance, or the relationship between CNSW and ACA, and no changes to any club constitutions are required.

We would like to thank Michael Strickland and Ted Griffin for their substantial work in the drafting and revising of this constitution in response to the Board and Club input. And we thank the member Clubs for their engagement and input.

CORONAVIRUS STOPS COMPETITION IN SYDNEY REGION

Latest advice on 26 June is that everyone in Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong must stay at home unless it is for an essential reason. Community sport **competition** will not be permitted during this period, but croquet for leisure and recreation can be continued within strict COVID guidelines. CNSW events will be considered on a case by case basis, but players should check before committing to accommodation expenses. Registered players in each event will be notified of any changes. The GC Bronze Medal due to be played June 26-28 has been deferred and the GC doubles will not commence on July 9. The advice is due to be updated on July 5.

CHELTENHAM CROQUET CLUB, established 1914 is so far the oldest club in NSW who have contacted me!. Muller Park Club in Dubbo seems the oldest regional club established in 1921 and celebrating their centenary this year!

Croquet NSW acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands of NSW on which we meet and enjoy croquet. We pay our respects to elders past and present and emerging.

Board members

Chair: [Simon Cook](#)

Treasurer: [Steve Miles](#)

Secretary/Newsletter: [Kate McLoughlin](#)
[Rosie Landrebe](#)

[Rik Mills](#)

Website: croquet-nsw.org

BOARD UPDATE

The Board is pleased that the new Constitution has been agreed by a healthy majority of Clubs.

The Board has agreed on a date of 25 September for the Annual General Meeting, which we propose to hold by zoom.

The Board has acknowledged the Officers and Committees who undertake activities for Croquet NSW in the areas including referee coordination, selection of State teams and players, organizing tournaments, co-ordinating and undertaking coaching, merchandise, website and many other areas. The Board aims to support these volunteers, to provide input where needed, and to facilitate the decisions and processes they undertake. We are asking those who wish to continue their roles, and we are always looking for new faces to assist. Nominations for positions or roles will be gratefully received leading up to the AGM. Contact the Secretary.

To acknowledge the great work done by referees the Board has increased the per km

1TIM MURPHY PREPARING FOR A PEEL AT THE BERYL CHAMBERS



with other CNSW officials (25c per km).

The Eire Cup committee chaired by the indefatigable David Stanton, has been reinstated to gear up for the holding of the AC Eire Cup in Sydney, March 9-20, 2021. The Committee will co-ordinate venues, tournament officials and related matters for the players who will (hopefully) be travelling from across the continent to compete in this premier AC event. We look forward to involvement by our patron, the Governor of NSW.

The Eire Cup AC squad has been selected and approved by the Board and is listed in the newsletter. Congratulations to all.

The golf croquet team due to represent NSW in Launceston in September has been selected and the Board extends congratulations to the entire team. Well done! We will introduce team members over the next 2 months.

We are grateful for Treasurer Steve Miles keeping us updated on the rapidly evolving Covid situation. As we write this, community sport has once again been put on hold, and current CNSW competitions suspended. We await further updates, so keep an eye on the CNSW website.

Kate McLoughlin, Secretary
secretary@croquet-nsw.org.au



2JOHN STOKES PHOTOGRAPHER PLAYING IN THE BERYL CHAMBERS

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

AC State Squad

The NSW Association Croquet Selection Committee has announced the NSW State Squad, from whom the NSW State representative Team for the 2022 Eire Cup will be chosen. Congratulations to the following:

Men

Peter Landrebe (and coach)
Rob Elliott
Alan Honey
Tim Murphy
Jim Nicholls
Stephen Richards

Women

Rosie Landrebe
Kate McLoughlin
Liz Montague
Kerri-Ann Organ
Diane Scott
Alison Sharpe
Alix Verge

Follow the players as they show their form in forthcoming contests.

INSURANCE

The CNSW board has simplified the affiliation fee structure for member clubs. Clubs will no longer pay the \$55 club affiliation fee and will not have to process individual new member invoices. Under the new system affiliation fees for 2021/22 will be \$50 per member payable in two \$25 payments, namely

- \$25 payable on the club database as at 30 September 2021
- \$25 payable on the club database as at 31 March 2022

There will be no extra invoice for new members. This means that clubs will only need to make two payments a year for affiliation. Clubs should charge new members \$50 if they join before 1 October

as they will be on both the September and March databases. Members who join in the 1 October to 31 March period should pay \$25. Those who join on 1 April or later will have no affiliation fee until 2022/23.

The affiliation fee includes an expected \$33 affiliation fee to Croquet Australia. This leaves \$17 for CNSW but the loss of club affiliation fees and lower new member fees costs about \$2 per member.

Steve Miles

CNSW Treasurer

NEW AC LAWS FROM JULY 1

A reminder that new Association Croquet Laws (Edition 7) come into effect from July 1. Referee workshops have been held around the State including Mid North Coast, Coffs Coast and Northern Rivers regions. Thanks to Barb Piggott for her hard work in this area.

Contact [Ted Salter](#) (State Director of Refereeing – AC) for further information.

Rules Books can be purchased via the [Merchandising Officer](#).



3 REFEREES FROM MID NORTH COAST AND COFFS COAST FOLLOWING REACCREDITATION

NSW GC STATE TEAM 2021

The NSW GC Selectors have chosen the State team to compete in the Interstate Shield for Golf Croquet, due to be played in Launceston from 8 – 12 September. The event was cancelled last year and brought forward to 2021. The team comprises some very experienced players and some first time team members, making it a team with enthusiasm, depth and great skills.

We will feature some background on the players over the next two newsletters, and encourage NSW players to follow and support their State Team. Some of the competition will be covered on Kayo, so stay tuned for more news.

Congratulations to the following:

Women

1. Alison Sharpe (**Captain**) (Killara)
2. Gerda Lambeck (Canberra)
3. Rosie Landrebe (Cammeray/Cooks River)
4. Kate McLoughlin (Canberra)
5. Pamela Barnwell (Newcastle National Park/Nelson Bay)

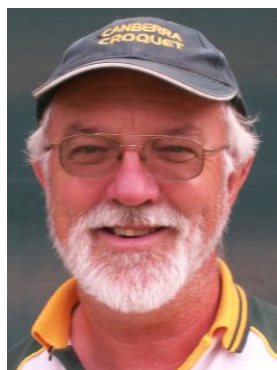
Men

1. Peter Landrebe (Cammeray/Cooks River)
 2. Peter Freer (Canberra/Queanbeyan)
 3. Derek Bull (**Vice-Captain**) (Newcastle/Nelson Bay)
 4. David Scott (Ballina Cherry Street/Lismore)
- Reserve and **Team Manager** Kevin McGlynn (Canberra/Queanbeyan)

This month's feature players:

David Scott

From the first time I held a croquet mallet in 2015 I was hooked and knew this was the sport for me. Initially I played Ricochet, then AC before playing GC in 2017. I enjoyed croquet so much that I retired in December 2017 so I could play more often. Whilst I enjoy all 3 versions, GC is my favourite as I'm continuously involved and on the move from start to end of game. My selection in the 2021 NSW GC team is a dream come true and I'm excited to be the first croquet player from a NSW Northern Rivers croquet club to represent NSW in GC. I'm working hard to ensure my best croquet of 2021 is at the ISS in September. I'm looking forward to being part of the team and a successful campaign.



Peter Freer discovered croquet in 1981 when his work-team hired a lawn at the Canberra Croquet Club and has been a member at Canberra ever since – now 40 years. After retiring from work in October 2008 he took up serious competition; playing Association, Gateball and Ricochet but his preference is Golf Croquet. Peter has played golf croquet in tournaments across Australia as well as in Egypt, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Belgium and New Zealand; including 4 World GC Championships, plus a World Gateball Championship in Brazil. Peter is a keen referee in all 4 codes, and unable to resist coaching at the slightest opportunity – when in town he is usually at most of the GC social draws. Peter is married to Kate McLoughlin and they have two (adult) daughters, and a very recent grandson.



Kate McLoughlin



A member of the Canberra Croquet Club for 9 years, Kate has been enjoying competing, coaching and contributing to the working of both Canberra, and also Croquet NSW as Secretary. Kate has been runner up in NSW Women's singles in 2019 and 2020, and runner up in the Plate in the Women's World Championships in New Zealand in 2019. A reserve for NSW ISS team in 2018, Kate played in the second placed 2019 NSW ISS team and made the quarter finals of the Australian Women's Singles. I am looking forward to being part of this team bound for Launceston in September.

Pamela Barnwell

Pamela inherited her fathers' croquet mallet in 2013 and took up croquet in 2016 upon retirement. A proud member and current champion of Newcastle CC and past champion at Nelson Bay CC, Pamela enjoys the challenge of playing state tournaments whilst juggling grandparent and daughter duties. Trying to maintain croquet as a family tradition, Pamela's 3yo granddaughter has been seen on the croquet lawns on many occasions and has her own custom made mallet. Pamela focuses on GC and has progressed rapidly in the last 2 years winning the 2019 2nd Selectors event to gain a reserve position in the 2019 State GC Team and then



winning the 2021 Selectors event to be selected in the 2021 NSW State GC Team. Focused and determined (and packing plenty of thermal clothing) Pamela is looking forward to a tough tournament in Tasmania in September, Covid permitting.

Kevin McGlynn

I began playing just over two years ago. The training at Canberra Croquet Club plus competitions saw me increase my skills quite rapidly. I was thankful to catch the eye of selectors for the NSW team. I am the Mens Reserve and Manager and am looking forward to seeing how it all runs and learning as much as I can.

NOWRA HOSTS CNSW G.C. DIVISION 2 DOUBLES EVENT 17-18 JUNE 2021

Under very cold windy but dry conditions, 24 members travelled from Toronto, Jamberoo, Sutherland, Mosman, Wollongong, Nelson Bay, Canberra and Nowra to contest the two day event. Whilst not playing, members caught up with old friends as well as making new ones.

To keep players at the 'top of their game' they were served hot soup and sandwiches for lunch and enjoyed continual morning and afternoon teas. Play ended on Friday just before the heavy rain with Doug Cornish and Brian Mitchell (Nowra), being outright winners. Janelle Brown and Maureen Waters (Wollongong) were runners up. For full scores please visit [Croquet Scores](#)



FROM OUR NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

CNSW GC Division 3 championships.

The CNSW Div 3 GC championships are eagerly awaited in the north. Entries are closed with 33 in the singles and 18 pairs. It will be a headache for the organisers to fit in all the matches over 6 lawns at three locations. A handful of players are venturing up from the south, but the majority are from clubs in the north of NSW.

CNSW Ricochet championships.

Entries are still open for the CNSW Ricochet Championships in June at Sawtell. Sawtell is a delightful part of the Coffs Coast and the tournament is sure to be fun. Ballina's Mary Hughes is looking for a partner for the doubles. Mary is one of the better Ricochet players in the State, and partnering her would be fun for anyone wanting to get into Ricochet. Details are in the CNSW website.

Urunga AC Carnival

The Urunga Club is holding its 30th Annual Association Carnival from 21st till 25th June. The club has run for 31 years, but this is the 30th Carnival as 2020 did not count. Barb Piggott still has vacancies. You are likely to play two games each day. If you have never been to Urunga, the setting is idyllic. There is camping on the riverside and Cex Urunga has excellent holiday accommodation. Contact Urunga now to enter this carnival which is always very cheerful. Call 042 762 9953

Croquet Tourists

My club, Coutts Crossing, suffered like many others in the north from La Nina. Our drainage, or lack of it, meant no play from before Christmas till after Easter. It left members frustrated. We are remote enough that it is a minimum 200 K round trip to the nearest club, a long way to go for a social game.

But that did not deter our members with a yearning to travel, and an eye on border closures. In the last eight weeks our

members have visited Toowoomba, Southport, West Toowoomba, Coolangatta, Urunga, Sawtell, Ballina, Woolgoolga, Tempe, Echuca, Rich River, Howlong, Walla Walla, Young, Bathurst, Cheltenham, Maitland, Deniliquin, Orange, Mildura, Dimboola, Red Cliffs, Taree, Coromandel Valley, Keith, Yamba, Brighton, Victor Harbour, Millwood, Aldinga Bay and Kadina.

To anyone concerned about visiting other clubs it is worth noting that the reception for the players in the green shirts was warm in every club, often ending with an insistence to stay for lunch.

The Beryl Chambers Tournament

This is the premier AC handicap tournament in NSW. There are qualifying tournaments in each of the Regions, with the winners meeting in Tempe to decide the champion. This year we have a covid hangover and people in the regions still wary about visiting Sydney. However in the north there were two highly competitive qualifiers and from one will come the eventual champion, Geoff Chapman of Urunga. (you read about him here first). There will be someone from each region, but it is disappointing that so few AC players entered.. If the really low handicap players were to enter, and risk their reputations, this could be an amazing tournament, next year. Go Geoff.

Get vaccinated

The message is clear. If you intend to get vaccinated against Covid and the 'flu, do it now. As a courtesy to other clubs, get vaccinated before you visit another club. This is not as easy as it may seem. In my area in rural northern NSW over eighties with underlying conditions are still told there are no vaccines available till July at the earliest. At the same time authorities are urging people to turn up and get the jab. For me it would be at least a 300 kilometer round trip in the hope to get a jab.

Peter Martin (Coutts Crossing)

CROQUETIQUETTE

with June Dolly Atkins

Answering those pesky croquet etiquette problems!

Dear Miss Watkins

I read your advice in Croquet NSW Newsletter May 2021 to Mrs Wright concerning Mr Roughspin's reported frustration of missing hoops etc.

I note that you suggest that Mr Roughspin ought to modify HIS behaviour but do not suggest that Ms Watkins should modify her's or even to ignore it.

She has choices: she tolerates Mr Roughspin colourful language (as define by her) or refuses to play if he is. I, for one, avoid playing with certain people as they get up my nose that's my choice and I am not-going-to snitch to-teacher to get them to change just because of the way I feel. It is eminently reasonable that Mr Roughspin can live his life as he wishes and Miss Wright should be tolerant enough to get on with her life and not try to manipulate other's behaviour to suit her's.

Of course she could point out to Mr Roughspin her feelings and similarly he can take what action he wishes that he is comfortable with without the fear of being bullied by a 'member protection officer'.

If you do not exist and this is a made up scenario then perhaps, so you are not accused further of misandry or bias, that if you have to make up another similar story that it should be the bloke complaining of a bossy know-all female of which there are many in the croquet world. The best action though is to recognise we are different and get on with life without feigning sensitiveness.

Yours in tolerance George Smith

Dear Mr Smith

I thank you for taking the trouble to write to me, expressing your feelings on my recent response. I was quite overwhelmed to receive a letter in an envelope through the postal service!

I always appreciate another perspective on life's problems, and your sense of individual rights is important in our society. I am pleased to hear of your tolerance of the 'bossy know-all females' that you obviously put up , with such good grace.

I totally agree that we are all different, and what a boring world it would be if we all thought the same way. Be sure that I will include a range of problems in my column and I look forward to the Croquet community challenging me with a variety of problems. If as you suspect the problem was a made up scenario, then I am sure you will appreciate my suspicion that Mr George Smith is probably a made up name.

Yours in divergence

Miss June Dolly Atkins

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP

Sydney CNSW events have currently been postponed until further notice.

Division 3 Competition in Northern Rivers is still scheduled to be played, and has a waiting list.

Check out the [Events](#) tab on the CNSW website.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

Congratulations to **Don Wright (Cooks River), John Stokes (Cooks River), Peter Brown (Camberay)** winners of the NSW AC Platinum, Gold and Silver Singles competitions respectively, run during May

Congratulations to **Peter Gordon (Maitland)** winner of the NSW GC Handicap Singles 12 – 16 May, Taree from **Bernie McAlary (Wollongong), Jim Ball and Cheryl Lloyd (Nelson Bay)** won the doubles.

Congratulations to **Peter Freer (Canberra)** winner of the GC NSW Open Singles, 28-31 May, Tempe from **David Scott (Cherry St Ballina)**

Congratulations to **Pamela Barnwell (Newcastle NP)** winner of the NSW GC Selectors Invitation 4-6 June, Tempe from **Kate McLoughlin (Canberra)**

Congratulations to **Tim Murphy (Canberra)** winner of the Beryl Chambers AC Handicap State Final 11-14 June, Tempe from **Gary Urquart (Sawtell)**

Congratulations to **Doug Cornish (Nowra)** winner of the NSW GC Div 2 Singles, 19-21 June, Jamberoo from **Jill Sullivan (Sutherland)**. The doubles were won by **Brian Mitchell and Doug Cornish (Nowra)**

Congratulations to **Alison Sharpe (Killara)** winner of the NSW AC Open Women's Singles 18-20 June, Tempe from **Kerri-Ann Organ (Canberra)**. Well done to **Liz Montague (Killara)** winner of the Trophy.

Congratulations to **Ray Chapman (Ballina Cherry St)** winner of the NSW Ricochet Open Singles June 24-28, Sawtell from **Michael Hastings (Sawtell), Peter Deeth and Wayne Gadke (Coutts Crossing)** won the doubles.

Check [Croquet Scores](#) for more results



5 RICHARD HUGHES (NSW RICOCHET DEVELOPMENT OFFICER) CONGRATULATES RAY CHAPMAN AND MICHAEL HASTINGS



4 JILL SULLIVAN AND DOUG CORNISH DIV2 GC