

NEWSLETTER

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NOWRA CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

On 14 May, Nowra Croquet Club members gathered on a beautiful sunny day to celebrate and to launch the book “Nowra Croquet Club – Celebrating 100 years, 1922-2022” written by Robyn Florance, AOM.

In the early days, the sport was very much a social outlet for the ladies of Nowra and surrounds, as well as being competitive. It was a “ladies only” club until 1985 when the first man was given membership. Interclub sports between Kiama, Berry and Nowra meant a long day of travel to compete and return home. The early fundraising for lawns meant large community gatherings, including dancing, euchre games and of course ladies having Open House & Gardens with morning teas. All these events were well recorded in the local newspapers, but of course today social media records wins, losses and social events. One interesting piece of advice from

the 1941 instruction book “Shots and Strokes” indicated that “winners should wait for losers first to come forward with compliments to avoid unfriendly feelings among players and smooth away any unpleasantness”.

Attached to this newsletter is Nowra Club’s newsletter which records the highlights of the celebration and includes photos and several very entertaining cartoons. Also, to find out more about the history of the club at

[Visit our Clubs history link.](#)



The Centenary Cake



The Club celebrates World Croquet Day

If your Club would like to share its interesting stories, please email newsletter@croquet-nsw.org for publishing.

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

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FROM THE BOARD

The Board is proposing to change its financial year reporting from a financial year (1 July – 30 June) to a calendar year (1 January – 31 December). This will align our financial reporting with the way we currently do our business. This change will require a change to our Constitution which will need approval from the clubs. More information is on its way to the clubs.

Club's affiliation fees will remain unchanged \$25 March-September and \$25 October-February, per member. Juniors remain at \$12.50 and non-playing members \$5 for each of the above six-month periods.

The Board is committed to increasing membership by at least 10% in the next 12 months. The Board encourages all clubs with lawn capacity to undertake "come and try days" or "bring a friend day".

All clubs should take every opportunity to gain exposure for croquet through social media and/or the local press. There is a good chance that your local paper will publish your stories and pictures.

Chatswood Croquet Club is undertaking a school croquet program with Chatswood High School in Term 2. This program will involve Years 8 - 10 students and will run for 11 weeks. Most importantly, Chatswood Croquet Club have a good number of member volunteers to support the program. All clubs should take the opportunity to identify any secondary schools that may be inclined to add croquet to their sports' program.

Greg Bury, General Manager of the Australian Croquet Academy, is in the process of completing the final Youth Training Project Plan for approval by the ACA Board. The first step is to get croquet recognised as a school sport with Sports Australia and to get the NSW Dept of Education to sign off on the resources required.

Greg is also updating the National Coaching program to include a module on coaching students.

Ray Chapman
Board Member

GOLF CROQUET WCF RULES 6TH EDITION

Croquet Australia has approved the new WCF Rules of Golf Croquet 6th Edition will be effective in Australia from 1 July 2022. CNSW expect delivery of the new 6th Edition GC Rule Books in the next week or so. Accordingly, we invite you to pre-order a supply for your club. The expected cost is \$7.50 per rule book + postage.

Would you kindly email your order to our merchandising officer, Lisa Kelshaw, at merchandising@croquet-nsw.org . advising the number of books you require plus the name and address for postage.

Referees will receive a copy from CNSW at no charge.

The NSW Government Community Building Partnership 2022 program is open with applications closing 10 June 2022. There is a maximum of \$400,000 to allocate in each electorate. Incorporated not-for-profit community organisations and local councils are eligible to apply for grants of between \$5,000 and \$150,000. The average grant awarded is around \$20,000. More information is available here: [Community Building Partnership | NSW Government](#)

CASINO CROQUET CLUB – All Smiles



Leonie Condon all smiles accepting the mower from ATM

After going through 2 years of hardship, Covid & floods, the small club of 23 diehard members were presented with their new mower today. This was due to generosity of the Australian Turf Company, plus grants from the NSW Flood Relief Fund and wonderful help from fellow croquet clubs. The Club is very grateful to all that have contributed. It is a very welcome item for a club that:

- Has an attitude of “never say never”
- Has battled hard over the years to maintain their club and lawn
- Has battled hard to grow their membership
- Never gives up!

The Club has battled hard to get back on track after the devastating floods and with the new mower the Casino Croquet Club’s lawns will again become a welcome place to have a game of croquet. Unfortunately, the lawns are still unplayable because of the wet and hopefully it’s not too far away before the Club gets playing again. The club is always welcoming new members.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

AC GOLD SINGLES 5-6 MAY Chatswood

Five players contested the AC Gold singles event at Chatswood in a single round robin format. The winner undefeated with four wins, was Rob Wright from the Mosman club, runner up on three was Gerard Barry from the Chatswood Club.

AC Silver Singles – 10-12 May - Cammeray



Peter accepting the trophy from Steve Miles

Six competitors, with handicaps ranging from 9-12, contested the CNSW AC Silver singles event at Cammeray Croquet Club. Local north shore clubs were represented by Sue Elderidge–Smith and Joanne Brown from Cammeray, and David and Bronwyn McGrane from Mosman, while two players, Dianne Scott (Wollongong) and Peter Gordon (Nelson Bay) travelled from country areas. Play consisted of a round-robin in one block and the first day saw tough competition under cloudy skies. Unfortunately, the next two days saw games marred at times with heavy rain which the lawns struggled to dissipate, having been continually soaked a month earlier. The Super Sopper was on duty throughout the second day, thanks to referees Steve and Michael, with players also pitching in to remove the surface water. Tuesday’s later games were pegged down due to failing light. The last day of competition was again

played in rain. Peter Gordon remained undefeated at the end of the morning session and significantly ahead of runner up Joanne Brown on hoops. With the lawns no longer able to cope, and players very cold and wet, TM Steve Miles called an end to competition. Thanks go to Cammeray CC for hosting and to the referees for giving up their time.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN GC DOUBLES – 7-10 May - Cairnlea

Thirteen teams from around Australia entered the doubles championship this year. Games were played in one big block with the top 8 teams progressing to the finals and the remaining pairs to contest the Plate event.

The semi-finals saw Peter Freer and Mark Scruton defeat Shane Downie and Kevin McGlynn 7/1, 1/7 and 7/6 in a tightly contested match. In the other semi-final, Owen Dickinson and Brian Rowe had a comfortable victory 7/5 and 7/2 over Peter and Rosie Landrebe. The final went to 3 exciting games with Peter Freer and Mark Scruton defeating Owen Dickinson and Brian Rowe 4/7, 7/3 7/5. A wonderful achievement from Peter Freer and Mark Scruton - their first Australian title as a doubles combination. The Plate event was won by Barry Jennings and Karen Magee from South Australia with Ray Chapman and David Scott a close second with the same wins but 3 less hoops.



Mark Scruton & Peter Freer receive their trophy

AUSTRALIAN OPEN GC SINGLES - 11-14 May - Cairnlea

Forty-one players contested this year's event with 5 blocks comprising 8 or 9 players. After many close and exciting games the semi-finals came down to Robert Fletcher vs Jamie Gumbrell and Kevin Beard vs Gary Phipps. Jamie, in a three-game thriller, defeated Robert 7/5, 4/7 and 7/5 to set up her first final appearance. In the other semi-final, Gary proved too strong for Kevin, winning 7/3, 7/3. The final was between last year's runner up, Gary Phipps, versus the young up and coming Jamie Gumbrell. The first game highlight was Gary running both hoop 9 and 10 in the same stroke. Wonderful luck for Gary but heartache for Jamie. The second game was a tense and close struggle with the game going to the 13th hoop where Gary was able to get his ball close to the hoop via the back door and Jamie was unable to clear it. A wonderful game by both players. Gary was pretty happy to win after his second place last year and there's no doubt Jamie will be a future winner of this event in the coming years.



(L:R) Jim Nicholls presents Gary with the trophy



(L:R) Jim Nicholls presents Ray with the Plate

The Plate championship was a close, tense struggle with Ray Chapman winning his final game to clinch the plate trophy. Gerda Lambeck was a close second.

The Y event was won by Victoria's Shane Downie. The Z event was won by Alison Sharpe and the W event won by Stephen Burns.

NSW players won the Doubles, runner up in the doubles plate, runner up in the singles final, won Z and W singles events, won the Plate event and also the runner up.

A wonderful achievement from our players.

NSW OPEN GC SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP – 20-23 May - Tempe

Twenty-four of NSW's best golf croquet players assembled at Tempe to contest this year's event. The forecast was rain, and more rain, for the four days. The players were split into 3 blocks with the top 5 from each block plus the best sixth player progressing to the finals. After many exciting and close games the quarter finals came down to:

Peter Landrebe defeated Rosie Landrebe 7/6, 7/5 (no dinner for Peter that night);

Peter Freer defeated Peter Montague 3/7, 7/3 and 7/1 (Revenge for that accidental hit in the nose);

David Hanbidge defeated Malcolm Powys 7/4, 3/7 and 7/3 (Malcolm so close); and, Alison Sharpe defeated Kevin McGlynn 7/3, 7/3 (Kevin seems to run into Alison in finals).

The four top players all on minus handicaps contested the semi-finals:

Peter Landrebe defeated Peter Freer 7/3, 7/6 (the defending champ gone this year); and Alison Sharpe defeated David Hanbidge 7/4, 6/7 and 7/6 (too close for comfort for Alison).

The final came down to Peter Landrebe vs Alison Sharpe in a best of 5 showdown, in extremely wet conditions. Alison won the final 7/5 (in driving rain), 7/5 and 7/6 (after been down 4/6). Alison is now off the UK and in late July/early August will compete in the World GC championship. We all wish her good luck and plenty of hoops.

The Y event was won by Richard Christian who defeated Ralph Richardson 7/6, 5/7 and 7/5. The Z event was won by Rosie Landrebe who defeated Malcolm Powys 3/7, 7/1 and 7/3. The W event was won by Mark Scruton who defeated David Woods 6/7, 7/5 and 7/4. The Plate event was won by Liz Montague who defeated Ted Woodley 7/3.



Alison Sharpe and Peter Landrebe

CNSW DIVISION 3 GC DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP – 25-26 May - Canberra



(L:R) Paul & Maggie Gerbich, Ian McRae and Ian Donald

Nine teams assembled in Canberra to do battle this year for the Division 3 doubles titles. Two regional teams from Ballina Cherry Street and Byron Bay were there for this Championship. There was one block with the top four teams progressing to the finals. In the semi-finals, Ian Donald and Ian McRae defeated Maggie & Paul Gerbich 7/6, and James Lee and Jocelyn Fitzhardinge defeated Janelle Wilson and Ann Clifton 7/4. Ian Donald and Ian McRae went on to win the final, defeating James Lee and Jocelyn Fitzhardinge 6/4 7/3, to register their first doubles championship. The Plate event was won by Penny Scott and Heather McCalman who defeated Marilyn Smith and Catherine Perry 7/1.

CNSW DIVISION 3 GC SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP – 27-29 May - Canberra

Nineteen players entered the event this year as far away as Wagga Wagga, Holroyd, Nelson Bay, Marrickville, Ballina, Byron Bay, Ballina Cherry Street, Jamberoo, Queanbeyan and, of course, Canberra. In the semi-finals Sherry Gordon defeated Robyn Wilde 7/5 and Ian McRae defeated Janelle Wilson 7/5.

The final saw Ian McRae follow up his Doubles win to win the singles 7/4 7/5 against Sherry Gordon. The Z event was won by Paul Gerbich who defeated Penny Scott 7/3.



Ian McRae and Sherry Gordon

CNSW AC WOMENS OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP - 27-29 May - Tempe

Eight players entered this year. One from New Zealand, two from Queensland, one from Canberra and four from Cammeray. The semi-finals saw Rosemary Landrebe defeated Kathie Grant 26/6 26/5, and Kerri-Ann Organ defeated Yuni Rowell 26/5 26/12. The final was between friends and Eire Cup teammates, Rosemary Landrebe and Kerri-Ann Organ. Rosemary (or Rosie to everyone who knows her) won 26/6 and 26/0 in a sparkling AC performance. The Y event was won by Bonnie Johnstone (NZ) who defeated Barbara McDonald 26/8 26/18.

(L:R Yuni (Qld), Kerrie-Ann (Canberra), Barbara & Bonnie (NZ), Kathie (Qld), Sue, Joanne and Rosie.



WANTED - CLUBS TO HOST CNSW EVENTS 2022

AC Silver Brooch Singles (Handicap 7-10) 5-7 September

AC Platinum Brooch (Handicap 2.5 -9) 13-15 September

(NB. to ensure sufficient entries, it would be preferred if the AC events were hosted in or around the Sydney Metro Area)

Please email your Club's interest to host an event to: tournaments@croquet-nsw.org

Thanks go to Nelson Bay Croquet Club which will host the Division 2 Pennants finals and to Manly Croquet Club, who at short notice, held the Division 3 Pennants finals.

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP:

(GC) NSW Division 2 Doubles, 13-14 July, at Ballina & Byron Bay. Waiting list closes 5 July

(GC) NSW Division 2 Singles, 15-17 July, at Ballina & Byron Bay. Waiting list closes 5 July

(GC) NSW Handicap Doubles, 16-17 July, at Nowra. Entries close 7 June

(GC) NSW Handicap Singles, 18-20 June, at Jamberoo. Entries close 7 June

(RC) NSW Open Doubles championship, 25-26 June, at Sawtell. Entries close 17 June.

(RC) NSW Open Singles championship, 27-29 June, at Sawtell. Entries close 17 June.

(RC) NSW Division 2 Doubles, 17-18 October, at Maitland. Entries close 7 October

(RC) NSW Division 3 Singles, 19-21 October, at Maitland. Entries close 7 October

(GC) NSW Open Doubles, 8-10 July, at Tempe. Entries close 1 July.

(AC) Eva Short & Win Dickinson Memorial Trophy, 16-17 July, at Tempe. Entries close 8 July.

Club Events

(AC) Gold Coast Tweed Tournaments 2-10 July. Entries close 20 June

(GC) Newcastle National Park Doubles Tournament, 2-3 July. Entries close 24 June.

(GC) Young Cherry Blossom Carnival, 6-9 October, at Young. First 32 entries accepted

(GC) Tweed Heads Spring Festival, 2-5 September, at Tweed Heads. Entries close 26 August

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

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