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Editorial

Welcome to another edition of the CCA newsletter.

An article I read elaborates on the fact that we communicate on three levels: by the content of what we actually say, the tone of voice that is being used, and the body language.

Communication by email only uses one of these three - phone conversations use two out of the three, but talking to someone face-to-face uses all three. The social aspect of our croquet clubs is extremely important for our health and well-being, but how and what one communicates is also of importance.

Secretaries are encouraged to email ALL members about tournaments and fun days, as that is essentially content that needs to be communicated. Those members not on email should be phoned - perhaps have a 'phone tree' if necessary. Club captains are encouraged by face-to-face communication to encourage junior members - ie those new to croquet and on low handicaps, to participate in club events and tournaments to build up experience and confidence. Essentially, clubs should take ownership of promoting interclub events, social activities, and should be supporting each other. How that is communicated, is up to individual clubs.

From a CCA perspective, I would encourage you to make use of the CCA website that is now being maintained and updated on a regular basis -see the article further in the newsletter.

The CCA Executive is keen to hear how CCA may best support member clubs. The following workshops are proposed, but expressions of interest are needed to determine if they should go ahead with arrangements. We acknowledge that clubs have busy programs and fitting in

something extra is not always easy. However, if you think these workshops are relevant, please email ccaexec100@gmail.com with the workshops you are interested in and would support, and if a weekday afternoon or Saturday morning would be preferable.

- (i) Club Captains workshop;
- (ii) Referee/umpires workshop;
- (iii) Lawns, hoops setting up and lawn maintenance workshop;
- (iv) Any other?

It would be helpful if responses are sent in by 7 November so this can be discussed at our next committee meeting, but later responses will also be taken into account.

A quote from AE Gill in his book on Croquet:

"I think that no matter how seriously you take a game, you should never lose sight of the fact that you should also enjoy it. And croquet *can* be pure enjoyment...".

I wish you all well for the rest of the season for this year, and keep enjoying your croquet ☺

From CCA Executive

Croquet New Zealand AGM, 7- 8 October 2017

The CCA President, Owen Evans, attended the AGM at the Brentwood Hotel in Miramar, Wellington and has reported back to the CCA Executive on the following matters that are relevant to croquet in Canterbury. CCA paid the accommodation cost for one night and CNZ paid the airfares.

General View

The Council of CNZ is an elected body to provide governance to the organization of croquet associations throughout New Zealand. The year 2017, with resignations and the bereavement of Murray Goldfinch, has resulted in a body that is only just being held together by its president, Annie Henry. A new CEO was appointed only weeks before the AGM and clearly had not come up to speed with the machinations of the organisation. Jake Inwood, the new CEO, appears to be confident and experienced in Sport Administration and will be a good "pivot" for the organization in the future. However, the Council does not have the two vice presidents or a full

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complement of councilors to truly be a representative body of croquet players. There was dissension from one association on the appointment of a councilor, who only became an affiliate of CNZ within a few days of the nominations being closed. However, she does seem to have qualities and qualifications that will be useful to the Council during her term of appointment, although her experience of the administration of croquet is very limited.

Matters pertinent to CCA

Lack of Consultation on CNZ Hosting World Women's G C Tournament. Tournament Convenor, Dallas Cooke, could not provide an explanation why a bid had not been requested NZ wide except a comment that "Canterbury had some issues". She apologized at the meeting for CCA not being considered, but did not disclose how the decision had been made by CNZ.

Recommendation: notice to association treasurers of levies' returns, withdrawn by Auckland but consensus of meeting that Association secretaries be the portal for all CNZ communications and for this particular request be annotated "not for distribution directly to club treasurers".

Informal Request of Sports Development Officer, that CCA extend beyond 44 entries for the AC NZ Open in January.

South Island GC Teams, to be held 7/8 April at Allenton (possibly Waireka), Ashburton. 4 players, where possible Silver Badge awardees from each association, to make up the team.

Recommendation: Regional Premier AC Silver Badge: award still to be made by CNZ if South Island organise the tournament.

Publicity Sub Committee of CNZ: new group within CNZ to liaise with associations.

Matters pertinent to Clubs and Membership

Club Participation Award: the criteria have been tweaked for the season past and next.

Richmond Croquet Club received the award in the most recent season.

CNZ Player of the Season was Aiken Hakes.

South Island Vets to be held at Oamaru and Timaru, Canterbury suggested for 2019

Total CNZ Affiliates: risen by 222 club members to be 4,200 approximately, nationwide.



GC Rules: under review with attempts to align with some AC

rules which are contradictory, viz, ball contact before striking, playing wrong ball, etc

CNZ Constitution Review: Process of consultation underway, but some contention over election of officers, and limits on term of service.

Youth Croquet: Direct engagement with schools will require clubs to have personnel vetted, to comply with Vulnerable Persons Act, also applies to some community groups, e.g. disabled adults, etc. NZ reps at World Under 21 Tournament were subject to poor management of organisers. No official NZ support to the players, need to remedy for 2019.

Group Insurance Scheme: CEO to investigate better options from alternative insurers.

CNZ Finances: Made a loss of \$41,350, budgeted surplus \$2,000. Have \$212,000 reserves.

Croquet Videos: take a look at the CNZ video footage of the Secondary Schools Championships held in the Waikato.

South Island Councilor Stephen Fordyce, has been replaced by Tom Devlin from Fendalton Park

Owen Evans CCA President

From your Website Manager

John Yarrall has been appointed to maintain and update the CCA website for this season. Visit the website at croquetcanterbury.com to find out about competitions and other croquet activities in Canterbury.

Some changes have been made and further changes will make the website easier to use for members and other visitors. If you have any requests or ideas on improvements let John know on jyarrall@xtra.co.nz.

Every Canterbury club has their own web page. There is a contact form on each of these pages that allows visitors to the site to send an email to the club. All clubs have been asked to review the information on their page and request any changes. Some contact forms have email addresses that Vodafone are closing. Not all clubs have returned their changes. If you haven't please respond soon.

This season, results of all competitions are being put on Croquet Scores (croquetscores.com) by

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the tournament convenors. You can search for each competition on Croquet Scores or follow the links on the competition page on the CCA website. Once there, you can bookmark the page.

When there is news or when significant changes have been made a new blog post will be added. This will often have links to relevant information, so you can quickly go there. A new option has been added to the right-hand panel. If you enter your email and click the *Follow* button, you will receive an email whenever a blog is added. This means you will be notified when something changes on the website and you won't have to keep checking.

John Yarrall

In Memoria report to CNZ

Canterbury Croquet Players - In Memoria 2016 / 17

On 16th April 2017 the **Akaroa Croquet Club** lost a very valued member - Eileen Thelning at the age of 90 years. Two weeks prior to her death she was still playing both AC and GC at club level. In the previous years she also played Interclub and other associated competitions. She was also our Patron for several years until her passing. She will always be remembered for her lovely smile and happy disposition as well as her frustration with deafness.

Eileen has been a member of the Akaroa Croquet Club for more than 50 years and club President for many of those years.

St James Park recently lost Lorna Rhodes, a member of the Club for the past 24 years. She was a regular attender at the Club and featured in interclub teams during much of her time. She spent several years serving on the Club Committee including a term as President.

Fendalton Park. The only person was Mary Gibson a fantastic member who become a Life Member of Fendalton Park Club who passed away within the last three months at a great age of 107 years.

St Martins - Janet Lilley, Club president for the last few years

Barrington Park - Fred Whiteley, Member for 40 or so years; held various positions.

Hornby - Our valued member was Graeme Martin who died on 14 April 2017. He was only 69 years old. He joined our club on 20 December 2014 and was on a 10 handicap.



Cashmere - Pru Ross, a member of about 10 years, played interclub when needed and served on the committee for a few years as well as organising bridge at the club.

Tournament Convener

Canterbury vs South Island (AC)

Canterbury won the Ram back over South Canterbury after a long wait. (193 hoops to 178). It was an enjoyable but chilly day for the 8 players who attended. 3 x 2 hour games were played at Waireka (Ashburton). No double banking was required which was nice. After the first round it was fairly close. By the end of the second round S Cant held a 13 hoop advantage. Then Canterbury ran away with it in the end.

Full results are on the Canterbury Website

Jono Hart



Clubs' News

Barrington Croquet Club

Before our Opening Day we held a very well attended working bee, so much so that our president, Hugh, was looking for jobs for people to do. Opening Day at Barrington Park was held a week later than intended because our lawns were too wet. However, in spite of the unkind weather we have been able to play on them since.

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Marcia 349-3283, Judith 980-3616, Gay 341-1051.

Please mark this date in your diary and enjoy this new tournament.

Summer is nearly here, I think! The trees are bloomin' beautiful, the vege garden is starting to do its thing and croquet is well under way. Wishing you all great Croquet this season and good luck to the Cashmere teams as they do battle in the Interclub tournament.

Marcia Admore (President, Cashmere Croquet Club).

Fendalton Park Croquet Club

Our lawns were closed over winter for renovations, and we looked forward to Opening day on 2 September. Our annual working bee was held on Saturday 26 August. Member support was good and both Clubrooms and grounds were readied for season 2017/18. However, wet weather

Richard hitting the first ball for the season



played a part and at the end of August, rainfall in Christchurch was approximately 200mm ahead of average. So, no croquet on Opening Day ☹

Although unable to play on lawns which were soft and very wet, on Opening Day we had 37 members enjoy a catch up chat, millionaire quiz, afternoon tea and happy socialising. Members were issued with the programme for the season



At our Opening Day our president, Hugh Thomson, presented Brian Collins with a voucher as a token of our appreciation for all the unpaid work he does around our club. Over the winter Brian arranged removal of trees, planting of plants and a new driveway at our Garnet Ave entrance, to name some of the work he did.

Brian has also invented a new hoop lifter. Our members are finding it very easy to use. It is lighter than the ones we have been using and fits easily on to a trolley. Maybe he should 'patent' it!!

A member of the Red Cross came to our club to train some of our members on how to use the defibrillator that we are fortunate enough to have at our club. A very worthwhile exercise with those who attended receiving a certificate.

Our Johnson and Interclub teams have so far had mixed success. We all hope for better.

Diane Martin

Cashmere Croquet Club

October has been a busy month with the beginning of the Interclub games at which our teams, on the whole, excelled themselves. Congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the losers. Our thanks go to team members and host venues for great games. The Give Croquet a Go day was successful with several new faces being seen on the lawns and subsequently joining our club. Joyful welcomes to all those who have joined our ranks; keep an eye out for the new faces and give them a huge Cashmere Welcome.

Our new lawn, leased from Cashmere Bowling Club, is being prepared ready for our inaugural open tournament to be held on Wednesday 29th November, 2017, starting time is 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person and includes a light lunch. We welcome entries from all clubs but as entries are filling fast secure your place quickly by phoning

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and encouraged to participate in Club Trophies that are to be played prior to Christmas. We did manage to start playing croquet the next week ☺

Entries for the club trophies have been encouraging and most are nearing completion. Our Interclub teams are enjoying the competition and value the experience of playing against other clubs.

The CCA Knockout teams event is back on the CCA programme and our team has won in the first two rounds. We look forward to the final to be played next year in February.

Our knockout team: Murray, Helen, Julie and Linda



Our November tournament sponsored by Travel 2U has been well supported with entries from clubs in Canterbury outside of Fendalton Park, as well as further afield in the South Island. We have a full field participating with a couple of reserves on the waiting list, and are looking forward to a great day on Sunday 5 November.

Club members have been wonderful in their support of fund-raising activities. A successful sausage sizzle was held in October with another scheduled for the New Year. On the Saturday of Labour weekend, we held our annual Hazel Cocks Trophy competition in which a senior player is drawn with a junior player for the afternoon's handicap games. Members of the club took the opportunity to organise a finger lunch beforehand to raise funds for a defibrillator for the club. From donations received and a successful sales table, as well as other fund-raising initiatives by members, we have sufficient funds available and are currently in the process of purchasing a defibrillator for the club.

We have welcomed some new members for this season, and coaching/training has been available on a regular basis.



Our winter encounter with St Martins for the John Dove

Trophy is to be played on Sunday 26 November with FPCC hosting. With the recent passing of Janet Lilley (past president of St Martins), St Martins are calling the event Janet and John.

Some corporate functions have been organised for later in the year, and we welcome "old friends" back to play croquet and enjoy a social evening.

The CCA Canterbury Handicap Doubles will be held on Fendalton lawns on Sunday 3 December.

One of our life members – Mary Gibson passed away in early August at the grand age of 107.

We would like to congratulate our president Tom Devlin on being elected to the New Zealand Croquet Council at their AGM in October. Tom has a wealth of experience in business and finance and will be an asset to Croquet New Zealand.

Following on from our trip to Australia in April, and observing several mallet stands in clubs over there, one of our members contacted the Bishopdale Menz Shed to build some portable mallet stands. From a Health and Safety perspective, they have been very successful in keeping mallets away from windows and in walkways that folk might trip over them. Contact Bishopdale Menz Shed if you would be interested in purchasing any.



Our Fendalton February Twilight tournament for handicap doubles is on **Thursday 8 February 2018**. Mark this date in your diary. Come along and enjoy another great evening of croquet at Fendalton Park Croquet Club.

Vilna Gough-Jones (Secretary FPCC)

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Holmes Park Croquet Club

There was a good attendance for our opening day, including four new members. Geoffrey Naylor ran the first hoop and an enjoyable afternoon of croquet followed. A further four new members have since joined our ranks and we are getting very good attendances at club days. Members have been sharing the work of keeping the club surrounds attractive. We have two GC teams and one AC team playing in the current interclub competitions and had one entry in the GC doubles Knockout. Our first BBQ will be held on Saturday 28 October. The first of our own club championship games are just getting started. From these we hope to find entrants for the Gold and Silver stars events.

Geoffrey running the first hoop



Janet Slack

Hornby Croquet Club

The Hornby Croquet Club has started the season with 27 members. We are getting over 20 people coming regularly to play on our club days.

We had 5 new people come for the 'Give Croquet A Go Day' on Saturday 30th September. They all enjoyed the experience of trying a new game.

The Hornby Croquet Club had a very successful Fun Day on Thursday 21st September. There were 30 players from other clubs and 2 of our players to make up the 2 sections. The weather was cold but all players were able to play 4 games before the rain set in. A nice warm drink and plenty of food was available after each game. Thank you to everyone who supported our Fun Day.

Some players were also able to try the new game of 'Sevens' on our mini lawn.

On **Thursday 21st December** our club is holding a 'Sevens' competition on our bigger lawns.



Please come and try this new game where you play for yourself and accumulate points through out the day. Hopefully we will have a fine day.

Five of our club members attended the South Island Masters Competition in Nelson. They were able to play 4 games of singles on the Friday but unfortunately the rain cancelled the Saturday and Sunday games.

Congratulations to our club member Marilyn Purvis for winning a Silver Medal for the Singles Competition in the Junior Division.

Hornby has started well in the Golf Croquet Interclub Competition. We have a team in each Division.

Alan Belcher on hands and knees refereeing during the games



The rest of the calendar year has many CCA Competitions, CNZ Competitions and local Fun Days for our club members to enter and enjoy playing in.

Hopefully the weather will become more settled so that we can enjoy playing in lovely warm sunshine right up to the Christmas Holiday season.

The grounds at Nelson for SI Masters

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Matters and Dates to Note

1. The next delegates meeting is on Thursday 14 December at Elmwood (venue TBC)
2. CCA website is croquetcanterbury.com
3. Please send any material for the next newsletter to Vilna at vgoughjones@gmail.com by **22 January 2018** for publishing end of January. *Newsletters are published end August end October end January then March/April*

4. Club Requests

Akaroa is looking to acquire a set or two of second colour balls. Call Philip 03 304 7601

Rangiora is seeking some indoor croquet equipment. Call Carol 03 310 6259

5. The CCA calendar for next three months is given below

2017 November						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31	01	02	03 GC Interclub	04 Johnson	05 Fendalton/HC Doubles Cards
06 AC Interclub	07 AC Interclub	08 Exec meeting	09 St James at St Marins	10	11	12
13	14	15 St James Fun Day	16	17 CCA GC Grades Rangiora/St Marins/Kalapoi	18	19 Muriel Foster Elmwood
20 AC Interclub	21 AC Interclub	22	23	24 GC Interclub	25 Johnson	26 Beginners Day Hornby
27 AC Interclub	28 AC Interclub	29	30	01	02	03
04	05	Note: CNZ AC SI at Nelson 15-19 November				

2017 December						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27	28	29	30	01 GC Interclub Div 2B	02 Johnson if needed	03 CCA GC HC Doubles at Fendalton
04 AC Interclub if needed	05 AC Interclub Finals	06	07	08 GC Interclub Finals Div 2 and 3	09 Johnson Play Off	10 Johnson Play Off
11	12	13 CCA Exec meeting	14	15 Youth training and/or Practice	16 CNZ Under 21GC at United	17
18 CNZ Under 21GC at United	19	20	21 Hornby Sevens Fun Day	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

2018 January						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
01	02	03	04	05	06 CCA AC Open Singles at St James	07 CCA AC Open Singles at St James
08	09	10 CCA Exec meeting	11 CCA AC Open Doubles at St James	12 CCA AC Open Doubles at St James	13 CCA AC Grades Singles at Barrington/Cash mere	14 CCA AC Grades Singles at Barrington/ Cashmere
15	16	17	18	19 Practice Day CNZ AC Open	20 CNZ AC OPEN	21 CNZ AC OPEN
22 CNZ AC OPEN	23 CNZ AC OPEN	24 CNZ AC OPEN	25 CNZ AC OPEN	26 CNZ AC OPEN	27 CNZ AC OPEN	28 CNZ AC OPEN
29	30 Carol Hayward	31	01	02	03	04



Annette Wilson

Rangiora Croquet Club

Photo is of new people enjoying Give Croquet a Go Day.



We continue going from strength to strength with new members joining. Our clubhouse is almost complete with only the carpet to lay.

Inter club is under way and win or lose, it's fantastic to see the sheer enthusiasm of the participants.

Happy croquet .

Carol Kidd

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5. A list of the 2017/2018 CCA and CNZ tournaments is summarised for you below.

OTHER DATES FOR OUTSIDE OF CANTERBURY EVENTS				
2-4 March	CNZ Arthur Ross			
6/7 March	AC Vets		Timaru	
8/9 March	GC Vets		Timaru	
7/8 April	SI GC TEAMS		Ashburton	
15-19 Nov	SI AC CHAMPS		Nelson	
21-23 Oct	Magak		Sth Cant	
20-Oct	"Coaching for Magak		"	

Date	Event	Club(s)	Manager
19-Aug	Club Captain's Talk	Barrington	Tournament Committee
16-Sep	Delegates meeting	Barrington	CCA
17-Sep	GC Referee training		Tony O'Donnell
15-Oct	CCA GC HC Singles	Holmes Park	Chris Clarke
9-12 Nov	SI GC	St Martins	Tony O'Donnell
17-Nov	GC Grades	Rangiora/ St Martins	Kay Blair
28/29 Oct	AC HC Singles	St James	Jonathan Hart
3-Dec	G C HC Doubles	Fendalton Park	Vilna Gough-Jones
9Dec am	Johnson quarter finals	United am	
10Dec am/pm	Semis and Final	United am and pm	
15-Dec	Training Under 21 GC	United	Greg Bryant
16-19 Dec	Under 21 GC	United	Chris Clarke
11/12 Jan	CCA Open Doubles AC	St James	Rodger Lane
6/7Jan	CCA Open Singles AC	St James	Rodger Lane
13/14 Jan	CCAGRADE Singles AC	Barrington/ Cashmere	Tony O'Donnell
19 Jan Practice day	CNZ AC Open	United	Chris Clarke
20-28 Jan	CNZ AC Open	United	Chris Clarke
23-27am	CNZ AC Open	Fendalton Park	Chris Clarke
3-Feb	CCA Arthur Ross	Elmwood	Lyn Dawson
4-Feb	CCA Don Reyland Stars	Hornby	Alan Belcher
15/16 Mar	Agnes Dick HC Doubles	Elmwood	Lis Hunter
18-Feb	AC Silver badges	Cashmere	Owen Evans
25-Mar	GC Silver badges	Holmes Park	Philippa Porter,
10/11March	CNZ Don Reyland Stars	Fendalton Park	Tony O'Donnell
17-Mar	Atkins finals	United 4	Tony O'Donnell
26-Nov	BEGINNERS DAY	Hornby	Alan Belcher