

NSW Open AC Handicap 2021

The Beryl Chambers Trophy



Association Croquet players across NSW & ACT are invited to participate in the 2021 NSW Open AC Handicap for the Beryl Chambers Memorial Trophy. As a handicap event, players at all levels have an even chance of success. Winners and runners up in the last few years have had handicaps ranging from 18 to 4 so all entrants are in the running to progress to the finals of this special event.

In 2020 championship hopefuls' handicaps ranged from 20 to 3.5, which resulted in different challenges for all! In the end 8 people were entered into the final round held on the very fast lawns of the Tempe Croquet Centre. Highlights for players were that the handicap event allowed for higher handicapped players to pit themselves against those on lower handicaps and learn more about the challenges of the game beyond mere execution. How to strategically employ bisesques to their best advantage to form and maintain breaks was the objective of the higher handicapped. Lower handicapped players were equally challenged having to generally come from behind to "hunt" their opponent.

All players reported this event as a positive experience with playing against new faces refreshing and catching up with some more familiar faces equally enjoyable. David Scott (Ballina Cherry Street) was the winner with 6 wins from his 7 games, closely followed by Simon Cook (Coutts Crossing) with 5 wins.

In 2021 qualifying events will be hopefully be held in 9 locations throughout NSW to encourage broad participation, with the local winners eligible to play in the State Final from Friday 11 to Monday 14 June, at CNSW HQ at Tempe.

Qualifying round matches will be arranged and played locally to accommodate maximum participation and need to be completed by about the end of May.

Country players who qualify for the finals will be eligible for a subsidy from Croquet NSW to assist with travel & accommodation costs.

Entry fees:

- \$30 per player to cover the initial block round
- Plus an additional \$20 for the final series qualifiers

Part of the entry fees go toward a pool for travel/accommodation subsidy for country players who make it to the final.

Each event manager is responsible for deciding the exact times of play and the venues to be used. Times and venues will where possible take into account the availability of each entrant.

Each qualifying event will be set up on [CNSW website](#) as details are finalised, and can be accessed by clicking on the "Register" button for the appropriate event.