

CROQUET

NEW SOUTH WALES

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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FROM THE BOARD

2022 has seen the resumption of most of our regular Tournaments and Club activities, despite some ongoing challenges from Covid, and some devastating floods and wet weather conditions impacting a number of NSW Clubs and players.

NSW has had a successful year in national competitions: winning both the Eire Cup trophy for Association Croquet, and the Interstate Shield for Golf Croquet. Big congratulations to both teams which are honoured separately in this report. NSW hosted the Eire Cup in Sydney and was pleased to welcome all the teams to a Reception in Government House, hosted by the Patrons of Croquet NSW: Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC and Adjunct Professor Dennis Wilson. The Welcome events for the Men's and Women's Singles, and the final dinner were hosted at CNSW HQ at Tempe, with catering provided by our neighbours: the Concordia Club. The Sydney Clubs generously hosted the visitors, resulting in a very successful Tournament, despite the absence of Tasmania and Western Australia.

On the other side of the equation, a number of Clubs have been devastated by flooding: Lismore and Casino the most affected, with significant lawn and clubhouse damage. Other Clubs have also been unable to play for significant times in the year, with consistently wet conditions, and Tournaments have been cancelled and relocated. It was great to see the support by other Clubs, in very tangible ways. Evidence of a very generous community.

Nonetheless Tournaments were run all around the State, with Clubs taking the greater share of hosting Croquet NSW Tournaments, as well as running well attended Club events. Of the 44 Croquet NSW Tournaments run this year: 18 were hosted at CNSW HQ and 26 were hosted by individual member Clubs around the State. We thank those clubs for assisting in making these events accessible to a range of players, and to their generous volunteers who ran the events.

We also thank Ray Chapman from the Board who has ensured that Tournament winners are presented with their Trophy straight after the event where possible. The engraving of trophies and passing on for the next Tournament winner to collect is much appreciated.

A major initiative of 2022 has been the introduction of the first group of Club Hubs across the State. Canberra, Coutts Crossing, Port Macquarie, Strathfield, and Toronto Clubs have taken up the role to deliver coaching, competition, and increasing the skills and expertise of players around their region. The Hubs receive \$5,000 per year (for 2 years) in funding to assist in delivering these programs. They are already introducing more people to Gateball and Ricochet, as well as hosting Tournaments and building coaching and referee skills. We look forward to the second round of funding Club Hubs which will continue to spread skills across the State in the range of codes.

The State is seeing increasing interest and participation in Ricochet and Gateball, fostered by the State Co-ordinators, and some very well attended tournaments. We look forward to the growth of these codes, with the National Gateball Championships to be held in Albury in September, and the National Ricochet Championships being held at Tempe in Sydney in April 2023.

The Golden Mallet Awards for outstanding contributions to croquet in NSW or the ACT were once again hotly contested as Clubs nominated some outstanding volunteers. The judges awarded the trophy jointly to Marion Davies (Toronto) and Barb Piggott (Urunga), with Margaret Sawers from Nowra given an honourable mention. Well done all nominees and congratulations to the women awarded.

Looking forwards, Croquet NSW has identified a number of key priorities that it is focussing on.

1. Growing Membership: The Board is looking to grow membership by 10% a year over the next 2 years. With 3,180 members in 67 Clubs last year, we currently have over 3,300 members in 68 Clubs (these numbers include members of more than one club). We have been:
 - a. sharing stories of successful recruitment initiatives,

- b. holding a Discussion Forum to look at ideas,
- c. offering a \$500 incentive for New Clubs joining over the next 2 years, and
- d. conducting a survey to identify the strengths and challenges Clubs face in building members.

In the coming year we will be building on the skills and resources identified by clubs to assist in this initiative. We will be working with the ACA to raise the profile of croquet, and co-ordinate a national project to increase participation in playing the sport we love.

- 2. Developing U21 participation in croquet by:
 - a. reinvigorating NSW U21 Championships,
 - b. setting up an U21 Working Group to recommend a pathway forward, and
 - c. developing skilled coaches and Club members to support participation of U21 players.

We are also looking to consolidate and strengthen NSW HQ at Tempe, as both a well-run State centre and a healthy growing local Club (Cooks River Croquet Club). We are looking to update our administration systems, website, player and event database to better serve Clubs and players, and to increase efficiency for CNSW Board and Committees. We will also build and grow the Club Hub structure to deliver programs across the State. The member Clubs have agreed to change to a calendar financial year, so that our AGM will in the future be held around March, and the year will better reflect the way we run our business.

We are facing the challenges of many volunteer-based organisations, in finding people to step up and take on the roles that are needed to keep our sport functioning. The growth in coaches and referees is a healthy sign. We are looking to identify ways to make the State volunteer roles work efficiently, including finding synergies with the ACA, changing to more effective administration tools, and simplifying processes where possible.

There is much to look forward to in 2023. It's also useful to remind ourselves that croquet remains one of the most cost-effective sports to play, and NSW remains the best value State to play, with the lowest affiliation fees across the nation. We will continue to deliver good value to our members, and to value and appreciate all the hard work that is put in across the State.

Kate McLoughlin, Chair, Croquet NSW



BOARD MEMBERS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE

Steve Miles	12/13
Kate McLoughlin	13/13
Rosie Landrebe	10/13
Rik Mills	12/13
Ray Chapman	9/9
Liz Friend	9/9
David Scott	9/9



MEMBERSHIP

Croquet NSW has 67 member Clubs, which have 3,038 players across the State, and 150 full sized lawns. This is a 4.98% increase in 2021 player numbers (2,894). Some players are members of more than one club but CNSW only charges one affiliation fee. The number of affiliated players for each region is:

ACT Riverina	252
South Coast	308
Southern Sydney	326
Northern Sydney	643
Western Region	242
Hunter Region	579
Mid North Coast	201
Coff's Coast	254
Northern Rivers	233
Total players	3,038



CNSW APPOINTED POSITION HOLDERS 2021-22

Appointed Positions	Continuing	Retiring
State Handicapper	Gareth Denyer	
Tournament Committee	David Stanton (Chair) Richard Christian Mike Hughes Stephen Richards Peter Landrebe	
AC Selectors	Stephen Richards (Chair) David Stanton Kerri Ann Organ Mike Hughes	
GC Selectors	Peter Montague (Chair) Peter Freer Alison Sharpe Ros Johnston <i>Vacant</i>	
State Director of Coaching	Peter Landrebe	
State Co-ordinator of Coaching	<i>Vacant</i>	Pam Gentle
State Director Refereeing AC	Ted Salter	
State Director Refereeing GC	<i>Vacant</i>	Lorraine Hatfield
State Director Refereeing GB	<i>Vacant</i>	
State Director Gateball	Judy Tier	
State Director Ricochet	Richard Hughes	
State Co-ordinator, Junior Croquet	Jacky McDonald	
Merchandise Officer	Lisa Kelshaw	
Membership Officer	Pam Wiemers	
Complaints and MPP Officer	John Bartrop	
Web Manager	David Archer	
Headquarter Lawns Management Committee	Steve Miles Rosie Landrebe Peter Landrebe	



TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Result



This report is a summary of the year. More detail is provided in the full financial statements which are presented in a separate document.

Croquet NSW financial results have been much better than expected with an overall profit of \$58,181. The main drivers of this result were:

- A very strong investment performance from managed fund investments
- Lower costs in managing the lawns at Tempe
- Lower costs for State teams as the ISS was cancelled and the Eire Cup was held in NSW.

Earnings (\$)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Earnings from Croquet Activities	26,424	8,022	-7,744	-36,197	-9,041
Earnings from Investment Activities	31,757	31,548	11,879	19,568	18,952
Change in Basis		40,370			
Total Earnings	58,181	79,940	4,135	-16,630	9,911

Once again, CNSW was supported by the annual grant of \$15,000 from the Office of Sport. CNSW also received additional Covid Funding from the NSW government in the form of a \$45,000 grant for CNSW and \$61,000 in Grass Roots funding for clubs. The Grass Roots funding has gone directly to clubs and the CNSW grants have supported the Club Hub program as well as other programs. The accounts show the amount of funding paid out rather than the amount received.

As a result, the net assets of CNSW increased to:

Croquet NSW					
Balance Sheet as at 30 June (\$)					
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<i>Current Assets</i>					
Cash	645,238	392,250	469,156	294,476	366,866
Receivables	8,152	19,677	2,365	4,827	1,393
Inventories	126	1,212	2,503	634	771
Other	47,250	46,660	6,586	5,350	5,569
<i>Non Current Assets</i>					
Other Financial Assets	0	160,677	131,484	125,081	115,255
Property, Plant, Equipment	10,055	10,283	11,891	14,364	6,250
Total Assets	710,821	630,758	623,984	444,734	496,104
<i>Current Liabilities</i>					
Payables	15,460	9,013	13,411	9,350	8,666
Office of Sport Grants	140,615	119,189	186,685	20,498	56,151
Other	5,337	11,329	12,601	7,734	7,506
Total Liabilities	161,412	139,531	212,697	37,582	72,323
Net Assets	549,408	491,227	411,287	407,152	423,781
Difference in Net Assets	58,181	79,940	4,135	-16,630	9,911

As can be seen from the above table, CNSW has sold its managed fund investments (Other Financial Assets). Whilst the performance of these funds has been excellent their unlisted nature meant that they were not suitable investments for CNSW going forward.

The Financial Statements have the full financial details for the year. In summary the income and expenditure were:

Croquet NSW					
Summary of Income & Expenditure as at 30 June (\$)					
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Income					
Affiliation Fees	134,883	128,066	122,127	122,808	117,866
Nationals	9,846	0	0	26,450	0
Grants - Office of Sport	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Office of Sport Grant Income Recognised	82,474	67,000	0	0	0
Insurance Levies	8,693	11,398	10,054	10,368	9,852
Investment Income & Gains	5,260	10,368	11,690	14,887	15,206
Movement in Value of Investments	26,497	21,180	190	4,680	3,747
Presentation Day Income	0	0	1,179	1,564	1,464
Tournament Entry Fees	23,726	21,772	7,822	14,045	13,359
Tempe HQ Lawn Income	4,615				
Miscellaneous Items	1,013	1,064	2,801	1,663	4,658
Total Income	312,008	275,848	170,863	211,466	181,151
Expenses					
ACA Affiliation Fees	80,185	40,370	42,480	74,741	73,453
ACA Affiliation Fee Rebate	0	0	42,358	0	0
Audit, Legal and Consulting Fees	1,900	2,000	4,919	30,163	18,360
Lawn Hire, Tournaments, Trophies	10,415	8,652	5,718	8,664	4,200
Depreciation	2,946	2,571	2,328	2,538	1,371
Insurance	12,968	11,448	10,821	11,390	11,381
Lawns, Tempe, CRCC	32,847	52,529	33,188	32,164	25,068
Office of Sport Funding	82,474	67,000	0	0	0
National Championships	10,137	500	500	26,872	848
Office, Newsletter, Yearbooks	10,557	3,359	4,146	11,092	15,517
Presentation Day and Gala Day	0	0	3,559	1,718	1,918
Publicity	180	0	55	7,706	1,812
State Teams & Competition	3,866	2,239	13,908	12,592	12,840
Travel & Accommodation	3,905	1,601	1,942	5,487	2,978
Referee and Coaching	1,446	3,639	808	2,968	1,493
Total Expenses	253,827	195,908	166,727	228,095	171,240
Net Profit	58,181	79,940	4,135	-16,630	9,911

In using the above table, it should be remembered that there was a change in the accounting basis for 2021. ACA affiliation fees are per calendar year and therefore only half a year was taken into account in 2021. For 2022 half a year from 2021 plus half a year from 2022 are taken into account.

Building Fund

Historically, the financial results have separated assets into General Funds and a Building Fund. There was no commitment to a building but a general expectation that funds may be required to build a clubhouse somewhere. The basis behind this model was that the Building Fund would receive the investment income from assets allocated to the Building Fund and that the General Funds would back a Croquet Business that would be break even each year. The Building Fund does fund improvements at Tempe where costs are in excess of \$25,000. Using the established basis, the Building Fund calculations are:

Building Fund (\$)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Balance at Start of Year	385,203	382,056	375,261	358,957	340,447
Investment Surplus	31,757	31,776	11,795	21,304	18,510
Tempe Costs in Excess of \$25,000	-1,577	-5,000	-5,000	-5,000	
Lawn Renovation		-22,555			
Investment Income on Grants	-358	-1,074			
Balance at End of Year	415,026	385,203	382,056	375,261	358,957

It is important to look at this figure in the context of the overall net asset position of CNSW. As can be seen below, CNSW was undercapitalised but two good years have established a solid business base.

Allocation of Net Assets (\$)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Investments supporting the Building Fund	415,026	385,203	382,056	375,261	358,957
Business Assets - Cash and Receivables	76,951	47,869	8,252	11,541	52,234
Business Assets - Non Financial	57,431	58,155	20,980	20,348	12,590
Total Net Assets	549,408	491,227	411,288	407,152	423,781
Check	549,408	491,227	411,287	407,152	423,781

Looking Forward

Inner West Council is reviewing the management of Mackey Park and the licences for park users. Croquet NSW is hopeful that the review will secure a long-term tenancy at Tempe.

If that eventuates then the Building Fund will be needed to fund lights as well as a modest clubhouse building over near the current shed.

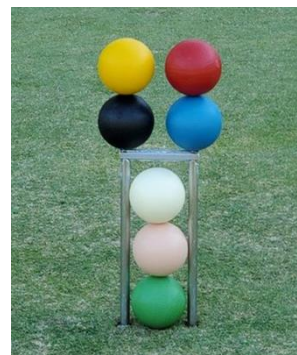
Our next financial year will only be 6 months as we move to a calendar financial year which better reflects the way we operate. That period is expected to produce a loss as lawn expenditure is concentrated in that period and our income from the Office of Sport does not come until May. This is a timing issue rather than an indicator of financial problems.

Over the coming year our challenges are to:

- Secure a long-term future at Tempe
- Make Club Hubs work
- Support clubs in growing membership
- Recruit more clubs. All clubs in NSW benefit from the work done by CNSW and by the players who develop through CNSW coaching and tournaments.

In closing, I would like to thank club secretaries and treasurers for their help in paying promptly and being responsive to my information requests. My personal thanks to Jeannette Walsh as membership officer and to her successor Pam Wiemers. I was very fortunate to have Lisa Kelshaw act as Assistant Treasurer during the year and handle most of the bookkeeping as well as merchandise sales. David Archer is our webmaster fixing unusual data problems and keeping the site up to date. All these jobs require constant work each week and the efforts of Jeannette, Pam, Lisa and David are truly appreciated.

Steve Miles,
CNSW Treasurer



COMMITTEE /OFFICER REPORTS

Golf Croquet Selection Committee

AIMS

The GC Selection Committee's aims for 2022 were:

- to encourage the establishment or continuation of Regional Development Squads,
- to select a State Squad and to run training sessions for the squad members,
- to select a team for the Interstate Shield to compete in Adelaide in September, and
- to select the fields for the Selectors' Event and the ACA Bronze Medal competition.

PROGRESS IN 2022

Regional Development Squads

As reported last year, strong regional groups were active in Northern Rivers, Hunter, and ACT, and Northern Rivers was particularly communicative about participation in, and results of, their competitions.

This year, active squads have been established in the Sydney South and the North Metropolitan regions. Unfortunately, the Hunter squad has faded out (two players have attended the North Metropolitan squad instead).

We would like to encourage a Hunter squad to be reestablished, and still hope for a squad in the Coffs Coast and Mid-North coast. These squads are an excellent pathway for bringing forward new potential State players and providing competitive and training opportunities for established players. Inevitably, regional squads rely on energetic local champions. So far, we have found that general approaches through clubs have not yielded much fruit.

State Squad

The committee members went to considerable lengths to contact players of appropriate standard, to determine all those who were available and wished to be considered. Our key resource is a database maintained by Peter Freer which gathers together a great deal of information about players' rankings, performances and their expressed views. We also sent a letter via CNSW to all club secretaries, which included a call for any player who felt they might be overlooked to contact the committee (none did). A similar call was included in our CNSW newsletter item of December 2021.

We used as our starting point for selection a list each of the available men and women players, in world rank order (or handicap if no WR). We then considered whether we should diverge from this order to include emerging and rapidly improving, highly committed players. Ultimately, the men were shortlisted according to world ranking, and two women were promoted onto the list.

Invitations to join the State Squad were sent to players on 26th January. A squad of 10 men and 8 women was finalised soon after.

Alison Sharpe, Jamie Gumbrell, Gerda Lambeck, Kate McLoughlin, Liz Montague, Pauline Markwell, Jill Sullivan, Sandy Tawa.

David Hanbidge, Peter Freer, Chris Williamson, David Scott, Malcolm Powys, Kevin McGlynn, Mark Scruton, Ted Woodley, Ron Johnstone, Richard Christian.

Squad training sessions were held on 26-27 February (Cooks River), 3-4 April (Sutherland) and 23-24 April (Cooks River). Our original plan to spread these sessions across Canberra, Sydney and Newcastle could not finally be realised. Training was led variously by Peter Freer, Alison Sharpe and Pete Landrebe.

Selectors' Event

We view the Selectors Event as primarily to aid the final selection of the State Team, and it was therefore organised as parallel Men's and Women's competitions, with 7 in each group (lack of lawns preventing the preferred 8+8). Five players in the Selectors' Event were not in the State Squad.

ACA Bronze Medal Selection (NSW)

We made the selection for the Bronze Medal tournament on 6 July. The field included 3 players who were not available for the ISS and/or were not members of the Squad. Also included were the winners of both the Men's and Women's Selection Events.

State Team

A provisional selection of the team was made following the Selectors' Event. However, we obtained the Board's agreement to delay the final selection until after the ACA Bronze Medal (NSW).

The proposed State Team was submitted on 2nd July and approved by the Board on 4th July. All players invited onto the team accepted. However, one player subsequently had to withdraw and was replaced on 7th August. The team comprised 5 women and 5 men, and 3 reserves:

Alison Sharpe (Captain)	Peter Freer (Vice-Captain)	Jamie Gumbrell
Kate McLoughlin	Gerda Lambeck	Jill Sullivan
David Hanbidge	Chris Williamson	Malcolm Powys
Kevin McGlynn	Liz Montague (Reserve)	Pauline Markwell (Reserve and
Mark Scruton (Reserve)		Team Manager)

All members of the State Squad and players in the Selectors Event who were not included were given written feedback by 12th July.

Team training sessions were led by Peter Freer at Tempe on 30-31 July, 21 August and 27-28 August.

Inter-State Shield 2022 (Adelaide)

This proved to be one of the closest-contested ISS events on record. Until the last moments of the final day three States were all in contention for the Shield. The hosts, South Australia, took enough matches from Western Australia, and NSW defeated Victoria so strongly, that NSW ended ahead of WA on net matches, both States winning 4 Tests. (NB: the results on Croquet Scores do not make this clear).

Peter Montague

Chair, CNSW GC Selection Committee



NSW Interstate Team players. Looking very happy with themselves and resplendent in their NSW blazers.

Association Croquet Selection Committee

The AC Selection Committee for 2021-22 comprised Mike Hughes (Chair), David Stanton, Kerri-Ann Organ, Stephen Richards and Peter Landrebe as Coach. The Committee has not changed, but Mike Hughes stood down as Chair from 1 July 2022 and Stephen Richards has taken over.

The Committee selected a field for the Selectors 1st 8 run in November 2021 – later than usual because of Covid - to choose an 8th player for the Bronze Medal, won by Kerri-Ann Organ. The Bronze Medal then run in December was won by Alison Sharpe to represent NSW in the Gold Medal in March 2022.

The State team selected for the Eire Cup was Peter Landrebe (vice-captain), Jim Nicholls, Stephen Richards, Tim Murphy, Alison Sharpe, Rosie Landrebe, Kerri-Ann Organ, Jean Pack and Di Scott with Gareth Denyer (Reserve and Manager) and Kate McLoughlin (Reserve). There was no captain as a mark of respect for Alan Honey. The team successfully retained the Eire Cup at home in Sydney in March, after a very close final match against Victoria.

With the late running of the Selectors event in 2021, the selectors ran an AC Selectors Squad Tournament in January to assess developing players. The two blocks were won by Peter Brown and Peter Freer with Peter Brown winning the final.

The committee has selected a State squad from which the State team for the 2023 Eire Cup is expected to be chosen, and a development squad of players. Those squads were:

State Squad (Peter Landrebe, coach)

Trevor Bassett	Joanne Brown	Sue Eldridge-Smith
Mike Gidding	Peter Landrebe	Rosie Landrebe
Liz Montague	Tim Murphy	Jim Nicholls
Kerri-Ann Organ	Stephen Pearce	Stephen Richards
Diane Scott	Alison Sharpe	

Development Squad (Tim Murphy, coach)

Peter Brown	Roberta Flint	Peter Gordon
Chris Lavina	Malcolm Powys	Paul Skvorc
Julie Toms	Don Wright	

The committee has also selected the field for the Bronze Medal

The 7 selected players for the Bronze Medal are:

Alison Sharpe	Rob Elliott	Stephen Richards
Trevor Bassett	Stephen Pearce	Tim Murphy
Alan Walsh		

There is to be a selectors event by invitation to provide an 8th player for the Bronze Medal.

Stephen Richards

Chair

CNSW AC Selection Committee

Winners (NSW) and Runners-up (VIC) with the Cup just before the start of play.



Tournament Committee

The past 12 months have once again been very busy for the Tournament Committee.

Nine CNSW events were held between November 2021 and the middle of December. Many of these had originally been scheduled to be played earlier in the year but were postponed because of COVID. Of these 9 events, 5 were AC events and 4 were GC. 5 were held at CNSW Headquarters, Tempe, and 4 were hosted (at Port Macquarie, Newcastle National Park, Canberra and Maitland). A total of 116 players took part in these events.

In the first nine months of 2022 we have been able to play 32 regular CNSW events. This number was made up of 14 AC events, 16 GC and 2 Ricochet. 16 events were held at Tempe, with the remaining 16 being hosted. Hosting clubs were Ballina Cherry Street/Ballina/Byron Bay (2 events), Cammeray (2 events), Canberra (3 events), Chatswood (2 events), Jamberoo, Killara, Maitland, Nowra (2 events) and Sawtell (2 events). Many thanks to all hosting clubs.

In addition, four regional qualifying events for the Beryl Chambers were played, at Urunga, Mosman, Cooks River and Canberra. The planned Beryl Chambers qualifying event at Maitland was abandoned due to flooding of the lawns.

Including the qualifying events for the Beryl Chambers, almost 450 players took part in these 32 events. It was good to see a number of first-time participants in CNSW events.

The ACA AC events (Men's and Women's Singles, and Eire Cup) were played in Sydney in March, and several members of the Tournament Committee were involved in the management of these events. Thanks to all people who took on the role of Venue Manager for these events, particularly John Stokes who was VM at Tempe and Alix Verge, VM at RSGC, both of whom did a sterling job over all 7 days. John and Alix were ably assisted by Rik Mills (at Tempe) and Pauline Markwell and Carolyn Williams (at RSGC). The ACA AC Gold+Silver Medals were not able to be held in Sydney in March 2022 and will be held in Melbourne (25-27 October 2022) when all 6 Bronze Medallists are available.

We have not made any progress with updating the Tournament Regulations, other than some relatively minor changes to the regulations governing GC Pennants. A major task for the committee for the next 12 months is finishing the updating of the Tournament Regulations which was started some time ago.

Apart from in the Bronze division, AC pennants were not played this year, as there were very few entrants. Two clubs could have played for the Gold pennants but were unable to find a convenient time to play. Three clubs (Cammeray, Killara and Mosman) played a double round robin for the Bronze Pennant, with Cammeray winning, undefeated.

With the reduction in AC players in many clubs it is difficult for clubs to provide sufficient numbers of players within the appropriate handicap ranges. AC playing members of the committee have discussed running a handicap pennants competition next year (either in place of, or in conjunction, with the usual pennants).

The Finals for the GC 2021 pennants competitions were not completed until January/February 2022. Special mention should be made here of Canberra Club, who were the 2021 winners in all 3 Divisions. For a brief interval of 4 months they were able to proudly display a triptych of pennants trophies in their clubhouse!

Normal playing schedules resumed in 2022. In Division 3, 27 teams representing 21 clubs competed; in Division 2 there were 21 teams representing 19 clubs. Elanora, Strathfield and Queanbeyan Clubs entered the GC pennants competitions for the first time ever. Manly Sapphire Team won Division 3 and the Toronto team were winners in Division 2.

The Division 1 competition, with 12 clubs entering a team, is currently underway and will finish in November. Rotating regional hosting of pennants Finals was introduced this year; Manly Club hosted Division 3 finals, Nelson Bay Club hosted Division 2 finals and Jamberoo Club will host the Division 1 finals.

I would like to thank TC members Richard Christian, Mike Hughes, Peter Landrebe and John Stokes for their contribution during the year. John retired from the committee at the end of June, and we welcomed Stephen Richards as a new member at the same time. Ray Chapman, our Board liaison member, has been helpful throughout the year. While Lorraine Hatfield is no longer a member of the Tournament Committee, she has continued to be the person responsible for GC Pennants. This is a quite significant task, one which Lorraine combines with her role as State Director of GC Refereeing.

Lorraine has also been the CNSW Awards Officer, responsible for providing the badges and certificates for winners and runners-up at CNSW events. She has decided not to continue in this role in 2023, and we are seeking expressions of interest from people willing to be involved in this way.

David Stanton

Chairman, CNSW Tournament Committee

Coaching Co-ordinator

This year has been a busy one with the continued introduction of the ACA Coach certification program. The aim of the program is to ensure consistency in coaching throughout Australia, and provide on-line and easily accessible resources for coaches.

During the year we have certified 71 Level 1, 24 Level 2 and 2 Level 3 Golf Croquet coaches, 21 Level 1, 10 Level 2 and 1 Level 3 Association Croquet coaches, 13 Level 1 and 5 Level 2 Ricochet coaches. Congratulations to all those coaches who have volunteered their time and expertise to help improve the standard of croquet in NSW, and especially to introduce new players to the game we all love. I hope it is as rewarding for all of you as it is for me.

Thanks go to coach presenters Barb Piggott, Stephen Burns, Kate McLoughlin, Peter Freer and Jacky McDonald for their work in coach certification.

This is my last year as Coaching Coordinator. I have loved meeting new coaches around the State, and helping in the start of their careers as coaches. I wish all the best to the future Coaching Coordinator.

Pam Gentle

CNSW Coaching Coordinator



Scenes from Coaching Accreditation Courses at Port Macquarie, Strathfield and Tempe in 2021/22

State Director Refereeing (GC)

From a GC Refereeing perspective, undoubtedly the big story of the past year was the international introduction of the 6th Edition of the GC Rules. Towards the end of 2021, after releasing a draft version of the 6th Edition, the WCF provided the opportunity for referees and players to give feedback on two consultation questions. Q1 concerned proposed changes to decisions made as a result of the toss before a game starts, and Q2 was about a refinement to the Wrong Ball play rule. NSW respondents were slightly in favour of implementing both proposed changes and this was consistent with the consolidated Australian position.

The final version of the 6th Edition was released by WCF in March 2022. The proposed changes to decisions made as a result of the toss before a game starts, were included in the new edition but not the changes to the Wrong Ball play rule. None of the rule changes introduced involved a major rethink. Advantage play was included in the rules for the first time and the sections on Time-Limited games and Handicap play were expanded. Also included was a process to deal with an Impasse in play. Referees were encouraged to ensure players in their club were well prepared for the changes in the GC Rules. They were supported in this role by three documents which I prepared and made available on the CNSW website: *A Player's Guide to the 6th Edition*, a more detailed *Referee's Guide to what is new in the 6th Edition*, and a *Series of Scenarios* illustrating new concepts like "Annulment", how to analyse Wrong Ball play and possibilities when dealing with a hoop contested out-of-order. The new edition of the GC Rules was adopted for all GC competitive play in Australia from 1st July 2022.

Because of ongoing issues resulting from the COVID pandemic, competitive play was still somewhat spasmodic in NSW until March 2022. From then on, NSW has conducted its usual annual schedule of events and GC referees have once again been heavily involved officiating at club, regional and State level events.

The structure of regional Examining Referees supported by Tutor Referees has worked smoothly and effectively in NSW. It is very important to acknowledge here the extensive ongoing contribution of these senior referees. Their consistent efforts and leadership by example are evidence of their commitment to "honour their badge of office with pride and dignity". It is a privilege to work with such a dedicated team.

Since the last AGM, 12 new GC referees have been accredited and there are currently around 25 trainees spread across the State - all at different stages on their journey to accreditation. This year has also seen the implementation of a regional re-accreditation process associated with the introduction of the 6th Edition of the Rules.

Lorraine Hatfield

State Director GC Refereeing



Gateball Co-ordinator

We sparked off a very busy NSW Gateball year in February with the inaugural Canberra Triples. Using a relational rather than rotational system of play was a new experience for most players and resulted in a well fought competition.



More than 50 competitors in twelve teams entered for the title of Canberra Triples Gateball Champion. Players from Queensland, Victoria and NSW joined Canberra players for our first event in 2022. Queensland players came from Bribie Island, Eildon and Southport and NSW teams included Twin Cities in Albury (including a Victorian), Strathfield, Toronto and Hazelbrook.

Winners (from L:R) Peter Wood, Kristina Whitehead & Peter Freer

1st-3rd April the Australian Nationals were held at the rather controversial venue of Runaway Bay on the Gold Coast. The final between Southport Red team from the host state, Queensland, and the runners up in the last Australian Gateball Championships, Kew from Victoria was won by Kew. The Doubles final was between Glen and Kristina Whitehead of Canberra and the Macs pairing of David Hughes and Ruth Mulvaney from Toronto and was won by the Macs in a tightly fought match.

Strathfield CC held their inaugural Invitational Gateball Teams Challenge on 14th May to thank those clubs who have continued to support Strathfield's Sunday Gateball sessions.

This was the first time Strathfield had fielded a GB Team made up solely of Strathfield members. At this early stage of our game in Australia, and NSW in particular, while many clubs may not be able to field a full team of their own, it is still possible to join another club's team even at state or interstate level. For example, at the recent National GB Championship in Runaway Bay, Petula Shun played for Canberra CC, and Ruth Bridger played for Southport Stripes. Similar composites were in teams entered in the NSW and Queensland Championships. This results in a sharing of knowledge and bonds being strengthened between clubs.

Eight NSW teams attended the popular 4th-5th June Newcastle NPCC Triples Carnival which was won by Newcastle Jades 10 defeating Canberra 9.

A great stimulus for Gateball in 2022, and ongoing, is the well-funded CNSW HUB program which includes Strathfield, Port Macquarie, Toronto, Canberra and Coutts Crossing Clubs.

On Saturday 16 July four members of the Toronto Croquet Club, Marion Davies, Helen Chalmers, Ruth Mulvaney and Jenny Willsher, introduced 27 members to the game.

There are further GB Come & Try events planned for Coutts Crossing and Southern Highlands CC.

The Macs from Toronto were the winners of the August Queensland State Championships teams event where 9 teams entered. Geoff Crook (SA) and Jenny Willsher (Toronto) surprised the field to win from 17 pairs in the Doubles.



Macs from Toronto Winners of the 2022 Queensland Team Championships

With support from the ACA, our coaching numbers have increased with sixteen Level 1, nine Level 2 and 2 Level 3 coaches now accredited.

It has been a disappointing year for referee recruitment. NSW has 13 qualified referees with only one new person added to the list. This low number is the result of a lengthy review of referee accreditation by the newly appointed National Director of GB refereeing. We are promised that referee accreditation will recommence on October 1.

The September CNSW 2022 State Championships saw a record number of entries and was a fine event to end our competitive year. A large group of 32 Indonesian players were a late cancellation due to Visa delays. Due to a wet and unplayable venue, play was organised on a local Council soccer field and on grass tennis courts at Wodonga Tennis Centre.

Twenty-five pairs of Doubles representing South Australia, NSW, Victoria, the ACT and Queensland competed with the ACT pairing of Glen and Kristina Whitehead winning over Steve and Cheryl Kele from Rockhampton.

Thirteen teams contested the Clare & Ken Poole Teams trophy in 2 blocks. Players in both Canberra teams wore black arm bands to remember their teammate Andrew Davies who suffered a heart attack during play on Friday and died later in the Albury Hospital.

In the Sunday semi-finals matches, Hazelbrook were defeated by the Macs (combined team from Toronto and Epping) 12 – 10 and Kew defeated the Canberra Sparkers 15 points to 7. Sixty people cheered on players in the final, with winners Kew defeating the Macs 14 to 9.



Runners Up in the 2022 NSW State Teams Championship – the Macs - Ruth Mulvaney, Greg Deakin, Helen Chalmers, Elizabeth Dolphin, Sandra Townley and Marion Davies.

Thanks Rosie Landrebe and the CNSW Board for assisting me this year through some potentially difficult situations. Gateball has grown in NSW this year and I see a brighter future for 2023 with a full calendar of events already organised.

Judy Tier
Gateball Coordinator

Ricochet Development Officer

Ricochet referees

Four CNSW members were accredited as Ricochet referees and 3 current referees accreditation was renewed in 2022. Thank you to all referees for their commitment to the code in undertaking the accreditation process. Thank you as always to Margaret-Rose Thompson for her role in accrediting new referees. Her ongoing role as examining referee is invaluable.

Ricochet Workshops

In January 2022, I ran 2 well attended workshops at Strathfield and Chatswood. It was encouraging to meet enthusiastic players of varying levels of experience in playing ricochet. What was obvious was the interest in developing the game at their respective clubs. Thanks to Mary Hughes, an experienced Ricochet player, referee and coach for assisting at both these workshops.

CNSW Open Ricochet Singles and Doubles Championship

The events were held at Sawtell from 25th-29th June 2022. There were 9 doubles pairs and 9 singles entries. The singles were won by Ray Chapman, Ballina Cherry Street and the runner up was Phil Monds, EDSACC while the doubles were won by Graeme Marshall and Rod Munro, Sawtell and the runners up were Simon Cook and Peter Martin, Coutts Crossing. Thanks to Sawtell for hosting the event, providing a warm welcome, superb catering and great conditions, with special thanks to Jenny Arnold the Tournament Manager. The 2023 Open is scheduled for Nowra 26th-30th May 2023.

The CNSW Board provided funds for perpetual shields for the open events. The Margaret-Rose Thompson Shield is for the singles event and the Margaret Sawers Shield is for the doubles winners. The shields are named after stalwarts of croquet who have been energetic and enthusiastic supporters of Ricochet.



CNSW OPEN RICOCHET SINGLES – Ray Chapman, Ballina Cherry Street, winner, Phil Monds, EDSACC, runner up

CNSW Division 3 Ricochet Singles and Doubles Championship

The Division 3 doubles and singles are at Maitland from 17 to 21 October 2022.

I am hoping to schedule a Division 2 tournament in 2023 in addition to the above 2 tournaments.

Thank you to the clubs which have agreed to host the events.

National Developments

Lynda Davis retired as the ACA Ricochet National Co-ordinator. Thank you Lynda for the leadership you provided in the development of Ricochet. Ray Chapman, who is a current CNSW Board member, has been appointed to replace Lynda. Ray has already organised a meeting of the current State co-ordinators – Maurice Cevaal-Hewitt, Victoria and Jenny Lee, Queensland so we can co-ordinate efforts for the uniform development of Ricochet. Ray has arranged for ACA to provide hard copies of RC handicap cards and referee activity record cards. Please contact the CNSW merchandising officer if your club needs copies.

Thank you to all CNSW members who play Ricochet and spread the word about a testing and interesting croquet game.

Richard Hughes

Ricochet Development Officer

STATE TEAMS 2022

Eire Cup (AC)

NSW was excited to host the 2022 Australian Men's & Women's Singles Association Croquet Championships and the interstate ACA Eire Cup after the three events were cancelled in 2021. A huge thank you to the organising committee headed by David Stanton, participating venues of Cammeray, Chatswood, Royal Sydney, Warrawee and Tempe, and all the venue managers and host of volunteers.



(L:R) Pete Landrebe, Gareth Denyer, Di Scott, Kate McLoughlin, Alison Sharpe, Jean Pack, Tim Murphy, Kerri-Ann Organ, Jim Nicholls, Stephen Richards (Rosie Landrebe not present) at Government House Reception for players & volunteers

We're even more excited that our **2022 Eire Cup team** won the coveted event. Congratulations to all team members: Gareth Denyer (Team Manager), Peter Landrebe (Vice Captain and Coach) and remaining players Jim Nicholls, Stephen Richards, Tim Murphy, Alison Sharpe, Rosie Landrebe, Kerri-Ann Organ, Di Scott and Jean Pack. Team members also excelled in the Men's & Women's Singles events preceding the Eire Cup with Alison Sharpe winning the 2022 Australian Women's AC Singles, Rosie Landrebe runner up and Peter Landrebe runner up in the 2022 Australian Men's AC Singles. Congratulations Alison, Rosie & Peter. Gareth Denyer & Peter Landrebe organised live-streaming, via VisionTV, for the finals of the Men's & Women's Singles and 3 days of the Eire Cup played at Royal Sydney.

The Eire Cup is one of longest running inter-state tournaments and surely one of the finest trophies. Originally awarded to the Australian Croquet Team after their victory in a series of test matches in Ireland in 1937, and now reinstalled in pride of place on the NSW mantelpiece for the 11th time. From our first get together as a team back in January, the seriousness of the intent to win the Eire Cup was palpable. The commitment of the team to the goal, and their willingness to learn from, teach and support each other was awe-inspiring.

The Coach, Pete Landrebe, is truly the *Professor of Croquet* and his strategic and tactical prowess was executed to devastating effect during the competition, particularly in the way he choreographed the doubles pairings - something which allowed NSW to take an unprecedented 4-0 lead into the final

day's play against the Victorians. One innovation at this year's Eire Cup was live-streaming. We were lucky to have several people put their hands up to share the commentary load (even including some of the NSW players once their games had finished!), but none contributed more than Peter Freer and Kate McLoughlin. They resolutely provided an unwavering narrative to each day's events despite being huddled under tarpaulins as the wind and rain battered them from every angle.

In the end, it all came down, as expected, to the last match between NSW and Victoria. The two teams are in the ascendancy in the current era and the rivalry is fierce yet respectful. As students of this year's event will know, the Victorians were never able to claw back the perfect start by NSW in the doubles, although they did win the first round of singles and it was not until 6 pm that the result was sealed in NSW's favour.



The winning NSW Eire Cup Team (L:R) Jim Nicholls, Kate McLoughlin (Reserve), Stephen Richards, Kerri-Ann Organ, Pete Landrebe, Alison Sharpe, Gareth Denyer, Di Scott, Rosie Landrebe, Tim Murphy and Jean Pack

Interstate Shield (GC)

Brave Blues in Dramatic Final Day Victory

The Golf Croquet Interstate series boiled down to this. Three teams with a chance to win on the final day. West Australia, hosts South Australia, and New South Wales all had numerical opportunities to snatch the coveted shield, but few could have predicted the heroic final day charge the blues would mount.

Playing Victoria in the final round, a team which had won 10 of the previous 11 ISS titles, NSW put in a breathtaking and clinical performance. The two teams locked horns in 20 matches over the day, with NSW winning an incredible 8 of them, while limiting the Vics to just a single win! The remaining seven matches were halved.

This performance rocketed NSW into a possible winning position, but the overall result remained swinging in the balance, as the West Aussies and South Australia battled it out at another venue.

On tenterhooks right to the end, the blues team huddled around a table and waited nervously as results dribbled in. It wasn't until scores from the very last matches of the WA/SA test came through did they realize the Shield was coming back to New South Wales for the first time in more than a decade.

The uber-strong West Australian team defeated South Australia, but had fallen just short of their required number of matches. The NSW team could breathe again.

Without doubt, this was a victory for camaraderie, hard work and determination, which stretched back through months of training, practice, and organisation.

Not one individual can be singled out, in what can only be described as a brilliant and consistent performance by every one of our NSW players.



The victorious 2022 ISS Team (L:R) Kevin McGlynn, Jamie Gumbrell, Jill Sullivan, Mark Scruton, Kate McLoughlin, David Hanbidge, Alison Sharpe, Malcolm Powys, Gerda Lambeck, Pauline Markwell, Chris Williamson, Liz Montague & Peter Freer

GOLDEN MALLET AWARD 2021

The Golden Mallet award celebrates outstanding contributions to croquet in NSW and the ACT. It replaces the President's Award, and the nominations are put forward mostly by the Club members and peers, recognising their fellow members. This is the third year of this award, and although we are not able to have an event to recognise the nominees and winner, we were pleased to receive nominations for 11 CNSW Club members, all of whom have made wonderful contributions to croquet.

Nominations received

The following nominations were received from Clubs across the State, and I congratulate all these members on their significant contribution to our sport. Well, done to you all! And a big thank you to members who put together the information for the nominations.

Barbara Piggott, Urunga

Brenda Wild, Mt Sugarloaf

John W Cook, Bathurst City

Robin Catalano, Hunters Hill

Margaret Sawyers, Nowra

Mary Gibson, Mosman

Ruth Bridger, Strathfield

Marion Davies, Toronto

Kerrie Crooks, Nambucca Valley

Michael Chambers, Elanora & Mosman

David Stanton, Cammeray & Cooks River

Winner

The judging panel comprising Lorraine Hatfield, Sutherland (last year's winner), Kem Hazelton, Queanbeyan and Fay Ross, Lismore were unanimous in declaring joint winners.

Marion Davies, Toronto Croquet Club.

In 2021, Marion completed her 6th year as President of Toronto Croquet Club. Over the past year, Marion has demonstrated leadership and support at many different levels and has made a multi-faceted contribution to her club and her region. She has encouraged and supported opportunities for participation amongst school children, young people with a disability and U3A members. Two local high schools now offer croquet as a school sport and during 2021, Marion collaborated with the State Co-ordinator of Junior Croquet to organise croquet days during the school holidays. During this year, she also gained coaching qualifications in GC and GB and accreditation as a Level 2 GB referee.



As club President, she has been the instigator of Toronto Club's active participation in playing and hosting events for all 4 mallet sports during 2021. During 2021, Marion also completed the training required to become a Member Protection Information Officer, thus clearly demonstrating her commitment to item (b) of the Codes of Behaviour. Marion's "circle of influence" and leadership and administrative skills extend beyond her club to include her role as Chair of the Hunter Region Croquet Group, her membership of the Toronto CC Relocation Committee currently negotiating with Macquarie City Council, and most recently, as co-ordinator of the preparation of Toronto club's application to become a Hub Club.

Congratulations Marion!

Barbara Piggott, Urunga Croquet Club

In 2021, Barb has been extensively involved in the roll-out of the National Coaching Program as the Assistant National Coaching Co-ordinator. At the start of the year, she spent 4 days in Newcastle then 4 days in Canberra assisting in the launch of this program under the auspices of the Australian Croquet Academy. Following this, she has conducted Coach Training Courses as follows: GC1 & GC2, AC1 & AC2, RC1 & RC2 all at Ballina; RC1 at Sawtell and GC1 at Port Macquarie.

On a regular basis, Barb applies her high-level coaching qualifications in AC, GC and RC by assisting and mentoring players and club coaches from the Mid North Coast region, the Coffs Coast Region and the Northern Rivers Region. She is also an Examining Referee in AC and GC and in 2021 has been involved in supervising and assessing trainee referees in both codes. In addition to these coaching activities, Barb attended a workshop in Sydney focussed on the introduction of the AC Laws Edition 7 and then conducted 2 AC Laws workshops in her region. During 2021 she also conducted 2 GC Rules workshops. During the year Barb served as TR for the Port Macquarie AC Carnival and for the NSW AC Gold Brooch Tournament. Barb regularly shares news, rules/laws questions, and information about training opportunities on the NSW Community Facebook page.



Congratulations Barb!

Runner up

Margaret Sawyers, Nowra Croquet Club.

Margaret's nomination for the Golden Mallet award is the culmination of her service as Club Captain at Nowra Croquet Club, her extensive community promotional work and her involvement with coaching and organising other local and state activities over many years. 2021 was her 15th year as Club Captain.

During the past year she has continued to show her dedication and commitment by encouraging, initiating, and supporting the creation of opportunities for participation amongst school children, people with disabilities, Seniors, U3A members and members of other sporting clubs. She is a dedicated GC coach and mentors new members as well as more experienced club players who wish to boost their skill level. In 2021, she continued to be the driving force behind club events in AC, GC and RC. She refereed over the 2 days when Nowra hosted the NSW GC Div2 Doubles. Margaret was appointed as a Tutor referee at the end of 2020, and during 2021 she has provided valuable supervised practice opportunities for trainee GC referees in the region. During 2021, Margaret was also the non-playing captain of GC Pennants teams in Division 1, 2 and 3. In this role she organised dates to play other teams and managed and refereed all home pennants contests. Margaret pioneered the playing of Ricochet in her region and is an accredited RC Referee.

Congratulations Margaret!



CROQUET NSW EVENT WINNERS 2021/2022

2021 NSW AC OPEN SINGLES won by Callum Hyland (TAS) from Rob Elliott (Cammeray)

2021 NSW AC SELECTORS TOURNAMENT won by Mike Hughes (Cammeray) from Kerri Ann-Organ (Canberra)

2021 NSW GC DIVISION 1 SINGLES won by Alison Sharpe (Killara) from David Scott (Ballina Cherry Street)

2021 NSW GC GOLD BROOCH DOUBLES won by John Levick (Newcastle NP) & Chris Gill (Newcastle NP) from Peter Freer (Canberra) & Robert Ey (Canberra)

2021 NSW GC BRONZE BROOCH won by Rae Uptin (Nelson Bay) from Robyn Sim (Wollongong)

2022 NSW AC SELECTORS' SQUAD won by Peter Brown (Cammeray) from Peter Freer (Canberra)

2022 NSW AC 5 & UNDER MIXED DOUBLES won by Alison Sharpe (Killara) & Tim Murphy (Canberra) from Rosemary Landrebe (Cammeray) & Stephen Richards (Canberra)

2022 NSW GC OPEN WOMEN'S SINGLES won by Jamie Gumbrell (Canberra) from Gerda Lambeck (Canberra)

2022 NSW AC BRONZE SINGLES won by Peter Gordon (Nelson Bay) from Warwick Nassif (Warrawee)

2022 NSW AC SILVER SINGLES won by Peter Gordon (Nelson Bay) from Joanne Brown (Cammeray)

2022 NSW GC DIVISION 3 DOUBLES won by Ian Donald (Canberra) & Ian McRae (Canberra) from Jocelyn Fitzhardinge (Canberra) & James Lee (Canberra)

2022 NSW AC OPEN WOMEN'S SINGLES won by Rosemary Landrebe (Cammeray) from Kerri-ann Organ (Canberra)

2022 NSW GC SELECTORS INVITATION - MEN won by Mark Scruton (Canberra) from Stephen Burns (Cooks River)

2021 NSW GOLD BROOCH won by Peter Richardson (Sawtell) from Pam Gentle (Maitland)

2021 NSW GC DIVISION 1 MIXED DOUBLES won by Peter Freer (Canberra) & Kate McLoughlin (Canberra) from Rob Elliott (Cammeray) & Jill Sullivan (Cooks River)

2021 NSW AC SILVER BROOCH won by Robert Wright (Mosman) from Ron Humpherson (Mosman)

2021 NSW AC ACA BRONZE MEDAL won by Alison Sharpe (Killara) from Tim Murphy (Canberra)

2022 NSW AC 3 & UNDER SINGLES won by Peter Landrebe (Cammeray) from Mike Gidding (Ballina)

2022 NSW GC OPEN MEN'S SINGLES won by David Hanbidge (Nowra) from Malcolm Powys (Marrickville)

2022 NSW AC OPEN MEN'S SINGLES won by Dwayne McCormick (South Australia) from Peter Landrebe (Cammeray)

2022 NSW AC GOLD SINGLES won by Rob Wright (Chatswood) from Gerard Barry (Chatswood)

2022 NSW GC OPEN SINGLES won by Alison Sharpe (Killara) from Peter Landrebe (Cammeray)

2022 NSW GC DIVISION 3 SINGLES won by Ian McRae (Canberra) from Sherry Gordon (Nelson Bay)

2022 NSW GC SELECTORS INVITATION - WOMEN won by Jill Sullivan (Cooks River) from Kate McLoughlin (Canberra)

2022 NSW AC PLATINUM SINGLES won by Peter Freer (Canberra) from Steve Miles (Cammeray)

2022 NSW BERYL CHAMBERS STATE AC HANDICAP won by Tim Murphy (Canberra) from Paul Skvorc (Cooks River)

2022 NSW GC HANDICAP SINGLES won by Doug Cornish (Nowra) from Janelle Brown (Wollongong)

2022 NSW RICOCHET OPEN DOUBLES won by Graeme Marshall (Sawtell) & Rod Munro (Sawtell) from Simon Cook (Coutts Crossing) & Peter Martin (Coutts Crossing)

2022 NSW GC HANDICAP DOUBLES won by Helen & Mark Scruton (Canberra) from Denise Howard (Mosman) & Penny Paterson (Mosman)

2022 NSW GC ACA BRONZE MEDAL won by Jamie Gumbrell (Canberra) from Peter Landrebe (Camberay)

2022 NSW RICOCHET OPEN SINGLES won by Ray Chapman (Ballina Cherry St) from Simon Cook (Coutts Crossing)

Acknowledgement of Country

'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.'

