

CROQUET NSW NEWSLETTER

Special Edition

GETTING BACK ON THE LAWNS

IN THIS ISSUE

Hello to you all, I hope you are keeping well!

While the NSW Government is lessening restrictions, most croquet clubs are now able to get on the lawns.

The Board of CNSW is monitoring the situation carefully and planning for resumption of tournaments and important projects.

Actions in the Strategic Plan will be back on track soon and working with the Office of Sport on inclusion and equity throughout croquet... not to mention planning for the 2021 Eire Cup which is well underway.

I have been to my club, it was good to be swinging the mallet again, the social distancing and equipment cleaning has been very simple. These social distancing and pre-booking practices will remain for some time, so let's all get on board for the safety of our croquet friends.

During the time without croquet I imagine some people have been reflecting on what croquet means for each of us. It's important now to turn our minds to how we can invigorate our clubs and welcome newcomers to enjoy our great sport. Orange Croquet Club has been proactive in setting a great example of friendliness, and as a result increased membership. Thankyou for posting your club's stories and photos on Facebook.

If you would like CNSW to share your story or your event please send it to the secretary, we would be happy to put it up for you. CNSW have also been sharing stories and resources from all over the croquet world on the Community Facebook page, we hope you are enjoying the postings.

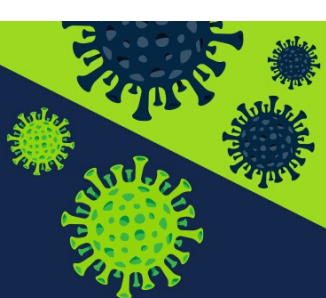
Cheers for now! Kate Elliott [Chair CNSW]

- ***STOP PRESS, All community Sport in NSW to reopen 01/07/2020***
- ***Answering clubs questions about returning to play and what we can and can't do.***
- ***Talking COVID and Croquet with our Patron and co Patron Her Excellency Governor Margaret Beasley OAM QC and Mr Dennis Wilson.***
- ***What will the proposed CNSW Constitution look like, and why?***
- ***Tournament Program for the rest of 2020***

save the date

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE !

**FRIDAY 4/12/2020 CNSW
CHRISTMAS GALA DAY
CNSW HEADQUARTERS
TEMPE.**



Frequently asked Questions

Q. Why don't the guidelines and health orders for other sports and business automatically apply to croquet?

A. Because each sport is being assessed individually. When information is released about pubs or cafes, it does not apply to croquet even if we think it should.

Q. Why does the local Council have a say in when we play and how many people can be at the lawn?

A. If the local council owns or manages the land your club is on, they have the rights of a landlord. That means they may ask for additional information about your compliance with Health Orders before allowing you to play. They may withdraw your ability to play. All the councils we have dealt with so far have been helpful, but they are being cautious.

Q. When can we begin our local Tournaments?

A. From July 1st, this is a club decision. CNSW will begin events from the middle of July, make sure you have a COVID Safe Plan in place.

Q. How many people on a full size lawn/court?

A. 10 people, this includes all people on a lawn, for example referees count as a person.

Q. I'm not ready to get back on the lawn yet is that ok?

A. Yes, it is completely understandable to want to continue to stay indoors and not go to the club. If you need help or support at this time, contact the CNSW Secretary. No one should feel they are putting themselves at risk by having contact when they are not ready.

Q. When will the Health Orders finish?

A. Not for the foreseeable future, Best Practise hygiene and sanitation is the best way to keep us all safe.

Reopening Croquet in Canberra

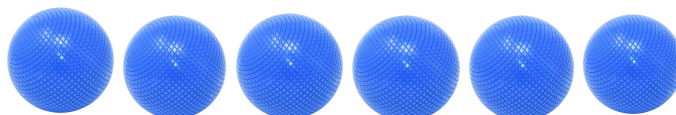


Under a wide and blue late autumn sky, 20 members of the Canberra Croquet Club assembled on Saturday as the city continued to shake off restrictions on gatherings.

With community sport among the next in line for a staged return to normal, the club can again form its important social function. The croquet club, which has sat prominently on the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Coronation Drive for more than 90 years, bustled with the mesmerising game of golf croquet, among the three variants played on the heritage-registered lawns.



Article with thanks from the Canberra Times



Introducing The Croquet NSW Patrons



Some of you may be aware that in the past the NSW Governor was the patron of CNSW. Happily we can update you to the news that earlier in the year we advocated for our reinstatement and Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley and her partner Mr Dennis Wilson have agreed.

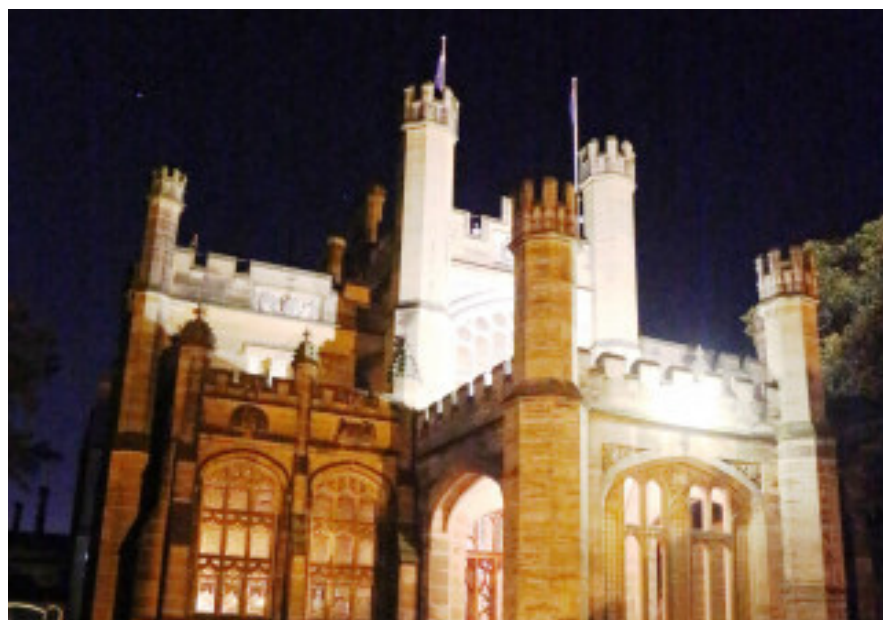
Prior to her appointment as Governor, Her Excellency enjoyed a long and eminent law career, during which time she served as a role model for women in law at both the State and national level. Her Excellency brings her deep commitment to education, youth leadership, human rights and social justice to the role in service of the people of New South Wales

Mr Dennis Wilson is a barrister, mediator, and accredited international arbitrator, whose work generally includes difficult cases in both fact and law, dealing in matters of high value or involving significant principle.

More recently the Office of the Governor reached out to CNSW and Rosie Landrebe and I had a convivial 45 minute zoom meeting with the couple. Following on from that the Governor and Mr Wilson proposed to us a few ways they could support the community of croquet in NSW.

There will be some exciting news for clubs in the near future so stay tuned.

For more information about the Governor go to:
<https://www.governor.nsw.gov.au/>
You might also like to follow them on Facebook.



Getting the CNSW Constitution right for Clubs and Members

CNSW is committed to ensuring our association has a Constitution that works for our clubs and their members. The need to update and reformat the current Constitution. After consulting with Sport NSW, the model for the update that we have chosen brings us into line with Associations Incorporation Act. This is a great opportunity to work together to create a Constitution that reflects who we are, and where we want to be as an organisation.

The objective is to create a simple, easy to understand, plain English document, that we can all use for reference at club and state level. To move forward with the process, we are producing a guideline as a starting point, that covers the feedback clubs provided last year, and clearly lays out the required formatting. Most importantly the feedback we receive from clubs is vital to achieve the best possible outcome for CNSW.

The newly formatted Constitution will largely reflect the existing relationship between CNSW and the clubs, in administering croquet in NSW.

Key Issues raised by Clubs are being addressed.

- All existing member clubs are retained as members and with full voting rights.
- We have also dealt with two types of clubs – croquet clubs and sporting clubs.
- The autonomy of member clubs in regulating their own affairs is preserved.
- All players retain their existing rights (with very minor exceptions) but rather than being called “Individual Members” etc., they are called “Registered Players”.
- Provision is made for players who are not members of a club to become Registered Players, but it is left to the Board to determine how much they pay for the privilege – and they do not become ‘members’ of CNSW.
- Provisions for the election of the Board has been changed only slightly – to avoid the sort of confusion which arose a few years back. All directors have been given a one-year term, but are eligible for re-election up to a maximum of five terms.
- Directors can be ‘appointed’ only to fill casual vacancies which arise, or to make up a quorum. And all directors must be Registered Players who are members of a Member Club.

The Draft Constitution and explanatory notes will be circulated to clubs on the 30th of June.





Congratulations! Nancy McGregor Young CC

Young's Nancy McGregor has been included in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List as a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). Nancy was recognised for her many years' service to the Young community

Nancy McGregor Young CC

Draft Tournament Calendar

JULY 2020					
Sat 4th - Sun 5th	AC	Skills Development Squad	by invitation		\$0.00
Tue 7th - Fri 10th	AC	Bronze Singles	at KILLARA, (dates tbc)	14 or higher	\$35.00
Sat 11th - Mon 13th	GC	NSW Open Men's Singles Champ	at Tempe		\$35.00
Wed 15th - Thu 16th	GC	Division 3 Doubles	at MOSMAN	9 or higher	\$20.00
Fri 17th - Sun 19th	GC	Division 3 Singles	at MOSMAN	9 or higher	\$35.00
Sat 18th - Mon 20th	GC	NSW Open Women's Singles Champs	at Tempe		\$35.00
Tue 21st - Thu 23rd	AC	Gold Singles	to be hosted, 2-3 days	5 to 8	\$35.00
Sat 25th - Mon 27th	GC	NSW Open Singles Championship	at Tempe		\$40.00
Mon 27th - Wed 29th	AC	Bronze Brooch	to be hosted	11 to 16	\$35.00
AUGUST 2020					
Sat 1st - Sun 2nd	GC	Selectors' Invitation Tournament	by invitation		\$35.00
Sat 1st - Sun 2nd	AC	State Squad training	in CANBERRA (tbc)		\$0.00
Mon 3rd - Wed 5th	GC	Silver Brooch	at MAITLAND (dates tbc)	3 to 6	\$35.00
Tue 4th - Thu 6th	AC	Silver Singles	to be hosted, 2-3 days	9 to 12	\$35.00
Sat 8th - Mon 10th	AC	NSW Open Men's Singles Champs	at Tempe		\$35.00
Mon 10th - Wed 12th	GC	Bronze Brooch	at CHELTENHAM	7 to 10	\$35.00
Sat 15th - Sun 16th	AC	Skills Development Squad	by invitation		\$0.00
Mon 17th - Wed 19th	GC	Gold Brooch (doubles)	Div. 1 & Div. 2, Canberra	up to 4, 5-8	\$20.00
Mon 24th - Tue 25th	GC	Division 1 Mixed Doubles	at Tempe	4 or lower	\$40.00
Wed 26th - Fri 28th	GC	Division 1 Singles	at Tempe	4 or lower	\$35.00
Mon 31st - Wed 2nd Sep	AC	Gold Brooch	to be hosted	3 to 6	\$35.00

SEPTEMBER 2020					
Sat 5th - Sun 6th	AC	State Squad training	at Tempe		\$0.00
Mon 7th - Wed 9th	AC	Silver Brooch	at EASTWOOD	7 to 10	\$35.00
Sat 12th - Sun 13th	AC	Selectors' Invitation Tournament	at Tempe, by invitation		\$35.00
Wed 16 th Sept	GC	CLOSING DATE GC DIV 1 PENNANTS	entry fee is per team		\$50.00
Sat 19th - Mon 21st	AC	Champion of Club Champions	at Tempe,		\$35.00
Tue 22nd - Thu 24th	AC	Platinum Brooch	to be hosted	0 to 2.5	\$35.00
Wed 23rd - Thu 24th	GC	NSW Handicap Doubles	at TAREE		\$20.00
Fri 25th - Sun 27th	GC	NSW Handicap Singles	at TAREE		\$35.00
OCTOBER 2020					
Sat 3rd - Mon 5th	GC	NSW ACA Bronze Medal	at Tempe, by invitation		\$70.00
Mon 12th - Wed 14th	AC	Beryl Chambers State Handicap -- <u>Cof</u>	at URUNGA (dates tbc)		\$20.00
Fri 16th - Sun 18th	AC	NSW Women's Singles Champs	at Tempe		\$35.00
Mon 19th - Thu 22nd	GC	Div. 1 Pennants Carnival	at Tempe	4 or lower	\$50.00
Sat 24th - Sun 25th	AC	NSW Open Doubles Championship	at Tempe		\$20.00
Mon 26th - Tue 27th	GC	Division 2 Doubles	at CANBERRA	5 to 8	\$20.00
Wed 28th - Fri 30th	GC	Division 2 Singles	at CANBERRA	5 to 8	\$35.00
Sat 31st - Tue 3rd Nov	AC	NSW Open Singles Championship	at Tempe		\$40.00
NOVEMBER 2020					
Sat 7th - Sun 8th	AC	NSW ACA Bronze Medal	at Tempe, by invitation		\$70.00
Mon 9th - Wed 11th	AC	9 & Over Handicap Singles	full bisque base 6	9 or higher	\$35.00
Fri 20th - Mon 23rd	AC	Beryl Chambers Handicap -- Final	at Tempe,		\$15.00
Fri 27th - Sun 29th	GC	NSW Open Doubles Championship	at Tempe		\$20.00
DECEMBER 2020					
4 TH DEC		CNSW CHRISTMAS PARTY	TEMPE TBC		

