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CHANGE IN FINANCIAL YEAR

Croquet NSW clubs have now approved that CNSW should move to a January December financial year. The change in the Constitution now needs to be registered with NSW Fair Trading and will come into effect once the registration has been confirmed. This should happen within one month which will mean that the current financial year will be six months for July to December 2022 and twelve months thereafter.

The change was made to better reflect the way CNSW runs its business. The major expense is ACA affiliation which is paid on a calendar year basis. Tournaments are organised on a calendar year basis as are State teams. There is a natural break on activities from December to early February.

Because the financial year has changed, the Annual General Meeting must also change as this needs to be held within 5 months of the end of the financial year. This means that Board members elected at the October 2022 AGM will only need to serve six months until the next AGM, surely a great reason to stand. Clubs do not need to change their financial years and CNSW will continue to invoice affiliation fees each six months.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

AC WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TIER 1: THE MACROBERTSON SHIELD



Can the New Zealand Team take the Shield home?

This event will be held at the Victorian Croquet Centre (VCC), Cairnlea, Melbourne, Australia, 12-29 November 2022 and most events will be live-streamed.

For the latest newsletter from Croquet New Zealand, use the link:

<https://croquet.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/1.-July-2022-Croquet-Matters.pdf>

The **2023 Under 21 World Golf Croquet Championship** will be held between 8-12 February 2023 in Mount Maunganui, North Island, New Zealand. The field will be limited to 32 players, and you must be 20 years old or younger on 31 December 2022 to compete. Entry is free, and you may be eligible for assistance via an ACA scholarship. For more information on these Championships please see: <https://worldcroquet.org/2023-under-21-gc-world-championship-entry-information/>

Croquet NSW acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands of NSW on which we meet and enjoy croquet. We pay our respects to elders past and present and emerging

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FROM THE BOARD

Every meeting brings some new opportunities for the CNSW Board to improve governance and process but most importantly enhance communication with clubs and their members.

At the July meeting the Board discussed the Member Forum held on the 26 July, via Zoom. The focus of the Forum was the Club Hubs' project and many positive comments were made and several questions asked. The CNSW Forums are open to everyone, and all club members are encouraged to submit questions beforehand and attend these Zoom meetings to participate. The next Forum will be in October.

The CNSW AGM will be held via Zoom on Saturday 22 October. Details relating to attending, either in person or via Zoom, to be confirmed and information will be circulated to Clubs, notified on the website and on the CNSW Facebook page in a few weeks' time. Members who feel they would be able to contribute to the work of CNSW, particularly those who have previous experience with governance, administration, strategic planning, and project implementation, are warmly invited to nominate for the Board. The future of all codes of croquet in NSW is looking positive and being part of the team that supports clubs and members is extremely rewarding.

CNSW is very pleased that Pam Wiemers of Toronto CC has taken on the voluntary role of Membership Officer. Thank you Pam. After two years as Membership Officer, Jeannette Walsh has decided to move on to new challenges. Jeannette continued in this role during the Pandemic and her wanderings around NSW. Thank you Jeannette for the conscientious way you always approached this work.

The CNSW Gateball Teams Champs are being held at the Twin Cities Club in Albury from the 2 to 4 September 2022. If you have a team and have not yet entered, please make sure you go to the Gateball Australia website: <https://gateball.com.au> and follow the links to the event information. Best of luck to all teams!

Wishing the NSW Golf Croquet Team, the best of luck in Adelaide in September at the Interstate Shield (ISS). NSW has strong, committed team who will do us proud. A summary of our players is included later in this newsletter.

Cheers

Rosie Landrebe

VALE BETTY HANNA 1929-2022

Alstonville Croquet Club welcomed Betty Hanna as a new member in February 2009. We are deeply saddened by Betty's passing on 3rd July this year aged 93. Betty had been a member of our Club for over a decade and will be greatly missed by all.

Betty was a very special lady who was well respected by all the players, not forgetting that happy smile which she would greet you with. In April this year Betty played in a Club Competition for our over 90-year-olds. All the ladies showed a great deal of skill and enjoyed the day.

(L:R) Betty Hanna (93), Dorothy Eastley (98) & Joan Daley (94).



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

GOLF CROQUET PENNANTS 2022 – Division 1

Entries close Thursday 1 September. Finals to be held at Jamberoo 14-18 November (days tbc). See the CNSW Events website flyer for more details.

Lorraine Hatfield,
CNSW Pennants Coordinator

AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION (ACA) APPOINTMENTS

Ricochet Coordinator

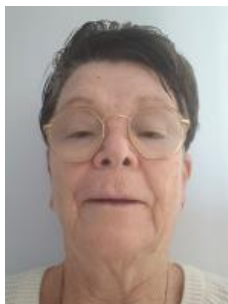


Congratulations to Ray Chapman on his appointment as National ACA Ricochet Co-ordinator. Ray is the current NSW Ricochet State Singles Champion for the past two years and is a passionate Ricochet player.

Ray's vision is to grow the game of Ricochet so it's on the same level as Golf and Association and to also see a time when there is an Australian Ricochet championship and a competition between the States, like the Eire Cup and ISS.

Ray has been playing Ricochet for 5 years and has a handicap of 3.5.

National Tournament Committee (GC)



Congratulations to Di Leahy on the appointment to the National Tournament Committee. Di moved to Redcliffe in 2014 and joined the Eildon Croquet Club. Since then, Di has held Club positions of Secretary and President, was the BNR (Brisbane North Region) Delegate for the Club, BNR Delegate for CAQ, CAQ Events Coordinator and Assistant Secretary for CAQ.

Di is also a Level 1 Coach and a Referee.

Gateball Coordinator

Gateball Australia is pleased to announce that the ACA Board has selected Ros Crowe as its next National Coordinator of Gateball. Ros started playing in 2016 with Redcliffe and was part of their team for the 2018 World Gateball Championships in Brazil. In 2018, was President of the newly formed Deception Bay Gateball Club (now Moreton Bay Gateball Club) and joined Pine Rivers Croquet Club in 2019 to introduce Gateball and played in the Jinxi Cup in China that year with players from South Australia and Pine Rivers. Upon retiring in 2020, Ros moved to the local club, Eildon, and currently represents them and Gateball at the Brisbane North Region Sub-committee. Ros is a Level 2 Gateball coach, a Level 1 Gateball referee and has been learning Golf Croquet. Ros recently managed the Gateball CAQ Centenary Pennants and really loved the challenge of developing and introducing the new format. In Ros' new role with ACA, Ros looks forward to meeting more players and continuing to grow the Gateball community.



JOHN PARK (retiring Gateball Coordinator)

John started playing Gateball at McIlwraith CC in 2007 and became a Level 2 Referee in 2009. John moved to NSW in 2011 and was the NSW GB Coordinator 2012 to 2015. John was a Director of WGU 2015-22, Director of APGU 2018-22, and ACA National Coordinator for Gateball 2015-2022, and now hands this over to Ros Crowe. John is a Level 3 GB Coach and a Coach Trainer, training coaches in all the Eastern States and will continue to do so. John became a Level 1 Referee for Gateball in 2021 and plans to continue to maintain accreditation. John has played at national and international championships for Gateball. Over the years, John's passion commitment and dedication to Gateball has made a huge difference to sport and is greatly appreciated. Before signing off, retiring National Coordinator, John Park, stated that he would like to acknowledge the growing recognition and engagement by the ACA with Gateball.



John with the very excited winning team, Brazil, World Gateball Union Championships at San Paulo, 2018



GOLF CROQUET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Championships are now being held in the UK.

For more information:

<https://gcworlds2022.org>

Ross Bidencepe Announces his Retirement from Sport NSW

With a heavy heart the board of Sport NSW has accepted the CEO Ross Bidencepe's advice that he intends to retire following the Sport NSW AGM to be held on 2 November. Ross was recognised as a life member of Sport NSW in 2019 following a decade of service as a board member, and Finance Director, whilst in previous employment at Surf Life Saving NSW. Ross was appointed CEO of Sport NSW in 2020 and has steered the organisation through the last two very difficult years of the pandemic. "Ross has been a very steady hand during challenging times," said Carolyn Campbell, Chair of Sport NSW. "Ross was great to work with as a board member and has contributed significantly as CEO for the past two years." Ross has led the way in the conversation with Government to return to sport following the multiple lockdowns during the pandemic. He also secured new commercial partners Safe365, Valo, Other Side of the Table and Rebel whilst retaining most existing relationships. He leaves Sport NSW in a strong position with a dedicated staff ready for future years of growth. The Board of Sport NSW has decided to go to market for the role and have commissioned Paul Bruce from Left Field Sports to run the recruitment process. Any inquiries regarding the role should be directed to Paul via email paul@leftfieldsports.com.au or phone [0407 426 592](tel:0407426592). Ross has committed to a smooth transition for the new CEO.

INTRODUCTION TO GATEBALL AT PORT MACQUARIE CROQUET CLUB

On Saturday 16 July, most of the 27 members present had their first encounter with Gateball. Four members of the Toronto Club, Marion Davies, Helen Chalmers, Ruth Mulvaney and Jenny Willsher, introduced us to the game.



Gateball is a mallet sport that is very different from the other games of croquet that we know. It is a team game that can be played by four or more players. With two courts set up, we were gradually taken through the skills and the development of the game. After a sausage sizzle, cooked by Peter Drinkwater and Tony Earle, a 3-player team and then a 5-player team game was played. We really appreciated the help of the members of the Toronto club. Toronto Club also a Club Hub and, with the help of funds from Croquet NSW, we strive to improve the enjoyment and skills of our players and encourage new members to this game that we love. We were able to buy a Gateball set and pay for Marion's accommodation from the \$5,000 (funding for 2 years) that we have already received from Croquet NSW. Thank you very much to Tim, our Club Hub Coordinator, for arranging the day. At the next committee meeting we will work out our way forward with the introduction of this game. (article from Port Macquarie CC)



WINNERS ARE GRINNERS



(L:R) Doubles winners Rod Munro and Graeme Marshall with Jenny Arnold (TM)

CNSW RICOCHET DOUBLES AND SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS, 25-29 June, Sawtell

After 5 days of very competitive Ricochet at Sawtell, the CNSW Ricochet championships are done and dusted. The Doubles were played over Saturday and Sunday in a partial round robin. The final was a hard-fought battle between Coutts Crossing players Peter Martin and Simon Cook and Sawtell's Graeme Marshall and Rod Munro, the winners. Final score 4/2. The Singles were played over 3 days. Mary Hughes (Ballina) was undefeated in the round robin. However, she lost to Phil Monds (EDSACC) in the semi-final 4/10. Ray Chapman (Cherry Street Ballina) won the other second semi-final defeating Simon Cook (Coutts Crossing) 10/7. In the final, Ray Chapman defeated Phil Monds (15/7) to win the Ricochet Championship for the second time in a row. Simon Cook defeated Mary Hughes 10/9 to finish third and Darren Warner (EDSACC) won the plate (10/9) over Bruce McAlister (Ipswich QLD).



(L:R) Runners-up in the Doubles Simon Cook and Peter Martin (Coutts Crossing CC)



(L:R) Winner Ray Chapman (Cherry St Ballina), Jenny Arnold (TM) and runner-up Phil Monds (EDSACC)

Well done to Jenny Arnold, Richard Hughes (CNSW Ricochet Co-ord. & Referee) and all who assisted over the 5 days.

CNSW GOLF DOUBLES, 8-10 July, Tempe

A select field of 6 pairs gathered at Tempe for this year's Championship. Saturday was a sparkling clear winter's day but heavy rain fell on Sunday, just in time for the finals.

After the round robin the first semi-final saw Derek Bull and Pamela Barnwell defeat Georgina Carnegie and Hunter McPherson 6/7 7/2 7/3.

In the other semi-final Gerda Lambeck and David Hanbidge defeated Robert Elliott and Jill Sullivan 7/4 7/6. The final was between the lowest two handicap teams and the first game was a beauty with Gerda and David scraping home 7/6. Unfortunately, in the second game Gerda and David handled the conditions a little better winning 7/1.

Well played to everyone considering the weather was so bad on the final day.

Congratulations to Colum Hughes and Jan Van Kemp from Coogee who were playing in their first tournament and pushed many lower handicap combinations all the way. Maybe their participation will encourage more players to enter this event next year.

CNSW (AC) WIN DICKINSON TROPHY 6-17 July, Tempe

This year, the Win Dickinson was a stand-alone tournament, unlike the past three years when it has been run as a composite event with the Eva Short and/or the Women's Open. Six players competed at Tempe in a single round robin, which was comfortably completed over two fine, but cold, days with some slightly troubling wind developing on the second day. The croquet was keenly contested, in a cheerful, friendly spirit. Barbara McDonald was a strong winner, taking all 5 of her matches with total net hoops of 71, and Joanne Brown was the runner-up (3 matches and 15 net hoops). We are grateful to Ted Salter and Ron Buist for refereeing this event.

NSW GC DIVISION 2 DOUBLES, 13-14 July, Ballina and Byron Bay



(L:R) Winners Werner Borkhardt & Dhillon Tiffin (Byron Bay CC), and runners-up Robert Ey and Ian Donald (Canberra CC)

In mostly overcast, cold and windy conditions 28 players from Ballina, Byron Bay, Canberra, Casino, Coutts Crossing, Eildon (QLD), Lismore, Mosman, Nelson Bay, South West Rocks and Toronto contested the NSW GC Division 2 Doubles event. The games were held at Ballina and Byron Bay with many players moving locations from one day to the next. We thank all players for doing so. The early rounds consisted of 2 blocks, one at each venue, with the top 4 progressing to the finals. The semi finals came down to Ian Donald and Robert Ey (Canberra) defeating Wayne Gadke and Lola McPhee (Coutts Crossing) 7/3 7/5. In the other semi final, Werner Borkhardt and Dhillon Tiffin (Byron Bay) defeated Peter Saunders and Glenn Sellers (Toronto) 7/5 7/2. The eventual winners, Werner Borkhardt and Dhillon Tiffin (Byron Bay) defeated runners-up Ian Donald & Robert Ey (Canberra) in two straight games in the best of three final.

The doubles Plate was won by Leonie Condon (Casino) and Marilyn Nelson (Eildon) beating the 2021 NSW GC Division 3 Doubles winners Jan & Keith Brodie (Coutts Crossing).



(L:R) Plate runner-ups in the Doubles, Jan & Keith Brodie (Coutts Crossing CC) and Plate winners Leonie Condon (Casino) and Marilyn Nelson (Eildon Qld)

NSW GC Division 2 SINGLES, 15-17 July, Ballina and Byron Bay



(L:R) Max Donati and Dhillon Tiffin (Byron Bay)

Many Doubles competitors backed up for the Singles event which saw 22 members play over three days. The players came from Ballina, Byron Bay, Canberra, Casino, Eildon (QLD), Forster, Lismore, Mosman, Nelson Bay, South West Rocks, Toronto, Wollongong and Wonthaggi (VIC). As in the Doubles event, players moved between locations, with some Singles players travelling between locations on Saturday after completion of the block round robin. After some intense and exciting games the semi finals came down to Glenn Sellers (Toronto) came from a game down to defeat Marilyn Nelson (Eildon QLD) 5/7 7/5 7/3. Dhillon Tiffin (Byron) was too steady for Sherry Gordon (Nelson Bay) winning 7/5 7/3. The winner was Dhillon Tiffin from Byron Bay Croquet Club beating runner up Glenn Sellers from Toronto Croquet Club, two games to nil, in the best of three final. Dhillon hit his first croquet ball some nine months ago so his win in the Doubles and Singles events evidences a rapid improvement under his coach, Max Donati. The Singles Plate was won by Dennise Simmons from Byron Bay, narrowly beating Bernie McAlary from Wollongong 7/6.

It was a great pleasure to see 2008 & 2013 NSW GC Division 2 Singles winner, Bernie McAlary, present the winner and runner up with Singles trophies this year.

Players enjoyed superb hospitality at each venue and all volunteers involved can be very proud of their contribution for very successful tournaments.



(Left) Dennise Simmons (Byron Bay CC) the Plate Winner



(Right) (L:R) Bernie McAlary (Wollongong CC) presents to Singles' runner-up, Glenn Sellers (Toronto CC)

PORT MACQUARIE ASSOCIATION CROQUET CARNIVAL



The weather gods were very kind to us - no rain all week!
Congratulations John Piggott (Urunga) on winning the carnival. We never cease to be inspired by his calm, controlled play - a good model for us all.
Players came from Urunga, Maitland, Mosman, Killara, Sawtell, Manly and Taree, and it is good to note that 7 of the 10 prize winners were from different clubs.
Sue Moss and her team ran an excellent carnival.

(Left) John Piggott, the winner

ALFRED JAMES INVITATIONAL (AC) 8-10 July, Hyde Park (Vic)



The standard of play was extremely high, although there were times when the unexpected breakdowns occurred. There were many 20yard roquets hit and the hoop running (on some fairly tight and firm hoops) was special to watch.
Peter Landrebe won the tournament, with Trevor Bassett second, and the second group was won by David Short and the third group winner was Rosie Landrebe.

(Left) Peter pegs out with Trevor Bassett in the background

WANTED - CLUBS TO HOST CNSW EVENTS 2022

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

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

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

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

TOURNAMENTS COMING UP:

(GB) CNSW Championships, Sept 2–4, Twin City/Albury

(GC) ACA Women's & Men's Singles, 10-13 September, Adelaide (several locations) (flyer attached to this email)

(AC) Manly Seabreeze Tournament, 17-22 September, Manly CC. Entries close 26 August (flyer attached to this email)

(GC) Handicap Doubles Carnival, 24 & 25 October, EDSACC (Bateau Bay). Entries close 12 October (flyer attached to this email)

(GC) Spring Carnival, H/C Singles and Doubles, 31 October – 3 November, Jamberoo. Entries close 16 October (flyer attached to this newsletter)

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



A collaboration opportunity for staff of NSW based SSOs

State Sporting Organisation Active Kids Forum - 16 August 2022

The Office of Sport Active Kids team are pleased to invite NSW-based State Sporting Organisations (SSOs) and National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) staff with an interest in community sport or organised active recreation to attend our upcoming Active Kids Forum at **NSWIS, Sydney Olympic Park on Tuesday 16 August 2022**.

Forum topics include: Active Kids and your SSO - a best practice guide; Active Kids program evaluation and research for the sport sector from the research team at SPRINTER; SSO and participation program design; and Industry panel discussion - embracing a return to physical activity through community sport and organised active recreation.

Who should register for the forum?

The forum is open to SSOs, NSW-based NSOs and those working on the ground of NSW community sport.

Event details: Date: Tuesday 16 August 2022. Time: 10.00am – 12:00 pm. Location: NSW Institute of Sport, 6 Figtree Drive Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn from best practice, share ideas, connect and network with industry experts and colleagues. [Register now](#) Registrations close 5.00pm on Friday 12 August 2022

BOOKING A LAWN AT TEMPE

<https://cooksrivercroquetclub.com/>

GC STATE TEAM 2022

The NSW GC Selectors have chosen the State team to compete in the Interstate Shield for Golf Croquet, to be played in Adelaide from 14-18 September. The event has been cancelled for the last two years so the team is looking forward to competing. The 5 team comprises some very experienced players and some first time team members, making it a team with enthusiasm, depth and great skills.

Congratulations to the following:

Women

1. Alison Sharpe (**Captain**) (Mosman)
2. Jamie Gumbrell (Canberra)
3. Gerda Lambeck (Canberra)
4. Kate McLoughlin (Canberra)
5. Jill Sullivan (Sutherland)

Reserves:

Liz Montague (Cheltenham/Killara)
Pauline Markwell (Royal Sydney Golf Club)

Men

1. Peter Freer (Vice Captain) (Canberra/Queanbeyan)
2. David Hanbidge (Nowra)
3. Chris Williamson (Toronto)
4. Malcolm Powys (Marrickville)

Reserves: Kevin McGlynn (Canberra/Queanbeyan)

Mark Scruton (Canberra)

(NB. David Scott has withdrawn due to family reasons)



The Team (L:R) (back row) David Scott, Chris Williamson, Peter Freer, Jamie Gumbrell, Mark Scruton and David Handbidge, and (front row) Liz Montague, Pauline Markwell, Jill Sullivan and Kate McLoughlin.

Absent: Alison Sharpe, Gerda Lambeck, Malcolm Powys and Kevin McGlynn.

Alison Sharpe (Team Captain)



Alison was brought up in Yorkshire where her grandmother taught her Croquet in her back garden. Competitive GC over the last 7 years has taken Alison around Australia as well as overseas on a regular basis.

Alison was the Australian Womens GC champion in 2016 & 2018 and Australia's Open champion for 2018 & 2019. In 2017 she and her son Charlie made Croquet history by being the first mother and son to play together in a Croquet World Championship. Alison always enjoys playing in the Interstate Shield and looks forward to playing in Adelaide again.

David Hanbidge

David is from Jervis Bay on the NSW South Coast and is a member of the Nowra Croquet Club. He has played in two interstate series and represented Australia at three World Championships. He teaches English to refugees as a job and has introduced many of his students to our sport.



Malcolm Powys



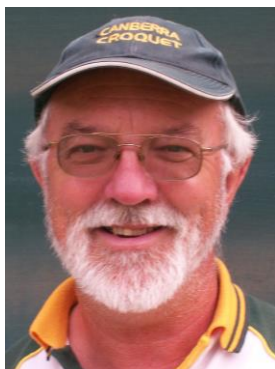
Malcolm Powys was first introduced to croquet (AC) as a boy by his grandmother. After retiring as a teacher, he joined Marrickville in 2019 where he played GC Pennant and a number of other GC and RC competitions. He is interested in developing his AC game too. He recently qualified as a GC Referee. He performed well in the 2022 NSW GC Men's Open and the NSW GC Open and was invited to join the State ISS Training Squad. He is delighted to be selected in ISS State Team for the first time and is looking forward to participating in his first interstate competition in Adelaide in September.

Chris Williamson

Hi everybody! I have been asked to give you a short history about my croquet exploits. I started playing in 2014 after recovering from a torn Achilles injury playing soccer in a churches competition. My first major tournament was the Australian mens when the ISS was held in the Hunter region coming 5th in 2018. I was invited to be involved in the ISS squad in 2019 and was lucky enough to be selected in the team to play at Carnlea with Alison Sharp as doubles partner, we came 2nd to Victoria. I thank the selectors for another opportunity to represent our state and try to improve on our last performance.



Peter Freer (Vice Captain)



Peter discovered croquet in 1981 when his work-team hired a lawn at the Canberra Croquet Club and has been a member at Canberra ever since – now 40 years. After retiring from work in October 2008 he took up serious competition; playing Association, Gateball and Ricochet but his preference is Golf Croquet. Peter has played golf croquet in tournaments across Australia as well as in Egypt, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Belgium and New Zealand; including 4 World GC Championships, plus a World Gateball Championship in Brazil. Peter is a keen referee in all 4 codes, and unable to resist coaching at the slightest opportunity – when in town he is usually at most of the GC social draws. Peter is married to Kate McLoughlin and they have two (adult) daughters, and a very recent grandson.

Kate McLoughlin

A member of the Canberra Croquet Club for 9 years, Kate has been enjoying competing, coaching and contributing to the working of both Canberra, and also Croquet NSW as Secretary and Chair. Kate has been runner up in NSW Women's singles in 2019 and 2020, and runner up in the Plate in the Women's World Championships in New Zealand in 2019. A reserve for NSW ISS team in 2018, Kate played in the second placed 2019 NSW ISS team and made the quarter finals of the Australian Women's Singles. I am looking forward to being part of this team bound for Adelaide in September.



Gerda Lambeck



I have been playing and thoroughly enjoying croquet since retiring as a paediatric physiotherapist 6 years ago. I play mostly Golf Croquet, I am a member of the Canberra Croquet Club, and have participated in Pennants comps and enjoy competing in “away” events. I was selected in the 2019 ISS team which played in Victoria, was runner up in the NSW Women’s GC Championship and winner of the NSW Doubles Championship (with David Hanbidge) this year. I am looking forward to this ISS competition in Adelaide.

Mark Scruton

I started playing croquet at a 'Come and Try' day in East Brisbane about 6 years ago. Retirement and moving to the NSW South Coast gave me time to practice and compete. Always seeking to improve I try to eliminate opportunities for errors and improve accuracy and consistency making the NSW State Squad the last 2 years. This year Peter Freer and I won the Australian Open Doubles and I participated in the NSW GC Bronze Medal. I am a reserve for the NSW ISS team and will be there observing, learning and supporting NSW.



Kevin McGlynn



Kevin began playing Golf Croquet in 2019 & it would be fair to say that he’s been hooked ever since. He’s enjoyed success in both state & national tournaments as well at club level after recently becoming Canberra Croquet Cub GC Champion for 2022. He has a passion for coaching & is always keen to learn more about tactics & strategies in GC. He was thankful to catch the eye of selectors for the NSW team & is looking forward to seeing how it all runs and learning as much as he can from his fellow teammates & opponents.

Pauline Markwell

Pauline has been playing croquet for 9 years and it has come to be a major activity in her life. She was runner up in 2017 in the NSW Women's Championships and has been a member of the NSW ISS team. Pauline's home club is Royal Sydney Golf Club where she has been chair and an active member of the croquet committee for many years. In addition she is an inaugural member of Cooks River Croquet Club and was on the committee as Secretary from the club's inception till recently. Pauline has participated in NSW and ACA tournaments at Cairnlea for many years. She is a women's reserve in the NSW ISS team in 2022 and is looking forward to playing in Adelaide this year.



Jamie Gumbrell



Jamie was introduced to croquet by her Grandparents at age 15. They took Jamie to the Canberra croquet club where she has been a member since. Peter Freer mentored and taught her how to play. Jamie has competed in U21 tournaments in NZ and Australia. Jamie won the Australian U 21 Championship in 2020, but Covid prevented Jamie defending the title. She has also competed in NSW events, Australian, NZ and English events. Jamie has competed in two U21 World Championships and two World Open Championships. Jamie is excited to be part of the NSW team for the third time and looking forward to being part of the team again.

Jill Sullivan

As most of the croquet community I came to croquet as a retired person. My introduction to croquet was on a Mediterranean Cruise in 2016, the ship had a real grass lawn on the upper deck. Each day there was a tournament but oddly enough we didn't get around to playing a game. Upon my return to Sydney, I found a flyer from Senior's Week advertising a Come & Try day at Sutherland Croquet Club. I have been a competitive player since 2017, entering in many country tournaments, Pennants and CNSW Events and have formed friendships far and wide. I am excited and honoured to be a member of the 2022 CNSW State Team.



Liz Montague



I played in the NSW ISS team in 2015-2019 inclusive and am pleased to be able to play competitively in South Australia, the wonderful State where I learnt to play croquet at Brighton Croquet Club. Being a Reserve this year should allow time for Peter and I to catch up with some of our old friends and walk along the beach like old times.