

NEWSLETTER

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RICOCHET NEWS

The CNSW Board has agreed to host the Inaugural Australian Ricochet Championship at Tempe, 14-20 April 2023. The championship dates have been extended to accommodate anticipated interest from interstate and New South Wales players. Entries will open soon via the ACA website. Thanks go to Ray Chapman, National RC Coordinator, who was instrumental in bringing the Champs to NSW. Also a reminder that our State Ricochet Coordinator, Richard Hughes, is the contact for the Clubs that would like to develop Ricochet.



STATE COORDINATOR REFEREEING GATEBALL

Congratulations and a special thank you to Petula Shun who is taking on the newly established role of CNSW Coordinator, Refereeing Gateball.

Petula is a member of the Strathfield Club and started playing croquet in 2017, and Gateball in late 2018. Petula felt very lucky to join the Epstar team that won the State competition in 2019. Following this success, Strathfield Club started to develop its own team, and members are mentored and assisted by wonderful players from Hazelbrook, Toronto and Newcastle teams. Strathfield played the first games as a team at this year's State Championships. At Strathfield, members offer the opportunity for all Gateball players in Sydney to play the first and third Sunday of the month. Petula commenced her journey to refereeing as a trainee Referee at the Australian GB championships in 2019. Since then, Petula has been a referee at Victorian and

Queensland Championships and two nationals. This was only possible by joining with Canberra teams while developing the Strathfield team. Petula also plays and referees Ricochet, and plays the occasional game of Golf croquet.

In taking on the role of CNSW Coordinator Refereeing Gateball, Petula aims to assist the development of more Referees in NSW, and encourage to the growth of Gateball. This will be possible with the wonderful support of the experienced players that we have in this NSW. We just need more!

Contact details: Phone 0400 337735, Email gbreferee@croquet-nsw.org

AUSTRALIAN GC WOMEN'S SINGLES

Correction: unfortunately, the October issue distributed via email included incorrect information relating to the winner of the Plate in Adelaide. Jill Sullivan defeated Chris Eiffert, 7/5, not the other way around. Jill has received an apology for this error. The correct result is included on the Facebook page and also the CNSW Newsletter on the website has the correct result.

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

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

The Croquet NSW Annual General Meeting was held on 22 October 2022. There were four nominations for the Director vacancies and all were confirmed: Ray Chapman, Elizabeth Friend, Kate McLoughlin and Rik Mills. There were Board vacancies after the AGM and under the Constitution the Board is able to fill these vacancies by invitation. Simon Cook and Steve Miles accepted their invitation to join the Board. The new Board met on 9 November.

At the AGM the Chair, Kate McLoughlin, took the opportunity to acknowledge the work of Pam Gentle and Lorraine Hatfield who had carried out their roles of State Coaching Coordinator and State Director of Refereeing (GC) respectively, and were retiring from these roles, although Lorraine will continue managing the reaccreditation process for 1 December 2022 expiring GC referees and the 2023 GC Pennants. In relation to the positions of State Coaching Coordinator and State Director of Refereeing, the Board is still seeking volunteers, and Pam and Lorraine will assist the new appointees to become established in the roles.

Following the AGM, many members stayed on-line for the Forum, and a summary of these discussions can be found in this newsletter.

The **CNSW Annual Report** has been published and is on the link:

<https://www.croquet-nsw.org/governance/reports/CNSW-Annual-Report-2021-22.pdf>

The Membership Survey recently undertaken by CNSW is a useful tool for the Board as well as Club Committees. A summary of the findings appears later in this newsletter as well as a link to the survey responses.

During the year the HUBS program has been working well due to the wonderful efforts by the volunteers within those five Clubs and the generosity of members who visit to provide expert advice and guidance in their particular area of expertise.

Liz Friend, Director, Croquet NSW

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Len Banks	Orange City
Sue Patterson	Orange City
Gail Cannon	EDSACC
Andrew Bissex	Forster

Congratulations to these new GC referees!!

Also, congratulations to Helen Chalmers on her appointment as an Examining Referee.

Lorraine Hatfield.

State Director of Refereeing (GC)

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: NSW GC STATE TEAM COACH

The CNSW Board and the GC Selection Committee are looking for a suitable person to take on the role of GC State Team Coach for 2023.

The State Team Coach is to work with the Selection Committee, State Team Squad and then the State Team members to produce the strongest playing performance by the NSW team in the interstate competition in September 2023.

The Coach must be a player registered with CNSW, preferably a Level 3 Accredited Coach or a person accepted by the Executive as having the equivalent experience and skills, and hold a current "Working With Children Clearance".

For more information and to apply, contact Peter Montague, Chair GC Selection Committee (0438 346 272)

CROQUET NSW MEMBERSHIP AND SATISFACTION SURVEY SEPTEMBER 2022

Background

In September 2022, the Croquet NSW Board sent a survey out to the Clubs. CNSW is looking to grow player membership over the next 2 years. The main aim of the survey was to assess NSW Club's capacity and enthusiasm for growth in members at existing clubs. We also wanted to assess the current level of satisfaction with CNSW and get some general views on current and future priorities.

The survey was sent as an online survey via SurveyMonkey, and also as a text document for Clubs to prompt discussion to inform responses.

Responses

We received 49 responses: 38 were from Club Committees or Committee members, and 11 from individual Club members, which was considered a good response from the 67 member Clubs of Croquet NSW. There were spaces for comments on a number of questions which have given extra information.

Overall Findings

A key finding was that NSW Clubs are overwhelmingly interested in growing membership. Almost 90% answered yes, and 12% said no. The key reasons for not growing membership was not enough lawns, or full membership numbers. 40% of respondents considered they could grow membership by up to 10 new members, with a further 20% indicating they could grow up to 20 new members, and 18% up to 40 new members. This indicates to me that our goal of 20% membership growth (or around 600 new players) over 2 years is well supported by Clubs and very achievable.

Playing statistics

Interestingly, all mallet sports have a reasonable level of focus:

- GC 100%
- AC 70%
- GB 22%
- Ricochet 49%

Barriers to growth

Most Clubs felt their Club members, volunteers and coaches were enthusiastic and an asset. They were not so well equipped in the area of promotion and publicity resources. The major challenges identified were **ideas** to bring in members, enough lawns and coaches, as well promotion and publicity expertise.

CNSW Board satisfaction

3.6 *rating. So we are doing OK, but there is room for improvement!

We probably got the best level of satisfaction with running tournaments: 95% rated CNSW as good or excellent.

Communication also rated highly. The 2 areas members felt was not being done as well was promoting croquet and U21 programs, as well as coaching. In terms of where we put our future priorities, Clubs overwhelmingly identified: increasing the visibility and promotion of croquet as our most important future priority.

The other areas identified were: develop a junior program, grow membership, and build Club Hubs.

In terms of overall comments, there was a thoughtful array of comments which included: pay more attention to Association Croquet, social media training, less work for Club officials to do, focus on Development Courses for Division 2 and 3 players, transparency from CNSW Board. There's lots to inform the Board here. 24% want the logo changed, 30% don't and 45% are neutral. So it's not a big issue.

Club priorities

Coaching was the number 1 ranked priority for Clubs, followed by growing members, and next were future planning and governance issues.

Conclusion

Thanks to members for their responses. CNSW is encouraged that our plan to build membership is supported by the Clubs. We are working with ACA to build resources for promotion and publicity of croquet, and I know they will be very interested in these results. The survey results can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-cqEeVuFQVjgX7WrTqzXehQ_3D_3D/ and interested members can get a log in to go through the results in more detail. The information will inform our priorities over the next year and the renewal of our strategic plan.

Kate McLoughlin, Chair, Croquet NSW

HISTORY DESK: Can anyone help? I am seeking copies of Inter-Club Croquet sporting history photos that involved Strathfield CC, when taken in the decades 1904-1914 and 1920-1940's. I expect that the number of pictures could range from None ... Some ...Lots. I would love to be optimistic and hope for the middle category. I would be most interested to view your collection. If anyone was able to send me a few pictures electronically (and if labelled) that too would be marvellous. The 'Early' clubs know who they are, so hopefully, there might be earlier pictures, to share, so that we can all play a role in preserving such historical items. Strathfield CC doesn't have a pictorial record of these time periods, and I have only seen some grainy Trove Newspaper Croquet illustrations of some of our early members/players, featured in various contexts. However, these may be too grainy for a book publication.

In particular, I seek a picture of Sarah Selina Grace who competed for Strathfield and won the 1929 Silver Medal Competition ... The Trove Newspaper Evening News article indicated it was won by Mrs J N Grace. Selena married Joseph Neal Grace, one of the brothers who headed the famous Grace Bros. firm. Also, Selina was the first Lady Superintendent at PLC school Croydon. I have a lovely picture (above right) of her taken in 1911 (courtesy of PLC Archives). Selina was also known as 'Gypsy' and was the owner of a well-known Haberfield home called 'Yasmar' (now a remand centre). I need photo of Mrs S S Grace, taken of her as a croquet player prior to the 1950's.

We are unsure if this picture (at right) of a croquet player in a white uniform is Selina Grace, or not. I must be certain. Her badge has two cross bars on it. Cross bars across such an item indicated what exactly – anyone know? Selina was President of our club from 1938 to 1945, and at one stage served as Club Secretary. When in that role she signed as S S Grace (by then she was a widow). Selina had also been a Club Handicapper and Selector. She knew the game rules (commended for it, by fellow members ... after the club received a pile of Rule Books). In 1934, Selina Grace won the Thomas Henley Trophy for 'Champion of Champions', and was considered among the top 12 players.

If you can help me identify this lady, I would be delighted.

Ruth Bridger (Strathfield CC Archivist/Historian)

I can be contacted on Ph. 0407 044042 or 02 97363410 or via our Club website <https://strathfieldcroquet.com>



SYDNEY CROQUET CLUB TURNS 100

The Sydney Croquet Club celebrated its 100th birthday on Sunday 23 October. The Club was formed in 1922 by a group of players at Rushcutters Bay on a site leased to them by the Sydney County Council. Croquet had been played there since before 1904 when it was mentioned in The Daily Mail. In due course the site became too limiting for the developing Club and they sought alternatives. In the early 1930's the Woollahra Council was considering building croquet lawns and the Sydney Club was offered a position at Woollahra Park where it decided to build the lawns. Building commenced and the site was finalised in 1935 as the Sydney Croquet Club and it was officially opened on 27 April 1935 by the then Mayor of Woollahra. The Club is situated in a picturesque garden setting and the celebratory party was to be held on the lawns in front of the log cabin clubhouse. Food and champagne were organised and the jazz band of nearby Cranbrook School students was to play in the grounds. As the day approached the organisers became concerned about the continuing wet weather and a decision was made to transfer the event to the hall offered by the Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union Football Club next door. As it turned out the day was rain free although threatening. At 2 p.m. the food and champagne were laid out with a magnificent birthday cake that had a photo in colour of the Log Cabin Clubhouse printed on the top icing of the cake. Guests were invited from the nearby Clubs of Coogee and Royal Sydney, and the Chair of Croquet New South Wales was represented by Rosie Landrebe. The occasion was to be opened by the Mayor of Woollahra. Regretfully the Mayor was delayed by a family matter, but she did manage to put in a brief appearance towards the end of the party. Members were pleased to receive an updated history of the Club that had been prepared by Warren Porter, our longest member.

Here's to the next 100!!

Warren Porter (cake photo courtesy Robert and Madeline Goodman)



AUSTRALIAN CROQUET NEWS



The ACA has once again acknowledged Tim Murphy for developing and maintaining CroquetScores. Tim is a member of Canberra Croquet Club and is very well known as a successful croquet player and coach, including playing for NSW in the Eire Cup for a number of years, including 2022. [Croquet Scores](#) is used around the world to record croquet events and results. Tim maintains the application as a volunteer. Donations can be made via the website

https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=dJHaUP3x8ATftnUW-sC20kWcROf3SiiHGoVmTJeQi93HDINzxm22EgI3h-n5ER1D5ZvET_q3h_3FeKy7



The ACA also acknowledged Peter Freer, who has run the Events program for the ACA, including the Eire Cup and Interstate Shield competitions for 12 years. A Canberra Club member for 41 years, Peter has been a member of the Interstate Shield team for the last 11 years, including this year's winning team.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

ELIGIBLE ACA AFFILIATED CLUBS WILL RECEIVE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS


Clubs are eligible to receive a cash incentive if their net membership increases over the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023.

Eligible clubs will receive \$50 per net member increased.
Payment to be made to clubs in February 2024.

Club membership figures are based on official membership numbers that are provided to ACA.

EXAMPLE

On the 1st of Jan 2022, The Bundaberg Croquet Club membership was 40
On the 31st of Dec 2023, The Bundaberg Croquet Club membership is now 55
In February 2024, the ACA will pay the Bundaberg Croquet Club \$750



In order to incentivise membership growth, for the next 2 calendar years, CNSW will collate growth numbers and the ACA will pay affiliated Clubs. (see details at left)

CNSW will also support Clubs with promotional material for Come & Try Days and other special events, and various promotional tools to advertise the benefits of croquet. To some extent, Clubs will be able to customise material for their own purpose.

NATIONAL MEMBER MANAGEMENT PLATFORM (ACA Spring Magazine Page 29)

Coaching Cohort and TIDYHQ have now joined forces and have built a national croquet specific platform. Currently all States are receiving information sessions and reviewing the options available to them. For a quick demonstration on the functionalities, you can use the links in the ACA Spring Magazine, Page 29. For this and more ACA news, view the Spring Magazine at: <https://croquet-australia.com.au/e-newsletter-2/>

THE MACROBERTSON SHIELD

The MacRobertson (Association Croquet) Shield will be held at the Victorian Croquet Centre (VCC), Cairnlea, Melbourne, 12-29 November 2022. The four eligible nations of Australia, England, New Zealand and the United States will compete for The Shield. The 'MacRob' was last hosted in Australia in 2006, and is the pinnacle event for Association Croquet. As the current holders of the trophy, we wish our team all the best over the 15 day event, and hope the MacRob will be retained at its home here in Australia.

To find out more, visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MacRob2022> The event will be livestreamed. The Program can be found at <http://macrobertsonshield.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Program-v1.4.pdf>

INJURY NO BARRIER TO PLAYING CROQUET FOR CANBERRA WOMAN

(extract from the Canberra Weekly, 1 November 2022)

After a severe injury two decades ago, Margaret Freemantle thought she would never be able to play sport again – but she has overcome adversity to learn how to play croquet. Ms Freemantle, a 71-year-old Canberra woman, broke her neck in a fall 21 years ago. Before, she was a keen golfer, and led a busy and active life. The injury left her with weakness in her right side, affecting her balance, a dropped foot, and spasticity in her right hand. Doctors told her she might not walk again. After eight months in hospital and intense rehabilitation, Ms Freemantle built up the strength to walk, albeit a little crookedly. However, she did not consider any sport a possibility.

In September, she joined a [University of the Third Age](#) (U3A) class, 'Learn to Play Golf Croquet', coached by Judy Tier at the [Canberra Croquet Club](#) (CCC).

Ms Freemantle could not grip the mallet with her right hand, or balance and centre her body for an accurate shot. Sharp-eyed Susie Linge, a CCC member and class coach, remembered a mallet a one-armed person had used. She became the conduit to ensuring Ms Freemantle could manage the game. Kevin McGlynn, another CCC member, had obtained a specially designed mallet for his wife who had suffered a stroke which resulted in weaknesses similar to Ms Freemantle's. This mallet, designed and made in Perth, has a support the right hand can rest on, and gives balance. Ms Freemantle ordered the new mallet, received it two days later, and used it for her last two classes this week. She has joined the Canberra Croquet Club.

The CCC has offered the U3A class since 2014 to 152 participants; nearly 100 joined the club." (article supplied by Judy Tier, CCC)."



(Right: Margaret Freemantle playing croquet with her Z-shaped mallet)

LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM, NSW GOVERNMENT

HUB coordinators may be interested in this round of grants to add to your programs to increase participants in croquet. Closing 21 November.

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-grant-program#about-the-program>

[Local Sport Grant Program | NSW Government](#)

Eligible projects. Previously the Local Sport Grant Program required applicants to submit their applications under one of four different project types (Sport Development, Sport Event, Sport Access and Sport Facility), each of which had a different financial cap and applicants were permitted to submit only one application per project type.

www.sport.nsw.gov.au

FEMALE FRIENDLY SPORT FACILITIES AND LIGHTING UPGRADES PROGRAM

The NSW Government will invest \$25 million in a ground-breaking female sport facility program that aims to get more women and girls playing sport. NSW Treasurer Matt Kean said the Community Female Friendly Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrade Grants Program will see community sports facilities across NSW transformed into safer and more inclusive facilities. The Community Female Friendly Sport Facilities and Lighting Upgrades Grant Program will open in late 2022. For more information:

<https://comms.sport.nsw.gov.au/female-friendly-sport-facilities-and-lighting-upgrades-ryi>

ADVANTAGE HANDICAP (GOLF CROQUET)

The CNSW Board advises that the Tournament Committee has recommended that the CNSW Handicap Doubles and Singles be played as Advantage Handicap Croquet and that NSW Clubs be encouraged to hold Club competitions as Advantage Handicap as an agreed alternative to “extra turns”. The CNSW Board will conduct a review after 12 months.

DISCUSSION FORUM OCTOBER 2022

The Discussion Forum held after the 2022 Croquet NSW AGM had 3 questions raised:

1. Richard Hughes from Ballina Croquet Club asked:

‘Ballina Croquet Club wants to discuss process whereby CNSW endorses and publicises Local Government surveys which may be relevant to croquet.’

Richard was asking about the Ballina Shire Council survey relating to the Cawarra Park Draft Master Plan. Croquet NSW did not agree to publish an article inviting members to participate. CNSW did recently circulate a link to the Inner West Council survey in relation to MacKey Park, Tempe inviting members to participate.

The Chair responded that the Board considered the Ballina survey primarily related to local issues, and that Ballina had given suggested responses to the survey. The IWC survey was related to the State venue at Tempe, which was considered of broader relevance to Club members across the State. CNSW had sent a letter of support for Ballina in their bid for new facilities at Cawarra Park.

Discussion ensued on the need to give support and guidance for Clubs putting in submissions to Council Master plans and similar. The Board undertook to look into identifying such support for Clubs.

2. Richard Hughes from Ballina Croquet requests that the CNSW Member Forum includes a discussion on appropriate use and responses by clubs to social media.

The Chair referred members to the [CNSW Electronic Media Policy](#), which covers appropriate use of social media. The Board can control such matters on its own social media site and website, but is not able to control other media outlets. Members should report factual inaccuracies and other misleading information to the sites concerned.

3. Ruth Bridger from Strathfield asked:

What is the status of our CNSW Archives, and other historical documents held?

The Chair referred to the CNSW Records Policy. Steve Miles confirmed that significant documents have been kept in filing cabinets at Tempe. CNSW is required to keep certain documents: things such as newsletters can be offered to State Library or State Archives, and Ruth state local councils are sometimes interested in local records.

A matter for ongoing consideration as Clubs are celebrating more significant anniversaries, and such records are important.

Following these discussions: Kate McLoughlin gave a summary of the Membership survey recently conducted. This paper is published elsewhere in the newsletter.



AUSTRALIAN UNDER 21 GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 14 to Monday 16 January, 2023

Inaugural U21 Gold+Silver Medals 11-13 Jan 2023

**Born after 1 January 2002 and play croquet?
Strive to become Australia's next Under 21 Champion!**

The fifth Australian Under 21 Golf Croquet Championship is a unique opportunity to hone skills against players of similar age and experience. The location of this event, being held at Eildon Croquet Club, Woody Point in Redcliffe, Queensland during the summer holidays, perfect for exploring Queensland's famous tourist attractions. Limited billets are available for competitors and their parents.



Players in the last Under 21 GC Championship at Geraldton in 2020.

Play will be over three days from **Saturday 14 to Monday 16 January 2023**. The Singles format will be best of 3 game matches, as a round robin or in blocks depending on the number of entries; and Doubles will also be held if enough entries. The 2022 Rules of Golf Croquet will be used, available on the Croquet Australia website.

The winner will be awarded the Australian Under 21 Golf Croquet Perpetual Trophy and ACA gold medal. Runner Up receives a silver medal.

In addition, the inaugural **U21 Gold+Silver Medals will be held on Wed 11 to Friday 13 Jan 2023**. This follows U21 Bronze Medal events in each State. The winner will receive a discount airfare to New Zealand and accommodation for the duration of the NZ Under 21 Championships 7-11 April 2023.

If you have additional questions contact National U21 Co ordinator Jacky McDonald, by email geofmcd@gmail.com or call 0409 246 294; or Peter Freer, ACA Events, on pfreer@netspeed.com.au
Competitors under the age of 18 will need written consent - forms will be sent to you after you enter.

Entry Fee is AUD \$35 for the Singles & \$17 each for the Doubles.

Closing Date is Friday 16 December, 2022 (midnight Western Australian time)

Competitors from New South Wales and Victoria can take advantage of their state's Junior Scholarships to help with expenses and other states will assist where possible.

Enter via Croquet Australia's website <https://croquet-australia.com.au/gc-under-21-singles/>

Do not re-do your entry if it produces a payment error message – you'll only pay twice. Just check

<https://croquetscores.com/2023/gc/australia-under-21> to see if your name is added to the entries list.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

ORANGE CITY CROQUET CLUB SPRING GC CARNIVAL, 14–17 October 2022

Twenty-four players from 11 Clubs across NSW and ACT participated in the 4-day GC Handicap Carnival at Orange in mid-October. With 23mm of rain on the courts the first morning, the balls and players found the puddles hard going. But by that afternoon, the puddles had drained, and we were blessed with fine sunny weather for the remainder of the carnival.

Players came from Cooks River, Toronto, Young, Canberra, Jamberoo, Hurstville, Wollongong, Queanbeyan, Pelican and Royal Sydney as well as 2 players from Orange. It was wonderful to see such a friendly mix of people. Everyone played 5 games of handicap doubles and 7 games of handicap singles each, making a total of 114 games over the 4 days. The 2 Orange courts had just come out of dormancy after a cold, wet winter but stood up to the traffic well.

Members of the Orange Club were pleased with the smooth running of the Carnival, thanks to the help from its members in organising, scoring, refereeing and catering. Thanks also to other referees who helped on the courts throughout the Carnival.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Doubles Grenache Group	1 st Lorraine Hatfield and Lynda Toms
	2 nd Ruth Mulvaney and Helen Chalmers
Doubles Cab Sav Group	1 st Robyn Sim and Janelle Brown
	2 nd Denese McCann and Janelle Wilson
Singles Pinot Noir Group	1 st Ruth Mulvaney
	2 nd Lorraine Hatfield
Singles Merlot Group	1 st Janelle Brown (undefeated)
	2 nd Helen Chalmers
Singles Shiraz Group	1 st Katherine Christian
	2 nd Marion Morahan



CNSW RICOCHET DOUBLES, 17-18 October, Maitland

This was the inaugural CNSW Division 3 Ricochet Doubles Championship.

With only a small field of 4 teams, after a couple of teams pulled out late, the Championship provided some great experience for the first time Ricochet championship players.

The final saw the top two teams from the block round meet, and Peter Gordon (Nelson Bay) and David Rush (Killara) came out winners 15/5.

Peter continued his winning streak in 2022 with another CNSW trophy to add to his already huge collection. This year, Peter has won CNSW trophies in 3 Codes: Association, Ricochet and Golf – is this a record? Peter won 6 trophies: the Association Silver Brooch, the Association Bronze Singles, the Association Silver Singles, the Golf Croquet Silver Singles, the Ricochet Division 3 Doubles (with David Rush from Killara), and the Ricochet Division 3 Singles.

Thanks to Richard Hughes as Tournament Manager and Tournament Referee for the well run Competition and promoting the game, and to Maitland for the excellent venue, setup and catering.

(Below L:R) Phil Monds & Darren Warner (EDSACC) David Rush (Killara) & Peter Gordon (Nelson Bay), Cecily Mahoney (Sawtell) & Lynette Stewart (Gloucester), and Ann Barrett & Rodney Peet (Maitland)



CNSW RICOCHET SINGLES, 19-21 October, Maitland



This was the inaugural CNSW Division 3 Ricochet Singles Championship, in beautiful Maitland. Players came from around the region, and Killara in Sydney. In the semi-final Peter Gordon (Nelson Bay) defeated Ann Barrett (Maitland) 17/2, and Graham Heydon (Maitland) defeated Janine Crellin (Taree) 18/10. The final proved to be a one-sided affair with Peter Gordon defeating Graham Heydon 26/1. It was an impressive performance by Peter in pegging out both balls in under 2 hours: a feat even the best Division 1 players would find difficult to do. Peter's Ricochet form was so impressive that his handicap has been reduced from 10 to 6 and hopefully Peter will venture to Nowra next year to test himself against the Division 1 Ricochet players from around the State.

(L:R) Peter, Graham, Ann, Janine and Richard.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION CROQUET OPEN DOUBLES, 22-24 October, Cairnlea, Victoria

The Open Doubles included most of our MacRobertson Shield players. Robert and Malcolm Fletcher defeated Ian Dumersque and Ed Wilson in the final 26/1 26/9. Malcolm made 2 Triple Peels in the final, and 5 overall during this event.

The tournament was a good warm up to enable Australia to defend the 'MacRob' Shield to be played 12-29 November at Cairnlea, Victoria.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION CROQUET GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS, 25-27 October, Cairnlea, Victoria

The players competing and results of the double round robin were:

Stephen Forster (VIC) 8/2

Jeff Newcombe (WA) 7/3

Dwayne McCormick (SA) 6/4

Alison Sharpe (NSW) 5/5

Peter Ross (TAS) 3/7

Dave Luxmoore (QLD) 1/9

Congratulations to Stephen Forster on winning the Gold Medal and Jeff Newcombe on winning the Silver Medal.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION CROQUET OPEN SINGLES 25-30 October, Cairnlea Victoria

In another chance for our MacRobertson team to get some valuable practice, 24 of Australia's best Association Croquet players gathered to do battle at Cairnlea.

Players played a number of pre-drawn Swiss games to decide the final 16 players to contest the finals. After some fine last 16 and quarter finals the semi-finals came down to:

Robert Fletcher defeated Ian Dumersque 26/3 26/0 with 2 triple peels for Robert; Jenny Clarke defeated Kevin Beard 26/16 16/23 22/13; Callum Hyland defeated Ed Wilson 26/2 11/26 26/15 with one triple peel to each player (but Callum had the more colourful pants); Malcolm Fletcher defeated Greg Hill 26/12 26/1 with one triple peel to Malcolm.

The semi-finals results were: Robert Fletcher defeated Jenny Clark 15/26 26/10 26/0 26/0 with 3 triple peels to Robert; and Malcolm Fletcher defeated Callum Hyland 24/26 26/0 26/0 26/5 with 3 triple peels to Malcolm.

The final was between the Fletcher brothers which turned out to be a bit one-sided with Robert winning 26/23 26/13 26/6 - a great effort by Robert.

WANTED - CLUBS TO HOST CNSW EVENTS 2023

(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:

CNSW Golf Croquet Champion of Club Champions 22-24 November, Tempe. Entries close 11 November.

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