

# NEWSLETTER

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## ACCREDITATION OF COACHES

Congratulations to the following coaches who have recently updated their Golf Croquet coaching accreditation to Level 2 –

Chris Cox (Port Macquarie), Bob Kerr (Maitland), Kevin Parkes (Toronto), Marion Morahan (Pelican), Ginny Graylin (Canberra), Julie Toms (Canberra), Mark Scruton (Canberra), Ann Clifton (Queanbeyan), John Drummond (Taree), and Chris Lavina (Maitland).

Congratulations to new Level 1 Golf Croquet coaches –

Sherry Gordon (Nelson Bay) Les Guzowski (Nelson Bay), Marty Wooster (Toronto), Sue Sellers (Toronto) Ken Green (Maitland), Liz Friend (Nelson Bay) Rae Uptin (Nelson Bay), Laurie Lawson (Nelson Bay), Karen Lilly (Nelson Bay), Joyce Campbell (Coutts Crossing), Ken Davison (Coutts Crossing), Glenn Sellers (Toronto), Nancy Ainsworth (Toronto), Jan Lonergan (Pelican), Tony Lonergan (Pelican), Robert Creswick (Pelican), and Andrew Bissex (Forster).

And to new Level 1 Association Croquet Coaches –

Ken Green (Maitland), Peter Gordon (Nelson Bay), and Chris Lavina (Level 2)(Maitland).

And to new Level 1 Ricochet Coach - Sue Sellers (Toronto).

Coach training courses will be held in the next few weeks in Ballina, and in Sydney. If you have been an active Level 1 coach for 12 months or more, please consider applying to update to Level 2. An application form and guidelines for qualification can be found on the Coaching page of the CNSW website.

Pam Gentle

CNSW Coaching Coordinator

## NSW GOLF CROQUET STATE TEAM

This team photo was taken at training at Sutherland Monday 26 June. The 14 person team includes 4 non-travelling reserves, and will represent NSW at the next Australian Golf Croquet Interstate Shield (ISS) Championship to be held in Perth, 20-24 September 2023. Congratulations all!

*(L:R) Kevin McGlynn, Malcolm Powys, Gerda Lambeck, Liz Montague, Peter Freer (Captain), Kate McLoughlin, Ethan Gumbrell (Reserve), Derek Bull (Reserve), Jill Sullivan (Vice Captain), Jamie Gumbrell, Pauline Markwell (Reserve), David Scott, Sue Sellers (Reserve) and Mark Scruton.*



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

### New Member Management System – in progress

A key activity over the next few months is the establishment of a new system for managing information. It is expected that the new system will be easy for all to use and will include club member database; tournament calendar; tournament registration; direct payment system for events, merchandise, annual subscriptions, etc; emailing capability for small or large mailouts; analysing information; club governance; and a range of other functions.

The Board has considered proposals from system designers and has engaged RevSPORTS following their impressive demonstration indicating a good understanding of our requirements. They are NSW-based and are grounded in community sports and competition needs. Check out their website:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/who-we-are/>

It is expected that clubs will find that the new system will simplify many of their regular administration and communication needs, and club members will later be able to manage their own information. The new system will be available for all our clubs to join, and to use for their own activity. As we are currently in development stage, please let us know if there are particular functions that your club would like incorporated into the system and this can be considered for inclusion. We would also like to hear from any clubs which would like to test the proposed system before it goes live. Email: [newsletter@croquet-nsw.org](mailto:newsletter@croquet-nsw.org)  
It is anticipated that the new system will be ready for implementation towards the end of the year. Further down the track, CNSW will work with RevSPORT to develop a new, easy-to-use website that will incorporate the access to the member management system.

### How to Increase Participation in Croquet in NSW: Your Stories

CNSW is developing strategies which may help clubs which are seeking to increase their membership. Many clubs have had considerable success in increasing their membership, and the Board would love to share with other clubs your stories on what has worked to get more people to join your club. Please email Liz Friend ([newsletter@croquet-nsw.org](mailto:newsletter@croquet-nsw.org)) with your stories, photos and other good ideas about how to engage newcomers to enjoy our beautiful game.

### Child Safeguarding

In communication with Croquet Australia (ACA) the CNSW Board has become aware of increased requirements for any club members providing coaching or supervision for children playing croquet. There is a lot more required than just having the Working with Children Check (WWCC). Once the requirements are fully clarified, the Board will develop policy documents to provide guidance to clubs to meet the current standards.

Fidy Westgarth  
Director

**CLARIFICATION.** Our treasurer, Steve Miles, has received a lot of tournament payments without the event code in the description line. This is the first line when you bank asks for a description or details. It should be "Steve Miles g3d" not "Steve Miles Mosman Tournament". If in doubt put the event code in any details you enter. It seems like the confusion came from the last newsletter and the different terminology used by different banks. The good news is people are reading the newsletter and entering tournaments!

## NEWS FROM STRATHFIELD CROQUET CLUB

Strathfield Croquet Club (SCC) started this year with great enthusiasm and is looking forward to celebrations during 2024 to mark the Club's 120th anniversary. During recent years efforts to promote the club locally have seen club membership increase rapidly and there are now players in all forms of the sport. Wider promotion has seen the successful establishment of a 'Club Hub' to promote the wider development of croquet skills and activities. There is much to celebrate and to engage club members and guests within a supportive and inclusive environment.

Participation in all forms of croquet is growing as is the numbers of members who are playing competitively, improving their skills, and helping to promote the sport locally and beyond. **Golf croquet (GC)** is a popular introduction to croquet; social playing sessions are well attended; and two teams recently participated in the Division 3 Pennant Competition and are busy preparing for the Makara competition later this year. **Association (AC)** and **Ricochet (RC)**, while smaller in numbers, have loyal players who are attracting interest and participation from club members. Across all codes, players are improving their playing handicaps, and gaining skill as coaches and referees. Recently, our Club Captain, Petula Shun, was tournament referee at the inaugural ACA Ricochet open doubles and singles competition held at Tempe.

**Gateball (GB)** is proving a popular activity within the club, with a program of regular competition. A recent invitational competition saw 6 teams participate from across the State with the Newcastle team the winners. A great time was had by all. The Strathfield Hub is encouraging participation and is offering opportunities to other croquet clubs to try GB. The **Strathfield HUB** has been very busy this year consolidating its activities. Several workshops have been conducted to improve skills in GB, GC, and RC and to support other activities such as record-keeping both within and beyond the club. A workshop to explain advantage play was completed and this is now being tried during social play to encourage more even play. Future workshops for coaching accreditation, introduction to GB, and GC rules and techniques, are being planned and are open to other clubs. Term 3 will see croquet offered to a local high school with coaching and support provided by club members. All in all, SCC is a busy vibrant club that is developing strong links within the local community as well as the wider croquet community. (photos below show the Club's new shirts)

Elizabeth Comino



### Mayoral visit to Strathfield Croquet Club

On Wednesday 12 June, the Mayor of Strathfield Council, Cr Karen Pensabene and her assistant Fina Nainoca visited the Strathfield Croquet Club. On a warm, sunny winter morning we enjoyed morning tea near the lawns and the mayor had an opportunity to learn how to play croquet. SCC enjoys a good relationship with the council through the joint management of the club lawns and property and through outreach to and participation in community events. Our ongoing community involvement includes hosting Senior's Week, coaching Strathfield Girls High School students and interaction with local Rotary clubs on an annual basis (Photo L:R) Mayor & President Ann Shaddock

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



## GATEBALL COACHING AND INTRODUCTION TO GATEBALL IN NSW CLUB HUBS AND CLUBS

We welcome Clubs considering adding Gateball to their disciplines to attract new members or provide variety for existing members. There are a couple of ways you can be assisted. Firstly, as Coordinator of Gateball in NSW I can assist you in finding resources and organizing a coaching program. Contact me at: [jtier@netspeed.com.au](mailto:jtier@netspeed.com.au) We have 30 qualified coaches in NSW/ACT and CNSW has various kits to lend out. Gateball Australia website <https://gateball.com.au/> contains lots of useful information for Gateball players and people who are coaching new and established teams. The site advises about changes to rules and regulations, upcoming events, and tournaments, and coaching and referee training opportunities. Secondly, five CNSW Club Hubs offer Gateball so if there is a Hub in your vicinity, I encourage you to contact them for support, coaching and advice. The NSW Hubs are Strathfield CC, Toronto CC, Port Macquarie CC, Nowra CC, Coutts Crossing CC and Canberra CC.

Judy Tier, State Coordinator of Gateball

## WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

### STATE FINAL OF THE BERYL CHAMBERS HANDICAP (AC) CHAMPIONSHIP, 9-12 June, Tempe



(L:R) Ted Woodley, David Stanton (CNSW) & Julie Toms

14 AC players from around the State converged on Tempe for this year's event. The players were divided into two blocks of 7 players and being a handicap event, bisques were in plentiful supply.

The top two from each block went on to contest the finals.

The quarter finals results were Ted Woodley def Simon Cook 18/16; Wafik Nassif def Fiona Gale 16/6; Paul Skvorc def Ken Green 22/21; and Julie Toms def Roberta Flint 17/8.

The semi-final results were: Ted Woodley defeated Wafik Nassif in a very close game 23/21, and Julie Toms defeated Paul Skvorc 17/13. The final came down to Ted Woodley Hcp 2.5 and Julie Toms off 12. In a high scoring final, Ted, although giving away 9½ bisques, got up 26/20 to continue the trend of low markers winning this event. Paul Skvorc finished third winning 26/9 against Wafik Nassif and Robert Barrie won the plate.

### CNSW ACA (GC) BRONZE MEDAL, 23-25 June, Tempe

The Bronze Medal was contested in near-ideal conditions - bright, cool and with only moderate breezes. There were many high-quality and hard-fought games, a large proportion going to the thirteenth hoop, and engrossing to watch. The last complete match was played between the top seeds - Jamie Gumbrell and Pete Landrebe. In the third game, Jamie equalised by running the twelfth hoop; then rushed that ball to the north boundary, but much closer to the midway line than to the line on the thirteenth, while Pete had a close runner on the final hoop, shielded by his partner ball. Jamie then achieved her only option - a 45 degree hoop from the boundary - a fitting way to win such a fine tournament. Pete Landrebe (runner-up) and Malcolm Powys (third) each finished with 5 wins and 2 losses. Pete had the unusual score line of 8-2 in one game, running hoops 9 and 10 in one stroke. Notably, Malcolm (who filled a vacancy in the draw only at the last moment) defeated Pete in his first match and Jamie in his last (completed after the Medal was decided, with an immaculate 7-0 win over the Medallist!). Jamie (who also won the Bronze Medal last year) will go on to play in the Australian Golf Croquet Gold & Silver medal playoffs in Perth in September this year.



(L:R) Lynda Toms (Tournament Referee), Hunter McPherson, Mark Scruton, Peter Landrebe, Peter Freer, David Scott, Jamie Gumbrell, Malcolm Powys & Stephen Harden

## CNSW DIVISION 2 DOUBLES AND SINGLES, Nowra, 15-19 June

The Doubles Tournament was held 15 & 16 June. Twenty players enjoyed the hospitality on the two well-prepared courts of the Nowra Croquet Club.

The players came from Nowra, Jamberoo, Wollongong, Nelson Bay, Port Macquarie, Mosman, Forster and Sutherland. The winners were Ian Donald and Ian McRae (Canberra) and runners-up were Janelle Wilson (Canberra) and Jaki Gaskell (Jamberoo).

The Singles Tournament was played 17-19 June, with twenty entries, again at Nowra and also West Street Nowra. Players came from Nowra, Jamberoo, Wollongong, Nelson Bay, Port Macquarie, Mosman, Forster, Sutherland and Canberra.

The winner was Brian Mitchell (Nowra), runner-up Rae Uptin (Nelson Bay), and third Jaki Gaskell (Jamberoo).

The Plate winner was David Knott (Nowra) and runner-up Ian Donald (Canberra).

A big thank-you to the West Street Nowra Club for stepping up to help when we received more entries than could be accommodated on the two lawns at Nowra Croquet Club.

It was a most successful carnival and as you can see from the photos, absolutely great weather, maybe a little chilly in the mornings.

(CNSW Division 2 Doubles and Singles, cont.)

Margaret Sawers was the Tournament Manager and did an outstanding job especially when it was held over two venues. Some hair pulling at times, but the end results made it worth it.



*Far left:  
Ian McRae &  
Ian Donald,  
(winners) and  
left:  
Jaki Gaskell &  
Janelle Wilson  
(runners-up)*



*Far left:  
Brian  
Mitchell,  
winner, and  
right:  
Rae Uptin,  
runner-up,  
with Nowra  
CC  
President  
Doug  
Cornish*





*Doubles Winners Margaret Mitchell & Sharon Daley*



*Doubles Runners-up Chris Cox & Jim Hannigan*

## **CNSW ADVANTAGE (GC) DOUBLES, 28-29 June, Ballina and Byron Bay**

15 teams from around the State gathered at Ballina and Byron Bay for this year's event. The players competed in two blocks with the top four from each block progressing to the finals.

The first semi-final was a close game with Chris Cox (Port Macquarie) and Jim Hannigan (Cherry Street) defeating Wendy Fryer and Mary Hughes (Ballina) 10 to 7.

In the other semi-final, Sharon Daley and Margaret Mitchell (Ballina) defeated Margaret Carwood and Pam Gentle (Maitland) 10/4.

The final went the full 2½ hours with Sharon Daley & Margaret Mitchell coming from 7 to 2 down, to win 9 to 8. A terrific effort from the Ballina team showing a never die attitude and believing that the game is not over until the bell goes or the final hoop is won.

Susan Bryan and Marj Haines (Woolgoolga) won the Y event defeating Marg O'Doherty and Sue Oeding (Alstonville) 10/6. The W event was won by Norma Watts and Libby Hudson (Cherry Street) defeating Jed Hart and Gerd Modlich (Byron Bay) 10/8. The Z event was won by Simon Cook & Paul Schofield (Coutts Crossing) defeating Stuart Elliott and Geoff Leach (Byron Bay).

## **CNSW ADVANTAGE (GC) SINGLES, 30 June to 2 July, Ballina and Byron Bay**

Twelve players from around the State competed in two blocks of 6 with the top four going through to the finals.

In the quarter finals: Margaret Carwood def Col Beaton 10/4; Robyn Poynting def Georgia Knight 10/7; Chris Cox def Jim Hannigan 10/7; and Sharon Daley def Pam Gentle 10/4.

In the semi-finals: Margaret Carwood def Robyn Poynting 10/7; and Sharon Daley 10 def Chris Cox 6.

The final was between Sharon Daley (Hcp 5) against Margaret Carwood (Hcp 14) with Margaret receiving 4 hoops start in a first to 10 hoops. The handicap difference was too much for Sharon as Margaret played very well to run out winner 10 to 2. It was Margaret's first big victory in a CNSW event and well done as Margaret had to win a tie breaker to make the quarter finals and then three high pressure games to be crowned champion. Third was Chris Cox and fourth was Robyn Poynting.

The Z winner was Georgia Knight defeating Pam Gentle 10/7. The plate was won by Greg Porter. The Advantage doubles and singles was a great success with great support from all clubs involved and a big thank you to David Scott, Tournament Manager, Richard Hughes, Tournament Referee, and Ray Chapman, Venue Manager at Byron Bay.



*Far Left: Singles winner Margaret Carwood, with David Scott (TM), and Right: Sharon Daley, runner-up*

## **PLATINUM (AC) SINGLES, 5-7 June, Cammeray**

A select field of 6 AC players contested this years event at Cammeray croquet club. In a single round robin event, Don Wright was undefeated in five games with +37 net hoops. Runner up was Ted Woodley on 3 wins and 2 losses and third was Peter Freer on 2 wins and 3 losses.

## **ISSUE 13 OF SPORT INTEGRITY MATTERS**

Key stories in this issue include:

- How the Paralympics changed my life: Richard Nicholson
- Partnerships only limited by imagination: Threats to sport conference
- The call for a united approach on racism
- Safeguarding our sport podcast: Includes the findings of the Australian Child Maltreatment Study
- Safeguarding Continuous Improvement Program
- Clubs Under Pressure report
- The worrying trend of steroid use in young adults
- Winter supplements warning
- The Cyber Safety and Security in Sport eLearning course
- Global Anti-Doping Educators Summit
- Gambling: A global issue for sport integrity
- Global expertise at TUE Symposium
- Snapshot of global issues



To read the stories, use the link below:

<https://issuu.com/sportintegrityaustralia/docs/sim13-june2023?fr=sMWRhYzU2ODA4OTU>

## **Tournaments coming up:**

CNSW (AC) Bronze Brooch, 24-26 July, Cammeray. Entries close 14 July

CNSW (AC) Eva Short Memorial, 29-30 July, Tempe. Entries close 21 July

CNSW (AC) Win Dickinson Memorial, 29-30 July, Tempe. Entries close 21 July

4 Days of GC at Sawtell, 4-7 August, Sawtell. Entries close 26 July

CNSW (GC) Bronze Brooch, 8-10 August, Taree. Entries close 28 July

CNSW (GC) Gold Brooch, 14-16 August, Coutts Crossing. Entries close 4 August

Ricochet Crystal Cup, 17-18 August, Cherry St & Ballina Croquet Clubs. Entries close 1 August (forms attached)

CNSW (GC) Division 1 Mixed Doubles, 21-22 August, Tempe. Entries close 11 August

CNSW (GC) Division 1 Singles, 23-25 August, Tempe. Entries close 11 August

CNSW (AC) Silver Brooch, 28-30 August, Port Macquarie. Entries close 18th August

Forster AC/RC Spring Carnival, 28 August to 2 September, Forster. Entries close 21 August

Manly Seabreeze (AC) 15-19 September. Entries close 30 August

Intercept Competition (GC) 30 September – 2 October, Sutherland. Entries close 15 September (flyer attached)

(AC) Escape to Jamberoo, 6-8 October, Jamberoo

(GC) Jamberoo Spring Carnival, 24-27 October, Jamberoo

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

## **Bookings for the CNSW lawns at Tempe**

CNSW Members who are not members of Cooks River Croquet who wish to play at Tempe on a casual basis can use the Cooks River Lawn Booking system. You will need to be registered to use the system by sending an email to [tempelawns@croquet-nsw.org](mailto:tempelawns@croquet-nsw.org). Lawn fees of \$6 per half day apply.