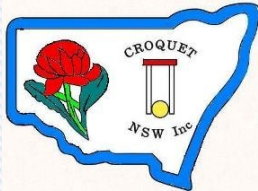


NSW Handicap Open (AC)

The Beryl Chambers 2017



Association Croquet players across NSW & ACT are invited to participate in the 2017 NSW Handicap (AC) Open. As a handicap event, players at all levels have an even chance of success. Winners and runners up in the last few years have had handicaps ranging from 18 to 4 so all entrants are in the running to progress to the finals of this special event.

*"I recommend anyone who wants to improve their game to jump in and have a go - the handicapping system makes anyone who plays well on the day and uses their bisques intelligently to be competitive - in any event beginners will learn heaps playing against more experienced players and those players will learn by developing strategies to manage the bisques they give away" **said Charles Britton 2016 Champion.***

Gareth Denyer, 2014 & 2015 Champion is also a fan of the event *"The 2014 Beryl Chambers is a kind and nurturing introduction to competition play. It gave me the opportunity to play at venues that were new to me, met lots of new people, and learnt a great deal about the croquet community and culture. Croquet is one of the few sports which has a fair and creative handicap system, so we should take advantage of it!"*

Qualifying events will be held in up to 9 locations throughout NSW to encourage broad participation, with the local winners eligible to play in the State Final between 9-12 June 2017, at CNSW HQ at Tempe.

First round qualifying block matches will be arranged and played locally to accommodate maximum participation and need to be completed by about May 30.

Players who qualify for the finals will be eligible for a subsidy from Croquet NSW to assist with travel & accommodation costs.

Entry fees:

- \$15 per player to cover the initial block round
- Plus an additional \$15 for the final series qualifiers

Part of the entry fees go toward a pool for travel/accommodation subsidy for county players who make it to the final.

Entry via [The Duffers Tice](http://www.thedufferstice.com) <http://www.thedufferstice.com>

or contact your regional coordinator /event manager* for this event

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Qualifying events will be conducted in each area and will take place sometime between early April and the end of May. Each event manager is responsible for deciding the exact times of play and the venues to be used. Times and venues will where possible take into account the availability of each entrant. Each qualifying event has been set up on The Duffers Tice website and can be accessed from the [CNSW website](#) or the links below.

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