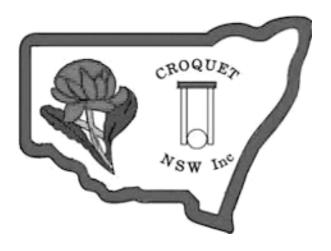
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ANNUAL REPORT 2012—2013

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REPORTS:

President's Report

The Australian Croquet Community can be justly proud of our Trans Tasman AC team which defeated New Zealand to win a second successive Trans Tasman after many dry years. Australia comprehensively defeated NZ 3 tests to nil, and on NZ soil. NSW players Rosemary Graham (now Landrebe), Alison Sharpe and Claire Bassett were major contributors to this success.

NSW could not continue their success in the Eire Cup for a fourth year. Despite NSW best efforts they could not prevail as a very strong Victorian team triumphed over all other states. Victoria was undefeated over the competition.

NSW can boast two Australian Champions for 2013. Alix Verge won the Australian Women's AC Championship defeating fellow NSW player Charlotte Morgan in the final. John Levick won the Australian Open GC Championship outplaying good mate Ron Johnstone in the final. This is John's third title in 4 years. John was also a member of the runner-up team in the Australian Open GC Doubles.

Pennants Competitions have all concluded for 2013 with all competitors enjoying the experience. The one disappointing note was the poor response from Hunter Clubs resulting in Maitland being the only Hunter Club represented in Division 2. Division 1 was again a great success with 6 teams playing a round robin final series at Tempe. It was lovely to see four new entrants at this level, Manly, Cammeray, Sydney and Forster.

Hopefully they learned from the experience and will enter again in 2014. Two teams had to withdraw from the competition due to injury, health and holidays. Hopefully Canberra and Illawarra will return next year. Premier Pennants in AC was resurrected this year with Cammeray and Canberra playing off home and away.

The Tempe saga or 'Storm in a Tempe Teacup' has once again resurfaced – it really hasn't ever gone away. The CNSW Executive recognises that Tempe has numerous shortcomings and continues to address these where possible. Work has been done in the office, toilet areas, as well as the shelter sheds. A shade tent has been purchased. Portable fencing is being investigated. Talks with Concordia Club Management and Marrickville Council continue. The Leaning Shed of Mackey Park has been inspected by Marrickville Council and some substitute will be provided – at some stage. Other problems will be addressed in time.

The lawns are playing well and their surface is a credit to the greenkeeper. All elite players from NSW and Interstate agree on the quality of the lawns. They are fast and true, a challenge for all players to succeed.

CNSW is attempting to form a committee to look to the future of our Tempe facility. As of now we have had no volunteers to join this group. The aims of the committee would be to investigate and advise on future developments at Tempe both short term and long term, consider building proposals and plans and liaise with Concordia Club and Marrickville Council.

If you love your croquet, if you wish to see croquet in NSW develop and maintain high standards, if you want NSW players to have pride in their Headquarters, then volunteering for the Tempe Future Planning Committee (TFPC) would seem to make sense. I nominate myself at this stage – CNSW would love to see you on board. It is all too easy to be critical of a situation but it so much harder to become part of the solution.

The simplistic approach to the Headquarters dilemma would be to pack up and move – but where??? CNSW Executive have looked into numerous alternatives, but none to this stage are either available or contain the minimum of 3 lawns. We could return to the days where CNSW imposed on clubs to run CNSW events at their lawns. This would be a huge impost on larger clubs and result in fewer playing days for members. We currently have an asset at Tempe and it would be foolish to give this up lightly.

I would like at this stage to thank the outgoing Executive Pam, John, Alison and Wendy for their support over the year. I also thank on behalf of CNSW all members of committees and all State Directors for the work and time that they have outlayed over the year. Well done all.

John Compton, President

Association Coaching Report

The Association coaching arena has slowed a lot in the past 12 months due to my GC commitments in the implementation of the new ACA system and with the State Team, however a number of Clubs have held Improve your Game Workshops and a number of others have expressed interest in hosting a Workshop and discussions on dates for these are under way. Any workshop scheduled will be advertised on both the CNSW website and through Club Secretaries.

A number of players qualified as Beginner Coaches throughout the year and I thank them for their interest in promoting the sport. Players wishing to become Association Beginner coaches or interested in upgrading to Level 1 should download and complete the application form from the CNSW website and forward it for processing.

A list of players who require reaccrediting in 2013 has been on the CNSW Website since December 2012 and time is running out to reaccredit in time to remain on the Active List as printed in CNSW Yearbook. All coaches should access the list to see if they require reaccrediting and if so download the Coaching request form available on the CNSW website.

As this is the last report before the AGM I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the assistance they have given me in this position for the past 12 months and wish the incoming appointment every success in the future.

Barb Piggott SDC - AC





CROQUET NSW INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

GENERAL OPERATIONS INCOME	3	2013	2012
Affiliation fees		117346.50	117816.50
Tournament entry fees		10931.00	11998.00
Dept of Sport & Recreation	n	16500.00	16500.00
Interest received		1729.91	3636.05
Profit on sales	Merchandise	638.18	610.36
	Year books	-140.20	108.62
	Other sales	310.20	336.20
Revenue from	Coaching	2270.00	1985.00
	Referee instruction	145.00	790.00
	Lawn hire	162.50	876.00
	Gala & open days (net)	255.00	435.00
	Presentation day (net)	81.00	22.00
	Raffles (net) Gateball Championship	97.00	99.90
	(net)	0.00	130.30
	Advertising		
Public liability insurance		9408.00	11045.00
Sundry income		12.10	56.90
Total Income		159746.19	166445.83
EXPENDITURE			
Affiliation fees paid to Cro-		64482.00	64156.00
Tournament entry fees paid to Croquet Aust		1690.00	1725.00
Lawn maintenance		25576.59	16228.71
Administration expenses	Wages and Superannua-	4960.40	6305.65
	Stationery	616.96	646.19
	Postage	1244.03	1259.82
	Telephone	525.38	536.44
	Computer expenses	932.08	1145.32
	Printing	659.90	898.70
	Insurance	741.79	678.85
	Auditors fees	0.00	0.00
Expenditure on	Coaching	1672.00	2357.45
	Refereeing	383.50	1476.05
	Lawn hire	3209.00	2266.00
	Travel	1375.60	3428.40
	Newsletter	3286.80	3153.70
	State team	8586.69	10384.94
	Schools development	2181.00	2800.00

	Trophies	1245.86	978.56
	Publicity (now in sundry)		
	Catering & Housekeeping (net)	362.00	348.01
National Championships 2006 (net)			
New equipment		351.60	301.48
Public liability insurance		9583.36	11195.94
Repairs and maintenance		3550.61	178.02
Marrickville Council - lease		233.48	311.30
Net GST expense		6308.00	5917.00
Depreciation		952.00	1175.00
Write off assets & merchandise			29.35
Sundry expenses		169.00	125.00
Total Expenses		144879.63	140006.88
Surplus (Loss) on General Operations		14866.56	26438.95
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES			
Interest on Investments		13159.73	13700.00
Surplus on Investment Activities		13159.73	13700.00
Total Surplus on consolidated activit	ies	28026.29	40138.95



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Balance Sheet at 30 June 2013

	2013	2012
Current assets		
Cash at bank		
AMP Employees credit union - term deposit	328,753.02	191,893.29
Commonwealth Bank - cheque account	591.18	262.41
Commonwealth Bank - cash invest account	3,738.31	112,970.40
	333,082.51	305,126.10
Petty Cash and cash assets		
Office petty cash	100.00	100.00
Sundry Debtors	445.20	1089.60
Stock on hand at cost	2068.17	1144.89
Accrued interest to 30 June 2013	2050.00	1270.00
Total current assets	337,745.88	308,730.59
Non current assets		
Plant and equipment		
at cost less depreciation	4761.00	5713.00
Total assets	342,506.88	314,443.59
Less		
Current liabilities	1490.00	2020.00
Sundry Creditors	1489.00	3838.00
Affiliation & entry fees paid in advance Total current liabilities	2386.00 3875.00	3838.00
Net assets	338,631.88	310,605.59
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General funds		
As at 1 July 2012	70,979.07	69,540.12
Surplus (Loss) from general operations	14,866.56	26,438.95
Transfer to HQ/Building Fund Balance as at 30 June 2013	-20,000.00 65,845.63	-25,000.00 70,979.07
Balance as at 50 June 2015	00,040.00	10,919.01
Special Funds		
HQ/Building fund		
As at 1 July 2012	239,626.52	200,926.52
Surplus from investment activities	13,159.73	13,700.00
Transfer from general funds	20,000.00	25,000.00
Balance as at 30 June 2013	272,786.25	239,626.52
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Total Funds at 30 June 2013	338,631.88	310,605.59

Financial Annual Report

This years financial result was a steady one, down on the previous year but this was expected as the previous year was surprisingly high.

The surplus from general operations was \$14866 down from \$26439.

Income was down \$6700 but there were no significant reasons. Some minor reductions were: Tournament entry fees were down \$1000, Interest received was down \$1900 due to more funds being invested with the interest being recorded in that category and Insurance levies were down \$1600 as they were only for a 12 month period compared to 14 months in the previous year.

Expenses were up \$4900 with the significant item being lawn maintenance up \$9300 due to a renovation being done this year whereas it was not done in the previous year. Offsetting that were reductions in State team expenses of \$1800 due to the locations being Melbourne & Adelaide compared to Brisbane & Perth and insurance premiums down \$1600 for the same reason as the income.

The interest on our investments was steady despite interest rate falls as more of our funds were transferred into term deposits.

John Eddes

Treasurer



School Croquet Report

This year only eight clubs applied to Croquet NSW for the Schools Grant. They were Bundanoon, Cheltenham, Dungog, Hunters Hill, Mosman, Muswellbrook, Newcastle and Wagga Wagga. Their numbers show that almost 900 primary and secondary students were introduced to some form of croquet during the year. The clubs were involved with 4 primary schools and 8 secondary schools I am aware that there are other clubs involved with schools and it would be great if this involvement could continue.

Special mention should be made of Wagga Wagga and Muswellbrook Clubs as they seem to deal with all the secondary schools in their area and Wagga Wagga even runs a competition between them. In addition a team from one of the schools there competed in the Australian Gateball championships.

Children of current players are also playing – Alison Sharpe's twin sons were the only entrants in the schools championship last year and I have been told that Nick Chapman's twin girls are also playing. The Grandparent's days at Maitland are held each school holiday and the kids are improving rapidly

Most students will not take up the game at the moment but if they have enjoyed the experience there is every chance they will return at a later date.

I really hope that we can attract more entries for the Schools Championships this year. The dates set are November 30 and December 1 but this will be dictated by the numbers interested

There is still interest from clubs for the Active After Schools Community. This involves students aged 6-10 learning basic croquet skills for one hour after school usually at their school so that means actual games are difficult. One group spent the first few weeks at their school then arranged for the local croquet club to be used on the last day. It is amazing just how much the children enjoy it. An extra spin off from that is that the school wants their staff to have a social day next term.

As Director of Schools Croquet I find it difficult to keep in touch with the clubs who are involved with schools. If your club takes school programs or AASC will you please send me the contact details of the member responsible.

Jacky McDonald

Director of School Croquet

Tournament Committee Report

2013 has been a very busy year for the Tournament Committee (especially for John Eddes, David Stanton and myself). It has been a steep learning curve for me in particular. My sincere thanks and congratulations go to Jacky McDonald, who, for some time previously, chaired this committee and its many events. Wow! Well Done! I admire your dedication and tenacity.

We have enjoyed a wide range of tournaments with many "tournament novices" embracing the challenge of either AC, GC or both over the year. Congratulations on taking up the challenge! Without people competing (at whatever level) our game of Croquet cannot continue to develop and live.

Clubs who have previously not been involved in Events, Pennants, Tournaments, etc have joined the "busy" ranks. Well Done! I hope it continues.

Pennants, both AC and GC, were very successful with new clubs joining the event. Unfortunately some of our previous competitive clubs dropped out..... hopefully, just for the year and that they will regroup and join us again in 2014, along with more newcomers. Congratulations to the winning teams and all participating players.

We have not had many tournaments where the lack of numbers precluded the event taking place. Much of this has been due to people being chased to participate – our "terrier". John Eddes, has rounded up players, actively encouraging them to join an event which looks like lapsing. It is sad when competitions which have a long history lapse, due to lack of interest by potential competitors. We need to embrace competition if we, and Croquet in general, are to continue to develop, grow and succeed.

Country Clubs have offered their lawns and facilities for CNSW events – we really appreciate their initiative and enthusiasm. Thanks for being prepared to encourage players, especially country players, to compete at CNSW level.

Thank you to those people who have assisted as Tournament Managers and Referees – your assistance and expertise is really appreciated, especially by the competitors. Thanks also to the Concordia Club Board who have helped us and tried to diminish the lawn invasions when tournaments are held on weekends. We have also appreciated being able to book, even during busy times, a table (or two) for our competitors and spectators to use for breaks and lunchtime.

Another big thank you must go to the Tournament Committee (John Eddes, David Stanton, Peter Smith and Peter Landrebe). I have valued your support in my initial year as Chairperson

Best wishes and good, competitive croquet to all CNSW members. Bring on 2014! Robyn Compton Tournament Committee Chairperson.

Association Croquet Eire Cup Team

The NSW Association Croquet team finished a close 3rd in the 2013 Eire Cup played in Adelaide from 20-24 March. Results are available on croquet scores (http://www.croquetscores.com/). The team comprised Trevor Bassett (making his debut for NSW), Pam Gentle (making her debut in the AC team), Peter Landrebe, Rosie Landrebe, Charlotte Morgan, Jim Nicholls (VC), Alison Shape and myself.

We started well with 3 good wins against Tasmania, Queensland and South Australia, but could not overcome very good teams from Victoria and Western Australia, which finished 1st and 2nd respectively, over the last two days of competition.

A number of players performed extremely well across the event. Rosie Landrebe performed at a very high level winning 9 of her 10 singles matches and recording one TP along the way. Charlotte Morgan also followed up an excellent campaign in the Australian Open Women's singles event in which she was runner up, with 8 singles wins. And Peter Landrebe played well against some very strong competition in the number 1 men's spot to record 7 singles wins with 4 TPs. Everyone else worked hard but we couldn't always put the results on the board in some of the critical and close games. Also, our doubles pairings were a little inconsistent which caught up with us against Western Australia and Victoria were we started the singles games behind the 8-ball after the completion of the doubles play. That said the team worked well together and was proud to represent NSW in Adelaide.

And finally, my thanks to our Manager, Alan Walsh, who organised, supported, cajoled, drove and did everything in his power to assist the team to perform at its best including making it easier for me and the rest of the team to focus on playing our games rather than be distracted by any non-playing issues. Alan, and our other reserve, Nerida Taylor, also formed an able cheer squad throughout the event! We'll look to learn from the experience in Adelaide and work to improve our performance in 2014.

Stephen Richards, Captain

Golf Croquet Interstate Shield Team

The NSW team for the Interstate Shield was Joe Dimech, Mike Jenner, Trevor Black, Peter Freer, Rosie Graham, Christine Pont, Pam Gentle and Barb Piggott, with Ros Johnstone as reserve. Peter Freer was promoted from reserve into the team when John Levick had to withdraw due to ill-health.

The results for the team this year were very disappointing. All matches were closely fought, with the luck going to our opponents. Congratulations to the winners, Victoria, and the runners-up, Queensland. The results have made us more determined to win back the Shield this year.

All team members represented NSW proudly. It is an honour to be selected to play for the state, and all players practiced hard and played to the best of their ability. Thank you to Peter Smith and John Compton, our team managers, for their organisation and encouragement during the competition.

Pam Gentle, Captain

Golf Croquet Report

The past 12 months have been extremely busy for Golf Croquet starting with the State Handicap Championships hosted by Ballina Cherry Street and Byron Bay to complete our calendar for 2012. 2013 has seen the Division 2 and 3 Singles and Doubles in March and NSW Women's and Men's Singles and Open Doubles in April. June was the commencement of the Pennants competition for all Divisions and the Bronze Medal was hotly contested in July. Congratulations to everyone who entered, especially the winners.

The Interstate Shield is to be hosted in the Hunter region in August, and congratulations to all players on their selection. I know they have been putting in a number of hours of hard training in their endeavours to regain the shield from Victoria.

In addition to CNSW events, players from NSW also played in a number of ACA events in Melbourne this year including the President's 10s in February and May ACA Doubles and Singles in May and acquitted themselves very well. I am sure those playing in the ACA Men's and Women's in August will represent the state with distinction.

Referees and coaches have been busy conducting workshops throughout the state over this period and I thank this dedicated band of players who give up their time to promote our sport.

Whilst the role of GC Coordinator is not an onerous position, combined with my coaching commitments I have been kept fairly busy and have enjoyed support from all levels and enjoyed the opportunity to assist in the promotion of our sport.

Barb Piggott GC Coordinator



Golf Croquet Coaching Report

Coaching for Golf Croquet area has been extremely busy this year, starting with Greg Bury the National Director of Coaching – Golf Croquet conducting workshops in Maitland in February to qualify players in NSW as both Level O and Level 1 coaches. Greg also held a very popular and well attended Improve your Game Workshop for in excess of 60 players. Greg also appointed players within NSW as Presenters so we can now roll out the ACA system within the state.

After the workshop conducted by Greg and the others that I have conducted we now have 19 Level 1 and 21 Level O coaches throughout the state from Walla Walla to Lismore. I have also been busy conducting Improve your Game Workshops throughout the state with over 120 players taking the opportunity to attend . These clinics are an opportunity for players of all levels to improve their game and the feedback from those attending is always positive.

Players wishing to become Golf Croquet coaches should download and complete the application form from the CNSW website and forward it for processing.

As this is the last report before the AGM I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the assistance they have given me in this very busy position for the past 12 months which has seen the introduction of the ACA accredited coaching scheme rolled out within NSW and wish the incoming appointment every success in improving the standard of Golf Croquet within NSW.

Barb Piggott SDC - GC



Refereeing Report

On behalf of the Refereeing Committee I congratulate those who gained their officiating qualification since the last AGM report. We recognise that it is a big commitment to attend workshops, study and practise, and prepare for the Referee/Umpire's exam. This is only the beginning – the real learning, and development of skills and confidence occurs on the court as new skills are applied to competition/championship events.

Thank you to those who organise referees for CNSW events held at Tempe. It is not an easy task as those who live closest are approached most often.

Thank you to those who respond to requests and volunteer their time to travel to Tempe to oversee CNSW events.

Examining referees are sincerely thanked for their time and great commitment to organising and conducting training workshops for refereeing candidates, and refresher workshops for qualified officials. Conducting examinations is only part – but an extremely important part – of their responsibilities.

Two years ago the Refereeing Committee and Co-ordinator of Golf Croquet introduced a system of re-accreditation for all Croquet Umpires and Referees which will require at least some refereeing and attendance or conducting of updating/refresher workshops to acquire a small given number of points. Those who have satisfied these requirements are now listed as CNSW Active Referees. Those who have not currently re-accredited have their names moved to the Inactive Referees List, but may always, in the future make enquiries and again become Active Referees.

A National program of training, examining, accrediting and re-accrediting has been approved by Australian Sports Commission, adopted by Croquet Australia, and is still undergoing development and change. This document can be found on the Croquet Australia website.

Jan Sage CNSW SDR-AC







Newsletter Report

Once again we have had four interesting editions of the Croquet NSW Newsletter, thanks to those clubs and individuals who have taken the time to report on an event or tournament. Mind you, there have been several times when I have sat and looked at too many blank pages on my computer, despairing of having enough material to fill the spaces. Somehow, at the end, the articles come and a full issue is completed.

I want to acknowledge those clubs that have sent an article (or articles) for September 2012 – June 2013 issues: Bathurst, Blue Mountains, Branxton, Coogee, Cowra, Dubbo, Eastwood, Forster, Gloucester, Hurstville, Jamberoo, Killara, Lismore, Macquarie City, Maitland, Manly, Milton Ulladulla, Mt Sugarloaf, Mosman, Newcastle National Park, Nowra, Orange, Port Hacking, Port Macquarie, Sawtell, South West Rocks, Strathfield, Sutherland, Taree, Toronto, Urunga, Wagga Wagga, Walla Walla, Wollongong, Woolgoolga and Young.

Some individuals have also sent contributions: Brenda & Roger Evans, Pam Ingham, Peter Freer, Lester Hughes, Katherine Love (Makara & Gala Day), Ros Johnstone (Makara & WCF Interstate Shield), Jan Sage and Barb Piggott (Coaching), Larry Bryant and Jim Clement (Tips for play, and the Croaky Poet).

The reports of competitions and other club activities all contribute to keeping us aware of all the members of CNSW.

Thank you to all the contributors – some regular ones and some new ones.

Wendy Fothergill Editor







NSW Gateball Report

2011-12 has been another big year for gateball in NSW. It started off with a bang at the Australia Gateball Championship held at the Newcastle National Park Croquet Club from 16-18 September. Over 150 people competed, including teams from China and Japan, making it possibly the largest mallet sports event ever held in Australia. Here are some of the other highlights:

- In December the Narooma Croquet Club hosted the 2011 NSW Gateball Championship. There was a huge turnout, with teams from across NSW as well as Victoria and Queensland. Many thanks to tournament organiser Max Murray and all of the Narooma club members for putting on such a great show.
- The Blue Mountains Croquet Club hosted their second annual gateball competition. This year the weather was stunning (as were the pies). Six teams competed, including one from the Tamborine Mountains in Queensland.
- The Wagga Wagga Croquet Club hosted the inaugural Riverina Gateball Championship. Josh Willsher and Will Antill did a fantastic job organising their first competition. There was a great vibe throughout the whole weekend, with teams self-refereeing games and enjoying catching up over great food during the breaks.
- Once again members of the Blue Mountains, Canberra and Epping Croquet Clubs were out promoting gateball, running demonstrations in Bateau Bay, Eastwood, Sutherland, Tempe and Wagga Wagga.
- John and Penny Park from the Blue Mountains Croquet Club ran gateball sessions as part of the Active Afterschool Communities Program. Congratulations to them both for demonstrating that mallets sports are for all ages.

Next year looks set to see the growth of gateball continue in NSW. Mosman Croquet Club has kindly agreed to host the 2012 NSW Gateball Championships. There has already been a lot of interest in the competition and we are likely to see more interstate teams entering. Watch this space!

As always, if you are interested in trying gateball at your club, feel free to email me at alex.t.park@gmail.com. More information about gateball is available at www.gateball.com.au.

Report from State Handicapper

Once again the standard of play, especially in GC, has lifted and it is a very demanding effort to advance one's handicap. Congratulations to those who have progressed up the scale. We all recognise your effort. Those moving in the opposite direction should not be disheartened but reassess the challenge and develop that self confidence which will allow you to improve your ranking.

Thanks to all those Tournament managers, club handicappers, Tournament handicappers and hardworking secretaries who have helped us all keep track of what is going on with our handicaps. It is a tiring and pretty thankless job, but like refereeing is a valuable part of our much-loved game.

Thanks to all those who contacted me to let me know of your ranking changes. It is good to see players proud of their results. When you do wish to inform me of your changes please include you ID, your old and new handicap and your new index. (I like to keep track of all your changes so that we can look for rapid developers etc.)

I know club games captains (sometimes club tournament managers also) are very pressed for time and find it difficult to record a Handicap and Index form at the end of **club championship competitions** which they organise. During these events player's handicaps are altered on their cards. Often I get a surprise when I receive a AHS form showing that "Betty" moved from a handicap of 5 to a 4 when I had Betty's handicap at 8. In all probability the manager simply didn't send in the AHS form after the previous events where changes took place.

I am trying to be realistic and publish a new ranking every 3 months rather than more often. Please assist by ensuring the correct ACA ID is recorded and correct spelling is used by recorders as chasing up incorrect entries really makes life a little more difficult than it needs to be.

When sending AHS forms to me please send to handicaps@croquet-nsw.org

Isn't "Croquet Scores" wonderful?

Peter Smith.
CNSW handicapper.