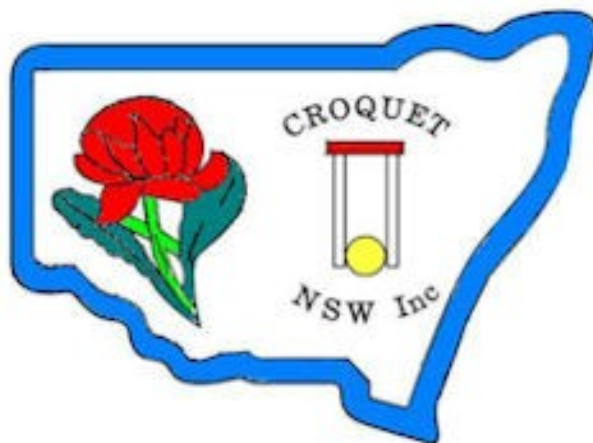


CROQUET NSW Inc



**ANNUAL REPORT
2013—2014**

Prepared by Pam Gentle

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

Financial Annual Report

This year's financial result is an intended smaller surplus due to the unexpectedly large surpluses achieved in the last two years.

The surplus from general operations was \$7538 down from \$14866 in 2012/2013.

Income was up \$8100 due mostly to an increase in affiliation fees of \$6300.

Expenses increased by \$15500. This was mainly due to increases in affiliation fees paid to Croquet Australia of \$4800, in lawn maintenance costs of \$5400 and an auditor's fee of \$3135 for 2012/2013. The increased lawn costs were as a result of additional renovation work done on lawn one to laser level it.

Interest on our investments was \$13505 which was in line with last year. This was achieved despite falling interest rates, due to tighter management of our operating funds and investment funds.

It is also appropriate to explain some significant variations to items in the balance sheet.

Sundry debtors (amounts owed to CNSW) is up due mainly to an amount owed by the ATO for the GST for the year. GST is paid quarterly based on the previous year with a reconciliation and adjustment following the end of the financial year. As we spent more this year we are entitled to a larger tax credit and this resulted in a substantial refund from the ATO.

There are also invoices to clubs sent late in the year for golf croquet rule books being unpaid at year end. Accrued interest is up due purely to the timing of the maturity dates of the term deposits.

Sundry creditors (amounts owed by CNSW) are up for two reasons: the annual grants to clubs for schools croquet have not been made yet and Croquet Aust issued an incorrect invoice for our purchases of new golf croquet rule books and have failed to issue an amended invoice by year end.

John Eddes
Treasurer

CROQUET NSW INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

GENERAL OPERATIONS	2014	2013
INCOME		
Affiliation fees	123695.50	117346.50
Tournament entry fees	10630.00	10931.00
Dept of Sport & Recreation grant	16500.00	16500.00
Interest received	1589.84	1729.91
Profit on sales		
Merchandise	873.76	638.18
Year books	-197.80	-140.20
Other sales	30.00	310.20
Revenue from		
Coaching	2995.00	2270.00
Referee instruction	1230.00	145.00
Lawn hire	245.00	162.50
Gala & open days (net)	0.00	255.00
Presentation day (net)	-18.00	81.00
Raffles (net)	0.00	97.00
Gateball Championship (net)	0.00	0.00
Public liability insurance levies	9408.00	9408.00
Aust Championships (net):	783.00	0.00
Sundry income	83.30	12.10
Total Income	167847.60	159746.19
EXPENDITURE		
Affiliation fees paid to Croquet	69278.00	64482.00
Tournament entry fees paid to Croquet Aust	755.00	1690.00
Lawn maintenance	30925.80	25576.59
Administration expenses		
Wages and Superannuation	5090.59	4960.40
Stationery	1016.36	616.96
Postage	1298.79	1244.03
Telephone	629.31	525.38
Computer expenses	1496.23	932.08
Printing	1929.40	659.90
Insurance	783.87	741.79
Auditors fees	3135.00	0.00
Expenditure on		
Coaching	2420.86	1672.00
Refereeing	1427.51	383.50
Lawn hire	2750.00	3209.00
Travel	1743.66	1375.60
Newsletter	3060.20	3286.80
State team	8586.89	8586.69
Schools development grants	2595.85	2181.00
Trophies	2218.54	1245.86
Catering & Housekeeping (net)	225.51	362.00

New equipment	130.45	351.60
Public liability insurance	9603.19	9583.36
Repairs and maintenance	3645.47	3550.61
Marrickville Council - lease	311.30	233.48
Net GST expense	4218.00	6308.00
Depreciation	777.00	952.00
Write off assets & merchandise	104.00	
Sundry expenses	152.40	169.00
Total Expenses	160309.18	144879.63
Surplus (Loss) on General Operations	7538.42	14866.56
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES		
Interest on Investments	13505.00	13159.73
Surplus on Investment Activities	13505.00	13159.73
Total Surplus on consolidated activities	21043.42	28026.29

CROQUET NSW INCORPORATED
Balance Sheet at 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
Current assets		
Cash on Hand		
Commonwealth Bank - cheque account	14,065.20	591.18
Commonwealth Bank - cash invest ac-	918.44	3,738.31
Quay credit union - term deposits	<u>340,889.73</u>	<u>328,753.02</u>
	355,873.37	333,082.51
Office petty cash	100.00	100.00
Accounts Receivable and other debtors		
Sundry Debtors	3422.00	445.20
Accrued interest to 30 June 2014	3550.00	2050.00
Stock on hand at cost	1353.08	2068.17
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>364,298.45</u>	<u>337,745.88</u>
Non current assets		
Equipment		
at written down value	3880.00	4761.00
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	<u>3,880.00</u>	<u>4,761.00</u>
Total assets	<u>368,178.45</u>	<u>342,506.88</u>

Less

Current liabilities

Sundry Creditors	7393.15	1489.00
Affiliation & entry fees paid in advance	1110.00	2386.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES	8503.15	3875.00
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Net assets

359,675.30	338,631.88
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General funds

As at 1 July 2013	65,845.63	70,979.07
Surplus (Loss) from general operations	7,538.42	14,866.56
Transfer to HQ/Building Fund	0.00	-20,000.00
Balance as at 30 June 2014	73,384.05	65,845.63

Special Funds

HQ/Building fund (see note 2)

As at 1 July 2013	272,786.25	239,626.52
Surplus from investment activities	13,505.00	13,159.73
Transfer from general funds	0.00	20,000.00
Balance as at 30 June 2014	286,291.25	272,786.25

Total Funds at 30 June 2014

359,675.30	338,631.88
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Tournament Committee Report

In 2014, there have been many tournaments – AC, GC and Gateball – at National, State and Club level – for anyone involved in playing mallet sports.

It has been pleasing to see that many events have had increased participation numbers. However, some CNSW events have not been able to run due to lack of entries. Unfortunately these are AC events, where it appears suitably qualified players are not interested in competing at their handicap level or at CNSW Headquarters.

This year the AC Silver Singles was run at Strathfield Croquet Club. Congratulations Strathfield on being persistent and thus enabling Silver Singles (not run in 2012, 2013) to be a successful tournament in 2014. At the time of writing this report, Strathfield will be hosting the CNSW Silver Doubles in late August (26 -28 August).

In GC, there has been good participation especially for those events held on behalf of CNSW at non-Sydney venues. Congratulations to Port Macquarie, EDSACC (Bateau Bay), Forster and Canberra for volunteering to run tournaments for us. They have all had good participation rates with many suitably qualified players embracing the opportunity to play in State competitions. A couple of clubs have successfully tendered to host CNSW events in 2015. Thanks for being proactive and keen.

Pennants, both AC and GC, had positive participation over the full range of ability levels. Once again, it was great to see some new players / teams participating. Obviously, we hope this continues in 2015 and beyond. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to the other teams for being part of this extensive activity.

My sincere thanks go to the Tournament Committee, especially to John Eddes (who takes the entries and does all of the draws) and to David Stanton (who, this year, ran both the AC and the rounds of the GC Pennants – whilst I was overseas). Most players are not aware of the time, effort and commitment that goes on behind the scenes for each of our events.

Thanks also to all who have assisted as Tournament Managers and Referees – your assistance and expertise is really appreciated by the competitors. Thanks also to the Concordia Club Board who have cooperatively worked with us in very many ways.

Best wishes to all croquet players and good croquetting in 2015.

Robyn Compton
Tournament Committee Chairperson

Association Croquet 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.

By now I expect that all officials are recording their refereeing activity on the new ACA Referee/Umpire Activity Record card. This can be downloaded and printed from the Refereeing page of the ACA website. National re-accreditation is required every 4 years. Any referee or umpire who is not currently accredited can ask to reaccredit at any time, and will be assessed according to the current requirements.

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.

A new electronic version of the AC Referee's Manual has been produced by the National Technical Panel and adopted by ACA. Hopefully it will be made available to all referees in the near future.

Jan Sage
CNSW SDR-AC



Association Coaching Report

The Association coaching arena has not been as busy the past 12 months as Golf Croquet, however I have held Improve your Game Workshops at seven Clubs with 43 players attending 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 2014 has been on the CNSW Website since December 2013 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



Golf Croquet Report

The past 12 months have been extremely busy for Golf Croquet starting with the State Handicap Championships hosted by Taree and Port Macquarie, the Division 1 Doubles and Singles, and the Champion of Champions to complete our calendar for 2013. 2014 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 played in Adelaide in September. Congratulations to all players on their selection and 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 8s in February and 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 September 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 Referee Report

My sincere thanks to all referees for your commitment and hard work throughout the year. In particular, special thanks to the referees who make themselves available to assist at CNSW events at Tempe, without your commitment and expertise these events would not run smoothly.

This year I have been fortunate to visit many Clubs throughout the state (with more to follow) to help with the clarification and implementation of the NOVEMBER 2013 RULES.

I would like to congratulate the referees for the time they spend with members explaining the various rules and encouraging the enforcement of rules during play.

Many of our members play croquet as a social rather than a competitive activity and I was encouraged to see the majority of clubs embracing the rules and paying attention to the recent changes.

I was particularly impressed with the Northern Rivers Group, to find such vital, committed referees and players, who, due to the distance involved, are unable to participate at CNSW events at Tempe. However they continue to maintain a most vital, up to date network of enthusiastic people with a desire to improve. Well done! Keep up the great work, I am looking forward to my next visit.

To those recently qualified referees, keep up the practice - the task only gets easier. Refereeing is often a thankless task but one which plays a vital role in the game.

A REMINDER to ALL Referees, in order to retain your accreditation the Australian Sports Commission on –line Assessment must be completed by 2017. I know this seems a long way off— don't delay, please complete the assessment and send a copy of your certificate to me to ensure your accreditation is up to date.

Finally, I draw your attention to the WCF Refereeing Regulations, These are no longer contained in the rule book, they were revised and made effective as from April 20th 2012. They are available on the WCF web site.

Bev Smith
SDR GC

Golf Croquet Coaching Report

Coaching for Golf Croquet area has been extremely busy since last year's AGM with me attending 17 Clubs throughout the state to work with 335 players during Improve your Game Workshops. These clinics are an opportunity for players of all levels to improve their game and the feedback from those attending is always positive.

We now have 21 Level 1 and 25 Level O coaches throughout the state from Walla Walla to Ballina. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Margaret Thompson and Pam Gentle for their assistance in conducting the training of our newer coaches as it reduces my travel commitments.

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 and wish the incoming appointment every success in improving the standard of Golf Croquet within NSW.

Barb Piggott
SDC - GC



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

The playing highlight of the year was Canberra's performance in winning the 2013 Australian Championships at Cairnlea. To reach the final Canberra had to overcome the young team from Bali and then managed to defeat the Chinese team in the final. This earned Canberra a place to represent Australia at the 2014 World Gateball Union Championships in Japan later this year. We wish them all the best.

Our NSW round of competitions are becoming established. The Blue Mountains Competition in February was held in horribly wet weather, but, as usual was enjoyed by all. With players overseas, Canberra were joined by the McCoys from Young who had only been playing for a few weeks. Their finely honed croquet skills dovetailed well with the experienced trio from Canberra and carried off the trophy once again. Wagga Wagga held their competition in April and were delighted to have 6 teams in attendance from both Victoria and NSW. Once again, Canberra carried off the honours as they also did at Newcastle's second competition in early July. Newcastle's competition attracted a NSW record of 11 teams. Mention must be made of Queensland's Tamborine Raptors. They have played at each of our competitions. They have provided stiff competition for Canberra who they have sometimes defeated in the round robins but have then lost to them in the final.

Our State championships were held in Canberra where the final was fought out between two Japanese teams that were a delight to play against.

Three new referees passed all the stages of testing to become level two referees. This now means we have four referees from the ACT and seven across NSW. Well done Penny Park (Blue Mountains) Judy Squelch (Newcastle National Park) and Kerrie Sutherland (Newcastle National Park).

As a club new to the game Jamberoo certainly made their presence felt this year. Their debut competition was the 2013 State Championships in Canberra where they were awarded the new team award. By the time of the Blue Mountains Competition they creditably were placed third after the first round of the round robin. At the Newcastle comp this year they managed to field two teams. With a good roll up at their regular club sessions Jamberoo can only go from strength to strength.

Once again we have managed to contribute to the gateball.com.au website. All NSW events and news are posted regularly. CNSW members are invited to check out this site to keep up with Gateball news

Demonstrations in 2013/14 have been conducted at Orange and Young. As a result Young players have participated in Gateball competitions. As always NSW gateballers are very willing to share their love of the game at demonstrations or training sessions. Please email nswgateball@gmail.com if you require such assistance. A limited amount of gateball gear is available for loan to clubs who wish to trial the game.

Report from State Handicapper

With the changes to the rules in golf croquet came a major change to the handicapping system. At last, indexes were to change as a result of doubles play. Our supply of handicapping cards for our players was slow to get into motion, however that situation has been sorted out.

There is now a greater movement in the cards with players seeking new ones much more regularly (2 factors here... 1. For the sake of improved clarity - especially when writing in 2 names for each "competitor" and for more ease with reading, the line spacing is larger than both the old card and one proposed by ACA. 2. With doubles games now being included on the card, pages fill almost twice as fast.)

Initially some confusion about players on GC handicaps of 10,11 and 12 had people panicking, however all now accept that indexes for those players **never get lower**.

The only tricky bit left revolves around changes to an individual's handicap when playing doubles games. Players have to be aware of impending handicap changes and ensure that at the **commencement of each game** the correct handicap is being used. (Serious consequences (disqualification) can result, so be careful).

To help make the card make sense, in the next line after a trigger point is reached, write something like this..

"Date..Trigger Point Reached. New H/C= #. New Index =##". Have handicapper initial it and fill in next line on front of card.

The boring and demanding process of checking your handicap card can be streamlined with the aid of a little program on the CNSW website. Try it, especially if you are a club handicapper.

The standard of play is improving each year and the ever upward creep of handicaps is a reflection of this.

Please make sure you use my new email contact...bjpgsmith@tpg.com.au when sending results. These are getting much better with more accurate ACA ID recording. Well done managers.

Peter Smith
CNSW Handicapper.