

CROQUET NEW SOUTH WALES ANNUAL REPORT JULY – DECEMBER 2022



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FROM THE BOARD

Croquet NSW (CNSW) has changed to a calendar financial year, and so this report covers only six months.

We continue our goal to build player numbers across NSW: affiliated player numbers have increased from 3002 to 3122. This is 4% growth from December 2021, with three new clubs joining us at Parkes, Griffith, and Lake Illawarra. Our goal is 10% increase by June this year. A club survey has been held which revealed a strong appetite for growth by most clubs, and we welcome the new recruitment initiatives already undertaken. Promotion and publicity resources for the clubs are currently being developed.

The Club Hubs continue to offer coaching, competition, and other training for clubs in their region. They are already introducing more people to Gateball and Ricochet, as well as hosting Tournaments and building coaching and referee skills. CNSW is looking for up to three additional Hubs in 2023. Ray Chapman is the CNSW Board member overseeing Club Hubs, while Christine Edlund has taken on the new role as the Club Hubs Co-ordinator.

Pennants competitions continue to be popular, with record number of 48 teams competing in the Division 2 and 3 Golf Croquet competitions in 2022. Manly Sapphire team won Division 3, Toronto Division 2, and Royal Sydney Golf Club Division 1. It's a great way to get competition experience in a supportive team environment.



The State is seeing increasing interest and participation in Ricochet and Gateball, fostered by the State Co-ordinators (Ray Chapman, CNSW Board member, has just been appointed as National Ricochet Co-ordinator). The NSW Gateball Championships were held in Albury in September 2022, and the National Ricochet Championships are scheduled for Tempe in Sydney in April 2023.

A number of NSW players were selected to represent Australia in 2022: Alison Sharpe in the Golf Croquet World Championships (England) and in the MacRobertson Shield (Melbourne). Alison was also selected to represent Australia at the ACA Women's World Championships in New Zealand in January, alongside Kerri-Ann Organ and Rosie Landrebe (Rosie later withdrew from the event). Ethan Gumbrell was selected to represent Australia in the NSW Under 21 GC World Championships held in New Zealand in February 2023. Ethan acquitted himself very well at the Australian Under 21 Championships in Queensland in November with Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.

CNSW has welcomed to the Board in October: Fidy Westgarth together with the return of Simon Cook who join Steve Miles (Treasurer), Kate McLoughlin (Chair), Rik Mills (Secretary), Liz Friend and Ray Chapman. We thank David Scott (Secretary) and Rosie Landrebe for their work on the Board. We also welcomed Petula Shun as the first State Co-ordinator of Refereeing, Gateball. Lisa Kelshaw has moved on from her role as CNSW Membership Officer but continues as Merchandising Officer. Pam Wieners has taken on the role of Membership Officer.

CNSW is continuing to improve the State HQ facility at Mackey Park, Tempe, in conjunction with Cooks River Croquet Club. Both organisations are participating in a Plan of Management for Mackey Park and look forward to securing the venue for both local use, and access for players across the State to this top-quality venue.

Forty-three CNSW Tournaments were held during 2022 (including some held over from 2021) of which around half were hosted by Clubs around the State. CNSW appreciates the dedication of the Tournaments Team in managing these events as well as the national AC Championships, and also appreciates the work of local Tournament Managers, referees and caterers who enable players to enjoy their competition.

Our Golden Mallet Award for 2022 for a volunteer nominated by Clubs around the State was awarded to Pat Moroney from Jamberoo.

CNSW acknowledges the contribution of John Park, who retired as National Co-ordinator of Gateball. John has been a driving force in Gateball and in establishing many of the frameworks used currently. I am sure John will continue to contribute.

We look forward to 2023, with the establishment of Mel Woosnam as the first CEO of Croquet Australia, and to some significant progress in the area's membership growth, member and event management, and further development of Club Hubs across the State.

Kate McLoughlin
Chair CNSW
March 2023

BOARD MEMBERS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE (1.7.22-31.12.22)

| | |
|--|-----|
| Ray Chapman | 6/6 |
| Simon Cook* | 2/6 |
| Elizabeth Friend | 5/6 |
| Kate McLoughlin | 6/6 |
| Steve Miles | 6/6 |
| Rik Mills | 6/6 |
| Fidye Westgarth* | 1/6 |
| *Appointed to Board during last quarter 2022 | |

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Result

This report is a summary of the financial results for the six months ending 31 December 2022 after CNSW changed its reporting period from a June year end to a December year end. More detail is provided in the full financial statements which are presented in a separate document.

The six months to 31 December 2022 have resulted in a small loss. The major items affecting this result were:

- Lower investment income after CNSW sold its holdings of managed funds in the last financial year.
- Additional expenses for the National Titles and Eire Cup held in March 2022, but the overall financial result was still better than expected.
- A delay in the Tempe lawn renovation which meant that the December 2022 renovation expense of \$15,500 will be recorded in 2023. The Office of Sport Annual Grant which supports Tempe costs was also not received until 2023 as this grant is usually received in March or April.

| Earnings (\$) | Dec-22 | Jun-22 | Jun-21 | Jun-20 | Jun-19 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Months in Period | 6 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Earnings from Croquet Activities | -5,452 | 26,424 | 8,022 | -7,744 | -36,197 |
| Earnings from Investment Activities | 3,414 | 31,757 | 31,548 | 11,879 | 19,568 |
| Change in Basis | | | 40,370 | | |
| Total Earnings | -2,038 | 58,181 | 79,940 | 4,135 | -16,630 |

As a result of the small loss, the net assets of CNSW declined to:

| Croquet NSW | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Balance Sheet (\$) | | | | | |
| Period Ending | Dec-22 | Jun-22 | Jun-21 | Jun-20 | Jun-19 |
| Months in Period | 6 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| <i>Current Assets</i> | | | | | |
| Cash | 677,494 | 645,238 | 392,250 | 469,156 | 294,476 |
| Receivables | 8,881 | 8,152 | 19,677 | 2,365 | 4,827 |
| Inventories | 309 | 126 | 1,212 | 2,503 | 634 |
| Other | 15,304 | 47,250 | 46,660 | 6,586 | 5,350 |
| <i>Non Current Assets</i> | | | | | |
| Other Financial Assets | 0 | 0 | 160,677 | 131,484 | 125,081 |
| Property, Plant, Equipment | 10,347 | 10,055 | 10,283 | 11,891 | 14,364 |
| Total Assets | 712,335 | 710,821 | 630,758 | 623,984 | 444,734 |
| <i>Current Liabilities</i> | | | | | |
| Payables | 48,249 | 15,460 | 9,013 | 13,411 | 9,350 |
| Office of Sport Grants | 116,715 | 140,615 | 119,189 | 186,685 | 20,498 |
| Other | 0 | 5,337 | 11,329 | 12,601 | 7,734 |
| Total Liabilities | 164,964 | 161,412 | 139,531 | 212,697 | 37,582 |
| Net Assets | 547,371 | 549,408 | 491,227 | 411,287 | 407,152 |
| Difference in Net Assets | -2,037 | 58,181 | 79,940 | 4,135 | -16,630 |

CNSW continues to spend the Office of Sport Annual Grant monies to support and grow the sport. The balance of Office of Sport Special Purpose Grants funds is \$116,715 but this includes \$14,124 which is due to be refunded, leaving a net balance of \$102,591. The Income and Expenditure accounts show the amount of funding paid out by CNSW rather than the initial grant received. The balance of grant money is shown in the balance sheet.

There was a significant increase in payables at the end of the year due to a timing problem in getting end of year payments processed through the banking system. These payments were cleared on January 1 and payables returned to the normal level.

The Financial Statements have the full financial details for the year. In summary the income and expenditure were:

| Croquet NSW | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Summary of Income & Expenditure (\$) | | | | | |
| Period Ending | Dec-22 | Jun-22 | Jun-21 | Jun-20 | Jun-19 |
| Months in Period | 6 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Income | | | | | |
| Affiliation Fees | 69,240 | 134,883 | 128,066 | 122,127 | 122,808 |
| Nationals | 0 | 9,846 | 0 | 0 | 26,450 |
| Office of Sport Annual Grant | 0 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Office of Sport Special Grant Income | 22,900 | 82,474 | 67,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance Levies | 3,137 | 8,693 | 11,398 | 10,054 | 10,368 |
| Investment Income & Gains | 3,414 | 5,260 | 10,368 | 11,690 | 14,887 |
| Movement in Value of Investments | 0 | 26,497 | 21,180 | 190 | 4,680 |
| Presentation Day Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,179 | 1,564 |
| Tournament Entry Fees | 9,815 | 23,726 | 21,772 | 7,822 | 14,045 |
| Tempe HQ Lawn Income | 2,530 | 4,615 | | | |
| Miscellaneous Items | 772 | 1,013 | 1,064 | 2,801 | 1,663 |
| Total Income | 111,807 | 312,008 | 275,848 | 170,863 | 211,466 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| ACA Affiliation Fees | 42,759 | 80,185 | 40,370 | 42,480 | 74,741 |
| ACA Affiliation Fee Rebate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42,358 | 0 |
| Audit, Legal and Consulting Fees | 2,000 | 1,900 | 2,000 | 4,919 | 30,163 |
| Lawn Hire, Tournaments, Trophies | 5,580 | 10,415 | 8,652 | 5,718 | 8,664 |
| Depreciation | 1,267 | 2,946 | 2,571 | 2,328 | 2,538 |
| Insurance | 7,436 | 12,968 | 11,448 | 10,821 | 11,390 |
| Lawns, Tempe, CRCC | 12,428 | 32,847 | 52,529 | 33,188 | 32,164 |
| Office of Sport Special Grant Outgo | 22,900 | 82,474 | 67,000 | 0 | 0 |
| National Championships | 2,223 | 10,137 | 500 | 500 | 26,872 |
| Office, Newsletter, Yearbooks | 3,764 | 10,557 | 3,359 | 4,146 | 11,092 |
| Presentation Day and Gala Day | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,559 | 1,718 |
| Publicity | 0 | 180 | 0 | 55 | 7,706 |
| State Teams & Competition | 11,221 | 3,866 | 2,239 | 13,908 | 12,592 |
| Travel & Accommodation | 1,019 | 3,905 | 1,601 | 1,942 | 5,487 |
| Referee and Coaching | 1,248 | 1,446 | 3,639 | 808 | 2,968 |
| Total Expenses | 113,845 | 253,827 | 195,908 | 166,727 | 228,095 |
| Net Profit | -2,038 | 58,181 | 79,940 | 4,135 | -16,630 |

Building Fund

Historically, the financial results have separated assets into General Funds and a Building Fund. There was no commitment to a building but a general expectation that funds may be needed to build a clubhouse somewhere. The basis behind this model was that the building fund would receive the investment income from assets allocated to the Building Fund and that the General Funds would back a Croquet Business that would be break even each year.

The Building Fund does fund improvements at Tempe where net costs are more than \$25,000. In this accounting period there were only 6 months of maintenance costs and no lawn renovation, so the building fund has only been charged costs in excess of \$8,500 rather than \$12,500. The 2023 base will be \$33,000. Using the established basis, the building fund calculations are:

| Building Fund (\$) | Dec-22 | Jun-22 | Jun-21 | Jun-20 | Jun-19 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Months in Period | 6 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Balance at Start of Year | 415,026 | 385,203 | 382,056 | 375,261 | 358,957 |
| Investment Surplus | 3,414 | 31,757 | 31,776 | 11,795 | 21,304 |
| Tempe Costs | -9,898 | -26,577 | -30,000 | -30,000 | -30,000 |
| Less Costs excluded | 8,500 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Lawn Reorganisation | | | -22,555 | | |
| Investment Income on Grants | -422 | -358 | -1,074 | | |
| Balance at End of Year | 416,620 | 415,026 | 385,203 | 382,056 | 375,261 |

It is important to look at this figure in the context of the overall net asset position of CNSW. As can be seen below, CNSW is well capitalised. The change in financial year resulted in more Business Assets moving to Cash and Receivables as the CNSW end of financial year lined up with the ACA end of financial year. Paying ACA affiliation fees is the major expense item for CNSW.

| Allocation of Net Assets (\$) | Dec-22 | Jun-22 | Jun-21 | Jun-20 | Jun-19 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Months in Period | 6 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Investments supporting the Building Fund | 415,026 | 415,026 | 385,203 | 382,056 | 375,261 |
| Business Assets - Cash and Receivables | 106,385 | 76,951 | 47,869 | 8,252 | 11,541 |
| Business Assets - Non Financial | 25,960 | 57,431 | 58,155 | 20,980 | 20,348 |
| Total Net Assets | 547,371 | 549,408 | 491,227 | 411,288 | 407,152 |

Looking Forward

Inner West Council is reviewing the management of Mackey Park and the licences for park users. The results should be known this year.

- Responding to any change in the arrangements at Tempe.
- Make Club Hubs work. There has been a promising start but there is still more work to be done.
- Support clubs in growing membership and recruit more clubs. All clubs in NSW benefit from the work done by CNSW and by the players who develop through CNSW coaching and tournaments.
- Develop a new website and database.

In closing I would like to thank club secretaries and treasurers for their help in paying promptly and being responsive to my information requests. My personal thanks to Pam Wiemers as Membership Officer and Lisa Kelshaw who handles merchandise sales. David Archer continues to work in the background on our current website and supports the need to update the current site.

I am still after extra volunteers to help with tournament accounting and MYOB processing. These jobs will keep you active and only take 2-3 hours a week and would make 2023 a much easier year for me.

See you on a lawn somewhere.

Steve Miles – CNSW Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP (as at 31.12.22)

Croquet NSW has 69 member Clubs, which have 3,115 players across the State, and 151 full sized lawns. This is a 4% increase in membership from December 2021 numbers. Some players are members of more than one club but CNSW only charges one affiliation fee. The number of affiliated players for each region is:

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| ACT Riverina | 262 |
| South coast | 294 |
| Southern Sydney | 285 |
| Northern Sydney | 682 |
| Western region | 338 |
| Hunter region | 583 |
| Mid north Coast | 209 |
| Coff's coast | 265 |
| Northern rivers | 233 |
| | 3115 |

CNSW APPOINTED POSITION HOLDERS 2022

| Appointed Positions | Continuing | Retiring |
|--|---|-------------------|
| State Handicapper | Gareth Denyer | |
| Tournament Committee | David Stanton (Chair) Richard Christian Mike Hughes Stephen Richards | Lorraine Hatfield |
| AC Selectors | Stephen Richards (Chair) Mike Hughes David Stanton Kerri Ann Hughes Peter Landrebe (Team Coach) | |
| GC Selectors | Peter Montague (Chair) Peter Freer Alison Sharpe Ros Johnson <i>Vacant</i> | |
| State Coach | Peter Landrebe | |
| State Co-ordinator of Coaching | <i>vacant</i> | Pam Gentle |
| State Director Refereeing AC | <i>vacant</i> | |
| State Director Refereeing GC | <i>vacant</i> | Lorraine Hatfield |
| State Director Gateball | Judy Tier | |
| State Director Ricochet | Richard Hughes | |
| State Director Refereeing, Gateball | Petula Shun | |
| State Co-ordinator, Junior Croquet | Jacky McDonald | |
| Club Hubs Coordinator | Christine Edlund | |
| Merchandise Officer | Lisa Kelshaw | |

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| Membership Officer | Pam Wiemers | |
| Complaints and MPP Officer | <i>vacant</i> | |
| Web Manager | David Archer | |
| Facilities Management Committee | Steve Miles Rosie Landrebe Peter Landrebe Stephen Burns | |
| Public Officer | Steve Miles | |

CNSW CLUB HUBS

CNSW Club Hubs, Canberra, Coutts Crossing, Port Macquarie, Strathfield, and Toronto, were established in May 2022.

The object of Club Hubs concept was to provide meaningful and accessible support for existing affiliated croquet clubs in NSW for the enjoyment of the game for members and the community.

Since their establishment, Club Hubs have been engaged in various activities including coaching, refereeing, workshops, and come and try days throughout their region.

Christine Edlund has recently been appointed Club Hubs Co-ordinator and will be working closely with the Club Hubs to coordinate resources for Club Hubs to assist in providing training, coaching and other club hub activities.

Club Hubs are working on a 2023 events calendar that will be distributed to the clubs throughout NSW, so everyone will have the opportunity to be involved in the various Club Hub activities.

The CNSW Board will be seeking to extend the Club Hub concept to a further three clubs not presently within the existing Club Hub regions.

Ray Chapman
CNSW Director

COMMITTEE /OFFICER REPORTS

AC SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The AC Selection Committee (ACSC) for 2022-23 comprised Stephen Richards (Chair), Mike Hughes, Kerri-Ann Organ, David Stanton, and Peter Landrebe in his capacity as State Team Coach.

In the first half of 2022, the ACSC selected a State Squad of 14 players from whom it was expected, based on performances over the previous 12 months, the 2023 State Team would be selected. The ACSC also invited another 14 players, identified as having the potential to compete successfully in State events and who may come under consideration for selection in future State teams, to be part of a Development Squad. A Development Squad training weekend, led by Tim Murphy, was held at Tempe on 6-7 August 2022.

The ACSC selected a field of six for the Selectors Invitational event played on 10-11 September 2022, and which was won by Barbara McDonald - to choose an eighth player for the 2022 Bronze Medal event.

The other players the ACSC selected to participate in the 2022 Bronze Medal were: Alison Sharpe, Rob Elliott, Stephen Richards, Trevor Bassett, Stephen Pearce, Tim Murphy, and Alan Walsh. The Bronze Medal was played on 1-2 October 2022 and won by Stephen Richards, who will represent NSW in the ACA's Gold Medal event to be held in March 2023.

In early November 2022, following the ACA's Australian Open and the NSW Open Singles Championships, the ACSC selected the State team for the 2023 Eire Cup. Due to concerns about the potential impact of Covid-19 on the team in the lead up to the event, the ACSC decided to select four male players (Peter Landrebe, Jim Nicholls, Stephen Richards, and Trevor Bassett) and four female players (Alison Sharpe, Rosie Landrebe, Kerri-Ann Organ and Jo Brown), and two male reserves (Tim Murphy and Stephen Pearce) and two female reserves (Di Scott and Sue Eldridge-Smith). This decision was endorsed by the CNSW Board. Subsequently, Jim Nicholls declined the invitation for personal reasons.

The final team was Peter Landrebe (Captain), Stephen Richards, Trevor Bassett, Tim Murphy, Alison Sharpe, Rosie Landrebe, Kerri-Ann Organ, and Jo Brown. Stephen Pearce and Di Scott were selected as travelling reserves, with Stephen Pearce also appointed as Manager.

The ACSC conducted its business via email exchanges. However, the Committee held three meetings via Zoom – one to finalize the selection of players to be invited to play in the Selectors' Invitational event, and the other two which were used to shortlist and finally select the State Team for the 2023 Eire Cup. The CNSW Board member with responsibility for overseeing ACSC activities was invited to join the meetings to select the State Team for the 2023 Eire Cup in an observer capacity to facilitate the speedy consideration and endorsement of the ACSC's selections by the CNSW Board.

The ACSC next expects to meet in early April 2023 to consider the performance of the team in the 2023 Eire Cup and select State and Development Squads for the next 12 months.

Stephen Richards
Chair, ACSC

GOLF CROQUET SELECTION COMMITTEE

AIMS

The GC Selection Committee's aims for 2023 are:

- to encourage the establishment or continuation of Regional Development Squads,
- to select a State Squad and to run trials and training sessions for the squad members,
- to select a team for the Interstate Shield to compete in Perth in September, and
- to select the fields for the Selectors' Event and the ACA Bronze Medal competition.

PROGRESS IN 2023

Regional Development Squads

We have not made further progress so far this year. We still want to encourage squads to be established in the Hunter, Coffs Coast and Mid-North Coast regions, but this depends on finding and persuading key people to drive them in each region. The current regional squads have worked well and have provided a pathway for new players into the State Squad, which we hope will be increasingly productive.

State Squad

Our aim this year was to name a Squad and a team earlier than in previous years (at the request of the CNSW Board) and in doing so to arrange a series of trial competitions for Squad members to increase our database for selection of the final team.

Invitations to Squad members were sent out on 22 November 2022, and the Squad, comprising 10 women and 10 men, was named on 1 December (in alphabetical order):

Pamela Barnwell, Georgina Carnegie, Jamie Gumbrell, Gerda Lambeck, Kate McLoughlin, Pauline Markwell, Liz Montague, Ruth Mulvaney, Sue Sellers, and Jill Sullivan.

Derek Bull, Stephen Burns, Ray Chapman, Richard Christian, Gareth Denyer, Peter Freer, Kevin McGlynn, Malcolm Powys, David Scott, and Mark Scruton.

Notably, four men and four women were not in the Squad last year.

Several other players have been advised that they have been under consideration for the Squad now or in future, recommending they take part in State tournaments.

We have completed region-based trials of Squad members (in Canberra, Sydney, and Newcastle) in January and early February.

These events have been organized by Peter Freer, Ros Johnstone and Derek Bull. Access to lawns for these trials has been a problem, and we are grateful to several clubs for providing venues - Newcastle NP, Sutherland, Canberra, Royal Sydney Golf Club, Southern Highlands, Killara, and Cooks River.

We have organized a pair of ISS-style tests to be held at Cooks River 28 February to 1 March.

Squad training sessions, to follow the trials, have not yet been planned in any detail.

Selectors' Event

We view the Selectors Event as primarily to aid the final selection of the State Team, and it will probably therefore be organized as parallel Men's and Women's competitions, as in 2022. The event is scheduled for 19-21 May.

State Team

We aim to provide our recommended State Team to the CNSW Board by the end of May.

Peter Montague

GC Selection Committee Chair

RICOCHET REPORT

Ricochet Events in 2023

Australian Ricochet Croquet – 2023 Open Singles & Doubles Championships are at Tempe with the doubles on 14-16 April and the singles 17-20 April 2023. I encourage NSW Ricochet players to enter and be part of history competing in the first ever national Ricochet event. My thanks to sponsor Parbery Consulting for supporting the event. The flyer for both events is accessible via the CNSW Events page. Enter at the Australian Croquet Association page – Tournaments – Entry – Ricochet.

CNSW Events

CNSW Open Ricochet - Doubles and Singles – Nowra – 26 -30 May 2023

CNSW Ricochet Div 3 - doubles and Singles – Strathfield – 5 – 9 June 2023

CNSW Ricochet Div 2 - Doubles and Singles – Toronto – 14 – 18 July 2023

Thanks to Nowra, Strathfield, and Toronto for hosting these events. The support of clubs is vital to the success of CNSW events. My thanks also to David Stanton for his support and work in ensuring that the CNSW Ricochet events run smoothly with draws that maximise competitor play time and value for money.

Rules

The ACA, Victorian, Queensland Ricochet Co-ordinators and myself are revising the 2019 Rules. Rules being considered are: use of half bisques; the striker is able to place the striker's ball anywhere in contact with the target ball when the 2 balls are touching at the start of a turn; adopting the AC clauses in relation to expedient play, making the rule clearer for timed games in relation to stop on the bell and turn after the bell; and games of 1 and ½ hours being recorded on handicap cards.

I look forward to hearing from clubs and players with any other suggestions.

Richard Hughes

CNSW Ricochet Co-ordinator

GATEBALL REPORT

In July, four members of the Toronto Club, Marion Davies, Helen Chalmers, Ruth Mulvaney and Jenny Willsher, introduced Gateball to 27 members of Port Macquarie Croquet Club. Both Clubs are CNSW Hubs and with monies provided by CNSW, Port Macquarie was able to buy a Gateball set and pay for accommodation.

Gateball Australia appointed Ros Crowe as its new National Coordinator of Gateball. Ros joined Pine Rivers Croquet Club in 2019 to introduce Gateball and played in the Jinxi Cup in China that year with players from South Australia and Pine Rivers. When she retired in 2020, she moved to her local club, Eildon, and currently represents them.

In August, NSW and ACT players participated in the annual Queensland State Championships. The winning team was Macs from the Toronto Croquet Club in NSW which had two players from other clubs to form the team.



The winning team, Macs, from Toronto NSW

The Doubles final was played between the L & J team from Southport (Lee and Julia,) and the Ganbatte team (Jenny Willsher from Toronto and Geoff Crook from Adelaide). The game was won by Jenny and Geoff in an absorbing, tactical battle.

Our major event, the NSW State Championships, was held at Twin Cities CC in Albury in September. A record number of 25 contested the Doubles competition in 4 blocks, with semi-finals played between the winners of Block A, the Kele Crew (Cheryl & Steve) 10, defeating Redcliffe Three (Alan James & Crystal Carling) 8. The winners of Block C, Canberra Whiteheads (Glen & Kristina) 18, defeating Redcliffe One (Geoff Morris & Paul Ekeberg) 6. The final between Kele Crew and

Canberra Whiteheads was a game of cat and mouse strategy with victory to the Canberra Whiteheads 14 points to 7. After the match, Steve Kele conceded they had more to learn from this couple with their 20 years' experience and had thoroughly enjoyed the competition. An emotional Glen Whitehead dedicated the trophy to fellow Canberra CC Gateball player Andrew Davies. Andrew suffered a heart attack during the first round of the Doubles on Friday morning and died in the Albury Hospital.

Thirteen teams contested the renamed Clare & Ken Poole Teams trophy. In the semi-finals, Hazelbrook was defeated by the Macs (combined team from Toronto and Epping) 12 – 10, and Kew defeated the Canberra Sparkers 15 points to 7. Around 50 people cheered on players in the final, with winners Kew defeating the Macs 14 to 9.



Team Runners-up, the MACS



Team Winners Kew

In accepting the trophy from CNSW Board Member Rosie Landrebe, Philip Brown, the Kew Captain, thanked people for the organisation of a successful tournament under trying conditions and reminded everyone to treasure the friends they have made playing Gateball.



The host team, River Gateball (pictured) was awarded the trophy for the best new team. The event had faced many challenges. With three days to go a number of teams had to withdraw. Their withdrawal required the draw to be redone and further modified to equip games with referees. Two days before the tournament, the venue managers confirmed the courts were unavailable due to pools of water which had not dried as expected. Plan B, to move to an Albury Council soccer field, was confirmed on Wednesday and worked well for the doubles on Friday. It required extreme effort from the few Twin City CC members to paint 8 courts, move chairs and all tournament equipment from the original venue, Albury Tennis Association Centre,

150 metres up the road. Because the soccer field was unavailable for the weekend, Plan C saw the tournament moving across the border to Wodonga Tennis Centre. This was a fantastic venue with grass tennis courts providing a pretty true and slick surface for play. And we played each day in sunshine with clear blue skies. Many thanks go to our Venue Manager for quickly identifying alternate venues and managing all the logistics of the changes. Also, to our wonderful Gateball players, who loaded up their cars and utes with gear, assisted with court set up and did not complain about the moveable feast of this tournament.

Players from NSW and the ACT played in the SA State Gateball Tournament in December.

The doubles winners were Phillip Brown (Kew) and Peter Wood (Canberra).



Judy Tier

Gateball Coordinator ACT/NSW

COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT

In the past six months, courses for Golf Croquet coach accreditation have been held at Jamberoo, Wollongong, Forster, Dubbo, Sawtell and Canberra, resulting in 37 new Level 1 GC coaches. Courses for Association Croquet coach accreditation have been held at Forster and Canberra, with six new AC coaches. Courses for Ricochet coach accreditation have been held at Marrickville and Forster, with four new RC coaches, and for Gateball, courses were held in Canberra with two new GB coaches. I would like to congratulate all those who have completed these courses and wish them all the best in their coaching careers. Thanks also to the Presenters of the courses – Stephen Burns, Janine Crellin, Peter Freer, Kate McLoughlin and Judy Tier. Without them it would be impossible to cover as much of the State as we do.

Refresher courses for existing coaches were held at Strathfield and Toronto clubs, in which we reviewed the coaching principles, and spent time on the lawn with drills and exercises. My aim is to visit other parts of the State to run similar refresher courses for coaches.

A survey from the Australian Croquet Association Coaching Academy was sent to all coaches to gauge the use of the on-line learning management system, to enable the system to be updated and improved. Thank you to all those coaches who made a great effort to complete the survey - more replies than all other States in Australia! The website is being worked on and hopefully a new, improved and more accessible system will be the result.

I was disappointed to not find a replacement for my position as CNSW Coaching Coordinator at the last AGM. I am still hoping someone will come forward to volunteer for what is a very rewarding position.

Pam Gentle
CNSW Coaching Coordinator

GOLF CROQUET REFEREEING REPORT

In the Annual Report prepared in September 2022, I indicated that a regional reaccreditation process was underway for all referees in NSW whose accreditation was due to expire on 1 December 2022. This process was successfully completed early in December 2022 as planned.

The outcomes of those referees eligible for inclusion in the process are as follows:

- the accreditation of 33 referees was extended to 1 December 2026;
- 7 referees indicated they wished to retire and were presented with a GC Referee Service Award badge; and
- 8 referees did not respond to email contact on two separate occasions and so are no longer listed as accredited on the website list.

In October 2022, four new GC referees were examined and accredited.

In November 2022, following the retirement of Peter Smith, Bev Smith and Stephen Howes, a new team took on the responsibility of leading and developing GC refereeing in the Hunter region - Helen Chalmers as Examining Referee and Peter Gordon as Tutor Referee.

Lorraine Hatfield
State Director of Refereeing GC (Acting)

GOLDEN MALLET AWARD 2022

The Golden Mallet award celebrates outstanding contributions to croquet in NSW and the ACT. It replaces the President's Award, and the nominations are put forward mostly by the Club members and peers, recognising their fellow members. The Board was pleased to announce that the Golden Mallet Panel selected Pat Moroney as the recipient of the Award for 2022.

Pat has been a member of Jamberoo Croquet Club for 18 years. He has held all three Association Club Shields regularly since 2010, plus many Croquet NSW awards for Golf Croquet. In nominating Pat for the Award, the Club noted that he had been a pivotal member of the Club for the past 18 years, playing both AC and GC, and entering other Club tournaments too. In 2022, he was a member of the Division 1 GC Pennants Team that was the runner-up in the region.

After many years of service as a Referee, Pat has now retired. Pat is generous with his time for all Club members, regularly being a playing coach with all Pennants Teams on a Friday morning. He also organises and plays in a Singles afternoon each Sunday. Pat always attends and works hard at the Club monthly working bees, and this is to be greatly admired as Pat is now 87 years of age with an energy that never seems to diminish. Also, one very charming attribute is his incessant modesty.

The judging Panel comprised Doug Cornish, Marion Davies, and Barb Piggott. The CNSW Board thanks the Panel for their effort, and thanks those Clubs who nominated very worthy candidates for the Award.

CROQUET NSW EVENT WINNERS 1 July to 31 December 2022

2022 NSW AC OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP won by Callum Hyland (Tas) from Stephen Richards (Canberra)

TEMPE AC OPEN won by Robert Elliott (Cammeray) from Alan Walsh (Cammeray)

NSW AC WIN DICKINSON MEMORIAL TROPY won by Barbara McDonald (Cammeray) from Joanne Brown (Cammeray)

NSW AC BRONZE MEDAL won by Stephen Richards (Canberra) from Trevor Bassett (Cooks River)

NSW AC SILVER BROOCH won by Peter Gordon (Nelson Bay) from Rob Wright (Mosman)

NSW AC SELECTOR'S TOURNAMENT won by Barbara McDonald (Cammeray) from John Bartrop (Killara)

NSW GC DIVISION 1 SINGLES won by Peter Freer (Canberra) from Raymond Chapman (Ballina Cherry Street)

NSW GC DIVISION 1 MIXED DOUBLES won by Sue Sellers & Chris Williamson (Toronto) from Rosemary Landrebe & Mark Scruton (Cammeray/Canberra)

NSW GC OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP won by Gerda Lambeck & David Hanbidge (Canberra/Nowra) from Pamela Barnwell & Derek Bull (Newcastle NP)

NSW GC DIVISION 2 SINGLES won by Dhillon Tiffin (Byron Bay) from Glenn Sellers (Toronto)

NSW GC DIVISION 2 DOUBLES won by Werner Borkhardt & Dhillon Tiffin (Byron Bay) from Ian Donald and Robert Ey (Canberra)

NSW GC GOLD BROOCH won by Chris Williamson & Cheryl Patterson (Toronto/EDSACC) from Sue Sellers & Glenn Sellers (Toronto)

NSW GC SILVER BROOCH won by Peter Gordon (Nelson Bay) from Ronald May (EDSACC)

NSW GC BRONZE BROOCH won by Dianne Bonnitcha (Sutherland) from Marie McLean (Nowra)

GC CHAMPION OF CLUB CHAMPIONS won by Ted Woodley (Chatswood) from Stephen Burns (Coogee)

NSW DIVISION 3 RICOCHET SINGLES won by Peter Gordon (Nelson Bay) from Graham Heydon (Maitland)

NSW DIVISION 3 RICOCHET DOUBLES won by Peter Gordon (Nelson Bay) & David Rush (Killara) from Phil Monds & Darren Warner (EDSACC)

DIVISION 1 GOLF CROQUET PENNANTS won by Royal Sydney CC, from Newcastle National Park