



New South Wales Golf Croquet Interstate Shield Team 2018



Alison Sharpe
(Captain)

I have been playing GC competitively since 2012. This year will be my 3rd

Interstate Shield having played in 2014 & 2016. I enjoyed playing in the exciting GC Trans Tasman Test Series in NZ in 2015. I was the Australian Women's champion in 2016. I am the Australian Open Singles Champion for 2018 & also the Australian Open Doubles Champion for 2018.

I am honoured to be Captain of this year's NSW GC Team and this ISS in the Hunter Valley allows me to catch up with all my Golf Croquet friends from around Australia.



Alix Verge

Alix has played at croquet for almost 15 years. Her considerable successes mark her

as possibly the world's luckiest player, which sadly, does not translate to Powerball. Outside of croquet she enjoys keeping busy with matters of low responsibility. She is interested in how 2 can be prime despite being even and in what a human might look like to a 4 dimensional being. As a kid she desperately wanted to be an astronaut and vividly remembers hours of moon landing on the b&w television in the school gym. Remembering mostly the distant past she can discuss afternoon television of the 70s with authority and has earned a lot of bar credit at trivia.



Brenda Wild

I started playing Golf Croquet at my local club, Mt Sugarloaf, in 2008. I've been

fortunate to play croquet at some great Clubs around NSW, Australia & New Zealand. After a few years I also become involved with the admin side of croquet at both my Club & for Croquet NSW.

In 2015 in Launceston I was privileged to win the ACA Women's Singles Plate. I'm honoured to have been selected again to represent NSW against the best players in Australia. **GO NSW!!!**



Liz Montague

I am very pleased to be playing in the NSW ISS team for the fourth time this year. I think playing in a team is

especially exciting and rewarding, and meeting old friends (and adversaries) will be great fun.

I am especially looking forward to playing in our home state and hope our visitors will enjoy the many pleasures of the Hunter Valley.

Recently, I have been busy developing my AC skills, so I hope these will also be of benefit for GC!



Kate McLoughlin
(Reserve)

After taking up Croquet about 2011, I have enjoyed

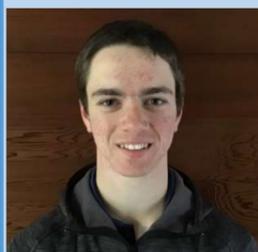
travelling around watching and playing croquet over the last 7 years. Playing in winning Canberra pennants teams, and winning the Australian Handicap doubles competition in 2017 with Peter Freer have been highlights. Encouraged by winning the NSW Division 2 singles this year, I have been focusing on improving my competitiveness.

I am looking forward to learning heaps as the reserve for the NSW ISS team of 2018!



David Hanbidge:
(Vice Captain)

I live on the NSW South Coast at Jervis Bay and have been playing golf croquet 2 1/2 years and love it. I've been a semi-finalist in last two Australian Open Singles and won the Australian Open Doubles this year with Alison Sharpe. Along with partners John Levick and Alix Verge, I've won the last 2 NSW Open doubles, while finishing runner-up for the last 3 years in the NSW Open singles. I won the NSW Bronze medal in 2016 and 2018 runner-up. 2018 runner-up as well in the NSW Men's Championship and winner of NSW Division One doubles with Jamie Gumbrell. I qualified for and played in the World Championships in Melbourne last year and I'm excited to represent NSW again and play against the best players in Australia. They are not only great competitors, but also great people.



Jamie Gumbrell

Jamie has been playing Croquet for 3 years, since being introduced to the sport by his

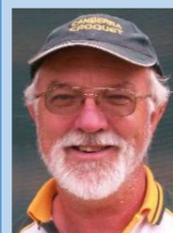
grandparents. He plays with the Canberra Croquet Club, and is their youngest member. He was part of the Australian Junior Development Squad, and participated in the U21 Croquet World Championships in 2017, held in Melbourne, and gained an entry into the World Open Championships. Since then his croquet skills have continued to develop. He was thrilled to be selected as part of the NSW interstate team. Jamie is studying Software Engineering at the University of Canberra. In his spare time he plays piano and does circus.



John Levick

John, who is a man of few words, provided at least some information for his profile. Clearly his focus is on totally his game which is a good thing for NSW!

Club: Newcastle National Park
Age: Late, Late, middle aged.
Remarks: wife Glenda, love water sports, chess, fishing, reading and reasonably good at croquet



Peter Freer:

I discovered croquet in 1981 when my work-team hired a lawn at the Canberra Croquet Club and I have been a member at Canberra

ever since – now 37 years. After retiring from work in October 2008 I took up serious competition; playing Association, Gateball and Ricochet but my preference is Golf Croquet.

I have played golf croquet in tournaments across Australia as well as in Egypt, the United Kingdom, Belgium and New Zealand; including 3 World Championships (& 6 Inter-State Shields). I love refereeing, and am unable to resist coaching at the slightest opportunity.



Peter Montague
(Manager & Reserve)

I learned to play croquet at Brighton in South Australia about ten years ago. Liz and I moved to NSW in 2012, where we are currently

members of the Killara, Chatswood, Cheltenham and Cooks River clubs (for a variety of reasons!). I enjoy AC as well as GC, represented NSW in the GC Inter-State Shield 2015-2017, and am also on the CNSW tournament committee

Last year I enjoyed the exciting experience of playing in the GC World Championship in Melbourne, and encountering a great range of playing styles. A highlight this year was playing in the Australian open singles and doubles, also at Cairnlea.