

Canterbury (NZ) Croquet Association Inc.

February 2014



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The MacRobertson Shield

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(Chris Clarke's December Predictions)

NZ beat USA 20-1 (15-6)

England beat USA 18-3 (16-5)

NZ beat Australia 15-4 (14-7)

Australia beat USA 17-4 (12-9)

NZ beat England 13-7 (11-10)

DID WE WIN ? – YES!

NZ won all three of their tests and the MacRobertson Shield for the first time in 28 years
(England had won the last 7 Test Series)

Congratulations to our NZ team :
Aaron Westerby (Capt), Greg Bryant,
Paddy Chapman, Chris Clarke, Jenny Clarke and Toby Garrison.

THANKS from the CCA

Lyn Dawson and the MacRob Shield Organising Committee want to say a huge "thank-you" to all those who helped with the running of this event. There were 40 volunteers from various clubs on the ground and numerous others who helped behind the scenes. The hard work of all involved help make the tests in Canterbury an outstanding success

The Letter of Thanks below (to the CCA Secretary) was to Canterbury members for our part in an enjoyable Test Series.

Dear Robyn,

On behalf of the New Zealand Croquet Team, I wish to sincerely thank the Canterbury Association for hosting the opening MacRobertson Shield Series.

We wish to acknowledge the considerable work that was put in to prepare for the event, particularly with regards to the venue at United, as well as all the work that took place during the event itself, both on and off the courts. We realized that hosting this event was no small undertaking and that it required voluntary contributions from a large number of your members, some of whom made very significant contributions to make this fixture a great success.

The United Club and Christchurch reaffirmed itself as arguably the premier venue in the world for international events. We all realize that due to significant voluntary effort that is required to host such fixtures that there is a serious limit to how often your association will be able to host such fixtures. However, whenever this is possible, I can confirm that international players will be very appreciative of your long-standing support for the game at the international level.

I conclude by confirming that you enhanced NZ's reputation as fine hosts and more generally made another great contribution to the rich history of what is still the premier event in international croquet. As you know the series was ultimately very successful for New Zealand and your association should rightly take pride in the part it played in our victory.

Yours sincerely,

Aaron Westerby,

Captain, NZ MacRobertson Shield Team.

5th February, 2014

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Cashmere's Ninetieth Birthday

The Cashmere Croquet Club celebrates its 90th year in 2014. The establishment of a sports club in 1924 came about from the incorporation of a private company, Cashmere Hills Recreation Club Limited, and the purchase of land for the three sports still on site in Valley Road. Croquet, bowls and tennis still thrive in our idyllic setting, handy to Cashmere Road and nestled in a sheltered valley surrounded by quality housing. Our event to mark this auspicious occasion at the end of the season will be a themed 1920s costume croquet afternoon with afternoon tea. Readers who have had a previous association with our club are welcome to attend the closing day event on Saturday 3rd May. In the early part of the 2014–15 season, a combined clubs' celebration is proposed.

The club has two full size lawns which were freshly laid in the autumn of 2010. Fortunately, the seismic events of 2010 and following caused little damage but ground settlement and drainage remains a minor problem.

We maintain our membership at around 50 players but are concerned that association croquet does not have the same attraction as golf. On Monday and Friday afternoons and Wednesday morning, 20-25 members play Golf Croquet. Association players meet on Saturday afternoons and a trial of sharing club days with St Martins and Barrington proved to be worthy of repeating next season.

The clubhouse is adequate for 30 – 40 visitors and is available for other activities, mah jong on Sunday afternoons and bridge on Tuesday evenings. We also promote corporate and private social events.

The club also encourages members to meet socially with monthly Sunday barbeques integrating golf and association members. We like to visit other clubs to play croquet and mix with our peers, and this year will send a delegation to Akaroa.

We are trying to encourage excellence in the sport with coaching and encouragement at all levels of the game. The club's committee is collegial and innovative and both the physical environment and the ambience of the club make this a most pleasant place to play croquet.

President: Owen Evans Tel: 338 8294



Above and below:
Croquet at Cashmere



Email addresses.

The CCA email lists are currently being updated, but not yet completed.

If you have changed your email address recently or are not receiving CCA emails, or do not want emails, please make contact on 342 5568 or at r.dawson@paradise.net.nz

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Clubs' Event Days

(See Club Noticeboards for more details)

Sunday, March 16

St Martins

GC H/cap Doubles Tournament

Wednesday, March 26

Holmes Park

AC and GC Competition

Sunday, March 30

Elmwood

Muriel Foster GC H/cap Doubles Tournament.

Johnson Memorial Trophy

Winner United D2

Runner/up United C1

AC Grades.

5-9 Leo van Oosten

10-16 Robert Eathorne

18-24 Gretchen Tong

GC Grades

0-4 Tony O'Donnell

5-7 Andrienne Pavelka

8-12 Josh Freeth

Arthur Ross Canterbury Representative :

Owen Evans

Current CCA Results

Association

Div 1

Winner United A1

Runner/up United C1

Div 2

Winner St James A2

Runner/up St James B2

Div 3

Winner St James A3

Runner/up Edgeware

Div 4

Winner St James A4

Runner/up St James B4

Golf

Div 1

Winner United AG1

Runner/up Cashmere

Div 2

Winner St Martins

Runner/up Fendalton

Div 3

Winner St James

Runner/up United

GC Knockout.

Winner Fendalton

Runner/up St Martins

AC Knockout.

Winner St James

Runner/up United

Upcoming CCA Events for March to April 2014

1 March 2014 - Atkins Play Offs at Fendalton

Manager, Vilna Gough-Jones

2 March 2014 - GC Silver Badge Playoffs at St Martins

Manager, Vilna Gough Jones

3 - 5 March 2014 - Agnes Dick AC

Handicap Doubles at Elmwood

Manager, Janet Braggins

8 - 9 March 2014 - GC Handicap Singles at St Martins

Manager, John Dove

15 - 16 March 2014 - AC Silver Badge Playoffs at St James

Manager, Kent Caddick

March 19m-20 - CNZ AC Open Invitation Tournaments

Silver Tray Open at United

Edwina Thomson Silver Tray at Fendalton

Roger Murfitt Trophy at St Martins

March 23 - AC Interprovincial against Ashburton at Ashburton.

April 6 - CCA Closing Day at Fendalton

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