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Editorial

Wow! Where did December and January go? Here we are well into the second half of our croquet season; with competitions, tournaments and Fun Days all on the go. Be sure to check the calendar and the posters that have been sent out so that you don't miss out on these events.

A big thank you must go to Jenny and Chris Clarke and Tony O'Donnell for a most informative three days of referee coaching. For me, the main messages coming through are: every player is a referee and should know the rules, maybe a referee knows them a little bit better; make decisions so that players continue to enjoy the game; you are not going to get it right 100% of the time. The demonstrations by Chris on the lawns were really valuable, as were the personal experiences that Jenny could elaborate on. The notes were helpful and it is pleasing to see the number willing to take the referee exams coming up.

Another big thank you must go to Greg Bryant for the coaching he did in December. We are fortunate to have such experienced folk willing to give of their time and expertise. Thank you also to the clubs who hosted these events.

CCA have organised two workshops in the next couple of months. The Lawn maintenance seminar is on 28 February and John Yarrall is running a CNZ database workshop on Wednesday 13 March at 4.30pm at United. See Sub-committee report for further details.

CCA now have a lawn grant application form for clubs wishing to create new lawns. Contact the CCA secretary, Marion Bishop, for further details. The croquet website is still the place to go for information, and currently only 10% of Canterbury members are registered on the blog to receive updated news. I would encourage all members to

subscribe to the blog - you will receive updates as soon as they are entered. See below on how to subscribe.

And.... from "Croquet - the complete guide" by AE Gill, comes the comment *Croquet is a most adaptable, amenable game, and though you will get most out of it if you play the real rules, don't let them get in the way of having fun when you're playing informally (at a croquet party)* This photo shows Croquet at the Duke of Richmond's castle in in the 1860s. Note the size of both mallets and the hoops - and the outfits!! ☺

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From your Website Manager

Keep up to date with news from the Croquet Canterbury website

Remember to check out the Croquet Canterbury website at croquetcanterbury.com to find out about competitions and other croquet activities in Canterbury. You can enter CCA tournaments using the form on the page for each tournament.

In the right-hand column of each page, below the Latest News, there is a section headed **Follow Blog via Email**. If you enter your email address and click the Follow button, you will receive an email each time a new blog post is made. Blog posts may include results of competitions or significant changes to the website meaning that you don't need to keep checking the website to see if anything has changed.

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If you change your mind, or change your email, there is a link at the bottom of every email where you can remove your email from the list.

You can follow past blog posts by clicking on the News link at the top of each page.

If you have any suggestions to improve the website, please contact John Yarrall on jjarrall@xtra.co.nz.

John Yarrall

Tournament Results

“Congratulations to Chris and Jenny Clarke who won the NZ AC Open doubles by winning all of their games. The event was played from Saturday 5 to Monday 7 January at Mount Maunganui”.

On 25 November 2018, the **Bupa Care Services** sponsored **GC Doubles Handicap** Tournament was held at United in cool, damp



Chris, Les, Tony, Josh and James

conditions. The manager was Tony O'Donnell and there were 12 double pairs. The tournament was run as a Swiss event, and resulted in a tie between Josh Winter & James Duggan

(Cashmere) and
Chris Clarke &
Les Willis
(United)



The **Bupa Care Services** sponsored **CCA AC grades** were played on the 5 and 6 January 2019 at St Martins Croquet Club in some very hot conditions with 13 entries (2 from South Canterbury) split into 3 grades.



Graham Simpson, winner of the 0-3 grade in action

There were 8 entries for the **Bupa Care Services** sponsored **CCA AC Handicap** Singles so was double banked using both Holmes Park's lawns on the weekend 19-20 January.



Winner Peter Couch, with tournament manager, Tony O'Donnell

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Sub-Committee reports

Administration Action Group

CCA have organised two workshops in the next couple of months. The Lawn maintenance seminar is on 28 February. Cost is \$50 per club and any number of members from a club may attend.

All clubs will need to update their data on the CNZ database by the end of the season. To ensure that this is done correctly, John Yarrall is running a CNZ database workshop on Wednesday 13 March at 4.30pm at United. All club secretaries, captains, handicappers and treasurers should attend. There should be more than one member from a club that has the club's password and the knowledge to enter data correctly. Please email me (vgoughjones@gmail.com) to confirm numbers from your club that will be attending. Bring the CNZ database manual that you have received with you.

The Lawn Grant Application form is available from the CCA secretary.

Final Levies for the season and update of the CNZ database is due by end of March

Players Action Group

There are a growing number of Junior players in some of our clubs. Contact Owen Evans for details of the Secondary Schools Tournament. ogevans@xtra.co.nz, Mobile: 027 431 0071

Tournament Action Group

All the results for the 1st half of the year are now finalized and the results can be found on the CCA website.

The 2nd half competitions are due to start shortly with the **Atkins** and the twilight.

Plus the Arthur Ross play offs and the Don Reyland club play offs should be well under way, details below.

Clubs will arrange play offs within clubs and then winners will be forwarded to Jonathan Hart on jono.h75@gmail.com

Arthur Ross

See pg 251 (appendix 3) of current year book for conditions, pg 318 for advertisement

Please note – national finals in Wellington. CCA play off Sunday 10 February at Barrington

Don Reyland

See pg 252 (appendix 3) of current year book for conditions, pg 329 for advertisement

Please note –
national finals in
Thames Valley.
CCA play off
Sunday 17 February at Elmwood



The Silver badges for AC and GC can also be played shortly. For those that are interested details below. Again clubs will arrange play offs and winners forwarded to Jonathan Hart on jono.h75@gmail.com

AC

See pg 255 (appendix 5) of current year book for conditions,

Please note Handicap ranges 0 to 3.5, 4 to 9, 10 to 16 and 18 to 24

Start date: games can be played from Monday 21 January

CCA play off Sunday 3 March at Barrington

GC

See pg 255 (appendix 3) of current year book for conditions,

Handicap ranges -6 to 2, 3 to 5, 6 to 8 and 9 to 16

Start date: games can be played from Monday 28 January

CCA play off Sunday 10 March at Holmes Park

I have also looked at the CNZ database and have noticed that some handicaps are incorrect, especially AC. So a reminder that if your handicap changes, to tell your club handicapper who will update the database.

I have also attached a photo of the youngest CCA member attempting to play croquet. He was 3 months old in photo He is now 4.5 months old,



Jonathan Hart

Communications Action Group

Spreading the word about Croquet:

(A repeat from the last newsletter)

CINCH www.cinch.org.nz

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This a database created Christchurch City Libraries, who for many years have been collecting and updating community information (hence the acronym). It lists all the croquet clubs and they do remind people to update their details but you may want just check everything is correct.

Age Concern Canterbury
ageconcerncan.org.nz

While not discouraging the young from playing, this is also a website that lists croquet if you search for it; bringing up The CCA. A small number of clubs are individually listed and I am sure they would be happy to receive other club's details.

You may also have some success advertising locally. There are a large number of small publications out there that offer free "What's on" type advertising.

The two key players here are of course:

Stuff, with their Community Newspapers and who of course own "neighbourly", their online local papers.

Star media www.starmedia.kiwi who also publish a number of local community papers.

I guess your mailbox at the gate is the best place to find out what's circulating in the neighbourhood.

Even local radio offers community notice space so that's can be worth a try.

And of course The CCA website!
<https://croquetcanterbury.com>

A great place to send people interested in the game. Not quite the same as the real thing however but superb for all the latest news and information.

Sign up for John's blog while you are here and then receive the latest news and updates via email.

There are some great links as well, such as to Croquet New Zealand, Croquet Scores and The Yearbook. Topical are latest changes to handicapping for both types of the game as well as the new rules for GC, all of which can be found here.

With all credit due to John Yarrall who does a superlative job as both editor-in- chief and webmaster.

Mark O'Connell

*At the last Executive meeting Mark wrote:
I was listening to Radio NZ and they talked about encouraging bowlers in Australia with bare feet and wearing anything you wanted.*



Golf Croquet came up in someone's txt response but it became what is the difference between golf and Ac croquet. They thought they may send a reporter out to a Wellington Club?



Leo van Oosten at the AC grades

*Hard to break in to mainstream media / Fairfax
Probably a murder on the Croquet green would do wonders but we can't encourage that ☺*

Clubs' News

Barrington Croquet Club

We have held three corporate events before Christmas for businesses. They were very successful, and everyone enjoyed themselves. It gives Golf Croquet a profile out there, and if we gain some new members that is a bonus!



Lyn Dawson at the AC grades

On 19th December we held our annual Christmas Dinner. Members and partners came and we had a lovely meal. The clubrooms were dressed up

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with lights, tree and decorations and looked very festive.

G C and AC croquet club championships start this month.

Lyn Dawson won in the 9-16 Bisque Grade Championships, held on the 5th January at St Martins. Congratulations Lyn.

Greg Bryant held coaching sessions on December 7th and everyone that attended learnt a lot; very worthwhile.

Ann Miller

Diamond Harbour Croquet Club

A Fun Day has been organised for Wednesday 20 February. We welcome any players who would like to join us in our beautiful surroundings. We are also looking for people who have never played before and just want a fun recreational activity twice a week.

CROQUET
FUN DAY
WEDNESDAY 20
FEBRUARY
10.00 AM

AT THE DIAMOND HARBOUR CROQUET GREEN

(FREE MORNING TEA AS WELL)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT EUAN
GODFREY 021 395 779

Note that Gold cards can be used on the Diamond Harbour Ferry as well as the Lyttelton Bus. People coming from Christchurch and travelling on the launch can be met on the Diamond Harbour side and our club members will be more than happy to provide transport up the hill to the Croquet Club

Euan Godfrey

Fendalton Park Croquet Club

Fendalton hosted a very successful Travel2U Tournament on Sunday 4 November 2018. Our Club rooms were at capacity with a full playing

field of 40 plus some visitors. Competition was keen on the

lawns with some very good croquet witnessed. Sharon from Travel2U attended to present the prizes. The Junior Boys from Cashmere took out the 1st and 2nd placing and the others were spread amongst local clubs.



In late November, members of the club with their friends supported the fund-raiser of the Agatha Christie play The Hollow, produced by the Repertory Theatre Company. It was a great evening with excellent acting - keeping everyone guessing the outcome till the very end. We were also able to host a number of corporate functions which is great for our club. These events occurred as a result of organisations contacting us through the CCA website.

Our end of year Christmas function was another most enjoyable social event with some fun croquet, a visit by Santa, and a lovely meal.



FPCC won a place in the final of the Knockout after a close encounter with Hornby but lost to Cashmere in the final event. Our Interclub teams

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continue to enjoy the competition and look forward to more good croquet in this second half of the season.

On a sad note, a long-time member, Alan Chapman, passed away in December. Alan was a great help with all matters electrical for our club as well as other repairs. We will miss him.

Another member, Jill Hemming, who left some years ago because of ill health, also passed away in December.

The second half of the croquet season has got off to a good start with a number of internal tournaments on the go, and full lawns for social croquet on club days. We look forward to our **Twilight tournament** on Thursday 14 February - please contact our club captain Lorraine McClurg if you would like to enter. A number of our members attended the excellent referee course run by Chris and Jenny Clarke. Our thanks go to them and Tony O'Donnell for giving of their time and expertise and getting us more up to speed with the new GC rules.

Wishing you all a happy and successful second half of the croquet season.

Vilna Gough-Jones

Holmes Park Croquet Club

Our members have enjoyed good croquet over the holiday period, choosing to play in the evenings on some of the hotter days. Such days



Chris Clarke and Leo van Oosten

have been made more bearable since we can use our recently installed heat pump as an air conditioner. We enjoyed hosting the final of the South Island AC 4+ Championships. The good

crowd of members who turned up to support our

president, Leo, on his way to winning the event were interested to see the game of AC played and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. More recently we hosted the CCA AC Singles Championship. Our AC players did well in their Interclub competition while our GC team made it to the final of their grade and finished runners up. We have two teams entered in the Twilight Golf Croquet competition which has just started. Our greens continue to be a source of pride due to the team work of our lawn supervisor and mower man. Like other clubs we are finding an assortment of weeds to challenge our maintenance programme and we look forward to the turf management seminar to provide useful advice. Our in-house singles competition was won by Hugh Catto and the doubles competition is just starting.

Janet Slack

Hornby Croquet Club

The beginning of the croquet season last year was very busy for our players. We held our Fun Day in September which was reported on in the last newsletter.



Some of our players took part in the SI Master games in Timaru during October. We managed to play without rain this year. Alan and Jude Belcher

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won medals in both the singles and doubles. It was good to see quite a few Canterbury players in Timaru.

On 5th December we went to Armadillos in Prebbleton for our Christmas Celebration. Two of our members dressed up in bright Christmasy outfits. Others just had Christmas earrings, hats etc.



Hornby hosted a 7's tournament on 12th December. Thank you to Ryman, Woodcote who sponsored this competition with cash prizes. The play during the tournament was very even as there had to be a playoff for most prizes in each section.



It was good to have the young players from Cashmere and they particularly enjoyed playing on the table top version of croquet between games.

Our Interclub teams participated well in Division 1 and 3 even though rain caused a few difficulties for some games. The Division 1 team was runner up just beaten by a United team by 0.5 net points.

We continued to play during the holiday season. A small group of players even played on New Year's Day. A special certificate was made to commemorate this moment. The World's First Golf Croquet Club day of 2019 in the Hornby area.

The Hornby Croquet Club have 3 teams entered in the

Atkins Competition beginning 26th January.



We have just purchased a feather flag which goes out on the fence along the Main South Road just before our gateway. If you come to play the Atkins or any other events at our club the flag will hopefully help you to find us more easily.

There are many CCA and Club Fun Days to take part in during the rest of the season. There will be Hornby Players at many of them. Enjoy social and competitive croquet.

Annette Wilson

Rangiora Croquet Club



This summer we have been, thanks to our member, Howard Pettigrew, developing over 10's Croquet. This has proved extremely successful and we are amazed by the children's ability and enthusiasm. They are thoroughly enjoying

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themselves. Later on we hope to develop the same opportunities to High School students.



I am proud to say that our two teams in GC Division 3 Interclub have jointly won. They fought it out in the final just before Christmas only to have equal wins and equal count backs. Well done Rangiora.

Club Competitions are well underway and by the time you read this we will have had our annual visit to St. James.

We continue to attract new members and hope to start developing two new lawns.

We sadly lost our dear friend and loyal member, Leone Woodward just before Christmas. She will

be sorely missed.
Happy Croquet

Carol Kidd

St James Croquet Club

Greetings from St James, everybody!

We had a busy end of 2018 with: (a) our postponed Fun Day with 29 visitors for whose patience we were most grateful; (b) a successful Beginners' Day on 2 December with 24 welcome new players and their supporters; and (c) an overall Johnson win – congratulations, Marguaritte Rogers and Wendy Robison. In addition, Jono Hart has just won the Intermediate section of the Canterbury AC Grades competition. It is interesting to note that these three people are all managing to add competitive croquet to their fulltime working and family lives. Not easy.

We are looking forward to hosting the Canterbury AC Open on the first weekend in February and hope for a good entry. Please note that AC players of any level are still welcome to play free of charge at St James, any Friday afternoon (12.55 for 1.00 p.m. play). We are keen to play our part in keeping both social and competitive AC play available in Canterbury.

Yes, we do have around 30 GC players, including four beginners, at the Club. Both groups make important contributions to our activities, but it is perhaps those who play both AC and GC who get best value from their subscriptions and improve their croquet fastest. Just saying!!

By the time this newsletter goes to print, Audrey Burnett will have celebrated her 90th birthday on 17 January. Audrey is an important part of the history of four clubs, Richmond in Nelson, Kaiapoi and, currently, Rangiora and St James. She has not only been a very successful A Grade player, but also an administrator, a generous donor and possibly the hardest working member of our Club. We salute you, Audrey, and hope that you will be honouring us with your company for many years to come.

Margaret Lane

Matters and Dates to Note

1. Next Delegates meeting will be in March. Date and venue still to be decided
2. Turf Management Workshop on 28 February



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3. CNZ database workshop on 13 March

4. CCA AC Open tournament sponsored by Terminator on 2/3 February

5. CCA GC Grades sponsored by **Bupa Care Services** on 6 February

6. Agnes Dick tournament sponsored by **Bupa Care Services** on 25/26 February

7. CCA website is croquetcanterbury.com

8. Please send any material for the next newsletter to Vilna at vgoughjones@gmail.com by **25 March 2019** for publishing end March.

Newsletters are published end August end October end January then March/April

9. The next Executive meeting is at 3.15pm on Monday 4 February at Fendalton Park Croquet Club. These are open meetings, unless matters need to go into committee, and members are welcome to attend as observers.

10. The **CCA calendar** is given below.



2019 February						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29	30	31	01 Maud Trainor	02 CCA AC Open Singles	03 CCA AC Open Singles
04	05 Advice Fun Day	06 CCA GC Grades	07 Kaitake Fun Day	08 Maud Trainor	09 Atkins	10 CCA Arthur Ross AC
11	12 Carol Hayward	13	14 Penitence Twilight GC H/C Doubles	15 Maud Trainor	16 Atkins	17 CCA GC Don Reyland Stars
18	19 Carol Hayward	20 Edgewood Fun Day	21	22 Maud Trainor	23 Atkins	24 St John's Ben Stockman Doubles H/C
25	26 Agnes Dick AC AC Doubles	27	28	01	02	03
04	05	Notes:				

2019 March						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
25	26	27	28	01 Maud Trainor	02 Atkins	03 AC Silver badge
04	05 Carol Hayward	06	07	08	09 Atkins? Final?	10 GC Silver badge
11	12 Carol Hayward	13 Rangiora Fun Day	14	15	16 Atkins? Final?	17
18	19 Carol Hayward	20 AC Invitations	21 AC Invitations	22 AC Invitations	23 AC Invitations	24 AC Invitations
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
01	02	Notes: 30th, 31 Don Reyland Play off T Valley 15 to 17 A Ross Wellington				

2019 April						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
01	02	03	04	05	06 St LEAMS AC Ashburton	07 St LEAMS AC Ashburton
08	09	10	11	12	13	14 CCA Cleanup Day
15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20	21 Easter Sunday
22 Easter Monday	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	Notes:				



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