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GC WOMEN'S WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP 2023



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Message from ACA Board Chair Jim Nicholls



Whilst the cooler weather results in only the hardest of players on the lawn, several Australian players have ventured to England to participate in the WCF Open AC World Championships and the WCF Women's GC World Championships. In a lead-up event, Robert Fletcher won the British Open GC singles event winning every game, including a 7-0 win against Reg Bamford. Robert also teamed up with Englishmen Dominic Nunns to win the GC doubles event. The WCF events are live-streamed, so rug up, cheer on the Aussies, and enjoy the great viewing on our cold winter nights. The link to live streaming of events in England is <https://www.youtube.com/@CroquetEngland/streams>

Greg Bury announced his resignation in June as General Manager of the Australian Croquet Academy and his volunteer role as National Coaching Co-ordinator.

Greg and I first discussed the Academy in the Brisbane airport at the beginning of the lockdown in 2020. Whilst the tables and chairs were being cleared around us, Greg outlined his ideas and vision for a National coaching course and to provide clubs with support materials. Harnessing his wealth of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm, he set about developing a world-class coaching system for Australian croquet and gateball. The resultant course, aligned with the Australian Sports Commission's criteria for

National Sporting Organisations, has been a key element and a driver in the development of players and growth in clubs and has assisted clubs in successfully obtaining grant funding.

Greg's passion for the next generation of croquet players has been instrumental in developing and delivering the Youth Training Program which will support the launch of Croquet Australia's inaugural Sporting Schools Program.

On behalf of the Board, Staff and all croquet participants including future players who will benefit from your contribution to Australian Croquet, we thank you Greg.

Of course, the best way to express our thanks to Greg is to utilise the coaching courses in our home clubs. Learning new skills or enhancing current skills with increased confidence results in greater achievement and enjoyment.

We remind everyone that the National Membership Incentive Program concludes on 31 December 2023, at which time eligible ACA affiliated clubs will receive a cash incentive if their net membership has increased during the period from January 2022 to 31 December 2023. So spread the word about how wonderful croquet is, provide coaching for new members, and happy hitting.

Jim Nicholls
ACA Chair

Board Members and Appointed Positions



Jim Nicholls
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Mel Woosnam
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Rob Murray
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Pete Landrebe

Peter Tracey
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Tournament committee

Trevor Bassett (AC)

Dianne Leahy (GC)

AC selection committee

Peter Landrebe (High Performance Manager)
Ian Dumergue (Australian Team Captain)
Simon Hockey

GC Selection Committee

Martin Clarke (Chair)
Peter Landrebe
Barry Haydon
Jennifer Brand

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Jacky McDonald

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Pat Habner

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Liz Friend

AC High Performance Manager

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AC National Refereeing Coordinator

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National Coaching Coordinator

Barb Piggott

Ricochet National Coordinator

Ray Chapman

Gateball National Coordinator

Ros Crowe

GC High Performance Manager

Martin Clarke

GC Refereeing Coordinator

Jim Clements

National Handicapper

Gareth Denyer

Archivist

Martin Clarke

Australian Representation

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WCF GC Rules Committee John Van der Touw

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Nick Chapman

Complaints Officer

Rob Murray

Integrity Manager

Jim Clement

High Performance Manager Gateball

Philip Brown

Update from the CEO Mel Woosnam

ACA Learning Management System and National Coaching Co-ordination

The ACA Learning Management System (LMS) is now accessible and functioning and is located under the Academy web page on the ACA website. It contains all coaching course manuals, materials and resources as well as a range of Club Development resources to build capacity and capability of Clubs. ACA has now transitioned to a self-management model for the management and maintenance of the LMS moving forward and key Staff and Volunteers have received training in how to utilise and manage the platform.

With the resignation of Greg Bury as the Croquet Australia General Manager and National Coaching Co-ordinator, the ACA would like to advise of the new people and contacts for all ACA Coaching and Academy enquiries and information.

Event Funding

The ACA is excited to announce that we have received event funding from the West Australian Government's Country Sport Enrichment Scheme to support the hosting and delivery of the 2023 WCF Over 50 Golf Croquet World Championships from 14 September to 21 October at the Moorabinda Croquet Club and Bunbury Tennis Club in Bunbury, West Australia.

Thanks to the tireless work of former Croquet West President Max Kewish, the event Organising Committee and volunteers from the Moorabinda Croquet Club, the ACA have been able to secure this critical event funding which will enable the ACA to deliver a successful, enjoyable world class event for all participations, officials and supporters.

This event will attract the top 48 players from over 10 countries around the world. Currently the WCF have allocated 22 Member Places and awarded 22 Ranking Places. There will be two qualifying tournaments to select the final four places for the event. The Eastern Qualifier will be held at the Victorian Croquet Association at Cairnlea from 26-28 September and the Western Qualifier will be held at the Cambridge Croquet Club in Perth, Western Australia from 8-11 October.

The ACA Assistant National Coaching Co-ordinator Barb Piggott, will now be the point of contact for all National coaching matters and the ACA Learning Management System (LMS). Barb will also oversee/ guide/lead the State Coaching Co-ordinators. For all National coaching matters or enquiries, including the LMS please contact Barb Piggott. For all Club and State Coaching enquiries, please contact the State Coaching Co-ordinator in your State.

Please Note: John Hayes from Coaching Cohort no longer manages the ACA LMS, the Academy website or any of the ACA's platforms as these are now managed directly by the ACA.

Please contact the ACA Office for all Academy, Club and Player Development and general enquiries by emailing admin@croquet-australia.com.au

The State government through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Lotterywest are major supporters of the 2023 WCF Over 50 Golf Croquet World Championships in Western Australia. Sport and recreation creates vibrant, inclusive and connected WA communities.



Department of
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and Cultural Industries**



The ACA has also been successful in securing event funding from the City of Wodonga through the Community Sponsorship and Donations Program to support the delivery of the 2023 Australian Gateball Championships (AGCs) at the Wodonga Croquet Club and the Wodonga Tennis Club in Victoria.

The AGC is the Premier National Gateball event in Australia. It is held every 2 years and is rotated across Australia. In 2023 the event will be held over 4 days and will attract 24 teams, 150 participants and has the potential to attract over a hundred spectators. Approximately 10 International teams from China, Pakistan, Japan, India and Taiwan have expressed interest in attending, adding to

Update from the CEO Mel Woosnam (CONTINUED)

the multi-cultural flavour of the event. The event targets the best Gateball players, referees and officials from all ages, genders and ethnicities across Australia and overseas. It is also a selection event for Australian players and teams for the Asian and World Gateball Championships.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Gateball Australia's (trading name owned by the Australian Croquet Association Inc.) membership of the World Gateball Union. The event funding will support general event operational costs

National Database Project Update

The National Database User Group was established in June to facilitate consultation and collaboration between the States and ACA to determine the mandatory and desirable requirements and technical specifications for a National Database for the sport across Australia. The User Group is Chaired by ACA Board member Nick Chapman and has a representative from each State to provide feedback and allow consultation across each stage of the process.

Marketing and Brand Logo Project

Following over 3 months of consultation, feedback and design, we are now very close to agreeing on a common brand logo for croquet in Australia. From the feedback received it was clear that there was a general desire for the new logo to include the 3 key elements of the sport being the mallet, hoop and ball. In addition, incorporating movement into the logo was also seen as important.

The ACA Board and States have now been presented with a number of preferred logos and a meeting was convened to discuss the pro's and

New ACA Minute Secretary

The Board is pleased to announce that Jacky McDonald as the new Minute Secretary for the ACA Board. Jacky has been appointed as a non-voting Secretary to assist the ACA Board with taking Board and other meeting minutes as required. Jacky will work closely with the Chairperson and

including venue hire costs, first aid, interpreters, live streaming, photography, marketing and promotions.

The ACA would like to acknowledge the Wodonga Council's support through the Sponsorship and Donations Program for the 2023 Australian Gateball Championships.



The User Group have now met on two occasions to confirm the consolidated feedback and requirements for the project. It is proposed that a tender document be sent to vendors prior to end of July seeking a proposal for consideration during August.

The User Group will then convene to review the proposals and make a decision on a database provider that can deliver a fit for purpose and cost effective database solution for the sport.

con's of each to ensure key elements of the new logo are incorporated to the satisfaction of most members States and the ACA. It is also envisaged that Associations and Clubs may also like to utilise the new logo design and customise it with their own Club name and colours were appropriate.

It is hoped that the ACA and States may be in a position to launch the new brand logo for the sport in the coming weeks. We look forward to sharing this with the Clubs and members so please watch this space.

CEO to convene all ACA Board meetings and general meetings and will assist in the preparation and circulation of the agenda, minutes and supporting documents as well as the preparation of the annual report. We extend a warm welcome to Jacky and wish her every success in the role.

Update from the CEO Mel Woosnam (CONTINUED)

Review of ACA Policies and the National Integrity Framework

Since October 2022 SIA have been carrying out a review of the NIF, which has involved a wide-ranging consultation process with National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) and Sport Sector Stakeholders. Recently SIA completed this review and have provided an updated suite of policies for acceptance by NSOs. It is a requirement that all NSO's either adopt the updated NIF policies or have SIA approved integrity policies by 30 November 2023.

SIA will now only investigate complaints under the Child Safeguarding Policy or complaints that allege Discrimination under the Member Protection Policy on the basis of a Protected Characteristic such as race or nationality, disability, sex, age, sexual orientation, and religion. SIA will no longer be investigating:

- Complaints under the Competition Manipulation and Sports Wagering Policy;
- Complaints under the Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy; or
- Any complaints under the Member Protection Policy that aren't about Discrimination on the basis of a Protected Characteristic (e.g. bullying).

SIA will continue to play a coordination role for complaints. Complaints received will be evaluated and either managed by SIA, referred on to an appropriate external agency or passed back to the Complainant with suggested pathways for them to pursue.

The Integrity Policy 'Standards' are currently being reviewed to ensure alignment with the revised NIF policies. There will no longer be a requirement for sports to match components of the 'Standards' verbatim, rather the various components will be benchmarked against best practices principles. NSOs will be required to adopt the NIF policies or SIA approval of integrity policies ('Standards') by 30 November 2023. SIA have set an implementation date of 1 January for NIF policies or SIA approved integrity policies. SIA will work with NSOs that this timeline does not suit due to the seasonal cycle of their sport.

NSOs will be required to have adopted the NIF or have their own sport integrity policies benchmarked by SIA against best practice principles to be eligible for recognition status with the ASC.

At the July meeting, the ACA Board resolved to establish a Policy Review Working Group to review the ACA and updated NIF policies to ensure all ACA policies are fit for purpose, align with SIA's policy standards and are practical, clear and straight forward and can be applied and implemented easily and effectively at across all levels of the sport.

The ACA Policy Review Working Group consists of Paul Coughlin (Chair), Nick Chapman, Belinda Chapman and Jim Clements.

Transitional Staffing Arrangements July/August

Rob Murray is taking a period of personal leave from 12 July to at least 26 July inclusive. During this period Kerri-Ann Organ will be Acting Administrative Officer. Please contact Kerri-Ann via email admin@croquet-australia.com.au

Mel Woosnam is on annual leave from 24 July to 14 August inclusive and during this period

Jim Clements will be monitoring the CEO email and liaising with Jim Nicholls on any Board or governance matters. Please contact Jim via email ceo@croquet-australia.com.au

For all general enquires please contact Kerri-Ann Organ via email admin@croquet-australia.com.au or mobile 0457 678 380.

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Croquet scores

With the Worlds currently happening in England, I've been looking back at the history of Croquet Scores. I developed it for the 2012 Worlds in Adelaide, Australia.

I was really surprised at how quickly Croquet Scores took off and how people valued it. I know that there are people out there who off their own bat organised training sessions for others to use the site. Within just a few months. I started seeing countries that I had no idea played croquet, putting tournaments into the site.

And I know it's important to family and friends too – my mum uses it all the time when I'm playing in a tournament.

Initially, Croquet Scores was just set up for AC and GC, but I've since added it to be able to accept American 6 Wicket and Ricochet as well. One of the big additions to the site was the Commentary feature. Thanks to enthusiastic users it became a great way to follow games when you couldn't be there.

The impact of Croquet Scores continues. Nowadays it's pretty much impossible to Google a player and not have Croquet Scores come up in the

search. The ability to search through past results is really popular – particularly in settling discussions. It can also provide important data for players, mentors and coaches to help consider progress.

Croquet Scores is a passion project for me. I'm doing this in the sparest of my spare time, but meeting people who use and appreciate the site really makes it all worthwhile.

If you have issues – there's comprehensive help documentation on the site. And I'm happy to chat to you about any questions should we ever meet – but please, if you have any questions on the use of Croquet Scores wait until the end of the day to approach me if I'm playing in a tournament. I want to get my best results onto Croquet Scores myself! Then shout me a beer and I'll tell you all.

I hope Croquet Scores continues to be a valued part of the world croquet landscape.

I'm the computer writer in the family, my wife Nicole is the English writer in the family. Thanks for writing this article sweetie.

Tim Murphy
Developer of Croquet Scores

**Still time to increase your net membership and receive a bonus \$50 per member.
Payments to be made January 2024.**

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM



ELIGIBLE ACA AFFILIATED CLUBS WILL RECEIVE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

Clubs are eligible to receive a cash incentive if their net membership increases over the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023.

Eligible clubs will receive \$50 per net member increased.
Payment to be made to clubs in February 2024.

Club membership figures are based on official membership numbers that are provided to ACA.

EXAMPLE

On the 1st of Jan 2022, The Bundaberg Croquet Club membership was 40
On the 31st of Dec 2023, The Bundaberg Croquet Club membership is now 55
In February 2024, the ACA will pay the Bundaberg Croquet Club \$750



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What Do Selectors Look For

So, you're interested in playing in a club, state or national croquet team. What do you have to do to get selected? How can you show the relevant selection committee that you should be invited to be a member of the next squad or team they select?

You'll generally find the basics of what State and national selectors in all mallet disciplines are looking for in the respective selection policy documents on their association websites. These will usually set out the sorts of technical skills, tactical knowledge and mental/attitudinal attributes that players are expected to be able to demonstrate. Some clubs also have club selection policies on their websites.

And in addition to these things, to paraphrase British singer, actor, former Spice Girl, cultural icon and philosopher, Geri Halliwell, what selectors want (what they really, really want) is to see players entering and playing in club, state, national and international level events. Many selection policies will specify the sorts of events you should be entering.

Not only will entering tournaments provide you with some great playing experiences, it will put your name before your club, state and national selectors for consideration. If they aren't at events themselves – and you will occasionally see them out there on the sidelines watching – you can be

sure selectors will be monitoring performances on Croquet Scores, and getting feedback on the performances of players that have attracted their attention on the strength of results achieved.

So, if you aspire to be part of a representative team or squad, please enter tournaments – singles events certainly, but don't forget about the occasional doubles event given most teams' competitions involve some doubles play and your ability to form a good partnership with another player might be the factor that swings a selection panel one way or the other when finalising a team. By playing in tournaments you get to demonstrate your skills and abilities against other similarly and more highly ranked opponents. And, as most state and national teams' event are played over a number of days, you can also show the selectors your capacity to play consistently well over a number of days.

Finally, as an added bonus, when you play enough tournament matches over a 12-month period, you will get a world ranking and playing index (which is always something nice to drop into conversation at your next dinner party or social event).

Stephen Richards
(Stephen is a former Chair of the ACA's AC Selection Committee and currently chair the CNSW AC Selection Committee)

WORLD CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS



*Callum Hyland, completing his game in 40 minutes with an impressive triple peel, from Day 2 of the Association Croquet World Championships 2023. The Hurlingham Club, London, England.
Photo taken by Alison Sharpe.*



Gateball Captain Development Course 2023

Unfortunately, at present, even the best Australian teams struggle against quality international opposition. To help remedy this, the ACA decided to run a Captain's course. Over the weekend of May 20 and 21, twenty-four Gateball captains came to Eildon, in the Moreton Bay region of Brisbane, to learn about the subtle art of Gateball captaincy.

We want to thank both the ACA and Moreton Bay Regional Council for giving funding for the event.

The Course was led by a team of presenters: Philip Brown – Gateball High Performance Manager, and Level 3 Gateball Coaches, Glen Whitehead, John Park, Geoff Crook and Barbara Northcott.

The aim of the course was as simple as it was complex: Better Captains Making Better Teams.

We set out to share our knowledge to help every team get a little bit better. But by "our" we don't mean just the presenters. The course attendees developed a great spirit of co-operation, too. Everyone was sharing their knowledge freely and giving guidance where they could.

The course lasted the full two days and covered multiple aspects of the role of Captain.

Of course there were a number of topics on Gateball strategy, including structuring your balls





to make gate-touches more available, numerical play, the advantages of a cluster of balls. But there was more than just Gateball tactics.

John led sessions on how to get the most out of the training your team does. Barbara discussed the nuances of leadership and how to help your team become the best they can. Geoff explained how the best team he had ever seen played with immaculate defensive Gateball techniques. Glen helped us to understand the real probabilities of making certain types of shots.

We were also lucky enough to be able to film a game from multiple cameras, including a drone. This footage will be made available soon, once the editing is complete.

The course was held at Eildon Croquet Club who were immaculate hosts. The courts were well prepared and the catering excellent. We bid hearty thanks for all the assistance we received from Eildon.

Most of the course consisted of a short discussion in the club room, followed by drills or scenarios out on the lawns. The full presenters' notes will be made available on the Gateball Australia website. This means that individuals can read them, but we're hoping that the captains who attended will take the knowledge back to share with their clubs and regions. There's lots of interesting scenarios designed to highlight features of Gateball strategy.

We hope everyone will go back to their clubs and start practicing – we want the Australian teams at the coming Australian Gateball Championships in Wodonga in September to show our International guests that the hospitality ends at the starting box!

Philip Brown
High Performance Manager
Gateball

Who is Gateball Australia?

Gateball Australia is a trading name registered by the Australian Croquet Association (ACA) for all its Gateball activities across Australia. Currently we use the Gateball Australia logo and the ACA logo on our Gateball documentation.

Why do we use the name Gateball Australia?

While many people call Gateball a code of Croquet, it is internationally recognised as a separate sport.



Just as Croquet has the World Croquet Federation, Gateball has its own representative body, the World Gateball Union.

It made sense that the ACA as an established administrator of mallet sports with existing facilities and infrastructure supported the introduction of Gateball into Australia and became the national body responsible for Gateball.

The ACA trading as Gateball Australia is Australia's representative at the World Gateball Union (WGU) and the National Coordinator of Gateball is a Director on the WGU Board.

This year marks Australia's 20th anniversary of being a WGU member. We will celebrate this milestone at the Australian Gateball Championships in September this year.

Why is there a separate Gateball Australia website?

Gateball Australia is how we are recognised around the world by other Gateball playing nations, so the ACA provides funding for Gateball Australia to have its own website. You can find out about the history of Gateball, how to play, watch videos of games and the rules, find Gateball refereeing information, Gateball Australia policies and regulations, tournament management templates and lots more.

Gateball Australia also has its own Facebook page where you can keep up with tournament results and other Gateball news.

Ros Crowe
National Coordinator of Gateball



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Thumb arthritis in Croquet players

(Base of thumb arthritis/ Arthritis of the Carpometacarpal joint/ CMCJ Osteoarthritis)

Arthritis in the base of the thumb is common and not just in older croquet players. It is due to wear and tear of the joint. It can flare but can also settle with appropriate treatment.

The Carpometacarpal joint is the joint at the base of the thumb. It allows the thumb to move in multiple directions and allows the thumb to pinch and grip.

What is arthritis? The bone ends are covered in a smooth cartilage surface that allows bones to glide easily when the joint moves. Arthritis occurs when there is loss of the smooth cartilage causing the bone ends to rub against each other, friction, and damage to the joint. There can also be inflammation in the joint.

Arthritis of the base of the thumb is more common in women than men and more common in the 5th and 6th decade of life. People who have a history of fractures and dislocations of this joint are at increased risk of arthritis

Symptoms The pain is localized at the base of the thumb. There may be swelling or deformity. Pain is usually with activities involving gripping, such as holding a mallet, turning a handle or pinching, such as turning a key. These activities may cause a loss of strength.

Treatment options

1. **Ice** to settle pain
2. **Anti-inflammatories** Any over the counter preparation such as Ibuprofen or Diclofenac can be used or a prescription medication.
3. **Adapting your mallet** Widening the grip size so that you don't have to grip so tightly or using a mushroom grip.
4. **Stretching and strengthening** I would recommend seeing a specialist hand



Dr Karen Bisley

occupational therapist or hand physiotherapist to

ensure you have a good technique when doing exercises and to check that exercises are appropriate to you. Treatment of thumb osteoarthritis is associated with 3 main components.

- a. Stretching of the muscles in the first web space (Adductor pollicis muscle) by pinching the muscle until it relaxes
- b. Strengthening of the dorsal interosseous muscle by moving the index finger towards the thumb away from the other fingers
- c. Strengthening muscles to stabilize the joint such as making a "C- grip".

Treatment may involve taping the joint with Kinesiotape or Orthoses to improve thumb posture.

5. **Thumb splints** Thumb splints involve a variety of over-the-counter splints. Neoprene splints with a metal strip to support the thumb more well. Thermoplastic splints can also be molded by a hand therapist. Thermoplastic splint may be limited in croquet because they are hard and when tightly gripping.
6. **Cortisone injection** A steroid injection can provide localized anti-inflammatory to the joint to settle down the joint inflammation. I would consider this in association with stretching and strengthening.
7. **Surgery** Would only be considered as a last resort in severe cases and includes options such as fusion (arthrodesis), repositioning of the bone (osteotomy) or joint replacement

Dr Karen Bisley

Sports and Exercise Physician,
ACT, Australia, FASCEP, FRACGP

NSW GOLF CROQUET STATE TEAM

This team photo was taken at training at Sutherland Monday 26 June. The 14-person team includes 4 non-travelling reserves, and will represent NSW at the next Australian Golf Croquet Interstate Shield (ISS) Championship to be held in Perth, 20–24 September 2023. Congratulations all!



(L:R) Kevin McGlynn, Malcolm Powys, Gerda Lambeck, Liz Montague, Peter Freer (Captain), Kate McLoughlin, Ethan Gumbrell (Reserve), Derek Bull (Reserve), Jill Sullivan (Vice Captain), Jamie Gumbrell, Pauline Markwell (Reserve), David Scott, Sue Sellers (Reserve) and Mark Scruton.

WORLD CROQUET DAY 6 MAY

Many clubs celebrated World Croquet Day and several have submitted articles and photos of their events. Some clubs took the opportunity to hold an Open/Come & Try Day on that weekend too.

SAWTELL CROQUET CLUB (NSW NORTH COAST)

World Croquet Day and 14 prospective players were at Sawtell for a “Come and Try” day. A picture-perfect day and, with the help of members, all spent a couple of hours on the court trying out their mallet skills. A plus to the end of this story is that there has been some follow up with players signing up for coaching sessions with membership to follow.



THE ACA ARCHIVIST NEEDS YOUR HELP

Does anyone have a detailed result of the 2010 and 2011 Golf Croquet ISS events, Marty Clarke our archivist/historian would very much like to have a record of these events ?

Does anyone have any information on Office Bearers of the Sandringham Croquet Club pre the clubhouse fire in 1980 or so, particularly after the 1940's.,1950's and 1960's ?

Finally, if anyone has any information on a Mrs T.Dall who was also of the Sandringham Croquet Club, it would be greatly appreciated.

Martin Clarke
ACA Archivist/Historian
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NELSON BAY CROQUET CLUB (NSW MID-NORTH COAST)

Nelson Bay celebrated World Croquet Day with a BBQ and Social Croquet combined with an unofficial opening of the recently completed clubhouse roof extension. Twenty-five members enjoyed the great weather to play friendly games of croquet before gathering under the new roof to partake of BBQ fare and a wonderful celebratory cake. The enlarged patio area provided a great community space for such gatherings and will be an asset to be enjoyed by the Club for many years to come. The event was organised by Social Secretary, Faby Batho, who also baked and decorated the wonderful cake (right).



GOLDEN MALLET AWARD 2022

Congratulations to **Patrick Moroney**, recipient of the **2022 CNSW Golden Mallet Award!!**

Pat was nominated by Jamberoo Croquet Club (NSW South Coast) for his amazing service to his club and Croquet NSW over the last 18 years. Pat is a true gentleman and a life member of the club. He has generously contributed to croquet at all levels: playing AC and GC, representing his club in Pennants and external tournaments, coaching, refereeing, working bees and club maintenance, and generally being heart and soul of the club.



The 2022 Golden Mallet Award

The Golden Mallet Award was officially presented to Pat by Croquet NSW at a special morning tea held by the club on 6 May, World Croquet Day. JCC President Louise Hotchkis opened the proceedings, with Vice President Judy McCumstie providing a most informative and concise history of Croquet. Then past-president Steve Milton introduced Pat Moroney as the recipient of the 2022 CNSW Golden Mallet Award.

Around 60 club members attended, as well as local federal and state members of parliament who also enjoyed a game of croquet.

Club members provided a wonderful spread with the highlight being a specially-decorated cake, in Pat's honour. Pat shared his day with King Charles, on the day of the Coronation.

The Golden Mallet Award is a superb work of art lovingly handcrafted each year by Cliff Elliott from South West Rocks CC (NSW North Coast).



Fidy Westgarth, CNSW, presents the Award to Pat, with the wonderful cake in the foreground

CROQUET CORNER FLAGS

Would you like corner flags for your Club that last a lifetime?



Specifications

- Height above ground - 30 cms
- Posts - aluminium (painted)
- Ground Pins - galvanised steel
- Flags - Marine Vinyl (no fading) and heat welded

References - Clubs that already acquired Flags

QLD: Burleigh Heads/Palm Beach); Caloundra; Noosa; Sunny Side (Bundaberg); Graceville; Bribie Island; Bundaberg; SouthPort; The Range Maleny; Ipswich; Windsor; Albury;

WA: East Fremantle; Cambridge;

NSW: Lithgow; **SA:** Read Park; **NZ:** Auckland;

Cost: AU\$65.00 for a set of four flags and posts - \$21.00 Postage for up to 5 sets combined.

Ordering: Please email fredvv@ozemail.com.au with your order or Phone +61 (0) 418 608 663

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Senior manager Annette Watson says she and colleague Brendan Egan have a wealth of experience in the not-for-profit sector:

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