

# Canterbury (NZ) Croquet Association Inc.

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## CCA AC Grade Champs

The Association Croquet Grade Singles Championship was held at United and Fendalton clubs 16-21 January 2010. The weather was not kind and lawns were wet and just playable some days.

There were four entries in the 0-4 singles played as two rounds of block play. The event was won by Geoff Duckett of United and runner-up was John Yarrall of United. Laura Whitaker completed a straight double peel in the second round.

The 5-9 singles had 12 entries and was played as two blocks with one round between blocks. Zachary Ashley beat Richard Kimberly in the final.

There were 11 entries in the 10-16 singles which was played in two blocks. Margaret Murdoch withdrew on day 1 due to injury. Alan Sturgeon beat Jono Hart in a close final.

There were four entries in the 18-24 singles played as a single block. Richard Butler was winner with Owen Evans as runner-up.

There was only one doubles event, for 10-16 bisques. Four pairs entered. Winners were Jono Hart and Bruce McLay and runners-up Rita Yardley and Sheila Walker.

## NZ Open

Congratulations to Paddy Chapman for winning the NZ Open held in Wanganui 16-24 January. Paddy started his croquet and played for many years at Cashmere. He is now based in Adelaide.

## National GC Tournament

The CNZ National Golf Croquet Tournament will be held in Christchurch 27 Feb to 3 March 2010. See page 268 of the yearbook.

This tournament is not just for elite players. It includes a singles and a doubles event for players with a GC handicap of 5 or more.

The more entries the better. Entries close 12<sup>th</sup> February.

## CCA GC Grade Champs

The CCA Golf Croquet Grade Primary and Intermediate Championships were held at the St Martins Croquet Club on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th January 2010. The Premier Grade Championships were held at United on 30th and 31st January 2010.

There were 8 entries in the Premier grade (0-4). It was played as two rounds of block play with 13-point games. Chris Clarke won with 14/14 wins and Jared Keeman was runner-up with 10/14 wins.

There were 8 entered in the intermediate grade (5-7). There was one round of block play followed by playoffs. Suzanne Cleveland (South Canterbury) defended her title and runner-up was Josie Laing.

The Primary Grade (8-12) had 12 entries with one withdrawal during the 6th round. It was played as one round of block play. The event was won by John Bonner and runner-up was Merv Lilley.

## MacRobertson Shield

Congratulations to Jenny Clarke who is the first woman in 41 years to be selected to represent New Zealand in the MacRobertson Shield.

Jean Jarden, Hazel Woollett and Edna Hight represented New Zealand in 1969 when John Prince was team captain.

The MacRobertson Shield test series is the Tier 1 event of international croquet. It is played currently between New Zealand, Australia, Great Britain and USA. The next test series will be played in England in August 2010.

The full team is:

Aaron Westerby (Waikato-King Country)

Paddy Chapman (Adelaide)

Paul Skinley (Wellington)

Jenny Clarke (Canterbury)

Greg Bryant (Nelson)

Michael Wright (Wellington)

Charles Jones (Manager)

Reserve: Phillip Drew (Wellington)

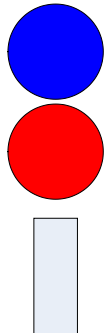
## Know the rules

We are starting a new series of articles to clarify the rules of GC and AC.

If there are some rules you are not clear about, let us know and we may be able clarify.

### *Double tap*

The striker's ball (red) is  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) from blue. Red is hit firmly directly into blue. Red stops when it hits blue and the mallet continues moving to hit red a second time. In each situation below say if it is a fault:



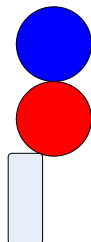
1. Association croquet: blue is live
2. Association croquet: blue is dead
3. Golf croquet

(Read AC rules 28(a)(7), 28(a)(8) and 28(d)(1) and GC rules 13(a)(6) and 13(a)(8).

Answers below.

### *Hitting with bevelled edge*

It is raining; you are uncomfortable in your leggings and heavy coat; your glasses are fogging up; the lawns are slow and you want to do a big croquet shot. You end up making a complete hash of the shot and hit the striker's ball with the bevelled edge of the mallet. Is this a fault in:



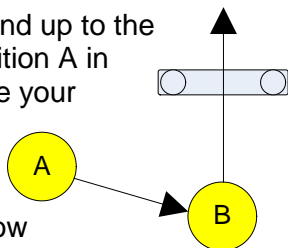
1. Association croquet
2. Golf croquet?
3. You hit with the bevelled edge when trying to avoid a hoop.

(See AC rule 28(a)(6) and GC rule 13(a)(5).)

Answers below.

### *Bisques after failed hoop*

You fail a hoop and end up to the side of the hoop (position A in the diagram). You use your bisques to take position in front of the hoop (B) and then run the hoop. How many bisques does this use?



Answer below.

## South Island Teams Event

The South Island Croquet Associations' Teams' Championship will be held in Timaru 27-28 February 2010 (see page 312 of the yearbook).

Some associations have had difficulty in fielding teams, so the SI Associations have agreed to change the format. Teams will consist of two players with handicap 0-9 and two with handicap 10-24. Games will be handicap singles.

Anyone interested in being considered for the team should let Jono Hart know.

## Umpire Training

A 4-evening course will be held at the St James Park Club for all those interested in becoming umpires on the following dates: Tuesday 2nd Feb, Thursday 4th Feb, Tuesday 9th Feb and Thursday 11th Feb at 5.30 pm. Each session will last approximately an hour and consists of both explanations and practical exercises covering the topics of "Balls off the Court and Croquet Strokes"; "Faults", "Watching Shots, Marking Balls and Hoop Running"; and "Wiring Tests". Should weather prevent the outdoor practical part of the training, the course will be extended to subsequent Tuesdays and Thursdays as needed.

## CCA Closing Day

CCA Closing Day will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April, not 3<sup>rd</sup> April as originally stated as that is Easter weekend.

It will be held at Fendalton Croquet Club.

## Carol Hayward competition

The Carol Hayward competition for over 60 got off to a great start with 24 players at United and 14 at Elmwood. There are more registered for next week.

## **GC Interclub Knockout**

The first round of the GC Interclub knockout has been completed with eight clubs competing. United will play Fendalton and St Martins will play Holmes Park in the semi-final.

Jono will be in touch with captains with venues for the next round.

## **AC Interclub Knockout**

Twelve teams have entered the AC Interclub knockout. Six teams were scheduled to play in the first round to reduce the field to eight teams. Cashmere and St James won their first-round matches. The first-round match between Elmwood and Akaroa will be played next week as Holmes Park has withdrawn. Fendalton, Edgware, United and St Martins all had byes in the first round.

## **GC Handicap Doubles**

The new GC Handicap Doubles event starts Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The draw has been handed out and is available on the CCA website at

[www.croquet.org.nz/associations/canterbury/](http://www.croquet.org.nz/associations/canterbury/)

If you are not sure contact your club captain or Jono Hart 379 2433 or [jono.h75@gmail.com](mailto:jono.h75@gmail.com)

## **Arthur Ross**

The CCA playoffs for the Arthur Ross competition will be 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February. Can clubs let Jono Hart know who will be representing your club as soon as you know.

The Canterbury winner will play in the national finals in Wellington 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Last season Laura Whittaker of Edgware won the national event.

## *Answer to double tap rules.*

1. This is not a fault. Rule 28(a)(8) says this is a fault, but 28(d) gives exemptions. Rule 28(d)(1)(A) says a second mallet-ball contact immediately after a roquet is not a fault.

2. This is a fault. The exemption under rule 28(d) does not apply as no roquet is made.

3. This is always a fault in GC. There are no live balls and no roquets.

## *How do I know if a double-tap occurs?*

If the balls are less than 2–3" apart and are hit firmly, it is likely to be a double tap. If the balls are hit dead-centre without a double-tap, the striker's ball should stop dead. If the striker's ball continues travelling after striking the blue ball, this is evidence of a likely double-tap. It is more complicated if the balls are hit at an angle.

## *Answer to hitting with bevelled edge*

1. and 2: This is not a fault, as long as you intended to hit with the face of the mallet and your shot was not hampered by a hoop, the peg or another ball.

3. This is a fault in both GC and AC. It is important to have hampered shots watched so you can concentrate on making the shot while the referee or umpire watches for faults.

## *Answers to bisques after failed hoop*

Two bisques are needed to run the hoop.

When you fail the hoop, and end up at A, your turn has ended. You may take a bisque to continue your turn. When you take position in front of the hoop (B) your turn ends again as you have not run a hoop and have not roqueted a ball. You then must take a second bisque to run the hoop.

Tactically, you should consider taking a bisque before trying a difficult hoop. You can use your continuation shot to take position on your other ball. Now that your turn has ended, take one bisque to roquet the other ball nearer the hoop and approach the hoop again (all balls are live again). This takes only one bisque.

Even consider using your continuation shot to go to a badly positioned ball elsewhere on the lawn, use one bisque to improve its position before returning to the hoop.