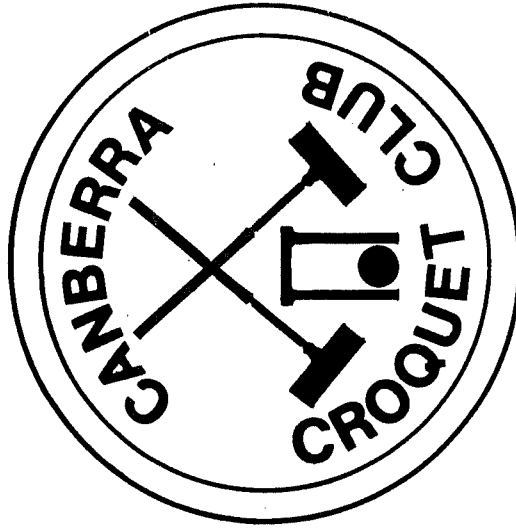


The Canberra Croquet Club  
Competition Winners  
2009-2010

Event	Winner(s)	Runner-Up(s)
<b>Association Croquet</b>		
Handicap doubles	Bob Gingold & John Grattan	Roger Timms & Ben Freasier
Handicap singles	Tim Murphy	Richard Meacock
Veteran's Handicap singles	Tony Hall	Peter Tavender
Canberra Open	Stephen Richards	Simon Watkins (Vic)
Y	John Byers (Qld)	Jim Nicholls (NSW)
Plate	Roger Buddle (SA)	David Wise (SA)
Senior Citizen's Handicap Singles	Roger Timms	Richard Meacock
Margaret Reid Trophy (High Low doubles)		
Senior	Richard Meacock	
Junior	Nola de Chazal	
Easter Carnival	Nerida Taylor	Bob Gingold
Blue Block	John Fransen (NSW)	Ben Freasier
Green Block	Margaret Sawers (NSW)	Linda Nickels (NSW)
Club championship	Tim Murphy	Alan Honey
Presidents' Day (High Low doubles)		
Senior	Richard Meacock	
Junior	Fran Novitski	
Women's Singles	Nerida Taylor	Chris Payne
Division Advanced Singles		
Div 1	Stephen Richards	Tony Hall
Div 2	Ben Freasier	Ian Walker
Div 3	<i>insufficient entries</i>	
Div 4	Glen Whitehead	Roger Timms
Blackall Cup	Queanbeyan	
<b>Golf Croquet</b>		
Club Championship	Tony Hall	Stephen Meatheringham
Handicap Singles	Tim Murphy	Richard Meacock
Handicap Doubles	Greg Diprose & John Grattan	Peter Freer & Glen Whitehead
<b>Gateball</b>		
Club Doubles	Glen Whitehead & Daniel Casey	Alex Park & John Park

# CANBERRA CROQUET CLUB



Annual Report 2010

## Canberra Croquet Club Incorporated

### Annual Report

This report is presented to members in accordance with section 73 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991. Attached are the following:

1. The Auditor's Report
2. The statement of accounts for 2009/2010, comprising the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet.
3. The budget for 2010/2011.
4. The Report for 2009/2010.
5. The Minutes of the 2009 AGM.
6. Competition winners for 2009/2010.

The names of the Committee members for the year 2009/2010 were:

Peter Freer	President
<i>vacant</i>	Vice-President
<i>vacant</i>	Secretary
Jim Payne	Treasurer
Peter Strauch	Captain
Yvonne Brereton	Committee Member
Ben Freasier	Committee Member
Tim Goodland	Committee Member
Gilon Smith	Committee Member

The principal activities of the Club, which have not changed during the year, are the playing of croquet by its members, and supporting and fostering the game in the community.

During the year, the excess of receipts over expenditure was \$4,181.80 and members accumulated funds increased by \$5,420.42.



Peter Freer  
President



Jim Payne  
Treasurer

**Auditor's Report to the Members of the  
Canberra Croquet Club Incorporated**

I have examined the accounts and records of the Canberra Croquet Club Incorporated and have audited the financial transactions recorded therein.

In my opinion, the Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure present fairly the financial position of the Club as at 31 May 2010 and the result of its operations for the year ended on that date.

1 June 2010



A. T. Dahl CPA

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ending 31 May 2010**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Bank Interest	44.15
Canberra Open Tournament	807.00
Coaching	350.00
Donations	435.00
Easter Tournament	1,194.00
Equipment Hire	4,905.00
Gateball Tournament	0.00
Green Fees	429.50
Shop	153.55
Subscriptions	17,515.00
Yearbook, Croquet NSW	112.00
Miscellaneous	88.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,033.20</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Affiliation Fees	2,217.00
Canberra Open Tournament	60.00
Cleaning and Rubbish Removal	298.11
Clubhouse Maintenance	3,934.00
Coaching material	10.00
Court Maintenance	5,745.92
Easter Tournament	198.07
Electricity	624.40
Equipment	899.97
Gateball Tournament	302.00
Gratuities	120.00
Housekeeping	513.61
Insurance	1,993.93
Library, Magazines & Journals	70.40
New Members' Expenses	0.00
Postage & Stationery	93.35
Rent and Rates	2,765.87
Shop Stocks	0.00
Telephone	785.50
Trophies, Engraving and Gold Lettering	603.82
Yearbook, Croquet NSW	112.00
Miscellaneous	503.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,851.40</b>

Operating Surplus/(Deficit) 4,181.80

**Bank Account Details**

Opening balance	12,327.46
2008/09 cheque o/s	-1,201.92
2008/9 receipts not yet banked	38.50
Operating Surplus/(deficit)	4,181.80
Transfer from Term Deposit	0.00
Transfer to Term Deposit	-8,000.00
Unpresented cheques	20.00
Deposits not yet banked	0.00
Balance at 30/4/10	<u>7,365.84</u>

**TERM DEPOSITS**

Opening balance	45,085.79
Interest	2,195.43
Bank charges	0.00
Transfer from Current Account	8,000.00
Transfer to Current Account	0.00
Balance at 31/5/09	<u>55,281.22</u>

**Balance Sheet at 31/5/10**

**Members' Accumulated Funds Represented by:**

Current Assets		
Commonwealth Bank Trading Accounts	7,365.84	
Commonwealth Bank Term Deposits	<u>55,281.22</u>	
Shop Stocks	2,793.00	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>65,440.06</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Croquet and Lawn Equipment at cost	10,806.45	
Less Depreciation	<u>7,301.45</u>	3,505.00
Trophies and Honour Boards		970.00
Other Equipment at cost	8,265.57	
Less Depreciation	<u>6,925.57</u>	1,340.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>5,815.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>71,255.06</b>

Current Liabilities  
Unpresented Cheques 20.00

**NET ASSETS**

71,235.06

## BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2010-2011

## 2009-2010 Report

<b>Income</b>	
Bank Interest	\$50
Canberra Open	\$900
Coaching	\$200
Donations	\$400
Easter Tournament	\$1,000
Equipment Hire	\$5,000
Gateball Tournament	\$0
Green Fees	\$300
Shop	\$100
Subscriptions	\$17,000
Yearbook, Croquet NSW	\$100
Other	\$100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,150</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	
Affiliation Fees	\$2,100
Canberra Open	\$100
Cleaning and Rubbish Removal	\$350
Club-house maintenance/inside painting	\$1,600
Coaching material	\$100
Court Improvements and maintenance	\$10,000
Easter Tournament	\$200
Electricity	\$700
Equipment	\$1,950
Gateball Tournament	\$0
Gratuities, Gifts etc.	\$120
Housekeeping	\$600
Insurance	\$2,000
Library, Magazines & Journals	\$200
New Members' Expenses	\$200
Postage & Stationery	\$200
Rent & Rates	\$3,000
Shop Stocks	\$50
Telephone	\$900
Trophies, Gold lettering & Engraving	\$800
Yearbook, Croquet NSW	\$100
Other	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,770</b>

Surplus/(deficit) -\$620

This has been another interesting year, as the Chinese say. We faced the usual challenges - especially the continued shortage of water in Canberra's reservoirs, the related delay in renovating the Club's lawns, and turnover in Club membership - but also managed to find some additional issues such as termites and maintenance of the Clubhouse.

On behalf of the members of the 2009/10 committee, I present the annual report, against the Five Year Strategic Plan approved in 2006.

### Sustainable and Active membership

- Recruitment and Retention**

#### *Introductory Coaching*

Our Introductory Coaching coordinator, Bob Gingold, reports that 11 people in 3 classes completed introductory coaching this year, with a further course currently underway. During the year 6 new members joined the club, including 4 of those completing the course during the year. We thank those who generously gave of their time to coach classes, namely Ben Freasier, Rodney Teakle and Stephen Meatheringham.

The mentoring program was set up to assist new players settle into the club. It is a great idea, but it is not easy to find people prepared/available to be mentors. It remains crucial for Club members to welcome & assist new members, especially when they come to play at Club draws.

#### *Come & Try*

John Harris continued his contribution by arranging for 9 monthly Sunday Come & Try days this past year. Numbers turning up continue to be unpredictable, depending on the various forms of advertising utilised and the weather. A majority say they found out about the day from the Internet, some from the Canberra Times or from friends within the Club, and some due to the banner (when we remember to put it out). This year over 100 people turned up with numbers ranging from 0 to 25. For the coming year Come & Try will again be run every month where the courts are available.

Recruitment and retention therefore both remain key issues.

- Player Development**

Canberra has maintained its reputation for quality players - including having club members selected for international events in Association Croquet (AC), Golf Croquet (GC) and Gateball. Canberra players have been prominent in ACA & NSW competitions.

Intermediate level coaching remains a problem - members have asked for coaching at this level but attendance at those sessions which have been arranged have been patchy.

The Club now supports members wishing to gain coaching and officiating accreditation by reimbursing associated costs upon successful completion of the accreditation processes. Several Club members have now qualified as Referees (AC and/or GC) this year, following on from the eight Beginner Coaches (AC) accredited in April 2009.

The Playing Committee has continued to monitor handicaps (Association and Golf Croquet) of all members (competitive and social) to ensure that they accurately reflect playing standards.

- **Event Management**

Our thanks go to Stephen Richards for managing the Canberra Open; to Peter Freer and Brian Thomason for co-managing the Easter Carnival; and to Tim Goodland for organising the Tavender Gateball Trophy.

Thanks to Peter Strauch as Club Captain, Ben Freasier as Vice-Captain, Bob Gingold, and all other members who assisted in conducting competitions at the Club.

- **All mallet disciplines catered for**

Association Croquet, Golf Croquet and Gateball are established in the club's calendar in terms of scheduled draws and competition events. A Golf Croquet Club Championship and expanded Golf Croquet Handicap Singles & Handicap Doubles events were successfully run this year to further the development of Golf Croquet in Canberra.

The Club's programme of competitions was completed generally in keeping with the published Calendar. Following feedback from club members, the Playing Committee decided that in future seasons the timing of our Golf Croquet competitions will be brought forward to more evenly spread the demand for lawns and for players' time.

The level of participation in club competitions for the year was overall consistent with the previous season. Thanks are extended to all who played in the club competitions - both the internal Club competition program and external events have been well supported. However there has been a noticeable increase in withdrawals after events are underway - obviously players cannot anticipate unexpected illness or other valid reasons for not being able to continue, but should not enter a competition unless they expect to play all required games.

Presentations to winners and runners-up of Club competitions will follow the AGM, as per the list at the back of the Annual Report.

The Club hosted the NSW Gateball Championships in November 2009. The winner of the Teams competition was the Brunswick Wombats and runner-up Kew, both from Victoria. The winners of the Doubles competition were Greg Featherstone [Rockhampton] and Peter Freer [Canberra] with runners-up Glen Whitehead and Kristina Huynh [both Canberra]. The Club acknowledges and thanks the contributions of the managers of these events.

- **Acknowledge member contributions**

Once again we thank all of you who volunteered to do the many "little" things that have to be done to keep the Club operating - these include, but are not limited to, the vital contributions as lawn markers & rollers, housekeeping, looking after trophies and just pitching in when something needs doing. We also acknowledge the handymen like John Harris, Brian Thomason & Peter Tavender, who are constantly repairing and fixing everything from line markers to pegs and lawn barriers.

## Facility and Asset Management

- **Capital works - Clubhouse, lawns and equipment maintenance**

Having re-painted both the interior and exterior of the Clubhouse last year, we were disappointed to discover termites in the frame of the toilet door. The good news is that they seem not to have invaded anywhere else, but extensive checking is still underway.

In addition Elizabeth Mountain has been negotiating an emergency heritage grant to properly investigate, and then rectify, the sagging support pillars under the floor. The flag pole is also needing work.

We continue to monitor the impact of water restrictions on the lawns. Good rain has fallen since February 2010 and we have not had to water since then. However Canberra water storages remain far from full, and - although the likelihood of Stage 4 water restrictions has receded - the future remains uncertain with water. Consequently, major lawn renovation has again been deferred.

We have decided to install an upgrade of the irrigation system this winter, which will allow us to split the annual lawn maintenance so that one lawn each year can be kept in play during November/December - previously this made no sense since we needed to provide additional water to the other lawns but could not segregate their watering. This will extend the period that lawns are available for club competition, and allow hirings during the lucrative period leading up to Christmas. However this may require a change in dates for a number of club competitions, and the Canberra Open and Easter carnivals, due to the relatively short grass growing season.

We have recently changed greenkeepers. Our fifth greenkeeper is Dan Rothacker (Brumbies) who replaces Mal Daisley. Dan was involved during the most recent renovation last Christmas. The club is actively working with the greenkeeper to improve the quality of the grass surface as it has dropped significantly over the past two seasons. Problems with grass cover and weeds - particularly hydrocotyl and paspalum - remain concerns, as does the effectiveness of the root barriers at either end of the lawns. Work is to be progressed regarding both - new root barriers will be installed at the same time as the upgrade of the irrigation system.

## Advocate and promote excellence

Our Gateballers continue to perform with distinction. The Canberra team won the Australian Gateball Championship in 2010 - the first time an Australian team has won this. In the State Championships, Tim Goodland & Alex Park won the Victorian Doubles, and Canberra finished third in each of the NSW, Queensland & Victorian teams championships.

Tim Murphy is the current captain of the NSW AC team, which won back the Eire Cup in early 2010. Canberra members also played in a range of ACA and Croquet NSW competitions.

Peter Freer has received a wild card entry to the 2010 WCF World Over 50 Golf Croquet Championship (Egypt) in October 2010.

- **Membership of other croquet organisations**

A strength of our club is the involvement of members in a range of croquet organisations. Tony Hall continues as the Australian Croquet Association (ACA) Treasurer. Stephen Meatheringham has started a term as a member of the World Croquet Federation (WCF) Management Committee. Stephen also continues as the ACA National Handicapper. Peter Freer is a member of the ACA Events Management Committee. Tim Murphy is a member of the Croquet NSW Tournament Committee, and State Handicapper. Gilon Smith is the National Director of Gateball. Kimberlee Trent is a member of the Croquet NSW Gateball Committee.

- **Promoting Club and playing disciplines in ACT**

Club members have represented the Club at several ACT sports events, mostly aimed at coordinating sports planning and administration. Negotiations continue with the National Capital Authority over rehabilitating the lawn at Old Parliament House and allowing the Club to use this to complement our existing lawns, particularly when our lawns are out of action for annual maintenance, but chances for a satisfactory outcome are low. The Club is also helping Goodwin Nursing Home with the establishment of croquet there as an activity, in the hope that this might grow and create another croquet club in Canberra.

- **Establish links with other clubs in the region**

Canberra continues to be active in developing playing relations with other clubs in our region. This includes the Blackall Cup with Queanbeyan, GC visits to Young & Wagga, and AC at Bundanoon. We also normally send a team to the South Coast Shield down at Narooma/Dalmeny, but fortuitously didn't get enough numbers this year - given the 160km/hour winds down there that weekend! We have also endeavoured to ensure that the Club is represented at Croquet NSW Council meetings (which provide a good opportunity to also talk to representatives from the non-metropolitan clubs).

- **Social activities**

The club continued to provide social activities for members such as the Annual Dinner and Christmas Party, but there is a marked reduction in informal monthly social activities, apparently due to press of other commitments?

- **Promotional activities**

The club continues to struggle with identifying effective promotional activities, other than Come&Try every month. Most of the invitations we receive are to man desks at broad community affairs such as the Multicultural Festival, which take significant effort to undertake while not focussing on our major target group - the recently retired.

Peter Freer did help out at the annual Croquet NSW promotion for school children at Goulburn in October 2009, but again it is not clear that this generates actual recruitment. Goulburn needs to establish a Club in the area to be effective, but this would require a significant and continuing effort from Canberra to make this happen and the Committee is therefore reluctant to commit resources at this stage.

## Governance and Financial Management

- **Finance**

Building on the improvements last year, especially the creation of a separate Treasurer's account, Jim Payne further improved the monthly reporting this year and this is now operating particularly smoothly.

We closed the books at the end of April 2010, but the Club's financial year remains from 1 June to 30 May each year.

After a \$10 increase last year, we recommend no change to subscription rates (ie stay at \$240 pa in 2010/11).

- **Administrative efficiency**

Most committee positions were filled at the last AGM, but the committee system struggled a bit with the President having to also cover the Secretary's role this year. Thanks to the members of the Committee, and to Peter Tavender for stepping into the Treasurer's position when Jim Payne took leave to travel interstate.

The Playing Committee also struggled a bit this year, following the departure of Stephen Meatheringham as Club Captain. Fortunately Stephen continued looking after the lawns in liaison with our greenkeeper, although Stephen is still on the lookout for an apprentice ....

- **Succession planning**

Always challenging for any organisation and this Club is no exception. We do not have enough members that you can simply join and just play - particularly since a number of our most experienced members have well and truly reached their 7 year limits.

Please consider taking on a role, since it will all work so much better if everyone does something (no matter how small) and helps to spread the load.

- **Club sustainability**

I conclude by noting that the Club remains strong. We face challenges, but we have adequate financial reserves, and the people to continue the success we have enjoyed in recent years. I look forward to sharing these with you in the coming years.

Peter Freer  
President  
June 2010

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
CANBERRA CROQUET CLUB INCORPORATED  
1.30PM SATURDAY 4 JULY 2009  
AT THE CCC CLUBHOUSE**

*Draft Minutes*

**1. Opening**

The President, P Freer, took the chair and opened proceedings at 1.30pm by welcoming members to the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Canberra Croquet Club (CCC) Incorporated, and inviting their attention to the agenda and associated CCC annual report.

There were 28 financial members present who signed the Attendance Book held at the clubhouse.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from R Bailey, M and A Eggleton, B and P Gingold, J and Y Grattan, E Mountain, P Nelson, and J and C Payne.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 5 July 2008**

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as a correct record.

Moved: P Hardiman, seconded: T Hall - carried.

**4. President's Report**

The CCC 2009 Annual Report document contained the President's Report for 2008-2009, which was based on the outcomes achieved under the club's ongoing strategic plan. The President spoke to the highlights of the report and thanked all those members who had contributed to the successful operation of the club over the past twelve months.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: P Tavender, seconded: T Murphy - carried

**5. Captain's Report**

The Captain's Report formed part of the President's Report, already considered under agenda item 4 above.

The President thanked the retiring Captain, S Meatheringham, for his support in overseeing the club's playing activities during the last year.

Motion: That the Captain's Report be accepted.

Moved: T Hall, seconded: J Harris - carried

**6. Presentation of Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report**

In the absence of the Treasurer, P Tavender spoke briefly to the statement of accounts and auditor's report for 2008-9 as contained in the CCC 2009 Annual Report and was thanked by the President for taking on this role whilst J Payne was away.

Motion: That the report be accepted.

Moved: P Strauch, seconded: P Freer - carried

**7. Determination of the Membership Fee for the year 2009-10**

Motion: That the annual membership fee for 2009-10 be increased by \$10 to \$240.

Moved: P Tavender, seconded: S Richards - carried

**8. Appointment of Auditor**

It is understood that Mr Dahl has indicated a willingness to remain the club's Auditor.

Motion: That Mr Dahl be retained as auditor.

Moved: T Hall, seconded: L Swan - carried

**9. Nomination of Patron**

Motion: That the incoming committee invite the Hon Margaret Reid to continue as club patron.

Moved: T Murphy, seconded: P Hardiman - carried

**10. Consideration of proposals under Rule 15 of CCC Inc. Rules**

There was one special resolution for consideration by members at this meeting, as follows:

*That Rule 29 of the Canberra Croquet Club be amended to read:*

*"Funds are to be derived from subscription fees, donations and, subject to Section 114 of the Act (non-members may not invest in the club), such other sources as the Committee determines. All monies received on behalf of the club shall be paid into General Accounts (bank or term deposit) in its name at bankers appointed by the Committee. All payments from the General Accounts shall be drawn or endorsed by any two of three or four Committee members appointed by the Committee. There shall be a Treasurer's Account, which will be used to make payments on a day-to-day basis. This account will be reimbursed only from the General Account and may never hold more than five thousand dollars or such other amount as may be approved at a General Meeting. The signatory shall be the Treasurer."*

Moved: P Tavender, seconded: T Hall

28 financial members voted for this special resolution and none against - carried.

**11. Election of Office Bearers**

No position was contested. At close of nominations, nominations had been received for positions as follows:

President	P Freer
Treasurer	J Payne
Captain	P Strauch

These persons were duly declared appointed.

Nominations for the remaining positions of Vice President, Secretary and three Committee Members were called for from the floor, with the following persons being appointed:

B Freasier	Committee Member
T Goodland	Committee Member
G Smith	Committee Member

The President congratulated the incoming Committee members on their appointment and urged other club members to consider nominating for the two remaining vacant positions.

**12. Election of Members to the Playing Committee**

The Playing Committee membership comprises:

Captain (Chair and Playing Committee representative on the main Committee)	
Vice Captain (alternate representative on the main Committee as required)	
President (Ex-Officio)	
Coaching Coordinator	
Members x 2	

Nominations were received before the meeting as follows, with no positions being contested:

Vice Captain	B Freasier
Coaching Coordinator	B Gingold
Playing Committee Member	S Meatheringham

Nominations for the remaining position as committee member were called for from the floor, with the following person being appointed:

Y Brereton	Playing Committee Member
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The President congratulated the incoming Playing Committee members on their appointment.

**Honorary Mention**

At this point life member H Clark took the opportunity to thank Kath Gilmour, long serving former Committee Member, coach and referee, for all her efforts on behalf of the club over the years.

**13. Closure of Meeting**

The President thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1.59pm.

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