



ANNUAL REPORT

2014-2015

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Introduction

This report is presented to members in accordance with Section 73 of the ACT Associations Incorporation Act 1991.

The names of the Committee members for the year 2014-2015 were:

Nick Chapman Elizabeth Mountain Ben Freasier	President
Ben Freasier Vacant	Vice President
Rodney Teakle	Secretary
Linda Freasier	Treasurer
John Byers	Captain
Peter Tavender	Committee Member
Judy Tier	Committee Member
Hilary White	Committee Member

Due to various personal issues, the Presidency had three occupants last year. Ultimately, the Vice President position was left vacant.

The principal activities of the Club are the playing of croquet and gateball by its members and supporting/fostering these games in the community. These activities have not changed during the year.

During the year, receipts exceeded expenditure by \$6930 and members' accumulated funds increased by \$7695.



Ben Freasier
President



Rodney Teakle
Secretary


2014-2015 Financial Summary

**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 2015 and the result of its operations for the year ended on that date.

23 June 2015



Angela Baum CA

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending 31 May 2015

Operating Receipts	£
Bank Interest	2
Easter Carnival	440
Canberra AC Open Carnival-Jan	663
Golf Croquet-Oct Tournament	50
Golf Croquet-Aug Tournament	1,472
Coaching	780
Donations	601
Hirings	8,800
Greens Fees	325
Memberships	16,269
Sales	982
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	30,384

Operating Expenditures

Affiliation & Regulatory Fees	2,503
Bank Fees	25
Canberra AC Open-Jan	384
GC Costs-Aug	886
GC Costs-Oct	50
Other Tournament Fees	360
Easter Carnival	55
Cleaning and Rubbish Removal	1,141
Clubhouse Maintenance	543
Coaching Material	125
Court Maint & Improvements	6,697
Electricity & Utilities	2,883
Equipment	129
Garden Maintenance	29
Gratuities	253
Housekeeping	466
Insurance	2,618
Purchase of Inventory	292
Postage & Stationery	165
Rent and Rates	2,133
Telephone & Internet Services	1,567
Badges, Trophies, Engraving & Lettering	450
	<u>23,752</u>

Operating Surplus/(Deficit) \$6,632

Term Deposit Interest Received	2,625
Shed Costs	(2,077)
Asset Purchases (BBQ)	<u>(250)</u>

Total Surplus/(Deficit)	\$6,930
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Balance Sheet at 31 May 2015

Members' Accumulated Funds	Represented by:		
<u>Current Assets</u>	\$	\$	\$
Commonwealth Bank Trading Accounts	9,229.66		
Members Equity Bank Term Deposit	72,000.00		
Drink Stocks	91.50		
Shop Stocks	<u>2,786.00</u>		
Total Current Assets			84,107.16
999			
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Croquet and Lawn Equipment at cost	15,448.15		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>11,834.36</u>	3,613.79	
Other Equipment at cost	7,783.00		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>3,775.47</u>	4,007.53	
Trophies and Honour Boards	2,340.00		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,012.77</u>	1,327.23	
Total Fixed Assets			<u>8,948.55</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			93,055.71
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Unpresented Cheques			<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS			\$93,055.71

Bank Accounts

COMMONWEALTH BANK ACCOUNTS

Opening balance	7,120.88
Add YTD 2014-15 Receipts	102,427.86
Less YTD 2014-15 Payments	<u>(100,319.08)</u>
Balance at 31 May 2015	<u>\$ 9,229.66</u>

Cash at Bank at 31/5/15	9,229.66
Add O/S Deposits	-
Less O/S Cheques	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31 May 2015	<u>\$ 9,229.66</u>

TERM DEPOSITS at ME BANK

Opening balance	67,179.11
Interest	1,401.25
Transfers from Current Account	52,000.00
Transfers to Current Account	<u>(48,580.36)</u>
Balance at 31 May 2015	<u>\$ 72,000.00</u>

Details of Term Deposits:

to 17/4/16	<i>Reserved: night lights</i>	20,000
to 7/2/16		10,000
to 7/8/15	<i>Reserved: lawn renovation</i>	25,000
to 8/11/15		7,000
to 26/8/15		<u>10,000</u>
		72,000

CANBERRA CROQUET CLUB DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET
2015-16 Financial Year

Income	2014-15 BUDGET	FY Actual at 31/05/15	DRAFT 2015-16 BUDGET	Incr / (Decr) %
Bank Interest	\$5	\$2	\$2	(60%)
Coaching	\$700	\$780	\$700	0%
Donations	\$50	\$601	\$208	
Green Fees	\$250	\$325	\$250	0%
Hirings	\$6,200	\$8,800	\$7,900	27%
Membership	\$16,200	\$16,269	\$19,540	21%
Sale of Drinks			\$250	
Sales	\$600	\$982	\$250	(58%)
Tournament - Canberra AC Open (Jan)	\$1,000	\$663	\$700	(30%)
Tournament - Easter Carnival	\$200	\$440	\$200	0%
Tournament - Golf Croquet (Aug)		\$1,472		
Tournament - Golf Croquet (Oct)	\$500	\$50	\$100	
TOTAL	\$25,705	\$30,383	\$30,100	17%

Expenditure	2014-15 BUDGET	FY Actual at 31/05/15	DRAFT 2015-16 BUDGET	Incr / (Decr) %
Affiliation & Regulatory Fees	\$3,000	\$2,503	\$2,800	(7%)
Badges, Trophies, Engraving & Lettering	\$1,100	\$450	\$1,100	0%
Bank Fees	\$125	\$25	\$10	(92%)
Cleaning and Rubbish Removal	\$1,200	\$1,141	\$1,300	8%
Club-house maintenance	\$300	\$543	\$1,000	233%
Coaching material	\$150	\$125	\$150	0%
Court Maint & Improvements	\$6,700	\$6,697	\$6,800	1%
Electricity & Utilities	\$2,000	\$2,883	\$6,000	200%
Equipment	\$1,000	\$129	\$1,000	0%
Garden Maintenance	\$160	\$29	\$150	(6%)
Gratuities, Gifts etc.	\$250	\$253	\$250	0%
Housekeeping	\$600	\$466	\$600	0%
Insurance	\$2,500	\$2,618	\$2,800	12%
Library, Magazines & Journals	\$140	\$0	\$100	(29%)
Marketing & Advertising			\$300	
Postage & Stationery	\$100	\$165	\$170	70%
Purchase of Drinks for sale			\$200	
Purchase of Inventory	\$320	\$292	\$300	(6%)

Rent and Rates	\$3,800	\$2,133	\$2,200	(42%)
Telephone & Internet	\$960	\$1,566	\$1,600	67%
Tournament - Canberra AC Open (Jan)	\$350	\$384	\$350	0%
Tournament - Easter Carnival	\$300	\$55	\$270	(10%)
Tournament - Golf Croquet (Aug)		\$886		
Tournament - Golf Croquet (Oct)	\$250	\$50	\$250	0%
Tournaments - Others	\$400	\$360	\$400	0%
TOTAL	\$25,705	\$23,752	\$30,100	17%

President's Report

This report incorporates contributions from the Treasurer, Secretary, Captain, other office bearers, and other senior club members.

The greatest current challenge to the viability of the club is the pressure on our parking due to the imposition of paid parking in the Parliamentary triangle. Elizabeth Mountain with the able assistance of Bob Gingold has been negotiating (with scant success) with the powers that be who have been misregulating our parking. See Appendix B where Elizabeth outlines the current status of our attempts to secure adequate, free parking for club members.

Membership

The club membership currently stands at 79 active players, plus eight social members. Members play Association Croquet Players (32), Golf Croquet (49) and about Gateball (18). Obviously, many of our members play more than one mallet discipline.

Coaches and Referees

The Captain reports that we have five Association Referees, one Association Examining Referee, three Golf croquet referees and no Golf Croquet Examining Referees. Within Gateball we have five referees. Many of the AC & GC Referees were due for renewal at 30 June 2013, and a number of members let their status lapse due to the perceived difficulty of complying with the tighter regulations required by Croquet NSW. This is starting to have a serious impact on our Club and will need to be addressed by the incoming Committee and Playing Committee.

Seven people are qualified as Association Beginner Coaches, four as Level 0 Golf Croquet Coaches, plus two Level 1 Golf Croquet coaches. The ACA has advised that this is not necessary for insurance purposes to be a Beginner Coach to conduct beginner training, hirings, etc.

Come and Try, Hirings, U3A Course, and Seniors Week

John Harris has continued to run the Come and Try afternoons on the first Sunday of the month. In 2014-2015 John has hosted about 25 people with the very occasional assistance from Ben Freasier and Bob Gingold.

The Davies took over mid-year with the departure of the Irelands who had done such a stellar job in the past with coordinating the hirings. Hirings have greatly assisted our financial results, so thank you to the new coordinators (who are certainly keeping up the standard) and Adrienne Fazekas, Judy Tier, Bob Gingold, Pam Cohen, Hilary White, Peter Freer, Kate McLoughlin, Rodney Teakle, Ben Freasier, Linda Freasier, Greg Diprose, Richard Meacock, Margo Davies, and Andrew Davies for their assistance in hosting these hirings.

The club (organized by Judy Tier) participated in Seniors Week and conducted a special 'come and try' on March 22. From this event we have two new members and two ready for classes.

Judy Tier has written and gotten approval for a U3A course for Golf Croquet. The course has been given twice for a total enrolment of 16. Eight of these have since joined the club, which has boosted membership numbers.

Player Development

Many of the new members have come to the club with only GC training. One of the goals of player development for the club is to provide additional coaching in AC for these new members. The exact plan for this is left to the discretion of the new committee and playing committee.

A course was held in February which introduced seven members to gateball. The club's Tavender trophy attracted 16 members with Adrienne Fazekas and Gilon Smith victorious.

Event Management

Canberra Open

This year the Canberra Open reverted to the Australia Day long weekend. John Byers was the tournament manager for this event.

Easter Carnival

Nick Chapman was the tournament manager for the Easter Carnival.

Charity Event

Nick Chapman was the organizer for the 24 hour charity event.

Club Events

CCC Open Club AC Championships. Stephen Richards won the event from Alan Honey. In the plate Robert Bartholomeus overcame Greg Diprose by one point in extra time.

CCC Open Club GC Championships. Peter Freer won the event from Glen Whitehead.

External Event Results

Association Croquet

At the Association Croquet ACA President's 8s event in Melbourne (3-6 Oct), 5 Canberra players – Stephen Richards, Nick Chapman, Tony Hall, Alan Honey and Tim Murphy were part of the 32 player field for the event. Nick and Tony competed in the 3rd 8, with Nick coming second and Tony performing creditably coming in 7th with 3 wins. Stephen, Alan and Tim competed in the 2nd 8. Stephen won the block, with Alan (6 wins; 5th) and Tim (5 wins; 7th) also playing well.

Alan Honey (CCC) and Alison Sharp finished runners up in the 2014 Australian Open AC Doubles.

Nick Chapman won the CNSW Selectors' 10 invitational event to secure a place in the CNSW Bronze Medal event, which also included Tim Murphy, Alan Honey and Tony Hall, and in which Alan was the best placed Canberra player, finishing second,

South Coast Shield AC – the Canberra team were winners (Tony Hall, Greg Diprose and Hilary White)

Golf Croquet

Peter Freer was 26th on the World Golf Croquet Championship in New Zealand last February, was runner up in the Australian GC Open Championship in Melbourne, won the ACA GC

Silver Medal in Adelaide, won the GC Second Eights in Melbourne, and was 2nd in the Australian GC Handicap Championship at Deniliquin.

South Coast Shield GC – the Canberra team were Runners up (Adrienne Fazekas, Gerda Lambeck, Judy Tier and Sorina Atkins)

Gateball

In September six members represented Canberra at the 11th World Gateball Championship in Niigata, Japan. The Canberra squad toured Japan in the lead-up playing on a variety of surfaces against local teams. In the tournament Canberra defeated teams from Canada and Taiwan before a close loss to Indonesia in front of a crowd of more than 1000.

Domestically, Canberra won the Victorian, Queensland, Riverina, Newcastle and Blue Mountains team championships and finished runner-up in the New South Wales championship. Hilary White and Glen Whitehead won the NSW doubles while Bryan Johnson and Glen and Kristina Whitehead won the Jamberoo triples.

Establish links with other clubs in the region

Contacts continue with Bundanoon Croquet Club re social events during the year, along with Wagga Wagga, Exeter & Narooma (via the South Coast Shield).

Queanbeyan has recently expanded its membership but still faces challenges in 2015/16 due to issues at the Bowls Club which controls their lease. Several Canberra members joined Queanbeyan in 2013 to provide assistance.

Our Club did not enter teams in the NSW AC or GC Pennants in 2015.

Canberra sent two teams to the South Coast Shield at Narooma (we won the AC and were second in the GC on count-back). Members attended regional tournaments at Young, Walla Walla, Wagga & Bundanoon.

The gateballers travelled to Jamberoo Croquet Club to provide coaching and training sessions.

Our Div 1 AC and GC players continue to represent Canberra at state and national tournaments and Canberra continues to be represented in both state AC and GC teams.

Facility and Asset management

The facility of most importance to the club is probably our parking. Elizabeth Mountain and Bob Gingold have invested a large amount of effort trying to convince the local authorities that we need a dedicated car park. So far, the local authorities have shown a great reluctance to negotiate with anything resembling good faith. See Appendix B.

The Lawns Manager, Peter Freer, reports that the lawns again had a low key renovation over Christmas 2014, and were back in action in early January. This time we successfully trialled splitting the renovation, which kept a lawn in play, and especially for hirings during the lucrative period leading up to Christmas. The lawns are playing well but could always do with more rolling. They are now again dormant over winter, but are running fast albeit still with issues along some boundaries.

The Atkins quad hoops continue to reduce repair/maintenance (since they don't require re-setting between competitions) while preparing Club members for competition elsewhere.

The proposal to install lights is still being considered, however this is contingent upon resolving the car parking issue.

Advocate and promote excellence

Canberra continues to provide players on the NSW AC and GC teams; and Canberra players have again performed well at international, overseas, national and state tournaments.

Tim Murphy's [croquetscores](#) website continues to be used more widely, both within and outside Australia.

Other Notable Contributions by Club members

The Club continues to be well supported by volunteers. Some of the more notable examples of the past year are the following:

- After many years of excellent service as Quartermaster Richard Meacock has passed on those duties to Provisioner Pam Cohen.
- Peter Tavender helped us to deal with a long standing OH&S issue with regards to the hazards of transporting the heavy roller from the old shed below to the

lawns. He did this (with the able assistance of Andrew Davies, Bob Gingold, and Richard Meacock) by erecting a new shed next to the club house to store the roller.

- Chris Wilson, a stalwart member and former President of the club, recently passed away. He had served for some years as the Club's Public Officer until his untimely passing. He will be missed.
- After eight years as membership officer Bob Gingold has passed the torch to Adrienne Fazekas. The Club can now directly update our members' details on the CNSW membership database.

Club member volunteers stock the kitchen, mark the lines, fix equipment, garden, clean, maintain our website, manage events, organise trophies and competitions, pay the bills, organise hirings, host hirings, coach, look after the Club calendar, maintain the lawn, manage the affairs of the Club, etc. On behalf of the Committee, and the Club, sincerest thanks to those who regularly contribute to the running of the Club

In conclusion, the Club is in a sound position, albeit with nontrivial challenges to resolve in the coming year.

Ben Freasier

July 2015

Competition Winners 2014-2015

Association Croquet

Club Championship Winner	Stephen Richards
Club Championship Runner-up	Stephen Pierce
Division 1 Advanced Singles Winner	Combined with Club Championship.
Division 2 Advanced Singles	David Simmonds
Division 2 Advanced Singles Runner-up	Glen Whitehead
Division 3 Advanced Singles Winner	Denese McCann
Division 3 Advanced Singles Runner-up	Bruce Edwards
Division 4 Advanced Singles Winner	Hilary White
Division 4 Advanced Singles Runner-up	David Hoffman
Womens Open Singles Winner	Hilary White
Womens Open Singles Runner-up	Denese McCann
Handicap Singles Championship Winner	Stephen Pierce
Handicap Singles Championship Runner-up	Greg Diprose
Handicap Doubles Winners	Tony Hall & Sorina Atkins
Handicap Doubles Runners-up	Greg Diprose & Hilary White
Veterans Handicap Singles Winner	Tony Hall
Veterans Handicap Singles Runner-up	David Simmonds
President's Cup	Not held.
Margaret Reid Trophy	Not held.

Golf Croquet

Club Champion Winner	Peter Freer
Club Champion Runner-up	Glen Whitehead
Division 1 Singles	Combined with Club Championship.
Division 2 Singles Winner	Adrienne Fazekas
Division 2 Singles Runner-up	Hilary White
Handicap Singles Winner	Greg Diprose
Handicap Singles Runner-up	Andrew Davies
Handicap Doubles Winners	Glen Whitehead & Judy Tier
Handicap Doubles Runners-up	Richard Meacock & Margo Davies
Tony Hall Cup Winners	Peter Freer (Snr) & Adrienne Fazekas (Jnr)

Gateball

Tavender Trophy Winners	Gilon Smith & Adrienne Fazekas
Tavender Trophy Runners-up	Judy Tier & Glen Whitehead

Appendix A: 2013-2014 Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes

Canberra Croquet Club Incorporated Annual General Meeting 1:00pm Saturday 5 July 2014 Held at the clubhouse

Present

Rodney Teakle, Ben Freasier, Linda Freasier, Elizabeth Mountain, Kate McLoughlin, David Hoffman, Yvonne Grattan, John Grattan, Ada-Ann Marchant, Margaret Bradshaw, Denese McCann, Paul Nelson, Nora Barrow, Adrienne Fazekas, Chris Wilson, Peter Tavender, Alan Honey, Andrew Davies, Judy Tier, Sorina Atkin, Margo Davies.

1. Opening

The President Nick Chapman opened the meeting at 1:00pm by welcoming members to the Annual General Meeting.

2. Apologies.

T. Hall, G. Diprose, R. Timms, A. Fernance, Jill Jones, Brian Jones, Glen Whitehead, Kristina Whitehead, Tim Goodland, Jo Ireland, Rosh Ireland, Hilary White, Gilon Smith, David Simmonds, Charlotte Morgan, Bob Gingold, Pam Cohen, Pat Hardiman, Peter Freer.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 6 July 2013

Motion: That the minutes be confirmed.

Moved: Nick Chapman. Seconded: Ben Freasier - carried

4. President's Report

The CCC 2014 Annual Report contained the President's Report for 2013-14. The President referred members to the report and thanked all those members who volunteered and contributed to the operating of the Club over the last 12 months. In particular, he noted that the car parking situation has been a very significant issue and that Elizabeth Mountain had spent much time and effort on it; he proposed a vote of thanks to her which the meeting fully endorsed.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Peter Tavender. Seconded, Elizabeth Mountain - carried

5. Presentation of Audited Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report

Linda Freasier, Treasurer, referred members to the financial papers in the report. She noted the significant contribution to revenue from the hirings; the excess of expenditure over receipts mainly due to the purchase of hoops and balls; the reserves held in term deposits; the uncertainty about possible future expenditure relating to the car parking situation; and the need to cover current expenditure by an increase in fees instead of drawing upon reserve funds.

Motion: That the financial statements and auditor's report be accepted.

Moved: Alan Honey. Seconded, Peter Tavender - carried

6. Determination of the Membership Fee for 2014-2015

Motion: That the annual membership fee for 2014-2015 increase to \$252 for a standard membership and remain at \$10 for social members.

The Treasurer was asked if the increase is necessary. Linda Freasier said that the deficit could be bigger next year if we don't increase the fees.

Moved: Linda Freasier. Seconded, Judy Tier - carried

The Treasurer brought to the meeting's attention two proposals from the Committee about possible new categories of membership to cover members overseas and interstate (other than NSW). There were objections from the floor that not enough time had been given for members to consider the proposals as motions. No further action was taken.

7. Appointment of Auditor

The meeting reappointed Angela Baum to be the auditor for 2014-2015. As in 2013, the Club will pay \$150 to a charity of her choice for her work.

Motion: That the auditor be reappointed.

Moved: Judy Tier; seconded, Alan Honey - carried

8. Nomination of Patron

Motion: That the incoming committee approach Margaret Reid to continue as Patron.

Moved: Chris Wilson; seconded Alan Honey - carried

9. Consideration of Motions under Rule 16

Kate McLoughlin moved that:

The Canberra Croquet Club write to the ACA urging them to withdraw from Australian participation in Egypt re the WCF Over 50 GC World Championship in October 2014, and the WCF Women's GC World Championship in

November 2014, due to Egypt's imprisonment of journalist Peter Greste.

Peter Tavender raised a point of order that the motion should not be put because there was a lack of notice; he also noted that clubs should raise matters through their state associations, not directly to the ACA. The Secretary acknowledged that there hadn't been sufficient notice. Following further discussion, Kate McLoughlin withdrew the motion.

10. Election of the Committee

At close of nominations, nominations were received for positions as follows:

President	none
Vice President	none
Captain	none
Treasurer	Linda Freasier
Secretary	Rodney Teakle
Members (3 positions)	Peter Tavender, Judy Tier, Hilary White

These persons were duly elected.

For the position of President, Nick Chapman was nominated from the floor (Peter Tavender/Alan Honey). No other nominations were made; Nick Chapman was elected President.

No nominations were received from the floor for the positions of Vice-President and Captain.

11. Election of the Playing Committee

At close of nominations, Glen Whitehead had nominated for elected member. No other nominations had been received; consequently he was elected. The following positions were filled at the meeting:

Vice-Captain Stephen Richards (Nick Chapman / Stephen Pearce)

Coaching Co-ordinator Ben Freasier (Rodney Teakle / Elizabeth Mountain)

Elected member Alan Honey (Alan Honey / Peter Tavender)

The position of Captain remained vacant.

12. Other business

Elizabeth Mountain gave an update to the meeting on the car parking situation which was proving to be very complicated and, at the time of the meeting, was yet to be resolved.

13. Close of meeting

The President thanked everyone present for their attendance. The meeting closed at 2:20pm.

Appendix B. Status of Parking Negotiations

For the last 12 months, the club has continued its representations to government about the impact of paid parking on our access to the club. As well as the usual contacts with ACT Ministers and senior officials, on advice, we made an application for a direct sale of the car park to the club, in association with a revision of our lease conditions. This was rejected by officials. As a result we did not proceed with upgrading our lease, which would have introduced new costs. On advice from a senior official, we wrote again to the Minister for Parking, making the usual points and were again rejected. We have been totally unable to make the Minister's office understand that while there may be the odd spare car parks during the day, we need 8-12 spaces at set times. Finally we have sought advice from a Solicitor who specialises in planning issues in the ACT. He offered to act pro bono. He seemed to think that while the club is vulnerable because it is on a month to month lease, given the way the existing lease is written, we may have a moral argument that the Right of Way (which is the car park) was provided to the club in the 1980s and we are now prevented from using it. On the club's behalf, he has written to the Speaker of the Assembly asking her, as an impartial person, to negotiate with the Minister. We expect to have feedback from the Solicitor in the next few weeks.

If that approach is unsuccessful, the club may need to consider the following options:

- legal action if we can get it done pro bono;
- deliberately getting booked and contesting the matter in court and have the court decide;
- start exploring the development of additional playing fields with no parking problems to ensure the viability of the club.