

Canberra Croquet Club

Captains Update 4 February 2023

Coaching Co-ordinator

The position of Coaching Co-ordinator for the Club is vacant. The Playing Committee is looking for a person to co-ordinate Club coaching activities. We have over 25 Club members accredited as coaches in all codes, so the Co-ordinator will be able to tap into this resource. Contact the Club Captain if you are interested before 12 February:

The **Coaching Co-ordinator** role is as follows:

- a) Oversee the provision of coaching across all playing codes offered by the Club, and report to the Playing Committee;
- b) Prepare an annual coaching program (calendar) for Club members;
- c) Facilitate the training of new coaches across all playing codes offered by the Club, in line with Coaching accreditation standards and resources approved by the Australian Croquet Association and the Coaching Co-ordinator, Croquet NSW;
- d) Be the point of contact for potential Club members, advising them of lessons and process of joining the Club; and
- e) Oversee the provision of introductory lessons for new members.

Club Competitions: Entries close Sunday 5 Feb.

We have a good number of entries for the Open and Divisional Competitions in Golf Croquet and Association Croquet. Entries close at the end of Sunday, and the draw will be up by 7 Feb.

Contact Club Handicappers if you need to get a handicap assigned, or if you need yours checked: [Tim Murphy](#) (AC) and [Kevin McGlynn](#) (GC). Players organise their own games. The aim is to finish the block matches by 7 May, with finals to be finished by 4 June.

Handicaps

Players are responsible for keeping their own handicaps up to date, and for updating their records on Croquet NSW. Games are entered on the Handicap Card (blanks available [online](#) or from the Club). If you have joined the Canberra Croquet Club, you are affiliated with Croquet NSW.

Handicaps are registered on the [CNSW website](#). Click the LOGIN button on the top right corner, and if you don't have a password, press [Click Here](#) for help to access your personal record. Your contact details as well as Handicap and other information is your responsibility to update.

Advantage GC

Sessions playing Advantage GC will be held from Tuesday 7 Feb, at the various GC draws. The first session will be run as 'Advantage GC' (a new version of handicap play). Refer to Ian McRae's email for more details. Our Club competitions will be run as Advantage from July, so this is a good opportunity to become familiar with this new way of playing a handicap competition. Stay tuned for more details.

Pennants competitions

Division 2 and 3 GC Pennants tournaments are held in regions across NSW. Canberra plays other teams in our area: usually Queanbeyan, Jamberoo, Nowra, Wollongong. It's a team competition, and is a good way to improve your play and experience play in different venues against a variety of players. Contact [Ian McRae](#) if you are interested in playing,

AC Pennants teams will be played in 2 tiers: those 9 and over, and 10 and under. Entries are expected to be opened in March.

Beryl Chambers Trophy

This is NSW Association State handicap Singles event with qualifying rounds held in the NSW regions. If you are interested in the event contact [Janelle Wilson](#) (AC Co-ordinator) or [Kate McLoughlin](#) (Captain). The Final will be played 9-12 June at Croquet NSW HQ, Tempe, NSW.

U3A Gateball Beginner Lessons

Beginner Lessons in Gateball are running for 4 weeks, on Friday afternoons from 1.30 – 3.30 pm. They begin on 3 March and continue until 24 March. This is a U3A Course. Contact [Judy Tier](#) for more information.

Gateball Triples, 18 – 19 February

The Andrew Davies Canberra Gateball Triples Competition has attracted the maximum number of entries: 14 teams. There will be 52 players and other supporters at the Club. It promises to be an exciting weekend of competition.

Gateball Court Lines

Gateball court lines are now drawn on Lawn 2 to enable Club competition games to be played. Court Lines for Courts 3 and 4 will be drawn on Lawns 1 and 2 prior to the Triples competition. They will be black to distinguish them from the other croquet lines.

Ricochet for beginners

Ricochet will continue to be offered as an option on Wednesday evenings between 5pm and 7pm (Twilight draw). Come along if you would like to give this Australian variation a go. Contact [Janelle Wilson](#) for more information.

Twilight Draw

Wednesday Twilight draw is held during daylight saving months: 5-7pm Wednesdays. Relaxed social play: all welcome. Wine may be consumed afterwards!

NSW GC Men's Singles 31 March – 2 April

Don't forget to enter this state competition to be held on the Canberra lawns. Div 1 and 2 male GC players are encouraged to enter. <https://www.croquet-nsw.org/events.aspx?year=2023&type=S>

Competition

Good luck Ethan Gumbrell, as he heads across to New Zealand to play in the **U21 World Championships** at the Bay of Plenty, NZ, 8-12 February.

Good luck to the NSW Eire Cup team players: Stephen Richards, Tim Murphy, Kerri-Ann Organ, Stephen Pearce playing in the **NSW 3 & Under Singles** in Sydney 4-5 February.

All the best to Peter Freer, Gerda Lambeck, Kevin McGlynn, Kate McLoughlin, Mark Scruton who are all playing in the **ACA President's GC 8's** competition in Melbourne, 9-12 February.

Congratulations Jamie Gumbrell and Kate McLoughlin who will play for Australia in the **WCF GC Women's World Championships** in Sussex, UK, August 2023.

Kate McLoughlin
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