

Canberra Croquet Club: Captain's Update

28 September 2022

Handicap Competitions

It's great to see so many games played in the Club Championships.

In Golf Croquet: congratulations to the finalists in the Women's Handicap Championships: Janelle Wilson and Ann Clifton. In the Veteran's Competition there is 1 Game to play, and in the 2 blocks of singles there are 3 games apiece to complete the block rounds. The Doubles are at the semi-final stage of the knockout contest.

In Association Croquet there are still many games to be played in the Handicap Singles, just 2 in the Veteran's competition, and the doubles needs to begin.

You have until **31 October** to complete the block rounds and until **28 November** to play the finals.

Don't forget Daylight saving starts the weekend of 2 October, so play can continue later in the day.

Playing Committee

Following the AGM, there are new members on the Playing Committee. The Committee is:

Kate McLoughlin (Captain captain@canberracroquet.org.au)

Janelle Wilson (AC Co-ordinator association@canberracroquet.org.au)

Ian McRae (GC Co-ordinator golf@canberracroquet.org.au)

Peter Wood (Gateball Co-ordinator gateball@canberracroquet.org.au)

Gerda Lambeck (Coaching Co-ordinator coaching@canberracroquet.org.au).

The Committee has had its first meeting. We will be putting forward the Calendar of Events and Competitions for 2023 over the next 2 months. Gerda will be drafting a Coaching Calendar for the coming year. Gerda will also be looking at organising Beginner lessons early in 2023 for those on our waiting list.

The Committee is considering the current schedule of Club competitions to see if they meet club needs. We will be considering questions such as:

- What is the appropriate age for a Veteran's competition?
- Do we need to hold Veteran's/Women's events within the Handicap competition?
- Are there other events that members would like to see on the Calendar?

We value Club member input: talk to one of the Playing Committee if you have ideas/suggestions.

Advantage Croquet Oct 8, Nov 1

Club members will have the chance to play GC Advantage Croquet (a new version of handicap play) for **Saturday 8 October** from 1pm, and **Tuesday 1 November** from 10.00 am prior to the **Melbourne Cup** Club function. Advantage Croquet will replace standard draws for these 2 days. A sheet is attached with background information about Advantage Croquet. For more information contact Ian McRae golf@canberracroquet.org.au, Ian Donald or Rob Ey.

Tavender Trophy Nov 20

The Tavender Trophy (named for Club member Peter Tavender) is a Canberra Gateball competition, which will be played on Sunday November 20 (not Oct 23) 9am until 3pm. It's a hi-lo doubles contest suitable for those new to Gateball as well as experienced players. To encourage members to learn Gateball and have the chance to take part: there will be Introductory Gateball sessions held during November.

Introductory Gateball sessions

Tuesday 8 Nov, 15 November: 1-2pm

Friday 11 Nov, 18 November: 1-2pm

Sunday 13 Nov: 2-3pm.

Contact Peter Wood gateball@canberracroquet.org.au for more information, or just turn up!

High Performance Test 28, 29 October

There will be a series of GC test matches played between Canberra GC Div 1 Players and other potential representative players on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 October. The matches should use only 1 lawn during Club play, and 2 lawns on Friday afternoon. A GC coaching session will be held for members: Thursday 27 October in the afternoon. Further details to follow.

Junior Croquet coaching in August

We held some very successful introductory junior croquet classes during August and September. Unfortunately we will not be running the junior coaching courses on Sundays in November this year. But we have laid the groundwork for a program in 2023.

AC Lessons

Tim Murphy will be holding Introduction to Association Croquet lessons in the next 2 months. He has had some interest, and will be happy for more people to join. This is a great opportunity to have an introduction to Association Croquet by this experienced NSW rep player, and coach. Contact Tim Murphy tim@26tp.com

Canberra Players have success in winning National Championships!

Canberra Club members in the NSW State GC team have returned from Adelaide, where they contested the National Men's and Women's GC Singles, and the Interstate Shield contested between the State teams. Jamie Gumbrell won the Women's singles, and Kate McLoughlin came third. And the NSW team narrowly won the Shield from Western Australia in a tightly contested field. Congratulations to Peter Freer (Vice Captain), Jamie Gumbrell, Gerda Lambeck, Kevin McGlynn, Kate McLoughlin and Mark Scruton (Reserve).

Wet lawns

You know the drill! Take care, and practice your jump shots off the main lawn area.

Kate McLoughlin, Club Captain