



History of the Wellington Croquet Association Inc.

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The information has been divided into several sections and edited to form a narrative or to construct comparative lists of people and events. On occasion the extract from the minutes has been duplicated for clarification or to be put in context.

A few items have been added by way of text box from the editor's 34 year association with croquet at club, regional, national and international levels and knowledge of the game and which in her opinion were omitted when the minutes were written but which form an essential part of the WCA activities. The use of exclamation marks is to highlight the continuing nature of the workings of the Croquet world which have not changed much over the years.

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A Short history of the Association from inception in 1919 to 2014

Formation of the Association

The Wellington Croquet Association was formed at a meeting of representatives of the Karori, Kelburn, Hutt, Ngaroma, Seatoun and Wellington Clubs, held in the Mayoress' (Mrs J. P. Luke) Room, Town Hall, Wellington on **October 24 1919**. Mrs E. McKenzie of the Ngaroma Club was voted to the Chair.

In attendance were: Mesdames Magill & Fuller – Seatoun
Mesdames Johnson & Morgan – Hutt
Mesdames Hendry & Stone – Wellington
Mrs L. Wilkinson – Hutt
Mesdames Casey & Dryden - Karori
Mesdames Remington & Henderson – Kelburn

At the meeting it was resolved unanimously “that an Association of Croquet Clubs in the Wellington district be formed to be called “The Wellington North Island Croquet Association”. The name was subsequently truncated to “The Wellington Croquet Association” at the 23 April 1920 meeting. The original Clubs of the Association were those which appointed representatives to the meeting and the Rules of the Association were to be those of the Canterbury Croquet Association, *“subject to such alteration and additions as shall hereafter be made, in the manner in such Rules prescribed.”*

The following officers were elected:-

President: Mrs J. P. Luke - Ngaroma
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames Cook, Willoughby, L. McKenzie, Wilford,
Hollard & H.W.McVilly, (Kelburn)
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs F. Wilkinson, Hutt
Hon. Secretary: Mrs E. McKenzie, Ngaroma
Committee: To be formed by the Delegates present.

It was proposed by Mrs Johnson, seconded by Mrs Fuller that each affiliated club could appoint two delegates to represent it on the Committee and every such delegate, when unable to attend a meeting, could appoint a proxy. Every delegate was to be entitled to a vote on behalf of the club or clubs he/she represented.

1920-21 Season

The minutes of the Association meeting of April 1920 reported on the February tournament. Compliments were paid to the Committee and Officials on the highly successful organisation and also the satisfactory condition of the Balance Sheet. The 4 day tournament extended to 10 days due to the large number of entries.

At the August 1920 Meeting of the Association it was moved that a levy of one shilling per member in all clubs affiliated to the W.C.A. be contributed to the N.Z. Association.

1921-22 Season

In the second Annual Report the President advised that Their Excellencies Viscount and Lady Jellicoe had accepted the position of Patrons

Delegate Mrs Scott proposed that the officials form a sub-committee to deal with any matters of extreme urgency, seconded by Mesdames Hain and Gowing. Wellington Club was against this proposal.

At the October meeting Mrs Rhodes Williams proposed that a Match Committee be set up to act in conjunction with the Hon Secretary to deal with all Association competitions and the tournament during the current Season. Mrs Rhodes Williams and Mrs Leech were appointed Referees.

1920-21 Season

The details for this season are recorded under tournaments

1921-22 Season

A series of Interclub matches for the Wairarapa districts were inaugurated and carried through with much enthusiasm, Featherston A grade and Carterton B grade being the respective winners of the Shields.

1922-23 Season

The details for this season are recorded under tournaments

1923-24 Season

The 1923/24 Annual Report recorded that the Association would host the North Island Tournament in early January 1925. It was noted that the local lawns should not be occupied for too long a period by tournament play and the committee decided that the WCA Championship Doubles, Handicap Doubles, post entry be withdrawn from the events programme for the coming season (!!)

Even in those early times the Association had problems with Interclub matches. Postponements were permitted only on account of the weather.

“It is interesting to note that delegates responsible for reviewing the handicaps up to Bisque 7 and the Handicap Doubles met regularly at lengthy meetings”.

1924-25 Season

The North Island and the Dominion Tournament coincided with the epidemic of the infantile paralysis (Polio) at its height and it was deemed advisable to postpone them.

Catering: In 1925 it was recorded that different clubs take a day each during a tournament in charge of the catering. Any surplus funds accrued were divided between the clubs assisting.

.A Sub Committee of five players was elected to deal with Handicaps. Representatives from Kelburn were Mrs Leech, Mrs R. Williams, Mrs R. Gardner, and Mrs Halliday, and Mrs Warner.

The annual report recorded the Association's acknowledgement of the generosity of Mrs C. Izard in donating a trophy to be competed for annually in the Championship Doubles – The Keith Izard Cup.

The Trophy (a Three-handled Drinking Cup) was retired from the WCA competitions in the 1982-83 Season, and was held by the WCA. In 2014 the cup was given to the Khandallah Croquet Club Inc. as part of their centenary celebrations. Charles Izard originally owned the land on which the club is sited and Keith Izard was a renowned croquet player.

1925-26 Season

Finalising the bisquing proved difficult within the Association and a decision on the following was deferred again:

A	up to 4 bisques.
Intermediate	4 ½ to 6 ½
B	7 bisques upwards

1926-27 Season

The Annual Report of 1927 recorded that the W.C.A. occupied the premier position in the Dominion in regards to the number of Clubs, 22 with 693 members. In 8 years these had grown from 6 to 22.

Interclub matches were played in 3 grades, A, Intermediate and B and involved 374 matches played which meant a weekly interchange of 88 players.

In the Association Tournament, the Handicap Event proved still to be the most favoured with 53 entrants.

1927-28 Season

It is interesting to note that there was keen interest for the top positions;

Three nominations were received for President, Mesdames Austin, Bennett and R. Williams - the latter two withdrew. For Vice President four nominations were received and three withdrew.

President: Mrs W. S. Austin (Haeremai)
Vice President: Mrs E. McDowell (Kelburn)
Hon. Secretary: Mrs E. McKenzie (Ngaroma)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs F. Wilkinson (Hutt)
Patrons: Sir Charles and Lady Fergusson.

Vice Patrons: Lady Luke, Mesdames Izard, J. Cook, Hollard, Eddie Bennett, Strand, R. Williams, J. Pollock, Miss Card, (Featherston) Messrs Caughley, A. E. Pollock.

Positions on the Executive were obviously not as sought after as only two nominations were received and it was proposed that fresh nominations be called for the Executive.

Mrs Johnson (a Vice president 1923) moved to give notice of motion that the rule forming an executive be rescinded. Mrs Halliday (delegate and a Vice President 1926) seconded the motion.

Mrs Rhodes Williams (Lyall Bay) proposed that the election of an Executive be held over pending the result of the notice of motion.

A special meeting of delegates in September 1927 dealt with the Notice of Motion given at the A.G.M. Before the business side of the meeting began, on behalf of the delegates Mrs Halliday welcomed the new President and hoped they would all have a very happy time together. Mrs Austin thanked the delegates for their good wishes and expressed the hope that all the Clubs would have a successful Season.

When the Notice of Motion was introduced the mover of the Motion said she spoke from experience that the meetings of the Executive were "*an utter waste of time, as their proposals were generally rejected*".

A delegate, Mrs Ramsay, voiced the decision of her Club that the duties of the Executive should be defined also and they were favourable for an Executive.

Two further delegates, Mesdames Hain & Scott, both spoke in favour of the Executive being abolished.

The proposal was carried by a majority of 17 to 2. Clubs Lyall Bay & Wellington voted against it.

The January 1928 meeting, in correspondence, letters from Mr Murray (Kelburn) were raised. Mrs Boocock (Haeremai) proposed and Mrs McDonnell (Kelburn) seconded that "seeing that this Association knows of no dispute with the Kelburn Club, it was unable to move on the lines suggested by the writer and that the President be informed that we extend our hearty good will to the Kelburn Club and that the door is open to them to return, and if that good will is reciprocated, no reasons be given." Carried.

{See extract below from the Kelburn Municipal Croquet Club Centenary Booklet 2013}

On 4 July 1927, Kelburn passed a resolution declaring "That the KMCC Inc disassociates itself from the W.C.A. forthwith". This was triggered by concerns over the balance of power in the Association between the clubs in Wellington and its suburbs (16 at the time) and those in the Wairarapa (six), and the manner in which members of Kelburn were acting as proxies for the Wairarapa clubs in Association meetings. Kelburn's delegates to the Association stated they did not wish to be re-nominated as delegates, as there were so many club members acting as delegates for country clubs that Kelburn's interests were overshadowed by the country vote. There was a clear view expressed that the clubs in Wellington and its suburbs should have control of their own affairs. This was not the first time this had been a matter of contention, similar concerns having been expressed in 1924 but shelved when Kelburn was selected as the headquarters for the 1925 Dominion Tournament.

Kelburn also took action within the club, passing a Notice of Motion, subject to WCC approval, that "On or after July 4th 1927 no person residing in a district in which there is already a club affiliated to the WCA shall be eligible for membership of the KMCC." (Wairarapa was recognised as a district within the Wellington Association).

In August 1927 the WCA acknowledged with "regret" Kelburn's resignation from the Association. The resignation had the additional effect of leaving Kelburn unaffiliated to the NZCC. The club endeavoured to remedy this by writing to the Manawatu Association, seeking to join it and hence regain affiliation. Manawatu replied in October declining affiliation, regretting that their rules prevented admitting Kelburn to their Association.

The dispute was referred to the New Zealand Croquet Council (NZCC) – as it had been when it arose in 1924. The Association moved some distance towards a compromise with a resolution that "Any Wairarapa delegate unable to be present at the meeting may appoint a proxy. But such proxy shall be a bona fide resident in Wairarapa and a member of a Wairarapa Club".

The WCA also noted in a letter that the Wairarapa proxies "were not used derogatorily towards the Kelburn Club".

Ultimately, the NZCC resolved the issue by directing that Wairarapa should form a separate Association and six Clubs were therefore severed from the WCA. Three of them, Carterton, Featherston and Masterton had been affiliated since 1920.

Kelburn responded, and on 4 July 1928 the Club minutes recorded that the Club's decision to dissociate itself from the WCA "forthwith be rescinded, as the NZCC had decided to separate the Wairarapa from the WCA so the objection the club had in the past to the proxy voting for the Wairarapa Clubs was now removed. A decision that the Kelburn Club should apply for affiliation with the WCA was also taken.

Comment was also made re the surplus number of women players over men, these being less than 100 men and over 3000 women in The Dominion. Mrs Bennett remarked that all she granted the men was physical strengths, as women could manage any organisation better than men, and could fill any position as well as men and that we should organise and get representation on the Executive of the Croquet Council. Mrs Ramsay expressed the opinion that it was time women croquet players formed their own association and let the men have one of their own also.

Two Delegates moved that there be a phone connection to the residence of the new President, Mrs Bennett, Ngaroma. At the November meeting the Motion re the telephone connection was rescinded.

At the September 26 meeting the death was announced of Mrs Wilkinson, Hon Treasurer since inception of the Association in 1919, and a member of the Ngaroma Club.

At the October meeting Mrs Rhodes Williams proposed that a Match Committee be set up to act in conjunction with the Hon Secretary to deal with all Association

competitions and the tournament during the current Season. Mrs Rhodes Williams and Mrs Leech were appointed Referees.

The highlight of the Season – an epoch in the history of croquet in New Zealand was the visit of the English team. The WCA had the honour and pleasure of entertaining them prior to their departure for England and everything possible was done to make their brief stay an enjoyable and happy one. The English team visited Hutt and Waimarie lawns, the former presented them with the Club badges; and the Waimarie Club gave bouquets and a huge cake for use on the voyage. Karori and Hataitai Clubs were visited by the ladies of the English team. At Hataitai Colonel du Pre (English team) and the Mayoress were guests of the Club. The team were elected honorary members of the Association and at the dinner held in their honour, were presented with badges of membership of the Association. They were also the recipients of two trophies, the gifts of Mrs Izard.

1928 – 1929 Season

At the September meeting Mrs E. McKenzie presented to the Association two silver cups for the B Grade competition – replacing the trophies given to the Wairarapa district.

At the October meeting the President moved that the Memorial Rose Bowl presented by the daughter and sons of the late Vice President Mrs E. McDowell be accepted. The first winner was Mrs E. Boocock from the Haeremai Club.

Mrs Gardner (Kelburn) proposed, seconded Mrs Bock (Hutt) that there be one Referee for the Wellington district. Mrs Rhodes Williams (Lyall Bay) was duly elected the Referee for the Wellington district.

To mark the close of the Season and presentation of the trophies, a function was held in Kirkcaldies' Tea Room – attendance totalled close to 300. The surplus monies from the function (charge two shillings per person) were devoted to the fund for the Australian tour.

1929 - 1930 Season

The Association received from Mrs Arcus a pair of beautiful silver candlesticks in remembrance of her mother Mrs J. Cook who had been connected with the Association since 1919. First player to receive the trophy – Mrs Gilbert (Westport)

To perpetuate the memory of Mrs Wilkinson the Association and Clubs combined purchased a silver salver which was allotted to the B Grade Handicap Singles. Mrs Harper (Upper Hutt) was the first winner.

The North Island Tournament held a few weeks before the WCA tournament had a detrimental effect on entries to the WCA Tournament.

Wellington players successful in the N.I. Event included Mrs W. E. Caldow (Wellington & Haeremai), second in the Open Championship: Mrs R. Gardner (Kelburn) partnered with W Windsor Richards won the Championship Doubles and Mesdames Moeller and Chambers were second in the Handicap Doubles.

For the first time in the history of croquet in NZ the results of the daily play in the N.I. Tournament were broadcast by 2YA Radio Station every evening and proved most interesting to listeners-in.

1930-31 Season

Prior to the opening of the AGM, the Chair Mrs Austin referred to the loss croquet has sustained in the passing of Mrs G. Halliday, foundation member of the Hataitai Club and their delegate to W.C.A. meeting.

Letter of congratulations sent to Wairarapa Clubs on their forming an Association.

The AGM elected the following to the Match Committee: Mesdames Bock (Hutt) Scott, Ramsay (Wellington) Gardner (Kelburn) Mouat (Waimarie), Rudkin (Lyll Bay) Rowe, Laurie (Ngaroma).

It was resolved at this meeting that at least 30% of the entrance fees were to be allotted as prize money; that the annual tournament commence on a fixed date each year; subsequently the 1st Tuesday in February was decided on.

The September 1930 meeting conditions of play re the Champion of Champions Event were submitted by the Match Committee and were approved by the Delegates.

These were:

1. Only "bona-fide Club Champions of each grade are eligible to play in these competitions.
2. Any player not available to play at the expiration of one hour, from the specified time shall lose the match by default.
3. The A Grade play shall be the best of three games throughout. In the Intermediate and B Grades the two life system shall be played. Single games. Final the best of three. Played on the Bagnall-Wild draw.
4. Winner and runner up of the Intermediate and B Grades shall be raised to the next grade.
5. All Club Champion of Championship events must be completed by the last day in February and the winner's name forwarded within three days to the Association Secretary.
6. All competitors shall receive three days' notice when and where to play.

At the December meeting Mrs J Heenan (Eastbourne) featured for the first time relating to an Interclub matter with the Island Bay Club which was dealt with by the Match Committee.

The March 1931 meeting it was resolved that the Association trophies would be engraved with a suitable inscription stating that the Tournament had been abandoned in 1931 – Napier Earthquake. During this meeting it was resolved that the Hon Secretary receive an honorarium of £5-5-0 (Five guineas) and the Hon Treasurer £2-2-0 (Two guineas) in the future.

At the April meeting "a communication strain" was revealed. Under the Delegate's report the matter of a circular issued by the NZ Croquet Council to the Clubs was discussed. The Chair said that officially she knew nothing about it, as she, as Chairman of the Meeting and also that the Secretary had not received a copy.

Following in depth discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Clubs decline to discuss the circular till it was issued in the right and proper manner.

A special meeting was held to deal with a Notice of Motion from the Wellington club – "*that the official Handicapper and Referee be nominated at the same time as the other officers.*" The presenter Mrs Ramsay said their members thought that all

officer nominations should come in at the same time and proposed the foregoing Notice of Motion. The Notice of Motion was carried unanimously.

1931-32 Season

Prior to opening of the Annual General Meeting held on July 31 1931, the President made tribute to the passing away of Mr C.A.E. Ferguson, late Secretary and Treasurer of the NZCC since its inception in 1923.

In her Annual Report the President stated that the past season had not been enjoyed by croquet players to the extent of former ones. The Hawkes Bay earthquake disaster over-shadowed croquet activities and caused the abandonment of the WCA tournament. The unseasonable weather also affected play. In response to an appeal from the NZCC, the clubs subscribed £10-5-6 to assist in renovating those lawns at Napier which were rendered unfit for play by the disaster.

In connection with relief work for the Hawkes Bay disaster, the President Mrs Austin, was appointed Hon Secretary to the Mayoress' Clothing department at the Concert Chamber. This onerous task, extended for some weeks. The WCA took charge on the first day of organised distribution and sessions arranged for members of clubs to attend at stated intervals. So large was the number of cases needing attention than an S.O.S. call had to be sent out for more assistance from the Clubs and dozens of players responded. "Over 800 cases, the largest recorded, were dealt with and many helpers were on duty from 9.am till 10.00pm".

The Mayoress' Committee placed on record the courteous and efficient manner in which the Association coped with the situation. Over £140.0.0 was contributed by the local clubs and approximately 2,740 garments had been sent to those in need of them.

On behalf of the Wellington players, Mrs Austin presented to Mrs Rhodes Williams a crocodile hand bag, and a suitcase, as a mark of appreciation for her services in this district, she was leaving Wellington to reside in Christchurch.

Mrs R. Leech (ex-Hutt Club) who had left Wellington and now living in Whangarei was also given a parting gift; the players felt that she should not be allowed to sever her connection without some token of regard, so a silver tea pot, tea caddy and tray cloth were procured and forwarded to her with the best wishes of the Association.

At the April 1932 Meeting under Correspondence a letter from Mr Arthur Ross in reference to a Croquet journal was discussed. The President Mrs Austin stated it was a matter for players to please themselves whether they took it or not, and if it was the recognised Journal, one could help to boost it along. The Kelburn Club subscribed to it and there were items of interest in it. An opinion was expressed that clubs could get all the news in the Dominion and Evening Post. The Wellington Club took the Journal and had asked the publisher for more news on croquet matters. Various opinions were expressed – one being that there was a loss of £20-0-0 on the Annual and the Council were trying to condense all matters on that account and another being if there was more news in the journal the sales would be larger. The discussion concluded on that note.

Annual General meeting was held 28 July 1932.

Under correspondence the letter of resignation from the Hataitai Club was not accepted; the delegates taking the view they may obtain full membership.

Haeremai Club letter of their disbandment was received with regret by the Association.

The meeting of June 30 1932 of Municipal Clubs discussed a proposed increase in rent and upkeep of lawns as published (whether it was by letter or in the daily newspapers is not stated). The meeting was attended by all committees of the various municipal clubs and chaired by Mrs Austin.

A letter from a Wanganui player was read out which detailed their arrangement with Wanganui City Council.

Rent and upkeep of lawns was thoroughly discussed and Mrs O'Donnell said that in Otago the rental was shared; only the actual cost of labour and top dressing was being paid for.

1932-33 Season

The Association agreed to recognise the Hon Auditor's 10 year service and the Secretary and Treasurer were empowered to spend 5 guineas on a suitable present for him.

The meeting agreed that the annual tournament would start on 24 January 1933 at the conclusion of the Dominion Tournament.

A motion that the WCA Annual Meeting be held on the second Thursday in June or as soon after as may be convenient was carried.

A second motion moved and passed was that the financial year would close on April 30. The two motions were necessary as the Association was unable to comply with the NZCC's request for the names of the Wellington Association's officers before the required date of 30 June.

The meeting also passed a notice of motion to be sent from the Association to NZCC and read the increasing of the quorum of the NZCC to seven members. The reason for the motion was not recorded.

Bereavement: the death of Mrs S. Bennett, President 1926 & Vice Patron of the Association and Ngaroma Club delegate was noted 29 September 1932. In March 1933 Mrs Len McKenzie, one of the first Vice Patrons and donor of the first trophy to the Association, Women's Championship Singles Event, had passed away.

The NZCC AGM was held in the Hutt.

Late in the Season individual Clubs held afternoon fund raising events in aid of the Free Ambulance, created in 1927.

The President's Report to the 14th Annual General meeting on 8 June 1933 was a glowing tribute to all. She expressed her thanks to all who had contributed to the success of croquet in this Association. Officers had been most attentive to their duties and had helped largely to the smooth running of the Association. The work of the Match Committee was growing each year and she considered everyone was most grateful to their attention and time given to all matters placed before them. Thanks were also given to delegates for their co-operation, goodwill and fellowship.

In speaking to the President's Report the Vice-President Mrs Gardner said how grateful the Association should be to Mrs Austin for allowing her nomination to go forward for another year. She felt a great weight had been taken off their minds as

all knew what she had done for croquet and no one could better represent the Association at the council table than Mrs Austin had done.

The Handicapper Mrs Boocock in commenting on the Handicap lists forwarded by the Clubs that only six were absolutely correct and hoped if any of the Club Captains were present at the meeting they would take notice and try to fill the said lists more accurately in the future as very clear directions were printed on every sheet(!)

The 13th Annual Tournament started on 24 January 1933 and was played on Wellington lawns immediately on conclusion of the Dominion tournament, although not favoured with the best of weather the events were played off expeditiously. Winners and Runners-up of Tournaments not recorded.

1933-34 Season

In a report given on the NZCC AGM held in Christchurch the WCA delegates Mrs Austin considered it was quite a lot for the Association to pay her expenses (under Accounts passed for payment £5.19.6 was recorded) and she thought it better for a player going to the NZ Tournament represent the Association, but the meeting's delegates considered the Association was very lucky to have the President represent them at the NZCC meeting and felt it was money well spent.

At the Council meeting the matter of communication and the sending of notices/circulars direct to Clubs were adversely criticized by two or three delegates. The Council President answered that all motions, circulars will in future be sent to the Associations for distribution.

The only non-self-supporting event in the Association Events was the Champion of Champions and opinion was expressed that it might be balanced by paying a little more in entrance fees (!)

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Match committee: Mesdames Gardner, Brice, Rudkin, Mouat, Monks, Falder, Winchcomb and Miss Bates.

Confirmed that the Annual Tournament would commence on the second Tuesday in February 1934 and be held in the Hutt Valley with Waimarie H.Q.

It was proposed that application be made to the NZCC for the Gold Mallets to be played in this Association.

A move was made to have the Champion of Champions competition Runners-up recognised; followed up by a recommendation that the Event be abolished as the Champion was found in the Annual Tournament. This did not find favour as the winner of the tournament could be a player outside the Association. The President drew attention that any alteration could not be made without a notice of motion to that effect.

Selection: Mrs W. E. Caldow was selected to play in the North Island team at the Dominion tournament and the meeting considered it a great honour for the Association.

Mrs Caldow also was to broadcast from 2YA Radio on 5 October about croquet.

During the April meeting it was discussed on whether a N.Z. Team be sent to Australia to celebrate the Victoria State Centenary and to assist with finances by requesting each club member donate one shilling. The Association moved in favour of sending a team and the following clubs willing to assist financially were Hataitai, Wellington, Hutt, Kelburn, St Augustine's, Eastbourne, Waimarie, Ngaroma, Ngaio, Mt Victoria, Upper Hutt, Woburn, Seatoun.

Petone declined due to necessary expenses required on their lawns.

Then there was general discussion as to who should be considered for selection; eventually proposed that a test be held in November and the NZCC select eight players who they decided are the best and the top ones be The Team. The meeting also agreed that only travelling expenses and board be paid for the Team and a full statement of detailed expenditure be issued on the return of the Team.

Also proposed that if eligible, Captain Hartnell be manager and treasurer and that each player contribute £10.00.00 to the funds.

1934-35 Season

The Clubs affiliated to the Association numbered 22 and membership 560.

The 15th Annual General meeting held in June 1934 it was noted in the President's (Mrs Austin) report that two Wellington Association members were on the Council and it was by sheer ability that Mrs W. E. Caldow held the position of Dominion Referee – the first woman to do so.

The Council's Gazette was supported by 95 subscribers in the Association.

The President announced that Mrs Iazard had presented a silver coin bowl to the Association for competition and a silver tankard to the Karori Club. During the Annual Tournament Mrs A. E. Pollock donated a handsome gold medal to the Association in memory of her late husband Mr A. E. Pollock (past Vice President, 1924-25) the medal was allotted to the winners of the Handicap doubles.

The April meeting saw the delegates supporting a letter received from the YWCA for financial aid from the clubs, and in an update re the appeal several delegates offered to arrange bridge tables, and a member her home for same.

In regards to funding for the Teams visit to Australia and on a quota of one shilling per member, there was a deficiency of five pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence and it was decided that the Association should contribute the amount (!!)

The Association unanimously supported the Waimarie Club's proposal that Mrs Austin be requested to allow herself be nominated to Secretary of the Croquet Council or else for the office of President. Mrs Austin consented to consider the matter.

Under correspondence a letter from the Hockey Association was discussed, they were appealing for funds; the meeting decided that a reply be sent stating the Association was unable to contribute to their appeal.

The Association acknowledged the gift of a memorial shield to perpetuate the memory of the late Mrs G. McGill. The donor, her daughter (Mrs W. N. Walker) was a member of the Woburn Club.

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The Johnsonville Club withdrew from the Association. The meeting moved that the Association make Johnsonville a donation of 30 shillings to meet their liabilities for their levy and affiliation fees. Alas it was not recorded if this offer accepted.

1935-36 Season

The retiring Executive were re-elected unopposed.

The President Mrs Austin thanked the Association for her re-election and said "leading" was an easy matter when all were so interested and helpful. The Association was considered a very wide awake body full of interest and enthusiasm and was perfectly happy to lead so many kindly associates.

In her thanks for re-election Mrs Caldow mentioned the subject of refereeing and thought it would be beneficial to all to have meetings and classes for referees so that all would have the same knowledge.

The first item of the November meeting minutes was an announcement that a member of the South Canterbury Association was in the public hospital as the result of an accident and suggested that some friendly gesture would be appropriate. It was agreed that WCA send a gift of flowers and fruit to the value of five shillings. (Unfortunately the recipient player's name was not readable.)

One of the 5 Notices of Motion received from the NZCC and worthy of note, voted on and read as thus: Under Management Rule 5 to be amended by deleting the words "*at least three of whom shall be women associates*". Passed.

Mrs E. McKenzie informed the meeting she was standing as a candidate for the Honorary Treasurer of the NZCC and asked for support of the Association – granted.

It was moved that Mrs Austin's nomination as Hon Secretary of the Council receive the votes of the Association – Carried.

Mrs Austin was given full liberty to use her own judgement on any matters that came before the Council meeting, and if any further notices of motion came to hand they could be dealt with by the Executive.

At the March 1936 meeting under correspondence a letter from the Wellington Hospital Ladies Auxiliary was discussed. It was decided that the Delegates should inform their clubs of the request to affiliate with the body and that the Auxiliary be informed that the Association was in sympathy with the movement and the matter passed on to the Clubs.

Congratulations were passed to: Mrs Caldow on having won the NZ Women's Championship Event and to Mrs Austin on being appointed Secretary and Mrs Caldow Assistant Secretary to the NZCC. Comment was passed that it was an honour to both ladies and to the Wellington Association.

At the May meeting an interesting notice of motion was received from the Hon Secretary Mrs E. McKenzie asking for the handicaps of this district to be reviewed in order that local players may be placed on the same level as those in other

districts. Following discussion it was recommended that a meeting of Handicappers be held during the Dominion Tournament.

1936-37 Season

Membership 534

The NZ Vice-President Mr R. W. McCreath made two visits to the district and participated in the opening of Mt Victoria Club Season.

At the NZCC AGM held in Palmerston North Mrs Austin and Mrs Caldwell were re-elected. Clubs affiliated numbered 21.

At the September Delegates meeting a notice of motion was received from the Executive deleting the word "eight" from the Associations Constitution, Rule 13.

It was noted that several clubs were on the border of the number specified and the word eight was deleted in connection with Clubs already affiliated. Any new club joining the Association after 24 September 1936 must have eight members to commence with.

At the November meeting the following nominations were taken for officers of the **NZ Croquet Executive**, (who could be) only nominated by the Delegates

The December 1936 meeting of Delegates the four Notices of Motion received for the NZCC Annual meeting - two were worthy of mention from Auckland: that the voting power of the delegates at the NZCC AGM be in a fairer proportion to the numerical strength of the districts they represent:

- Rule 10 be amended to Where in a district the certified members shall exceed 200 the following be added – 'but be less than 400, such district shall be entitled to 3 votes; 4-600 by 4 votes; 6-800 by 5 votes; 800 and over by 6 votes. The Delegates voted against the Auckland motion

Mrs J. O'Donnell (Kelburn) spoke against on the ground the smaller clubs would lose heart as they would be out voted.

Mrs G. Mouat (Waimarie) had been instructed to vote for the remit. Mrs F. Ramsay (Wellington) supported Mrs O'Donnell.

- The second motion from Auckland Association: "That the NZCC make application to the English Croquet Association for 2 medals for each Island (North & South) of New Zealand so as to allow of more frequent competition."

The WCA delegate to the NZCC AGM requested to vote against it.

1937-38 Season

Membership 533

Bereavements: Mark of respect paid to Lady Luke, first WCA President and Mr. E. J. Ross, first President NZ Croquet Council and one of the founders and widely known throughout the Dominion for the interest and activity he took in croquet.

At The Seasons closing function held in the Hotel St George, attended by over 300 members, the Interclub and Association competition trophies were presented by Mr. W. McCreath.

Of interest, and very worthy of noting - that each year financial donations were given to the Association by the Vice-Patrons and players.

Under correspondence:

St Augustine's Club resigned from the Association.

A letter from the NZCC required every Club member to take the Annual (Gazette) by increasing the members' subscriptions. Mrs Gardner (Kelburn) responded by stating that her club was unable to increase their subscription on account of being under Municipal control. It was resolved that delegates take the proposal back to their clubs and urge them to increase their orders.

The meeting also carried unanimously that Five Pounds be voted from the Association funds to the King George Memorial Fund.

A special meeting of the Association was held in August to discuss the proposed form of entertainment for the NZCC President Mr McCreath and Mrs McCreath. After some discussion it was agreed unanimously to have one big function to be held in Wellington City. The venue chosen was the Mayfair Cabaret, occasion to be called the official opening of the WCA Season, 20.9.1937. A bouquet was to be presented to Mrs McCreath. The afternoon tea charge was to be not more than one shilling and sixpence per head.

The September meeting the Kelburn Club submitted a notice of motion that the position of official correspondent to the W.C.A. Mrs Ramsay (Wellington Club) be made that officer of the WCA. The meeting decreed that the Motion be dealt with at a special meeting to precede the next meeting of delegates. The Notice of Motion was carried unanimously at a special meeting preceding the 25 November 1937 delegate's meeting.

During that meeting the Delegates discussed the use of lawns in Wellington and Hutt Valley being available for the English visitors – left to the Executive to arrange.

NZCC nominations for office discussed and agreed upon and a special meeting arranged for 10 December 1937 to deal with incoming nominations of members from the Council.

1938-39 Season

Membership 533

Prior to the commencement of the 1938 AGM in June the President referred to the loss the Mt Victoria Club and the Association had sustained by the passing of their secretary and Association delegate, Miss M. Jordan.

The Executive appointed an official correspondent, now called publicity officer, Mrs F. Ramsay, who would be responsible to forward items of interest, results of matches etc. to the editor of the NZCC Gazette.

Made reference to the President's visit to the district and mentioned Mrs R. McVilly entertaining them to a morning tea in which she invited all the Club Presidents to attend.

1939-40 Season

Special visitors to the AGM of 8 June were Mrs Webber President of Auckland Association, and Mrs C. Watkins President of Hawkes Bay Association.

Observance: Secretary of the Karori Club Mrs Hastler-Smith, and Club Captain of Ngaio Club Mrs S. Williamson had passed away.

NZCC AGM Mrs W. S. Austin and Mrs W. Caldow were re-elected. Mrs Caldow was also appointed Editor of the Gazette.

The meeting moved and seconded that the Annual Tournament be suspended, owing to the number of Tests and tournament in the district this year. In the discussion on the Motion it was suggested that only Handicap Singles and Doubles be played. An amendment was moved and carried that the Association hold the tournament as usual. The venue was given to the Wellington district with Kelburn as H.Q. Over past Seasons the number of entries in the Interclub competitions created in depth discussion at meetings – the draw & management left to one person, Mrs E. McKenzie, Association Secretary, and on occasions assistance was approved by the delegates.

The September 1939 meeting recorded that the President spoke on the matter of war relief work, stating that there was a big body of women and in former years had worked well and efficiently for any cause we had taken up.

It was decided that a letter be sent to the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Hislop, offering our services to help in every way. The Waimarie Delegate, Mrs Kelly, stated they had offered their club room and members services for Lower Hutt. Other Clubs expressed their willingness to help.

Concerning the NZCC Gazette an appeal was made to the delegates for their support in every possible way and urged them to rally round to increase the number of subscribers.

The December meeting the President informed the delegates that a member of the St Johns Ambulance had called on her and left with her samples of the articles required by that body for the needs of the soldiers. These consisted of knitted eye bandages, face cloths, scarves, socks, hot water bottle covers, triangular bandages and bivvy bags; old linen & woollen material were also needed.

It was agreed that the Clubs should assist and that they keep a record of the articles supplied by them, this to be embodied in future records of the Association.

At the April 1940 meeting a letter was read out from the Physical Welfare Department in reference to the needs and requirements of sports bodies, including croquet. It was proposed that croquet apply for an area sufficient for not less than 3 greens on which to play official matches.

The President requested that it be placed on record the congratulations to the Hutt, Waimarie and Woburn Clubs for the delightful morning tea supplied by the Clubs to the competitors and visitors to the Centennial Dominion Tournament held in January 1940 at the Hutt.

1940-41 Season

Membership 509

Prior to opening the June 1940 AGM the President spoke of the war conditions and stressed the fact that although far from the scene of the conflict we were all part of the British Empire.

The Patriotic Board approached the Association to help in making up the deficiency of 1000 parcels for overseas soldiers needing to be despatched every three months.

The challenge was taken up and thus an opportunity to keep up the croquet identity through clubs.

Wellington City clubs provided collectors for the Crippled Children's fund raising street appeal. Special teas at the YWCA held monthly for members of the Forces.

Patriotism: Mt Victoria Club proposed that all Clubs be asked to subscribe sixpence per month per member towards assisting with the war effort.

The December meeting moved that the Association give ten pounds to the Spitfire Fund.

In February the Paekakariki Club confirmed as an affiliate.

1941-1942 Season

Membership 523 and 21 clubs (listed on page 167).

Members provided gifts to the Red Cross, St Johns Ambulance needs, and making garments for the Army, Navy & Air Force, and lastly making up clothing for refugees.

Bereavements: Mrs R. McVilly and Mrs J. H. Pollock, both members of Kelburn Club. At the September 1941 meeting the death was announced of Mrs R. Gardner active Kelburn Club member, for 22 years Chair of the Match Committee since inception 1936 and a member of the WCA Executive.

In respect for Mrs Gardner the meeting agreed to leave the position of second Vice President vacant.

The President indicated that arrangements had been made for 30 players to pack parcels once a month parcels for Prisoners of War and the group was to exist for the following 6 months. It was also reported that in early stages 600 parcels were packed and this was increased to 800 on one day.

Clubs also enthusiastically maintained their quota of packing 50 parcels every three months for the overseas soldiers.

Some Clubs were involved in assisting in fund raising for the Cancer Campaign, and Protection for Women and Children Society.

Meeting informed that the Hataitai Club likely to be taken over by the Military giving 2 days' notice (!) In the likely event of this happening Waimarie Club offered one day's play with use of equipment.

The 1941-42 Season closing function was abandoned and the trophies were presented at the AGM Meeting.

An appeal for helpers to pack Christmas parcels for invalided American Servicemen in NZ received a ready response from the Clubs.

1942-43 Season

Membership 509

The Annual General Meeting was held in June 1942.

WCA Delegate to NZCC: Mrs W. S. Austin.

1943-44 Season

Membership 493

All personnel were re-elected.

The Annual Report recorded that the Prisoner of War parcels under the organisation of Mrs Austin, 34 to 36 members packed about 1600 parcels over 15 days and enthusiasm never waned. Every 3 months the Wellington Clubs provided 56 overseas parcels and handed them on to the Patriotic depot for overseas transport. Hutt and Eastbourne Clubs had their own special work in this connection.

Every third Saturday 24 helpers assisted with the YWCA teas.

The Disabled Soldiers Appeal – under the auspices of the Red Cross Society and the Order of St John – all Clubs willingly assisted by donating money or providing helpers to the street appeal. The Clubs also responded to assist with the Crippled Children appeal. The September meeting moved and carried that in the next Annual Report that the amounts given to Patriotic purposes by each club be embodied in the report for recording purposes. After discussion it was decided to add the words, if possible, Clubs to enumerate other work done for the war effort.

The September meeting recorded the death of Mrs Holland member of Hutt Club who was elected a Vice patron at the first croquet meeting.

1944-45 Season

Membership 483

The Annual Report recorded that the Association continued with their invaluable contribution to the various war efforts in monetary and physical terms.

Interesting comments in the February 1945 meeting minutes made by the President before proceeding with the business – thanked the Delegates for attending in such numbers on such a boisterous day (!) The meeting received with regret the resignation of Mrs Boocock as Handicapper due to ill health. Mrs Mouat appointed temporary Handicapper for Season.

YWCA and WCA contribution: The meeting moved that the helpers no longer assisted with the Forces Hospitality Club due to fewer servicemen requiring needs but unanimously decided to continue with the usual donations.

1945-1946 Season

Membership 455

The AGM was held in mid-June of 1945 and the President opened proceedings by expressing her great thankfulness of the victory in Europe realised and war in that theatre had ended.

The retirement as Vice President of Mrs Fraser acknowledged and appreciation expressed for her contribution.

The September meeting opened once again with the President expressing thankfulness that the “foe in the Pacific had made an unconditional surrender”.

Bereavement: Mrs Hendry, foundation member of both the Wellington Club and the WCA.

A letter from the RSA seeking assistance from the Association to provide helpers to work one day in two months in their cafeteria was declined.

It is interesting to note that this decision did not receive full support from the meeting.

1946-1947 Season

Membership 445

At the AGM of June 1946 the resignation of the Trentham Club was received and accepted.

Obituary: The passing of Mrs E. Boocock earlier in the year was announced, 13 years as District Handicapper and Chair of the Match Committee for several years. She was a Member of the Haeremai and Wellington Clubs.

The Executive was re-elected.

September meeting minutes recorded that the Association Delegates moved that the wives of bowlers be given the freedom of the lawns in Wellington and Hutt during their Bowling Tournament.

December meeting correspondence received a letter from the Bowling Association thanking the WCA for their hospitality.

Unfortunately minutes of February/March meetings are missing.

1947-1948 Season

Membership 455

Prior to the AGM Mrs F. Ramsay announced her retirement as official correspondent.

Life Membership: The meeting carried with acclamation the conferring of life membership on Mrs W. S. Austin who gave 21 years of service.

The minutes of the meeting held in December 1947 recorded of the afternoon function held at Kelburn Club to thank Mrs Austin on her retirement. Over 100 guests attended. The Clubs had contributed money towards a suitable gift to present to her – a chiming clock – which the writer of this document has seen in the possession of her daughter-in-law who lives in Karori.

Coaching: Mrs Caldow was appointed to this role and she was allowed her own method of teaching.

NZCC Gazette: Discussion took place on the content of the magazine and how little space given in regard to Wellington news. The Meeting agreed a letter be sent to the NZCC pointing out the disappointment felt by Clubs at the small amount of space given to them. It was suggested more space might induce clubs to purchase more copies (!!)

1948-1949 Season

Membership 481

The AGM of the Association held on 15 June 1948. The Executive was re-elected.

Presentation. Due to the disbandment of the Seatoun Club on account of lack of playing area, a handsome Challenge Cup had been presented by Mrs Bedford. The

Cup would be presented each year to the Club winning the most number of points in the Interclub Junior A Grade matches.

An appeal was made to Clubs for donations for a trophy to be played for in the Levels

The September meeting of the Delegates an Amendment was received from the Kelburn Club re the Notice of Motion presented by the Executive in February –“that a levy of one shilling per member be made, with a minimum of one guinea”. Not recorded if this amendment was passed etc.

1949-1950 Season

Membership 509

WCA Delegate to NZCC AGM: Mrs W. Caldow.

The September Meeting recorded the following:- Bereavements of Mesdames Green and Thornton Karori Club – the latter serving on the Match Committee.

The Annual meeting was held on 22 June 1950.

In correspondence it was recorded that two Clubs disbanded having to surrender their lawns for other sport purposes, unfortunately the Wellington City Clubs were not named.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs F. C. Bryan on her appointment as Assistant Referee for NZ

Obituary: Mrs Wise an Association Vice-Patron and member of Eastbourne.

1950-1951 Season

The retiring Executive was re-elected unopposed.

Interclub Matches cancellations –the Delegates agreed to arrange with ZZB to have those put over at 8am or as soon after as possible.

The September meeting discussed the raising of funds to entertain the visiting English team. A good deal of debate was created and finally the delegates decided on holding Bring and Buy days – one in the Hutt and one in Wellington as well as a visit to the Brown Owl in Upper Hutt for afternoon tea in early December.

The highlight of the 1950-51 Season was the visit by English MacRobertson Shield Team. The second test was played in Wellington and three of our Association members participated, - F. C. Bryan (Hutt), A. D. J. Heenan (Eastbourne) and Miss M. Cloughton (Hutt). The Test Match which NZ won was played at the Waimarie and Hutt Clubs and attracted visitors from all parts of N.Z.

1951-1952 Season

Membership 475

The AGM was held late June 1952 and the President Mrs G. Savage informed the meeting of the death of Mrs Bock and spoke with feeling on her contribution to croquet having held office in the Hutt Club for many years and being closely associated with Association work.

The Association made financial donations to the Soldiers War Memorial Fund and Wellington City Mission.

Retirement: Mrs F. C. Bryan retired as District Referee, having served for 12 years.

1952-53 Season

Membership 445.

The September meeting recorded that a letter from the NZCC advising of the appointment of Mrs W. E. Caldow as National Handicapper.

Mrs F. C. Ramsay appointed as temporary Vice President.

1953-1954 Season

AGM held in June 1953

Recorded under Roll Call a special mention was made of the attendance of the delegates from the Paekakariki and Paraparaumu Clubs and the Chair expressed the hope they would be happy in our Association.

Bereavements: The meeting observed the passing of past Vice President Mrs H. Manton.

In regards membership- no number was noted but stated a slight decrease was recorded over the year.

In April Mrs G. H. Savage was elected Vice President, NZCC.

At the March 1955 Meeting the bereavement of Mrs E. Pawson, who joined the Central Club in 1916 and served 4 years a Vice President of the Association, was acknowledged.

1954-1955 Season

In the 35th Annual Report special mention was recorded of the successful refresher courses for Referees held under the supervision of A.D.J. Heenan.

The disbandment of the Mt Victoria Club was received with regret.

The September Delegates meeting received and approved of a Notice of Motion from the Match Committee to introduce an extra Levels Singles Event in the Annual Tournament. Bisesques 5 to 8 were to be altered to 5-7 ½ with the added event being for handicaps 8 and over.

The March 1955 Meeting recorded the bereavement of Mrs E. Pawson who joined the Central Club in 1916 and served 4 years a Vice President of the Association.

The Annual Tournament was played on the Hutt Valley lawns, 193 entries; weather perfect until the latter stages when wet conditions made the lawns very much heavier and held up play "to a disturbing extent".

1955-1956 Season

Membership was 382

The Annual Meeting was held on the 23 June 1955.

Bereavements: Mrs Laurie (Ngaroma) and Mrs E. McKenzie past Hon Secretary & for 21 years for the WCA and past Editor-Manager of the Gazette 1939-55.

1956-1957 Season

Annual Tournament: The meeting received a Notice of Motion from the Karori Club to hold the Annual Tournament in November & the Delegates agreed it should be tried.

Recognition: Mrs W. Caldow was presented with a donation for her services as Hon Secretary of the Association. Another presentation was given to Mrs B. Sargisson due to her leaving the Association.

City Council Charges: Concern was expressed by the City Delegates in regards to the lawn charges made by the City Council. Smaller clubs were paying heavy charges and relief was considered necessary. Kelburn was considered to be a different position with the number of lawns and membership.

It was proposed and seconded “that a letter be sent to the Council raising the question of relief for smaller clubs and the possibility of a uniform charge for lawn upkeep”. The clubs concerned were Hataitai, Wellington, Island Bay and Karori.

The September meeting minutes recorded the death of Mrs F. Ramsay, Vice President and past official correspondent of the WCA.

The meeting also called for nominations to fill two vacant positions – Hon Secretary – Mr. Heenan had to retire due to work commitments – and Vice President.

Elected unopposed: Mrs I. Cooper (Khandallah) to the position of Hon Secretary.

Vice President: two nominations received: Mesdames Dawson and A. Parfitt.

Exchange visit. The Delegates discussed the visit from the Wairarapa Association, and Waimarie offered to lend their lawns for the day. It was agreed that the Waimarie Secretary write to the Wairarapa suggesting a day for play, and asking for handicaps of those participating.

At the December Delegates meeting Mrs A. Parfitt (Kelburn) was elected Vice President.

Annual tournament played in November on Wellington City and suburban clubs.

1957-1958 Season

Membership: 374 members.

The meeting appointed a sub-committee to revise the existing rules of the Association. Members were The President, Mr and Mrs F. C. Bryan, Mrs Caldow, Mrs Mouat, Messrs A. D. J. Heenan and H. Ford and Mrs Cooper.

City Council lawn charges: The President and Secretary reported on the actions taken re the interviewing Council staff concerning city green maintenance. Their next move was to see the Director of Parks & Reserves on his return to the City.

Publicity promotion of croquet was suggested through the Evening Post and The Dominion to counteract the slow decreasing of membership.

The meeting of Delegates made reference to the continuing success of the Croquet Beginners Day and how much the newcomers to the game enjoyed the experience. Thanks were given to those who assisted on these days – Mesdames B.A. (J) Jarden, A. Parfitt and Mr H. Ford.

1958-1959 Season

Membership 373

At the June 1958 Annual Meeting the Executive was re-elected for another year.

Obituaries: Mrs Flanagan (Hataitai) Mrs Shorland (Island Bay) Mr Managh (Wellington) Mr G Mouat (Waimarie) – all were ardent and dedicated supporters of the game.

In regards to the recommendations from the Sub Committee appointed to revise the WCA Rules – the minutes of the two meetings held were read out to the meeting. The proposed alterations were to be passed to the Clubs for consideration, for them to approve or to make other suggestions and to be brought to the September meeting of Delegates.

A donation of trophy by Miss D McKenzie (Hutt) in commemoration of her Mother was presented to the Association. The trophy took the form of a mallet head of mulberry wood mounted on a kauri base and was the workmanship of a Mr Wise, brother in law of the donor.

The Interclub revision was accepted and passed by the Delegates.

The meeting decreed that the President, Secretary, Treasurer be appointed to purchase new trophies and that trays be obtained.

The June 1959 Annual minutes recorded the passing of Mrs I Rudkin, a former member of Lyall Bay Club and a member of Wellington Club at the time of her death. She donated to the Association the Rudkin Brooches.

Life member: The meeting passed with acclamation the conferring of Life Membership on Mrs WE Caldwell an Association Referee for 8 years, and 16 years as Hon. Secretary.

1959-1960 Season

Membership 359

The September meeting recorded the death of Mr F.C. Bryan and the President spoke of his excellent work for croquet. A member of the Waimarie Club, he was also considered one of the great players of N.Z.

1960-61 Season

President: Mrs G H. Savage

The Festival Invitation Event deferred from the previous year to be played at Kelburn and proposed the event be under the leadership of ADJ Heenan.

The September meeting discussed the details of the arrangements for the Festival event. All members were appealed to for their fullest support. A proposal was carried that a levy of two shillings per member be introduced to help cover this event. Prices suggested for the Catering morning tea nine pence, lunch three shillings afternoon tea one shilling and sixpence.

Clubs were rostered and responsible for the morning and afternoon teas. The Association was responsible for the lunch.

Writing on the wall: At the March 1961 Delegates meeting reference was made to the 1960-61 Interclub match results and an article in the 22nd March Evening Post

was read out This which created much indignation. Quote *“The Petone Borough Council last night decided to call a meeting of the Ngaroma and Petone Central Croquet Clubs to discuss their amalgamation.* Reported that the Ngaroma Club’s green was in bad order.

It was proposed to use the old Central Bowling Club’s green for croquet next Season, the green being alongside that of the Central Croquet Club. The Ngaroma Club’s green would be re-built the following Season.

A Councillor (O. Silbery) said it was proposed to suggest that the Clubs amalgamate and ultimately use the Ngaroma’s rebuilt greens. Councillor Bradbury said it was the only sensible thing to do. He added that anyone who followed sport would know that “the writing is on the wall for croquet.”

The Association wrote letters to the Petone Borough Council and Evening Post re this article.

Retirement of Office holders; In March Mrs I. Cooper, Hon Secretary expressed her desire to retire from the position, due to her forthcoming departure to England.

In April Mrs Savage intimated her desire to retire after 14 Years as President. Mrs Parfitt also indicated her not seeking re- election as Vice President

1961-1962 Season

Under correspondence it was recorded that a NZCC Executive member Mr W. Kirk had written to the Petone Borough Council re the Evening Post article.

Trophy Donation: Appreciation and thanks extended to Mrs I. Cadwallader for presenting to the Association the Veterans Trophy. Mrs Worsfold and Mrs Savage were thanked for presenting Silver Trays for the Handicap Doubles competition.

Festival Invitation Tournament: the top ranking players participating for this Event not recorded. Tournament opened by the Mayor Mr F. Kitts. Among the competitors were four Wellington players, Mesdames Jarden, Collins, Hill and Mr H. Ford. Congratulations to Mrs Jarden being the winner after many hard fought games.

In February 1962 an emergency meeting of the Executive committee was held to discuss a letter from the NZCC re the test match Australia versus New Zealand. The following matters were agreed: -

- The test to be played at Waimarie
- The Wellington Clubs made their lawns available for practice.
- Catering - same arrangements as Festival Invitation Tournament which included entertaining the visiting team at an informal afternoon at Kelburn Club.
- Billeting left to the Clubs.

1962-1963 Season

MacRobertson Shield. The General meeting delegates passed a motion that the NZCC be advised that the Association would be prepared to guarantee One hundred and fifty pounds towards expenses of the test match.

From the Annual Report –

Obituaries recorded – Mrs M. T. Winchcomb, President of Island Bay Club; Mrs Peck Naenae Club, and Mrs Guise, Hutt Club.

Life member: the September meeting of delegates recognised the long service to the Association given by Mrs G. Savage and awarded her a Life Member Badge.

MacRobertson Shield: the meeting congratulated Mr H. Ford on his appointment as the captain of the NZ team.

During December the Association decreed that in view of numerous club fixtures and the visit of the Australian team the Beginners Day would be cancelled for the Season. The Festival of Wellington was cancelled, and considered if necessary, to cancel Event One of the Wellington Tournament which coincided with the visit of H. M. The Queen.

A report received on the MacRobertson Shield Test was presented by Mr. H. Ford (Team Captain) who spoke highly of the arrangements for the test match. Australia v NZ played at Waimarie – the only place where no alteration had to be made to hoops or dressing of the lawns. A letter from the NZCC also advised that the arrangements were 100%

Five Wellington members – Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden, Messrs H. Ford (Captain) J. Prince, M. Reitchesen and T. Regan were included in the team which played in the MacRobertson Shield series. Special mention was made that John Prince's play had advanced beyond all expectation.

At the NZCC AGM two Wellington members were elected to Council Executive. ADJ Heenan, NZ Referee and Miss D. McKenzie, NZ Publicity Officer.

Life Member: The Association conferred on Mrs F. C. Bryan Life Membership award due to her good work as a District Referee.

Publicity: The Publicity officer (Mrs Leitch) reported that she had received every assistance and co-operation from the staff at The Dominion and Evening Post newspapers. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to both.

1963-1964 Season

The Annual Report recorded the following obituaries:

Mrs E. Hendry – past Secretary Hutt Club

Mrs W. G. Alexander – past President Hutt Club

Mrs J. Ibell – Central Club

Miss O Bates – Foundation member of Wellington Club

Mrs J. Butcher – Karori Club.

Also reported the passing of Mr W. Kirk, late NZ Handicapper and Past President of NZCC 1948-56. He was well known to Wellington players and would be long remembered for his enthusiasm.

1964-1965 Season

The September '64 Delegates meeting had a sudden change of venue – on account of flooding blocking the entrance to Waimarie Club "It was moved to the Naenae Club".

It was recorded that the NZCC Publicity Officer, Miss D. McKenzie and Association Publicity Officer Mrs J. Leitch, had a most satisfactory interview with the manager of the TV Station.

Presentation: On behalf of Clubs Mrs W. Worsfold presented with a crystal lamp and bowl in recognition of her services to the Association.

The December meeting congratulated those members who worked towards making the President's Invitation Event such a success, Mr Harwood on his efforts to make the social evening a success – held at the Masonic Hall. Plimmerton Club was thanked for entertaining the visitors on the Sunday – note, it took the form of games, singing and items. Doorkeeper Mr Worsfold.

A limited supply of drinks were to be under the control of Messrs F. Chandler & T. Hill – Purchased 2 bottles of gin, 2 dozen beer and flagon of sherry & soft drinks. Alas number attending not recorded.

Over the years the business actioned at the December meetings was mainly devoted to the NZCC Notice of motions and guidance to the WCA Delegate regards voting. The Council AGM held at the same time as their NZ Open Event.

Obituaries recorded during the Season.

Mrs F. C. Bryan, Waimarie Club past District Referee 1941-1962 and NZ Referee 1952-1962, an indefatigable worker for croquet.

Also noted the passing of a Vice patron of many years, Mrs Mary Dowse, a great loss to the Association and particularly the Hutt Valley Clubs.

1965-1966 Season

In moving the Annual Report the Chair, Mrs Jarden, thanked all for their support and interest during the past Season and urged all to do their utmost to increase membership in the new Season.

Also recorded were the following obituaries

Mrs W. S. Austin, Kelburn Club - Past President WCA, 1927-1946, Life member.

Mrs G. Savage, Waimarie Club, past President WCA 1947-1960, Life member

Membership: It was agreed that a small committee be formed to recruit for new members.

Recognition: The President presented on behalf of the Association to the retired Publicity Officer Mrs J. Leitch, 1960-1965, a crystal bowl for her excellent work and wished her well in her new locality and home.

.Publicity Officer: the meeting moved the appointment of John Prince (Naenae) as WCA Publicity Officer.

Additional Obituaries:

The March meeting opened with Delegates paying tribute to the passing of Mr T. Harwood, Association Secretary, 1961-1965, and Mrs J. O'Donnell, Association Past Treasurer, 1931-1950.

Temporary Appointment: Mrs I. M. Cooper to act as Secretary until the AGM.

Publicity: The Publicity Committee's hard activity was well rewarded when the sport featured on TV with a demonstration by J. Prince & H. Ford. Mesdames T. Hill, L. Parfitt and Mr H. Ford spoke on the radio from time to time.

Raffle: The raffled picture donated by H. Ford was won by A. J. Young, Pukerua Bay, and the proceeds greatly added to the finances. It is worth noting that Waimarie was the only Club to sell their full quota of tickets.

1966-1967 Season

The meeting agreed that the Publicity Committee continue for the coming Season.

Honours Board:

Several Honour Boards belonging to defunct clubs were being held by the Association. It was agreed that these Boards be brought to the next Delegates meeting in December to consider disposal of same.

Croquet Gazette. After many years of subscribing to the English Croquet Gazette the Association wrote to the Croquet Association advising they wished to discontinue the Gazette, and in reply the English Association wanted to know why. The Secretary instructed to advise that the reason was one of finance, but if the Croquet Association would accept the WCA as an overseas member it would be pleased to become a member.

Meeting times: In response to a remit from the Wellington Club to hold future meetings of Delegates be held in the evenings to enable officers and delegates who work to attend. The Executive decided that their meetings in future be held in the evening prior to the date of the Delegates meeting & considered this would obviate the necessity of holding evening meetings as suggested in the Remit.

Croquet Gazette: The meeting agreed that in future the Association purchase the Annual and the Croquet Gazette for the Association records.

1967-1968 Season

Membership 225

Also noted in the September minutes was a visit by 23 Australian Croquet players - 16 February 1968 and the programme drawn up on arrival - to meet at the Kelburn Club for lunch and taken on a sightseeing trip in the afternoon, evening free.

Bereavement: The passing of Mr McGill, donor of the A Grade Shield for Interclub was announced at the December meeting.

At the March 1968 Delegates meeting both Mrs Jarden & J. Prince intimated they would not be seeking re-election as President and Publicity Officer respectively for the ensuing year.

1968-1969 Season

Membership 242

Due to no nominations for Publicity Officer the Executive decreed that Publicity Officers be appointed for the Events when held in Wellington.

The minutes covered a visit by the President to the Wellington City Council Parks & Reserve Director Mr Ian Galloway to discuss the Association holding the NZ Championships in Wellington January 1969.

Reported that Mr Galloway had been very co-operative and indicated he would do everything possible to have the grounds in good order for the Event.

Closure: In correspondence a letter received from the Hutt Club advising of their decision to close down. On behalf of the Association the President expressed regret on the necessity to close and thanked them for their friendship over a period of years.

The Hataitai Club offered to donate a trophy for the C Grade gratefully accepted. The form it should take was left to the President & the Handicapper.

Congratulations extended to Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden and Mr J. Prince on their selection for the NZ Team to play for the MacRobertson Shield held in Australia.

Raffle: Mr H. Ford donated a picture to the NZCC to be raffled to raise funds for the MacRobertson team.

At the September meeting the President congratulated J. Prince on his appointment as Captain of the NZ MacRobertson Shield team.

Hutt Club trophies: The Club donated their trophies to the Association and the Executive recommended that the Holland Plate and the Watkins Rose Bowl be given to Mrs G. Collins who had expressed a wish to retain them as she had won them for a number of years. Agreed.

The Jenness Cup – The donor Mr Jenness requested it be returned to him so he could give it to the Naenae Club.

The remainder of cups & trophies were left to the Executive to determine their use with the proviso that Delegates ascertain from their Clubs as to whether they would care to use same for trophies. Of their equipment the Double Banking Balls went to Plimmerton, corner pegs to Wellington and clips Karori.

As regards publicity for the Dominion Championships it was noted that the NZBC (New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation) were arranging for a direct telephone to the NZBC to be installed for the duration of the Tournament.

Jubilee Celebrations 1969: It was agreed that the President, J. Prince & H. Steptoe be a committee to bring down a report to the March meeting for a Jubilee celebration in October 1969.

March Delegates meeting 1969 the proposed programme for the Jubilee celebrations was submitted to be played over Labour Weekend commencing 25 October 1969.

- 1 Levels Singles
- 2 Handicap Singles, Scratch – 2 ½
- 3 Handicap Singles 3-5 ½
- 4 Handicap Singles 6-8
- 5 Handicap Singles 8 and over – played over the first 6 hoops.

Time limit for all games to be 3 hours. Event 5 was to be a full game.

Competitor with highest number of points achieved declared the winner.

The Match Committee reserved the right to combine two or more Events if insufficient entries were received for Events 2, 3, 4 or 5.

Competitor may enter one event only. Entry fee: 50 cents.

- Lawns of Clubs in Wellington & Lower Hutt to be used.

- If sufficient entries received Jubilee Medals to be presented to winner and runner-up.
- A Jubilee banquet to conclude the celebration on Mon 3 November.

The Delegates agreed to the conditions subject to spouses be invited to the Jubilee Dinner, the cost not to exceed four dollars and the Event be renamed the WCA Jubilee Games.

Handicap games - players to use their own bisques. Winner of each event be presented with a spoon suitably engraved to record the occasion.

Congratulations: Mr H. Ford congratulated on being appointed the Manager of the MacRobertson Shield team.

Whereabouts: Concern was expressed that Wellington Sports shops did not know the whereabouts of Croquet Clubs. The meeting requested that the Secretary advise sports dealers of the names and addresses of the Clubs.

Interclub C Grade Trophy; a shield to be manufactured and the cost borne by the Association and to be known as the Jarden Shield.

1969-1970 Season

Membership 217

The Jubilee Games played over Labour weekend, the winners were:

Event 1	J. Prince
Event 2	Mrs D. Dodson(Kelburn)
Event 3	Mrs D Downer-Kingston (Kelburn) – presented with engraved spoons at the successful Jubilee dinner.

Appreciation: In recognition of her service as Handicapper the President presented Mrs I. Cooper with a handbag as a token of esteem and appreciation for her services.

Obituaries: During the 1969-1970 Season the Association lost two dedicated players, life member Mrs W.E Caldow (Wellington) and Mrs I. M. Cadwallader, (Kelburn).

1970-1971 Season

Membership 232

The Annual Meeting minutes recorded the death of Mr M. Reitchesen who had done so much for our sport when Director of Parks and Reserves, Lower Hutt.

Event entry fees: On a recommendation from the Executive the entry fees for Annual tournament Silver badges and Associated events be increased. Had been recorded that there had been a small surplus over from the Jubilee dinner which assisted greatly with balancing the books, new event charges e.g. Open \$1.00 dollar, Events 2-7 inclusive – 70 cents, Events 8-10-50 cents.

Additional lawns: A letter from Waimarie presented that the club was keen to lay-down two more lawns and as the monies required was beyond their capacity enquired of the Association could assist in raising the necessary finance. The Delegates agreed that the Executive meet with the Waimarie Club Committee to discuss matter.

Coaching scheme: On the invitation from the President Mr Ford outlined a proposed coaching scheme being promoted in conjunction with Rothmans Tobacco Co. He had been appointed by the NZCC as their representative in the matter and planned to discuss the scheme with the Australian Association who were already involved with the English Association. He expressed hope that NZ could also participate and to report back later in the year.

Recorded in the minutes of the September 1970:

Delegates meeting regarding the Waimarie Club: Request for financial assistance. On the recommendation from the Executive:-

- “(a) that a Committee consisting of the husbands of the members of the Waimarie Club be formed with a view to obtaining their advice and assistance.
- (b) Consideration be given to obtaining loans from interested parties at the interest rate received from Saving Banks.
- (c) Consideration be given to amalgamating with the Naenae and Central Clubs and consultations be held with the Clubs and Local Authorities concerned”

Association Referee: The Executive informed the meeting that Mrs T. Hill had indicated to them that she may not be able to continue in this role as she and her husband would be leaving Wellington to reside in Levin.

Appointment of temporary Association Referee: The chair advised the December meeting that Mrs J. Mead (Waimarie Club) had been appointed to fill the vacancy until the Annual General Meeting.

Obituary: Also at this meeting it was recorded of the passing of a Vice Patron of the Association – Mr P. Dowse.

Presentation of Trophies: an evening function was proposed and passed by the Delegates subject that such a function be held towards the end of March and the charge not to exceed 2.00 dollars per person.

The March meeting recorded that 90 members would be attending and the following procedure adopted-assemble for drinks and socialize, meal, followed by presentation of trophies. Function held at Hallmark Caterers, Kilbirnie.

Recorded 96 members attended and generally agreed it was an outstanding success.

1971-1972 Season

Membership 217

The 52nd Annual Meeting minutes recorded the issue of raising funds to send the NZ MacRobertson Shield team to England in 1974.

After some discussion it was agreed that “(a) Clubs be requested to raise at least 50 cents per member, the method adopted left to the individual clubs (b) the following remit be sent to the NZCC that prospective test players be approached to ascertain whether they would be prepared to pay the major part of the fares of the trip to and from England.”

The Secretary indicated that he would remain in office till a nomination was received to accept the position.

At the Executive meeting in September in attendance as an observer, Miss R. Green (Wellington Club) stated she was prepared to take office as Hon Secretary as from the Delegates September meeting.

Wellington Amateur Sports Association meeting: The representatives- Messrs Ford and Steptoe who attended this meeting as observers were of the opinion that while the objects were to be commended; principal direction appeared to be that of raising funds to send teams or individuals overseas. It was unlikely croquet would derive any benefit from membership. The annual subscription had been fixed at 20.00 dollars and would be beyond the capacity of the Association. The Executive recommended that the Association should not make application for membership.

Appointment: The meeting expressed appreciation of the willingness of Miss Green to accept the office of Hon Secretary.

Tribute: The President expressed the meetings appreciation to the retiring Hon Secretary, H. J. Steptoe for his untiring service during his 5years in office.

Coaching scheme: presented by a Dr Roger Bray of England, introducing the scheme in Wellington by a series of lectures illustrated with film strips mid-October at the Wellington Club.

A sub-committee of the President, Referee & Mr Ford appointed Mrs Jarden & Mr S. Piercy (Wellington) to represent the Association and Mesdames Collins & Mead to attend as observers.

At a special Executive meeting held late October the purpose to give consideration on the report received from Mrs Jarden & S. Piercy, to

- (1) purchase a projector at a cost of \$48, also film strips and records at a cost expected to exceed the sum of \$148.00
- (2) the introduction of the Coaching Scheme to the members of the Association.

The Executive agreed to purchase the projector immediately and the film strips and records as they become available.

Agreed to introduce the scheme by holding a session at the Kelburn Club on the first Sunday in November to be conducted by Mr S. Piercy and at Waimarie on the second Sunday, to be conducted by Mrs Jarden.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr Ford for making the projector available at the price of \$48.00.

March 1972 Delegates meeting minutes noted that Messrs Ford & Steptoe attended a meeting re the Festival of Wellington 1973. It was recommended that during the Festival some croquet event be held in the hope of encouraging young people to join. It was left to the next meeting for suggestions.

J. Prince Sunday League. Outline of the suggestion from J Prince was discussed. It appeared that Clubs were unwilling to lose the use of one lawn on a Sunday.

Intending retirement: The Treasurer Mrs Robson intimated she would like to retire from holding office.

1972-1973 Season

Membership 164

Obituaries: Recorded that Wellington Club lost two members Mesdames E. M. Greathead and I. Clouston.

Wellington Festival: The Association to put on a demonstration of croquet during the Festival and formed a sub committee consisting of President and Vice Presidents with power to add.

March 1973 recorded that in a letter received from the NZCC stating the coaching scheme to be referred to as the "Rothman's Croquet Coaching Scheme."

Wellington Festival 1973: Reported that the demonstrations given on 14 March by Mesdames Dodson and Bradley, 15th Messrs H. Ford and J. Read, 16th Mesdames Graham and Mead.

The demonstration was held on the lawn at the back of the Wellington Public Library. Between 50-100 people watched; H. Steptoe commented over a loud speaker was successful.

Overseas Funds: The President stated the Wellington Club held a Gala Day to help the fund and proved a good function.

1973-1974 Season

Membership 208

Bereavement: Mrs A. Green, Wellington Club and previously Island Bay Club, one of the Veteran stalwarts of the game.

Levy increase: The President expressed the opinion that there was a need to increase the levy paid to the WCA and left to the Executive to decide.

WCA Levy: At the September meeting of Delegates the Executive presented their recommendation regards the levy increase, Rule 20 to be amended to read – by deleting sterling figures and substituting the figures and words to 25 cents and \$2.25. A special meeting was to be held prior the December meeting.

Season opening: Suggested that the Association have one opening for the Croquet Season as against the individual club openings- one in the Hutt Valley and one in Wellington

Delegates advised to consider the suggestion with their respective Clubs.

The special meeting of Delegates held in December.

Business: To discuss and vote on the Amendment to the first sentence of Rule 20 be amended to:

"By deleting the figures 1/6 and one guinea and substituting the figures and words 25 cents and \$2.25" If carried Rule 20 to read:

The annual subscription of 25 cents per Club member with a minimum of \$2.25 shall be paid by affiliated clubs to the Association.

The amendment was duly carried.

Season opening: The matter of one official opening day was not favoured as shown – i.e. one in Wellington and one in Hutt Valley – by a majority decision.

Congratulations were extended to the Kelburn Club on celebrating their Diamond Jubilee.

1974-1975 Season

Membership 226

Appreciation: the President presented to Mrs Robson a vase in appreciation for her services over 21 years as Treasurer.

MacRobertson Shield Team – telegram of good wishes sent to the team who departed for England 27 June 1974.

Exchange visit: The President indicated she was hopeful of arranging an inter association games event with the Manawatu Association the following Season.

Anniversary: Congratulations were extended to the Khandallah Club celebrating their Diamond Jubilee.

1975-1976 Season

Membership 245

Patron: Discussion took place about the election of the Patron of the Association and the Delegates decided the Mayor of Wellington be the Patron of the WCA.

Umpires: Recorded in the Annual minutes was a comment from the District Referee who urged players to be umpires and then on to be a Referee as there was a definite need.

At the September meeting the President made special reference to the Paraparaumu Delegates, first time for many years the Club was represented (Mr Alf & Mrs Brenda Dawkins)

Bereavement: Noted the passing of H. J. Steptoe, past WCA secretary for 5 years, Vice-President & President.

Memorial Trophy: At the December meeting on the recommendation of the Executive the Delegates approved that a memorial trophy in memory of H. J. Steptoe be purchased. Donations were invited from all Clubs. The trophy to be a silver tray and awarded to the most promising player entered in the (C grade) Levels Singles no. 3 Event of the Association Annual Tournament.

H. J. Steptoe Trophy: The panel comprising of the District Referee, Handicapper and one other, selected G. H. Stringer, Kelburn – not only showing promise but also capable of setting out a break.

1976-1977 Season

Membership 248

It was recorded in the Annual Report that overall twelve clubs had disbanded within the Association.

Obituaries: Members who passed away during the year Mrs J. Harvey, Mrs V. Hewson & Mrs J. May, Mrs F. Officer of the Central Club and Mrs I. Auburn from Kelburn Club.

Congratulations extended to the Central Croquet Club who celebrated their Diamond Jubilee.

Change to AGM meeting day. At the September 1976 meeting the Wellington Delegates spoke to their remit re the annual meetings either in the evenings or on a Saturday and reason to enable working croquet players to attend. The Delegates ruled out evening meetings and on a motion that was carried the Annual meeting for 1977 was set for a Saturday at the Kelburn Club.

Voting power of delegates: On a remit from the Khandallah Club in regards to Club representation their delegate pointed out that 12 Clubs formerly members of the Association had disbanded, this reduction of 24 club votes altered the ratio of club votes to Executive votes. As all clubs present had discussed this remit in their own committees there was general agreement that the club vote should be increased. The Chair suggested that the purpose of the remit could be achieved by increasing the club voting strength to 3 votes per club instead of 1 vote per delegate as at present. The proposal was supported.

The Executive advised delegates to bring to the 1977 AGM a suitable amendment to Clause 7 of the Constitution to give effect to this move.

Liberation: The District Referee announced that married women players may now use their own initials instead of their husbands (!!)

Publicity: Good publicity for the Season due to the liaison of the Publicity Officer with the Evening Post, The Dominion, Radio (Brian Waddle) and suburban newspapers. TV 1 covered the NI Championships.

Congratulations to: Plimmerton Club who celebrated their Golden Jubilee.

1977-1978 Season

Membership 236

Transfer of Representative test: NZCC advised the Association that the Kelburn lawns were not up to the required standard for the representative game between Australia & NZ in January 1979 and the match would be played at Waimarie.

AGM: for the second time the Annual meeting was held on a Saturday in mid-June, 7 of the 8 Clubs and 20 observers in attendance.

Bereavement: The meeting minutes recorded the passing of Mrs Iris Barlow.

1978-1979 Season

Membership 237

Life memberships: On the recommendation of the Executive the following were elected as Life Members of the Association.

Mrs J. Brosnahan – District Handicapper 1969-1976 Vice President 1968

Mrs I. Cooper – Hon Secretary 1956-1960, District Handicapper 1962-1968

H. C. Ford – player over many years, sustained high performance and responsible for the introduction of the Rothmans Coaching Scheme.

Mrs J. Robson Treasurer, 1954-1973.

Recognition: the retiring President C. J. Read presented Mrs J. Mead with a token of appreciation for her work as District Referee – 1972-1977 years.

Festival: At the December meeting the Delegates agreed to participate in the Wellington City Council Festival played at Anderson Park early January 1979. The purpose of the day was to encourage the strolling public to join the players for a “hit up”. The public being part of a Garden party held in the Botanic Gardens. Recorded that it was a great success and playing proved of great interest to the public.

Congratulations: March Delegates meeting extended to C. J. Read congratulations on his election as the NZCC Handicapper and Mrs M. Booth as the NZCC Secretary/Treasurer.

Congratulations: to P. J. Skinley who recently transferred from the Canterbury to Wellington Association – selected for the MacRobertson team and winner of the Presidents Invitation Wellington Event Senior Section. To C. E. Jones (Wellington) and J. Wardle selected for the Representative team.

To Mrs N. McDonald for winning the NZ Junior Championship Singles & the NZ Handicap Single Events

Kelburn Club celebrated 65 years

1979-1980 Season

Membership 260

The minutes recorded that Rothmans no longer promoting the Coaching Scheme.

Life members: the meeting recognised the dedicated service given by two members with making them Life members of the Association.

Mrs J. Mead, District Referee 1972-1977

Mrs G. Worsfold, Vice President 1959-1960; President 1961-1963.

Celebration: The Association celebrated its 60th birthday on 19 October. As it would be Labour Weekend it was agreed the function be held at the New City Hotel, corner Majoribank St and Cambridge Terrace on Sunday 28 October 1979.

Resignation: the December meeting received with regret the resignation as Association Secretary of Miss Rhoda Green after 8 years of service. She was presented with a wallet and key ring from the Association.

Appointment: Mrs Barbara Domb was appointed as Hon Secretary of the Association.

January 1980. The Association was required to reorganise events around the unavailability of the Kelburn lawns for upgrading from the end of February.

At the Annual meeting the Delegates welcomed the 9th Club affiliated to the Association, Waikanae.

Appreciation: The meeting extended their thanks and appreciation to S. Piercy who stood down as the Association Coach after 9 years' service.

1980-1981 Season

Membership 303

Incorporation: A special meeting was held to consider the raising the annual subscription (levy) and the re-drafting of the Association Rules to conform to the legislative requirements of Incorporated Societies. The recommended increase from 25 cents per playing member to \$2.00 was lost and an increase of \$1.00 for current year then review at the next AGM.

At the Annual meeting of June 1981 the Annual Subscription (levy/capitation) increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 to meet increased costs of administration & inflation – e.g. cost of a set of croquet balls –Jacques \$220.00.

Bereavement: Mrs I. Cooper, many years a member of the Khandallah Club, Life member & Handicapper of the WCA.

1981-1982 Season

Membership 341

Retirement: the Wellington Club wished to be released of the responsibility of running the Anniversary Week End Tournament due to the club experiencing difficulty in finding management and it also considered it an Association responsibility.

1982-1983 Season

Membership 311

Sponsorship/Interclub & C Grade Tournaments: The Delegates adopted the Executive recommendation that the Association accept the offer of sponsorship from Wrightsons to replace the Interclub trophies. Included would be the responsibility of always linking the sponsor's name on each occasion results are reported in the meetings. The delegates also agreed that the C Grade Tournament accept the Wrightsons sponsorship. Executive member D. Corkin negotiated this sponsorship deal.

At an Executive Meeting in April 1999 it was decided that the Secretary approach the Turnbull Library re storage of the WCA Minute and Match Books.

Fund Raiser for the Association & Clubs: Executive member D. Corkin showed samples of cuff links and badges to sell.

Resigned: In November the Publicity Officer Mrs Treadwell resigned from that role after 9 years' service.

Recognition-to the Wairarapa/Wellington Exchange visit a trophy was donated by A. D. J. Heenan to be called the Spackman Memorial Trophy – to commemorate the 102nd birthday of Mrs Spackman in 1981 and competed for the first time in 1982. The Wellington President is the niece of Mrs Spackman (Merle Harding).

Congratulations to P. J. Skinley & G. J. Roberts who were selected to represent NZ in the MacRobertson Shield team played in Australia. J. Wardle was named the non-travelling emergency player.

Retirement: The old trophies due for replacement, have been passed for safekeeping and custody to the Clubs who have over the years won them most often:-

A Grade Waimarie	Intermediate, Kelburn
B Grade Waimarie	C Grade Central
Saturday Grade, Wellington	

1983-1984 Season

Membership 326

Association Blazer: It was suggested at the September Delegates that the Association make a suitable blazer, with the pocket identifying the Club name and, if a representative player, the year selected. Such a blazer was also seen as another introduction to publicize the game of croquet and promote player identity from the Bowling fraternity. Due to resistance from some members/Clubs the promotion died after a couple of years.

Gala Day: As a fund raiser for a designated charity, the Dominion Brewery purchased a trophy to be presented to the winning visitor and be held for one year. The sponsor also made a contribution towards the refreshments. The discipline chosen was Golf Croquet and it was intended that the gala become an annual event. After two Seasons of Dominion Brewery sponsorship the Association took over the Gala Day arrangements & played Progressive Croquet.

*Worthy quote: Comments written in the 1983-84 Report
“where has all that croquet gone that we used to play just
for pleasure?”*

The long tournament programme seemed to take all the available time.

Retirement: Mrs B. Martin retired as Treasurer after 10 years’ service. The Association presented her with a digital clock.

1984-1985 Season

Membership 349

The Association introduced three new positions to the Executive – Regional members representing Kapiti Coast, Hutt Valley & Wellington

Late in 1984 a proposal being negotiated between NZCC Executive & NZ Insurance Finance for the sponsorship of the Arthur Ross Handicap Event was adopted.

Congratulations were expressed to The Khandallah Club on the celebration its 70th anniversary.

Life membership was presented to Mrs M. Harding, Central Club member, WCA President twice, Vice President, Handicapper 1970-1983, manager of many tournaments, Association & Council Events.

1985-1986 Season

Membership 337

Congratulations to P. Skinley for his selection to the MacRobertson Shield team – played in England, and to A. D. J. Heenan as Manager/Player.

The annual meeting was held at the Waikanae Club in recognition of their celebrating the opening of the new club house – after 8 years of toil the club had established 3 full sized lawns, practice green and facilities.

1986-1987 Season

Membership 362

Publicity: At the Annual Meeting comment was expressed on the good publicity received from the Sports Editors over the recent years – good articles being written by sports reporters and one of them referring to croquet players a “mysterious bunch” The Association Publicity Officer put this success down to the personal contact with the sports writers.

Bereavements; Recorded in the June minutes the passing of Mrs M. Squires, Kelburn member and Mr H. Ford Wellington Club and past Vice President and Life member of the Association, and Mrs Gwen Pettit Secretary, Plimmerton Club

Retirement: the meeting recognised the retirement of Mrs B. Domb, 5 years as Secretary & 2 years President by presenting her with flowers and a monetary gift.

Re-designation: It was suggested that the Dominion Brewery trophy presented for the Gala Day Event be re-designated to be presented to the Club achieving the highest percentage of membership.

1987-1988 Season

Membership 381

The WCA 63rd Annual tournament sponsored by General Finance was held over 9 days from 6 February 1988. All 9 clubs were represented as well as entrants from Cambridge, Dunedin and Wanganui. The weather was hot and still most of the time with only some rainfall towards the end. H.Q. Kelburn.

COACHING

The September 1987 meeting under General Business coaching was the dominant topic – The Executive were interested in adopting the coaching notes written by Kevin Fellows for the Kelburn Municipal Club and able to be used by other clubs within the Association. Kevin agreed to this proposal on condition the notes stay in the same form. A charge for each set was set at \$2.50. The meeting was also advised that the NZCC has set up a Three Region Coaching Committee.

Comments of some concern made by Delegates were fairly general, clubs were able to coach at the beginners’ level then the players left pretty much on their own. Also some clubs did not have the senior players to extend the coaching levels.

SPONSORSHIP

In depth discussion took place in regards to sponsorship and the President Elsie Boyd informed the meeting of her approaches to nine businesses and that the response was in the negative. In December she was able to advise that General Finance were sponsoring the 1988 Annual WCA Tournament by giving a donation of \$500.00 to this Event. The Company had requested the names of all croquet players – this to be actioned by all clubs after consultation with their members. General Finance offered 1% interest to the Association on all monies invested by croquet players, maximum amount invested \$2000.00. Cloudwalker, manufacturers enclosed vouchers for two pairs of shoes as a donation. Wrightsons are no longer to sponsor the WCA C Grade Tournament and the two buttons given as part of the prize would be awarded but the Association would have to purchase future buttons.

Tournament Balls: The Association agreed in March that it should follow the NZCC and gradually re-introduce Jacques balls to replace the Australian balls. Seven sets to be purchased with the intent for a further seven sets at the end of the next financial year.

NZ Events: Congratulations extended to Steve Jones (Waimarie) on his win in First Eight and Les Kaiser (Wellington) the Third Eight and Gold Mallets.

The Annual Tournament and its success was discussed by the Delegates and due to the number of entrants received a recommendation at the meeting consider dividing the tournament into two Events, Senior and Junior, e.g. Junior Event – C & B Grades and Junior Championship Doubles and Senior Event – Open, Women's, Intermediate and Senior Doubles Championship and the Men's and Women's Handicap Singles.

Advantages of this arrangement would be

- a. Junior players would have the opportunity of watching senior players and vice versa
- b. Might attract more players from outside the region
- c. Referees and Umpires would be more readily available and provide satisfactory rostering.
- d. Reduce the workload for the management of smaller tournaments.

1988-89 Season

Membership 391

The 69th Annual General Meeting was held on the 18 June 1988.

Congratulations: to Mrs J. McArthur (Kelburn) on becoming NZCC Publicity Officer and P.J. Skinley (Wellington) the NZCC Handicapper.

Annual Tournament: The Delegates passed the Remit dividing the Association Annual Tournament into two sections.

Life Membership: The President considered in her role as President the bestowing Life Membership on Barbara Domb was one of the more pleasant duties. Barbara's work on the Executive Committee over the past 10 years covered Secretary, Vice President, and President, and also manager of many tournaments. A lapel badge was presented to her.

The President also advised that past Life Members had not received a Life Member badge at the time of the Association recognizing their services and this oversight was duly rectified.

NZCC Event: The Association was invited to stage two test matches in January 1990 – NZ v Great Britain & Ireland, and Australia v Great Britain & Ireland. To be played at the Kelburn and Waimarie Clubs.

WCA Veterans: In September the Delegates agreed that due to the small number of entrants received in the Men's Veterans Event that the Women's & Men's be combined if 5 or fewer entries were received from the men.

Incorporation: The President asked the Delegates if their Club was incorporated – the response indicated that 6 of the 9 clubs were. They were advised that it was in the interest of members that the remaining Clubs be incorporated.

Sponsorship

The Association advised that General Finance, who sponsored the 1988/89 WCA Tournament had been taken over by National Mutual Insurance.

1989-90 Season

Membership 400

At the Annual Meeting held June 1989 it was recorded under "In memorium" that the President Miss E. Boyd asked Delegates to stand in memory of members who had died during the year, and also paid tribute to Jim Devitt, past District Referee 1979-1983 and a member of the Kelburn Club.

MacRobertson Shield Test Preparations: Sub Committees were set up in preparation of the Test match to be played in January, 1990 H.Q. Kelburn Club – covered Catering and General, and Social Functions Committees.

Congratulations were extended to Paul Skinley who was selected for the MacRobertson Shield team. Drs G. Roberts and K. Fellows selected as Test Referees.

At the commencement of the Season the Wellington Regional Member Mrs .Dyne (Wellington) resigned from the position due to ill health. The nomination of Mrs E. Chisholm (Khandallah) was accepted to fill the vacancy.

A draft of new Interclub and Challenge series rules was circulated to the meeting. Delegates decided to vote on the proposed changes at the AGM June 1990.

The Executive accepted the invitation to host the NZCC North Island Tournament, date 31 December 1990 and Headquarters the Waimarie Club.

1990-91 Season

Membership 400

The AGM held 9 June 1990.

Obituary: The meeting stood in memory of Mrs Dora Steptoe, member of the Kelburn Municipal Club and Association Publicity Officer 1972-1975.

Bereavement: WCA Life member J Brosnahan

In his Annual Report the President commented on the tidying up of the entry conditions to the Handicap Doubles Event, i.e. no two players of Handicap 7 or less

play together had achieved its aim; the Senior to encourage the Junior to make as many hoops as possible.

The Veterans Tournament played in two sections, Wellington Region and Kapiti Coast, saw an increase in entrants.

Wellington Regional H.Q

G. Roberts addressed the meeting on a need to appoint a steering committee to establish a Wellington Regional H.Q. He saw advantages to the Association, a venue for coaching, teaching, storage of equipment, archives etc.

Steering Committee elected: The President and Secretary ex officio and the three Regional Members. President of Plimmerton was available to assist.

Congratulations:

To: A D J Heenan on his election as President of the World Croquet Federation, Life Member NZCC and Chairperson Laws Appeal Committee.

To: P. J. Skinley appointed Chairperson, Handicap Committee NZCC; MacRobertson Shield Test representative.

To: Mrs J. McArthur appointed Chairperson Publicity and Promotions Committee, NZCC Editor Croquet Gazette.

To: Dr G. Roberts appointed Chairperson Laws Committee NZCC, Referee MacRobertson Shield matches and Shield Representative Team.

To: Dr S. Jones winner of the 1989 Sonoma Cutrer Tournament USA, MacRobertson Shield Test representative, NZ Representative at the 1990 Sonoma Cutrer Tournament.

To: Dr K. Fellows appointed Referee MacRobertson Shield matches, MacRobertson Shield Representative Team.

To: P. Gleeson selected to the MacRobertson Shield Representative Team.

District coach: The Executive meeting held in September appointed Miss E. Boyd (Waimarie) to the position of coach.

Lower N.I. Teams Event. In November 1990 the Lower North Island Teams Event was formed and administered by the Hawke's Bay Association and the Trophy donated by David Curtis.

The WCA selection of players for this Event based on the winners or runners-up in the Annual tournament Championship Events in each Grade.

Manawatu/Wellington Exchange Event: The selection of players for this Event to be from another group of players.

The Executive also agreed to pursue the matter of the Association to have a computer for the use of the Treasurer, Handicapper, Referee and Secretary.

Wellington Region H.Q. update

The steering Committee reported in December 1990 that they were awaiting a response from Parks and Recreation Department Porirua City Council re the Plimmerton Club submission.

The May meeting of the Executive tabled correspondence received in regards to a Young Sportswoman of the Year Award promoted by the Soroptomist International

of Lower Hutt Inc. Approval for the Association nominating a player was given to the Secretary to follow up.

At the AGM of 8 June 1991 the President was pleased to announce that Kylie Walker of the Dannevirke Rangatira Club had accepted our nominating her to attend the Award dinner on 4 October.

Omission from the Minutes

Pamela Fellows was selected and played in the Trans- Tasman Women's Challenge held in Wanganui. Graeme Roberts was Tournament Referee and Kevin Fellows was a referee. NZ won the Challenge.

1991-92 Season

Membership 393

WCA Regional H.Q. Steering Committee report.

Before presenting the Motion, the Chair gave a brief resume on the progress made by the Steering Committee on the feasibility study on the establishment of a Regional H.Q.

Notice of Motion: "That the Executive support the concept of a Regional H.Q. as part of the development of croquet within the Association." It recommends the adoption in principle of the Plimmerton development of a new croquet facility plan."

Reason: The Executive are governed by the WCA Rule 8a concerning the affairs of the Association.

Amendments moved that the word "Executive" be replaced by Wellington Croquet Association and that it approves in principle the inclusion of a Regional H.Q. as part of the Plimmerton development of a new croquet facility.

Both amendments carried.

It was stressed to the delegates that with the acceptance of the Motion the incoming Executive would negotiate with the Porirua City Council and Plimmerton Club the intent of the contract being drawn up and using the services of the appointed Hon Solicitor. This would then become a discussion document for the WCA Executive and affiliated Clubs.

Life membership: A D J Heenan: The Chair said it was a privilege to the Association and an honour that Ashley had been accepted to the Membership.

Reformation of Club: After a 40 year lapse Residents of Upper Hutt formed a Club, using lawns from the local Convent on a 2 year rental. Although not affiliated to the Association they would beneficial information from the Executive. The President asked Rowe Dawson to act as convenor for both the Upper Hutt and Plimmerton Clubs' development.

In the retiring President's report he mentioned that over the years members had had their croquet "on the cheap" and cited how individual Clubs had raised funds each year with stalls etc. It was a pity that there was not a fund to assist Clubs for further development re lawns or re-location, or to establish a new facility.

Bereavements. During the September 1991 Delegates meeting those in attendance stood in silence in memory of Mrs Phyl Orwin member of Khandallah Club and

past Association delegate and Mr Ray Malaquin, member of Paraparaumu Club and past Kapiti Regional member. F. Mead, Barbara Domb and Nita Robson were also remembered.

Bereavement: At the March 1992 meeting the Delegates stood in silence in memory of Mrs Jo Brosnahan, Waimarie Club, past District Handicapper 1969-76 and Life Member.

Progress report on the special development fund five clubs responded to the concept – 3 in favour and the other 2 still considering. The remaining Clubs are to put their thoughts to the March 1992 meeting.

Sportswoman of the Year Award: 36 entrants participated and the Association's nomination Kylie Walker made the last 8. The Promoters hoped we would nominate her again at the next Award in 1993.

A Tournament Committee was formed consisting of the Vice President, District Referee and Handicapper with the latter being the convenor. Their responsibilities were to be selectors for any WCA invitation events.

1992-1993 Season

Membership 412

Recorded in the AGM minutes of June 1992 of the obituary of Mrs M Hartigan, member of the Khandallah Club and past Vice President (1976-79) and President (1980-81)

The meeting passed the introduction of the WCA Inc. Development Fund 1992.

1. The WCA (Inc.) institute an annual levy on all Clubs to establish and foster a fund to be called the Development Fund 1992. The fund will be used for two purposes
 - To help affiliated clubs meet the cost of providing new croquet lawns.
 - To help a newly formed club being established on its site to meet the cost of connections to essential services. The levy will be of such amount as may be fixed at a general meeting of the WCA.
2. That the Development Fund levy be \$2.00 for each playing member of an affiliated club.

Conditions: WCA (Inc.) Development Fund 1992. Each Club will be liable for an annual levy of such amount as may be fixed at a general meeting of the WCA. The levy will be based on a set amount for each playing member. Funds for this levy will be kept in a separate fund account, the WCA (Inc) Development Fund 1992.

The account may have added to it money raised by tournaments, galas, sales and raffles held to augment the fund money from the Development Fund will be used to assist affiliated clubs with meeting the costs of such major capital expenses as the costs of:-

- Preparation of the area to be used for new croquet lawns.
- Fertiliser and grass seeds needed for sowing new croquet lawns.

- Connection to electricity, water reticulation, drainage and sewerage systems. Requests for financial assistance from the Development Fund will be considered in the following order of priority.
 - Firstly from a new club being established in an area with no other affiliated club, then,
 - From an established club expanding on its site, and
 - Finally, from an established club transferring to a new site.

At the September meeting Dr S. Jones spoke on his proposal as to how he saw ways in which the WCA could attract youth.

The format would be an inter-schools competition, team of 4-6 players, using one ball, and the need for two senior croquet players to supervise. Junior pupils were to play in the first half of the Season and senior pupils in the second half of the Season. Two hour limit, play between 4-6pm. Secondary schools in the Hutt Valley keen & interested.

Wellington Free Ambulance Building Appeal – individual clubs handling the appeal in preference to the whole of the WCA.

Possible re-location of Club: the Plimmerton Club in liaison with the Porirua City Council to move to a four court ground alongside the main State Highway. Currently negotiations were being held by the City Council, Association and Plimmerton Club.

The Association made a monetary donation to the two Wellington players selected to play in the MacRobertson Shield series – P. Skinley and Dr S. Jones – towards their travel expenses in Australia.

Omission from the Minutes

Pamela Fellows and Jane Bradbury were selected and played in the Trans- Tasman Women's Challenge held in Adelaide. NZ lost the Challenge - partly because one team member's husband died on the second day and at the time there was no provision for a replacement when she returned to England.

1993-1994 Season

Membership 399

Affiliation: At the September meeting an application was received from the newly formed Wainuiomata Croquet Club for affiliation to the Association. The club has 8 members, 2 associate and 16 social.

The Inter schools Croquet Event: A competition held in February 1994 and 48 children played one-ball croquet each Thursday. Two Wellington schools were participating with a possible third to join.

Early in May 1994 the Association selected an Under 19 age team. Those chosen were selected from Croquet Clubs and High Schools to play Hawke's Bay at Te Mata Club. Toby Garrison (Waimarie), Matthew McLay (Naenae College), Jamie Black (Naenae College) Simon Clear (H.V. Memorial), Peter Wellington (H.V. High) and Iain O'Brien (H.V. Memorial) who is currently a noted cricket representative bowler playing for NZ and Wellington.

Wellington team came through as winners.

The Association purchased a laptop computer primarily to be used by the Secretary.

The Association agreed that they paid the accommodation costs for the player representing Wellington in the Arthur Ross Event to a maximum of four nights.

1994-1995 Season

Membership 452

In the Annual Report presented at the June AGM 1994.

Congratulations were extended to P. J. Skinley and Dr S. Jones who were selected to play in the Trans-Tasman Test match and Dr G. J. Roberts the tournament referee. C. E. Jones appointed Manager, A. Johnson (Plimmerton) the NZCC representative at the Sonoma World Championships. A.D. J. Heenan, World Croquet Federation President.

As no nomination was received for District Referee the President accepted the role in the interim and advised of the assistance offered from Dr G. Roberts to take the Referee courses and Dr K. Fellows and Mrs V. Dawson each to take an umpire class.

Mary Booth Memorial Trophy: John Booth member of the Waimarie Club donated a silver bowl in memory of Mary, a past member of the Waimarie Club, NZ Croquet Council Secretary and a winner of the NZCC Junior Invitation Event.

The trophy was to be awarded to the Runner-up of the Women's Championship Event.

The Annual Prize giving dinner witnessed a decline over recent years in members attending and the Executive agreed to change.

In March 1995 a Gala Day was held at the Waimarie Club, each Club responsible for a competition, minimum entry charge was made and the monies raised were invested in the Development Fund.

Omission from the Minutes

*Kylie Walker was selected and played in the Trans- Tasman Women's Challenge held in Wellington. Pamela Fellows was selected but could not play. Graeme Roberts was Tournament Referee
NZ lost the Challenge.*

1995-1996 Season

Membership 494

The Annual General Meeting held June 1995 the Delegates approved the following:-

Development Fund: The Upper Hutt Club received financial assistance in a grant of \$2,500 for plumbing, power connection and sewer connection.

At the September meeting the Delegates approved grants to be made to Representative Players.

Events covered:

Lower N.I. Teams' Event: 2 nights shared accommodation

International Events: \$100 per player-on application

Arthur Ross Handicap Event: \$100 towards accommodation
Inter Association Events: \$5.00 per player-shared car travel costs.

Development Fund: At the November meeting the Waimarie Club received a grant of \$2500.00.

The Delegates moved that the monies raised at the 1996 Gala Prize Giving Day held at the Plimmerton Club, be granted to the MacRobertson Shield for this year only.

Colleen & Tony Stephens (Dannevirke) donated Braeburn & Splendor apple varieties and the proceeds from the sales were also to go towards the MacRobertson Fund. The monies raised on that day were over \$2,000.00 which amount did not include the apple sales. This was the highest amount raised by any Association in NZ.

Interschool Events: A grant of \$500 was received from Wellington City Council, the monies used to reimburse the Clubs and Association for expenses incurred.

NZ Arthur Ross Event: In an endeavour to obtain the most cost effective travel arrangements the Association was asked if they would host the Arthur Ross Memorial Event on a permanent basis, be played 3 week days so as not to disrupt weekend Club Day. Currently the Event was being held at various Clubs throughout the country.

The Council's written request was approved by the Delegates.

Trophy: A.D. J. Heenan advised the meeting of having in his possession a trophy that originally belonged to the Paekakariki Croquet Club affiliated to the WCA and then in the 1940's transferred to the Manawatu Association - suggested the trophy be used in a match between Plimmerton, Paraparaumu and Waikanae. The concept was accepted by the three Clubs.

Bereavements during the past year of valued croquet players were also recorded: Mesdames Pat Rasmussen (Petone Central), Hazel Sandelin (Kelburn), Joyce Alexander (Paraparaumu) Sybil Nicholson (Petone Central) and David Wright (Waikanae)

1996-1997 Season

Membership 431

Minuted in the June 1996 minutes two obituaries were recorded: Eric O'Brien, Paraparaumu Club and Mrs Marjorie Oliver past WCA President 1978/79 and member Waimarie Club.

Development Fund: The Plimmerton Club application for \$450 to cover the cost of a total phone installation was approved by the Delegates at their September meeting.

MacRobertson Shield Fund Raising: At the September meeting the President, C. Jones expressed his extreme disappointment re the monies raised nationally. All Delegates at the NZCC 1995 AGM committed their Association to raising the required monies yet when the final result became known only the Wellington Association surpassed themselves; one Association a nil contribution.

Mr Heenan was able to inform the meeting that since 1928 reports show that the Wellington Association has been the most generous of all and in 1986 the Waimarie Club outfitted the Team.

NZCC Veterans' Event: The Recommendation from the Association to the Council AGM to hold the Veterans' Tournament in late February/March when lawns are faster and weather warmer as against November, a cold, wet, windy month and heavy lawns. This was accepted as an amendment to the NZCC Executive Remit to adopt the new tournament programme.

Recognition: In March 1997 a presentation of a framed coloured photograph taken by Woolf Studios of Paul J. Skinley, with trophy, from the Wellington Association in recognition of his achievement in winning the NZCC Open Invitation Event for the tenth time.

The 1996/97 Season once again saw Wellington players featured on the National scene. Steve Jones (Waimarie Club) partnered Paul Skinley to win the NZCC Open Doubles Event ; Ian McClymont (Waikanae Club) won the NZCC Junior Invitation Event and Matthew McLay (Wellington Club) was placed third. Matthew also won the NZ Junior Open championship Singles and Handicap Singles, and the Junior Open Doubles with Tom Corkill (Waimarie Club).

Steve Jones, Paul Skinley and Andrew Johnson (Plimmerton Club) were part of the NZ team selected to play in the MacRobertson Shield Challenge in Britain. Steve and Toby Garrison (Waimarie Club) were selected for Sonoma, U.S.A.

1997-1998 Season

Membership 440

The vacant positions of 2 Vice-Presidents & a District Referee are to be handled by the incoming Executive. This also applies to the appointment of a Hon Solicitor.

Recognition: Mr Heenan advised the meeting that WCA Past Presidents be recognised with a special badge & it gave him much pleasure to present same to the first recipient - the retiring President Charles Jones.

C Jones then presented a badge to Life member Mrs Merle Harding (1974/75, 1982/83) and to Past President S. Jones.

Agreed that the other recipients to receive theirs at their respective Clubs.

The first meeting of the Executive in August saw one of the two Vice-President vacancies filled, Edgar Dickinson Smith (Khandallah Club). The President Mr Heenan accepted the role as acting Association Referee in the interim, and later followed by Mrs Veta Dawson (Waimarie Club) and the appointment of a Hon. Solicitor, A Ford.

During the year the Executive reviewed the WCA Constitution.

NZCC asked the WCA to host for the next 3 years the annual finals for the Arthur Ross Handicap Event which was accepted by the Association.

At the November 1997 Meeting of the Association Delegates welcomed new Life Member Rowe Dawson (Waimarie Club), his service to Croquet be it Association – President 1989/90 – or at Club level; (he joined Waimarie in 1981), was one of total commitment e.g. chaired a sub-committee responsible for hosting the MacRobertson Shield event, January 1990, covering advertising, publicity, souvenirs, raffles etc. and organised the welcome function for the Australian and NZ Teams. He was also the Principal mover of the WCA Development Fund 1992, drafting the terms and conditions.

At a special Meeting of the Association held 27 May 1998 the revised WCA Constitution was adopted and registered on 5 June with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. The Association worked closely with the Hon. Legal Advisor Mr A. (Tony) Ford, partner of Bell Gully, Barristers & Solicitors.

During the year Mrs Veta Dawson had to relinquish her duties as Referee due to ill health.

1998-1999 Season

Membership 443

Again nominations for the two Vice Presidents, Tournament Convenor and Wellington Region not received, and the incoming Executive to handle.

During the 1997/98 Season three Wellington players, Steve Jones (Waimarie Club), Paul Skinley (Wellington Club) and Toby Garrison (Waimarie Club) were members of the NZ team playing in the World Championships.

Each player received a financial grant from the Association funds.

Toby Garrison was selected for Sonoma Cutrer, USA and he also participated as one of two NZ players in the inaugural International Invitation Event at the Mt Hood, Oregon in which he was runner-up, an excellent achievement.

At National level prominent in various events were Toby Garrison, Paul Skinley, Steve Jones, Graeme Roberts (Kelburn Club) and Kevin Fellows (Waimarie Club). Judith Edmonds (Wellington Club) was runner-up in her section of the Heenan Plate. Susan Lea (Waimarie Club) continued her rapid improvement and won her section in the NZ Women's Event.

The annual exchange between Wellington and Manawatu Associations was won by Wellington. The WCA President A. Heenan was present at Feilding to watch the high bisque players and was interested to note that Harps Tahurangi (Wainuiomata Club) performing well on a court, the ground he had played on as a small boy – rugby (!!)

The NZCC advised a change to the dress code and that entrants to their tournaments “whites” were no long necessary. The WCA Delegates decreed that for their events “whites” and “Club” colours be worn. Individual clubs are to have their own criteria.

At the September Executive meeting the President A. Heenan welcomed Mrs June Saunders Francis (Plimmerton Club) as the WCA Tournament convenor.

On 5 December 1998 the Paraparaumu Croquet Club opened their new Clubrooms and greens located at Mazengarb Park.

1999-2000 Season

Membership 454

At the Annual Meeting the Tournament Convenor advised that the Interclub Rules will be reviewed by Club Captains, a matter of “fine tuning”

The WCA Tournaments were given good publicity in the two daily papers, however the papers indicated the space restrictions often meant Croquet had to give way to sport with a larger popular following (!)

The Interschool Event supervised by Len Lea (Waimarie Club) still proved successful for the secondary schools in the Hutt Valley and Wellington district.

The outgoing Executive placed the first order for 5 sets of each colour of the Barlow GT balls.

2000-2001 Season

Membership 448

The newly elected Executive was directed to fill the Vice-Presidency vacancy.

The retiring President in her Annual Report referred to the MacRobertson Shield contest held in January in Christchurch. Our Association had four players selected for the NZ Team, Toby Garrison and Steve Jones (Waimarie Club), Shane Davis and Paul Skinley (Wellington Club), unfortunately Shane withdrew owing to overseas travel commitments. Manager was Charles Jones (Wellington Club). Our team was a very close runner up to Great Britain.

During the 1999 winter months a week-end workshop for coaches was held, as well as courses for umpires and referees and a seminar on Tournament Management. The Tournament Convenor arranged a meeting so that Club coaches could give input into the updating and rewriting of the Rules of Interclub and Challenge series. It was also decided to trial a new midweek Handicap Interclub competition for those players who wished to play only one game each week.

Membership fluctuated with new to croquet members dropping. Clubs are recommended to consider incorporating Golf Croquet into their programme.

At the time the Association had seven school age members. A one day tournament at Kelburn attracted 4 of these young people and was a good competition which was good preparation for the National School tournament. Next Season this tournament would be incorporated in the WCA programme and advertised in the Year Book.

The WCA Interschool Teams Event attracted entry from approximately 100 College Students, 30 more than last year. Teams enjoy the event and became very competitive playing One Ball Croquet. The co-ordinator for this Event was in the capable hands of Len Lea (Waimarie Club)

Another achievement was the completion of the first phase of replacing the WCA stock of Jacques balls with the new national and international official Barlow GT ball. Five colours of each. The purchase made possible by the numerous grants received, Wellington Community Trust, Hillary Commission, Community Sports Fund grants, through Wellington, Porirua and Hutt City Councils, achieved by the Clubs. In the City Council areas, clubs should ask for Council letters of support towards the Association's application. The second phase already in motion for Hillary Commission grants through applications from Kapiti and Upper Hutt.

The past WCA Secretary Mrs Nancy McDonald presented on behalf of herself and Past President Edgar Dickinson Smith a trophy for the winner of the Arthur Ross Memorial Wellington play-off.

A storage shed was erected at the Plimmerton Club to hold all WCA equipment, much in need after many years of balls etc. being stored at homes of Executive members. Thanks due to the Waikanae Club who had no further use for the shed and Eric Castle (Plimmerton Club) and Dennis Kerr (Waikanae Club) for achieving a successful project. Malcolm McLeod's (Waikanae Club) offer to make boxes for

the WCA tournament balls was accepted thus making the transportation of balls an easier exercise.

The Association agreed to bid to host the World Championship in 2003 and Kelburn Club offered their facilities.

The Development Fund 1992

After extensive discussion the Annual meeting moved that the Fund's purpose should be stated as "to help any affiliated club meet the cost of providing new croquet lawns or significantly upgrading existing lawns" and also agreed that the Fund be re-named "The Lawn Development Fund".

The highlight of the 2000/01 Season was the weather, apart from 1 or 2 days early in the Season conditions ideal for croquet with minimal interruptions to Tournaments (!!)

2001-2002 Season

Membership 428 - a reduction of 20 players

At the September 2001 Bi Annual General Meeting the President advised that the World Croquet Federation had accepted the Association's bid to host The World Croquet Federation Event. To be held from Monday 2 December to Sunday 8 December 2002 not 2003 as first indicated. Host Clubs: Kelburn HQ, Wellington and Waimarie. Two Association members, Kevin Fellows (Waimarie Club) and Graeme Roberts (Kelburn Club) were appointed Tournament Director and Tournament Referee respectively.

In the 2001-02 Season the Association was asked by Croquet NZ to participate in a trial of an Automatic Handicap System.

The 2001/02 Season was a total contrast to the previous Season weather wise; at times the weather produced unpleasant conditions and some postponements. Surprisingly one noticeable feature was the excellent presentation of the grounds with very good playing surfaces for all tournaments.

2002-2003 Season

Membership 428

At the national finals of the Arthur Ross Handicap Tournament for the first time an Egyptian event was run alongside the main competition so that players eliminated could continue to participate if they wished. The new format appeared to be popular with the players. Ashley Heenan, son-in-law of Arthur Ross donated and presented trophies to the winner and runner up of the Egyptian event.

A comprehensive progress report from the World Croquet Federation Action committee was presented to the delegates at a Bi Annual meeting, portfolios covered accommodation, event catering, fund raising, lawns and equipment, outside liaison, player liaison, secretarial, social programme, transport, tournament manager, tournament referee. Opening function arranged at Government House and the NZCC accepted responsibility for the cost and organisation of this function.

Eric Castle (Plimmerton) accepted the role of Coaching Co-ordinator.

The Association trialled the Automatic Handicap System – The President asked the WCA Tournament Committee to monitor the system and towards the end of Season prepare a submission for presenting to the NZCC's Handicap Committee.

Asset Replacement Fund

In August 2002 the Executive Committee resolved that the Association should hold a reserve of monies for “replacement of assets”, such as croquet balls and word processor. This would be separate from the Development Fund levy.

Bereavement: WCA Life Member: Rowe Dawson of the Waimarie Club.

2003-2004 Season

Membership 450

In the President’s Report it was noted that many accolades had been received regarding the organisation of the 2003 WCF World Croquet Championships. Clubs involved – Kelburn tournament HQ, Wellington, Petone and Waimarie all provided great facilities for players and spectators alike. Paraparumu Club came to the rescue for the final after the Kelburn and Waimarie lawns were flooded.

Automatic Handicap System

Expressed disappointment that some senior players shunned handicap events at both club and competition levels. Last Season’s debate which focussed on junior players’ concerns, was unsettling. To see a mirror response this Season was disappointing as similar arguments were used.

Wellington hosted the Trans-Tasman Event held at Paraparumu and Waikanae Clubs in February 2004. The Event was won by New Zealand.

Bereavement: WCA Life member Mrs Merle Harding (Petone-Central) who died on 1 February 2004.

2004-2005 Season

Membership 453

Concern was recorded, towards the closing of the Season's tournaments, about the declining number of entrants to the Veterans' tournament - this situation was in its 4th consecutive year. Hopeful that proposed changes will be successful.

The Association Inter-schools’ Croquet competition still attracts good entries.

Bereavement: WCA Life member and First President of the World Croquet Federation, A.D.J Heenan OBE who died on 6 September 2004.

2005-2006 Season

Membership 458

Plimmerton Club held a function to celebrate the extension of their Clubhouse in September.

Croquet NZ produced a Golf Croquet Index Card for use starting this Season.

Muritai Club Eastbourne

Discussion took place between the President and residents of Eastbourne who had the use of a ‘retired’ Ladies Bowling Club lawn. Some of the enthusiastic members joined the Waimarie club. The club was talking of affiliation before the end of the year. It was confirmed at end of Season that this would not transpire.

Reported that the Upper Hutt Club had a watering system for one lawn.

Westpac Stadium School Sports Festival

Thanks extended to Waimarie and Plimmerton Clubs for providing the manpower which enabled croquet's participation in this event in April. A fun-day catering for some 150 eight to ten year old children as they played Golf Croquet and Pirates on four mini-lawns.

2006-2007 Season

Membership 476

The President John Dawson (Khandallah & Wellington) advised the 8 February 2007 meeting that the Treasurer and Association Referee-Coordinator had resigned and that the bi-annual meeting would be told of the need for nominations to fill the vacancies. If names were not forthcoming the Executive would be unlikely to be able to continue its responsibilities of running tournaments. Consideration would have to be given to tendering tournaments to individual clubs. A paper was to be prepared for circulation to the bi-annual meeting to this effect.

The bi-annual meeting on 14 March 2007 adopted a planned re-modelling of Association tournaments viz:

- The WCA sets the season's programme
- The WCA sets the parameters of the tournaments
- Clubs are free to organise tournaments within these parameters
- Clubs to promote the events and retain any profits
- Managers of tournaments to be encouraged to report back to the Tournament Convenor any proposals found to improve the running of events

Croquet New Zealand had advised that the WCA will have website space available on its new website. The Association would need to maintain its own pages.

2007-2008 Season

The AGM approved the use of surplus funds to subsidise clubs should they need to purchase new balls if the Barlow GT balls needed to be replaced.

As there was no willing candidate for the positions of treasurer, publicity officer or district handicapper and given that the vice-president would not seek election to President for the 2008-9 year it was proposed that the Association investigate the likely cost of employing a commercial agency to manage the affairs of the WCA and the information be presented to a Special General Meeting on 23 June 2007.

There is no record of the proceedings of the Special General Meeting.

The President expressed his concern at the vacancies on the Executive and asked the committee members to seek nominations from their clubs.

NZCC had presented a new draft constitution for voting on at its AGM in October 2008. WCA decided it could not support the draft constitution in the format presented.

The 19 September 2007 meeting voted for the WCA to support the suggestion from the Upper Hutt Club that CNZ explore the possibility of croquet being included in the Olympic Games.

The Upper Hutt Croquet Club requested a grant for the Lawn Development Fund to level its No 1 lawn. A grant of \$750 was agreed at the 8 November 2007 meeting.

After discussion, the February 2008 meeting recommended to the AGM in May that the proposal to remodel WCA tournaments be abandoned.

2008-2009 Season

Membership 481

Bereavements:

Kelburn	Dorothy Devitt
Naenae	Paddy Brydon & Shirley Speedie
Paraparaumu	Joyce Hudson
Plimmerton	Keith Rowe
Waikanae	Moya Inglis
Kelburn	Peg Hutchison – Regional Representative

The Association decided to no longer hold its own balls and those remaining would be offered to clubs for sale.

The Manawatu exchange was to be reviewed following the 2008-9 event.

AJ Reid from the Wellington Club was appointed handicapper and Malcolm McLeod from Waikanae the Coaching Coordinator.

The availability of full catering for tournaments has been received positively by players.

At the meeting of 8 April 2009 a decision was made to transfer the WCA asset replacement fund to the Development fund as the association no longer held assets and that the fund be renamed the lawn development fund. The annual levy would be reduced by \$1.00. The decision was ratified at the AGM 23 May 2009.

AJ Reid (Wellington) and Phillip Drew (Plimmerton) were given a grant of \$500.00 each towards their representation at the 2009 World Croquet Association Croquet Championships in Florida USA. Aiken Hakes aka AJ Reid thanked the WCA at its AGM and advised NZ representative Duncan Dixon (BoP) had won the plate event.

2009-2010 Season

Bereavement: Rev. Tom Corkill (Waimarie) a long time croquet player and referee.

A replacement trophy has been purchased for the 18+ weekend tournament. The original was subsequently found and the replacement was put into storage for future use.

Muritai Club in Eastbourne had applied to CNZ for affiliation and were told to make such application to the Wellington Croquet Association. Application was duly made and on 16 September 2009 was ratified by the Bi- Annual general meeting on the WCA.

The Petone Central club was granted \$1200 from the Lawn Development Fund to upgrade the irrigation system.

The WCA website was now up and running. Julie Murphy (Petone-Central) set it up and reminded clubs that it would have to be updated regularly.

A promotional Association wide “Have-a-Go” day was agreed for 19 September 2009 and an advertisement was placed in the Dominion Post. In the event and for a variety of reasons several clubs had their promotional day on a different day from that chosen by the WCA.

The April 7 meeting agreed that job descriptions for the positions held by the Executive should be documented for the next season.

2010-2011 Season

Bereavements: Kelburn Dot Easter
Paraparaumu June Hurley

Wellington Margaret Clements
Plimmerton Mike Meads and Pauline Naylor

At the AGM on 29 May 2010 the Jane Cook candlesticks were awarded to Geoff Husson from the Wellington Club who won the 8-9 Division Championship Singles at the WCA 85th Annual Tournament.

The DB Charity Day trophy was presented to the Khandallah club for the highest percentage of new players for the season – 37% - due to the publicity surrounding the club’s “Open Day”.

By rotation the Mayor of Porirua would be asked to be patron for the season.

The June 2010 meeting appointed Cathy Lythe from Khandallah Club to the vacant Wellington regional representative position.

Some clubs were taking action to involve schools in their district. Muritai Club in Eastbourne were contacting local schools and giving lessons to students.

The 2 February 2011 meeting recorded that job descriptions of Executive Members were all completed and the secretary would hold copies. It was agreed that these would be reviewed annually and updated where necessary by each executive member before the AGM.

Also at the 2 February 2012 meeting a remit was agreed to be put to the CNZ AGM viz: “That the criteria for association croquet ranking events be changed so that the Yearbook advertisements no longer have to contain the citation ‘Ranking Event’”

Explanation:

1. There is presently a lack of consistency. Some open events satisfy the criteria for ranking events in all respects except their advertisements do not state they are ranking events. Strictly speaking the results of those events should not be forwarded for use in the world ranking lists, but some are
2. If the changed is passed, more open events will qualify as ranking events and this may encourage the participation of top-class players.
3. The world ranking system administered by Chris Williams in England is a ‘data hungry’ system and the more results in it the better’
4. The suggested change will bring New Zealand into line with Britain where all the Open events in the CA’s fixture book are included in the world rankings and have been for many years.

The 16 March meeting recorded that little inroad had been made into increasing the interest of teachers to help promote croquet in their schools. This year there are 15

teams and 3 venues. Students really enjoy it while they are there but their commitment to turn up is unreliable which is most frustrating.

All the WCA trophies had been listed

Former President of the WCA and CNZ, Charles Jones QSM JP was elected Life Member of Croquet New Zealand and the Council AGM in October 2010

2011-2012 Season

AGM on 18 May 2011 recorded the following bereavements:

Plimmerton	Sandra Drew
Paraparaumu and formerly Kelburn	Barbara O'Connor
Paraparaumu	Clare Harvey
Waimarie	Sheena Hunt
	Barbara Ashcroft
Waikanae	Colleen Ross
Life Member:	Fred Chandler Wellington & Waikanae

CNZ advised that the WCA remit about ranking tournaments has been approved and would appear in the 2011-2012 season.

A number of croquet video clips from Bob Kroeger of the USA were posted on Youtube and the Waimarie website. It was thought these might be useful for referees and umpires.

53 people attended a coaching workshop at Waimarie club presented by Jarrod Coutts on behalf of CNZ. Waimarie club was reimbursed \$50.00 for the use of its facilities.

2012-2013 Season

AGM on 26 May 2012 recorded the following bereavements:

Plimmerton	Jack Blackmore
Wainuiomata	Graeme Seymour
Khandallah	Nancy Gabbitas
Paraparaumu	Cara Fleming
	Michael Champion
Wellington	Les Kaiser
	Rosemary Willmott
	Terry Cohen
Life Member:	Charles Jones QSM JP (Wellington)

Charles died tragically while on holiday in Thailand. He had recently been appointed President of the World Croquet Federation

Upper Hutt Croquet Club

Consideration had been given to re-start the Upper Hutt Croquet club. However it was found that the poor ground foundation work meant that the area was not suitable for a serious croquet facility. A formal meeting was to be held to wind up the club. The WCA received \$1500.00 from the club which would be put into the

Development fund as Upper Hutt had received funds from the account in recent years to install a sprinkler system. The records of the club were deposited with the Upper Hutt Library as the Alexander Turnbull library declined to accept them

A remit was to be put to Croquet New Zealand as follows:

“That Croquet New Zealand (CNZ) be requested to develop for approval by NZQA, a standard assessment for croquet that can be used by secondary schools as one of the credits towards achieving the appropriate recreation and sport unit standard. Such a standard would contribute to a nationally recognised qualification.”

Subsequently it appears that CNZ, having found that the assessment standard would apply to year 12 only, determined that this smaller subset than anticipated justified no action being taken.

WCA agreed to support schools competing in the National finals by up to \$250.00 per team.

Women’s World AC Championship – Melbourne October 2013

It was noted that seven women from WCA clubs would be competing. Nina Mayard-Husson (Wellington) Marion McInnes (Waimarie) Alison Robinson (Kelburn), Liz McLay (Wellington), Robbie Easther (Wellington) Pauline Reid (Paraparaumu) and Wendy Betteridge (Plimmerton)

*Baubre Murray (Kelburn) also played.
Graeme Roberts and Pamela George from Kelburn were invited to be referees at the tournament.*

Alison Robinson won the Shield for the players eliminated in the second round of the tournament and Marion McInnes was runner-up in the Bowl for those knocked out in the first round.

Hutt Valley clubs reported on the large increases they faced in Council charges.

Waimarie Club is being forced to relocate. The move would probably be in April 2015 or 2016. A site in Taita was now the only option on offer, and this would possibly be a shared facility with Hutt Valley Darts. 5-7 lawns were possible.

The March 13 meeting agreed to investigate with Sport Wellington the holding of seminars in winter on the management of a croquet club.

A club handbook had been issued to clubs at the beginning of the season.

Toby Garrison from the Waimarie club won the 100th National Open Championship and the CA Silver Cup Invitation.

2013-14 Season

Membership 523

The AGM on 25 May 2013 recorded the following bereavements:

Kelburn	Kathleen Jupp, Ian Black (both Life Members) Francoise Norrish
Khandallah	Daisy Barr (omitted from last year) Paddy Taylor
Paraparaumu	Nell Churches
Plimmerton	Liz Thorburn, Joyce Helm,

Roger Masters
Waikanae Ken Hall, Nora Whitman
Waimarie Ann Becker, Rosemary Simpson

Baubre Murray Executive member of CNZ reported that CNZ had weathered the financial crisis better than most sports: that although sponsorship money was sought and won, there were risks associated with over reliance on sponsorship. Currently \$35000 was obtained from Sport NZ but that would go away in two years' time. Coaching programmes relied on grants; much of the Executive Director's time was spent on seeking grants. Levies raised \$115,000 of which \$85,000 went on salaries, \$8,500 on rent, and \$15,000 on meetings (AGM and Executive). Other activities had to be self-funding or rely on grants. \$20,000 was needed to fund tournaments. Levies were generally increased by the CPI each year. Reserves amounted to \$230,000. Compared with other sports fees and levies Croquet is relatively cheap.

Remits were submitted to the AGM that the WCA Gala Day be either discontinued or that the format be altered.

The matter was discussed at meeting during the year but it seems no resolution was achieved other than that the trophies would be presented at the end of tournaments (i.e. not held over for the Gala Day). This was to be trialled for a year.

The Wellington Association was well represented at the premier international event, the MacRobertson Shield held in January 2014.

Toby Garrison (Wellington) and Greg Bryant (Wellington) were members of the successful Team which played in Christchurch, Hawkes Bay and Mt Maunganui. Paul Skinley and Michael Wright, both Wellington Club members, were named as reserves.

Kevin Fellows (Waimarie) managed this major event and Graeme Roberts (Kelburn) was Referee of the tournament. John Dawson (Wellington), Brian Boutel (Kelburn) and Alison Robinson (Kelburn) were referees. Pamela George (Kelburn) did the publicity.

2014-2015 Season

Bereavements in the past season

Doug Harvie	Pauline Armstrong,	Mina Hargrave, Glen Poulton,
Keith Hendle	Nesta Baumgart	Ian Baumgart Pat Austin
Esme Pinny		

Trophies for tournaments were presented at the tournaments. No award ceremony or Gala day was held.

A Development Squad concept was implemented to increase involvement and participation in Association Croquet. There were two handicap range groups – 0 to 9 and 10 to 16. Whole day events were organised every 2 weeks, alternate handicap groups and rotating around 5 clubs. It was successful and will continue next season.

Establishment of Rules for the Conduct of the Association (1919)

It was agreed to have the Rule Books printed and several members of the Committee agreed to canvass for advertisements.

The Rules of the Association/Constitution covered the following headings:

- Objects and powers
- Management and officers
- Representation and voting
- Qualifications and discipline
- The Association's year
- Subscriptions and levies
- Meetings
- Tournaments
- Regulations
- Laws of play
- Alteration of Rules

Under the heading for Qualification it was stated that a club must have at least eight (8) members and the right to use a croquet ground to be eligible for affiliation. The Committee was also able to make it a condition of eligibility that the Club should have a Constitution and Rules to the Committee's satisfaction.

Discipline covered "*any affiliated Club, any Delegate or Member thereof, and any Officer of the Association, (would) be liable to disqualification or to suspension of rights and privileges in connection with the Association, for failure to comply with any of the Rules and Regulations of the Association, or to conform to the lawful authority of the Committee or of any Officer of the Association, or for misconduct which, in the opinion of the Committee would be likely to bring discredit on the Association*".

Also involved were the Rules for WCA. Interclub and Matches. These were drawn up by the Match Committee and consisted of 11 Rules. Some of them were as follows:

1. Matches commence at 1.30pm.
2. Competing teams divided in three grades:-
 - i. A – players with 4 bisques
 - ii. Intermediate – 4 ½ to 6 ½ bisques
 - iii. B – 7 bisques
 - iv. No player under any circumstances would be permitted to play in more than one match on the same day.
3. All matches were to be suspended during a local tournament
4. Winners were to hold the Association Banner for the year.

Of interest was the statement in the Rules that the four best available players in each club should be selected and the teams could be arranged as convenient to themselves. One half of the team would play on the home lawns and the other half on those of their opponents. The strongest pairs on each lawn were to oppose each other. If there was any dispute as to when teams would meet, the decision was to be decided by a toss of a coin.

The Association adopted the Auckland Interclub Rules with slight alteration to suit local conditions.

Financial

At the inaugural meeting it was decided that the Season for the Association for financial and other purposes, would begin on the first day of July. The approved Annual subscription: was set at one guinea (twenty one shillings) and was due and payable on the first day of the Association year.

A bank account was opened with the Post Office Savings Bank. The Hon. Secretary and the Treasurer were appointed joint trustees.

The Association meeting of April 1920 complimented the Committee and Officials on the highly successful organisation of the February tournament and also the satisfactory condition of the Balance Sheet.

The **August 1920** Meeting of the Association it was moved that a levy of one shilling per member would be introduced for all clubs affiliated to the WCA. This would be contributed to the N.Z. Croquet Association. In regards to the finances of the team for the Australian tour ten Clubs agreed to contribute one shilling per member.

To mark the close of the Season and presentation of the trophies, a function was held in Kirkcaldie and Staines Tea Room at a charge of two shillings per person. Attendance totalled close to 300 and the surplus monies from the function were devoted to the fund for the Australian tour.

The second Annual Report indicated that at the commencement of the year the financial situation was healthy. There was credit of £ 7-8-0 which was further increased by donations and tournament fees to £16-18-0. Expenses were incurred with the Association purchasing Interclub Shields at £2-5-9 each. And the sum of one guinea to the fund for Dr Whitaker presentation and one guinea for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis patients at Trentham.

In the annual report for 1932-33 comment was passed on the finances and it was considered quite a feat to have a balance and that £20-0-0 was a most creditable one. It was also noted that the only non-self-supporting event in the Association was the Champion of Champions and opinion was expressed that it might be balanced by paying a little more in entrance fees (!)

1933-34

During the 1933-34 Season a voluntary subscription from Clubs to Council Appeal. Seatoun, Hutt, St Augustine's, Central, Khandallah each gave Five shillings for office equipment and Woburn Eight shillings & sixpence to the general appeal. It was agreed to close the appeal in the first week of August and contributions sent to the Hon Secretary then.

No other detail was provided about the appeal.

1935-36

The Subscriptions & Levies Rule 14 for the Association was amended by the substitution of the word "ninepence" for "sixpence". Under Rule 14a the amount of sixpence of this levy should be paid into the General Account and the remaining amount of threepence be paid into a fund to be established primarily for the purpose of entertaining visitors, and for sending teams to participate in overseas competitions. Both motions were passed.

Patriotism: Mt Victoria Club proposed that all Clubs be asked to subscribe sixpence per month per member towards assisting with the war effort.

1937-38

Of interest and very worthy of noting, that each year financial donations were given to the Association by the Vice-Patrons and players.

Under correspondence a letter from the NZCC is recorded and which required every Club member to take the Annual (Gazette) by increasing the members' subscriptions. Mrs Gardner (Kelburn) responded by stating that her club was unable to increase their subscription on account of being under Municipal control. It was resolved that delegates take the proposal back to their clubs and urge them to increase their orders.

The meeting also carried unanimously that Five Pounds be voted from the Association funds to the King George Memorial Fund.

1940-41

Comments written in the Annual Report for the 1940-41 Season the Clubs contributed monetary wise to the special One thousand pound Patriotic Fund; and gave ten pounds to the Spitfire Fund.

1945-46

The September 1945 meeting moved that October be the last time the Association would forward collected monies from Clubs to the Y.W.C.A. Any residue money to be given to the Sick and Wounded Servicemen

1947-48

In February 1948 a Notice of Motion from the Executive was received "that in order to put the Association on a sounder financial basis a levy of one shilling and sixpence per member be made instead of the one guinea at present paid by Clubs" was deferred as not all clubs had received the notice.

The 1948 September meeting of the Delegates an Amendment was received from the Kelburn Club re the Notice of Motion presented by the Executive in February – "that a levy of one shilling per member be made, with a minimum of one guinea". Not recorded if this amendment was passed etc.

1956-57

Recorded was a discussion on Wellington City Council Charges. Concern was expressed by the City Delegates on the level of lawn charges. It was considered the smaller clubs were paying heavy charges and relief considered necessary. Kelburn was considered to be a different position with the number of lawns and membership.

Proposed and seconded that a letter be sent to the Council raising the question of relief for smaller clubs and the possibility of a uniform charge for lawn upkeep. The clubs concerned were Hataitai, Wellington, Island Bay and Karori.

1960-61

The North Island Tournament billets were set at fifteen shillings for Dinner, Bed, and Breakfast.

1962-1963

MacRobertson Shield. The General meeting delegates passed a motion that “the NZCC be advised that the Association would be prepared to guarantee one hundred and fifty pounds towards expenses of the test match”.

1964-65

Finance: To boost the finances of the Association Mr. H. Ford donated a valuable picture to be raffled during the coming Season.

1970-1971

Event entry fees: On a recommendation from the Executive the entry fees for Annual tournament, Silver badges and Associated events would be increased. New event charges would be: Open \$1.00, Events 2-7 inclusive 70 cents, Events 8-10 inclusive -50 cents.

There had been a small surplus over from the Jubilee dinner which assisted greatly with balancing the books

The Delegates meeting of September 1970 considered a request from the Waimarie Club for financial assistance. On the recommendation from the Executive it was agreed:-

- (a) that a Committee consisting of the husbands of the members of the Waimarie Club be formed with a view to obtaining their advice and assistance.
- (b) Consideration be given to obtaining loans from interested parties at the interest rate received from Saving Banks.
- (c) Consideration be given to amalgamating with the Naenae and Central Clubs and consultations be held with the Clubs and Local Authorities concerned

1971-72

The 52nd Annual Meeting minutes recorded the issue of raising funds to send the NZ MacRobertson Shield team to England in 1974.

After some discussion it was agreed that:-

- (a) Clubs be requested to raise at least 50 cents per member, the method adopted left to the individual clubs
- (b) the following remit be sent to the NZCC “that prospective test players be approached to ascertain whether they would be prepared to pay the major part of the fares of the trip to and from England.”

At a special Executive meeting held late October the Executive considered a report from Mrs Jarden & S. Piercy, to:

- (1) purchase a projector at a cost of \$48.00, also film strips and records at a cost expected to exceed the sum of \$148.00
- (2) the introduction of the Coaching Scheme to the members of the Association.

The Executive agreed to purchase the projector immediately and the film strips and records as they become available. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr Ford for making the projector available at the price of \$48.00.

1973-74

Levy increase: The President expressed the opinion that there was a need to increase the levy paid to the WCA and left it to the Executive to decide the amount.

Delegates the Executive presented the following recommendation on the levy increase to the September meeting’.

“Rule 20 is to be amended by “deleting the figures 1/6 and one guinea, and substituting the figures and words 25 cents and \$2.25”:

“The annual subscription of 25 cents per Club member with a minimum of \$2.25 shall be paid by affiliated clubs to the Association”

The proposal was adopted at a special meeting held prior the December meeting.

1980-1981 Season

Incorporation: A special meeting was held to consider raising the annual subscription (levy) and the re-drafting of the Association Rules to conform to the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act. The recommended increase from 25 cents per playing member to \$2.00 was lost and an increase of \$1.00 for the current year was adopted but was to be reviewed at the next AGM.

1981-1982 Season

At the Annual meeting of June 1981 the Annual Subscription (levy/capitation) increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 to meet increased costs of administration & inflation – e.g. cost of a set of croquet balls – Jacques \$220.00.

1986-1987 Season

SPONSORSHIP

In depth discussion took place about sponsorship and the President Elsie Boyd informed the meeting of her approaches to nine businesses and the negative responses. In December she was able to advise that General Finance were sponsoring the 1988 Annual WCA Tournament by giving a donation of \$500.00 to this Event. The Company had requested the names of all croquet players – this to be actioned by all clubs after consultation with their members. General Finance offered 1% interest to the Association on all monies invested by croquet players, maximum amount invested \$2000.00. Cloudwalker manufacturers provided vouchers for two pairs of shoes as a donation. Wrightsons would no longer to sponsor the WCA C Grade Tournament and the two buttons given as part of the prize. The Association would need to purchase future buttons.

Tournament Balls: The Association agreed in March that it should follow the NZCC and gradually re-introduce Jacques balls to replace the Australian balls. Seven sets were to be purchased with the intent for a further seven sets at the end of the next financial year.

Sponsorship

The Association advised that General Finance, who sponsored the 1988/89 WCA Tournament, had been taken over by National Mutual Insurance.

1992-93 Season

The AGM passed the introduction of the WCA Inc. Development Fund 1992. (*See earlier for the conditions to receive a grant from the fund*) by the following motion:

The WCA (Inc.) institute an annual levy on all Clubs to establish and foster a fund to be called the Development Fund 1992. The fund will be used for two purposes

- To help affiliated clubs meet the cost of providing new croquet lawns.
- To help a newly formed club being established on its site to meet the cost of connections to essential services.
- The levy will be of such amount as may be fixed at a general meeting of the WCA.

That the Development Fund levy be \$2.00 for each playing member of an affiliated club.

Conditions: WCA (Inc.) Development Fund 1992. Each Club will be liable for an annual levy of such amount as may be fixed at a general meeting of the WCA. The levy will be based on a set amount for each playing member. Funds for this levy will be kept in a separate fund account, the WCA (Inc) Development Fund 1992.

The account may have added to it money raised by tournaments, galas, sales and raffles held to augment the fund money from the Development Fund will be used to assist affiliated clubs with meeting the costs of such major capital expenses as the costs of:-

- Preparation of the area to be used for new croquet lawns.
- Fertiliser and grass seeds needed for sowing new croquet lawns.
- Connection to electricity, water reticulation, drainage and sewerage systems.

Requests for financial assistance from the Development Fund would be considered in the following **order of priority**.

- Firstly from a new club being established in an area with no other affiliated club, then,
- From an established club expanding on its site, and
- Finally, from an established club transferring to a new site

1994-95 Season

In March 1995 a Gala Day was held at the Waimarie Club, with each participating Club responsible for a competition. A minimum entry charge was made and the monies raised were invested in the Development Fund.

The Annual General Meeting held June 1995 the Delegates approved the following:-

Development Fund: The Upper Hutt Club received financial assistance in a grant of \$2,500.00 for plumbing, power connection and sewer connection.

1995-96 Season

At the September meeting the Delegates approved grants to be made to Representative Players.

Events covered:

- Lower N.I. Teams' Event: 2 nights shared accommodation
- International Events: \$100.00 per player-on application
- Arthur Ross Handicap Event: \$100.00 towards accommodation
- Inter Association Events: \$5.00 per player-shared car travel costs.

Development Fund: At the November meeting the Waimarie Club received a grant of \$2500.

The Delegates moved that the monies raised at the 1996 Gala Prize Giving Day held at the Plimmerton Club, be granted to the MacRobertson Shield for the current year only.

Colleen & Tony Stephens (Dannevirke) donated Braeburn & Splendor apple varieties and the proceeds from the sales were also to go towards the MacRobertson Fund. The monies raised on that day were over \$2,000 which amount did not include the apple sales. This was the highest amount raised by any Association in NZ.

Interschool Events: A grant of \$500.00 was received from the Wellington City Council, the monies were to be used to reimburse the Clubs and Association for expenses incurred.

1996-1997 Season

Development Fund: The Plimmerton Club application for \$450 to cover the cost of a total phone installation was approved by the Delegates at their September meeting.

1999-2000 Season

The outgoing Executive placed the first order for 5 sets of each colour of the Barlow GT balls.

2000-2001 Season

The first phase of replacing the WCA stock of Jacques balls with the new national and international official Barlow GT ball was completed. Five colours of each were purchased. The purchase was made possible by the achievement of the Clubs in obtaining the numerous grants received: Wellington Community Trust, Hillary Commission, Community Sports Fund grants, through Wellington, Porirua and Hutt City Councils. In the City Council areas clubs were to ask the Council for letters of support towards the Association's application. The second phase, already in motion, was for Hillary Commission grants through applications from Kapiti and Upper Hutt.

The Development Fund 1992

After extensive discussion the Annual meeting moved that the Fund's purpose should be stated as "to help any affiliated club meet the cost of providing new croquet lawns or significantly upgrading existing lawns" and also agreed that the Fund be re-named "The Lawn Development Fund".

2001-2002 Season Season

Fund raising events were held at the Paraparaumu Club resulting in donations of \$150.00 to each of Susan Lea and Toby Garrison as NZ representatives in Brisbane and \$300.00 each to Toby and Greg Bryant as NZ representatives in London. In addition \$100.00 was made to Charles Jones for extra expenses incurred as manager of the Trans-Tasman team.

The Association granted the Wainuiomata Club \$2000 from the Lawn Development Fund (previously called the WCA Development Fund 1992), in order to assist with the cost of significantly upgrading two of the four lawns.

2007-2008 Season

The Upper Hutt Croquet Club requested a grant for the Lawn Development Fund to level its No 1 lawn. A grant of \$750 was agreed at the 8 November 2007 meeting.

The Executive meeting on 16 August agreed that for interclub matches tea/coffee money would be \$1.00 for a half day and \$2.00 for a full day.

The Association decided to no longer hold its own balls and those remaining would be offered to clubs for sale.

The Manawatu exchange was to be reviewed following the 2008-9 event.

AJ Reid from the Wellington Club was appointed handicapper and Malcolm McLeod from Waikanae the Coaching Coordinator.

The availability of full catering for tournaments has been received positively by players.

2008-2009 Season

At the meeting of 8 April 2009 a decision was made to transfer the WCA asset replacement fund to the Development fund as the association no longer held assets and that the fund be renamed the lawn development fund. The annual levy would be reduced by \$1. The decision was ratified at the AGM 23 May 2009.

WCA supported the NZCC remit to increase its annual levy by \$2.00 for the 2009-2010 year. Reason: - the CPI has increased by 4% in the last year which is reflected in an increase of \$1.24 in the levy. A \$2 increase would keep the Council ahead of inflation.

AJ Reid and Phillip Drew were given a grant of \$500 each towards their representation at the 2009 World Croquet Association Croquet Championships in Florida USA. Aiken Hakes aka AJ Reid thanked the WCA at its AGM.

2009-2010

The Petone Central club was granted \$1200 from the Lawn Development Fund to upgrade the irrigation system.

2010-2011

Khandallah Croquet Club was granted \$2000 from the development fund to help towards the renewal of the drains from the lawn.

A gift of \$750 was agreed to Paul Skinley towards expenses incurred in representing NZ in the MacRobertson Shield.

2011-2012

The Wellington City Council invoiced both Wellington and Kelburn Clubs for additional lawn mowing on a public holiday during the WCA Open Singles – the Kelburn invoice was for \$300. Both Clubs wrote to the Council objecting as this had not happened before and there was no notification of this change in procedures. It seems the Council considered reimbursement. Any further occurrences should need prior approval.

The Executive of Croquet NZ proposed a remit to its AGM in October 2011 that the levies be increased by \$1 to \$36. The WCA at the September 2011 meeting considered the justification for the proposed increase was insufficient but noted that the CNZ Executive has the power to increase its levies in line with the CPI so WCA wondered why the remit had come forward and opposed it.

At the AGM the WCA delegate reported the view of the WCA that the increase together with the reduction in support for the Arthur Ross Memorial Event and the high expenditure on international events suggested a focus by the Executive on elite rather than grass-roots croquet. It was acknowledged that this was a valid concern but that the fall off in members entering the Arthur Ross nationally and the increasing travel and accommodation costs were resulting in a loss on the event. In 2011, even with some external funding, losses exceeded \$2000

Despite the WCA objections, the remit was passed.

2012-2013

The June 2012 meeting approved the expenditure on the secretary's expenses be reimbursed at 6c per page rather than the direct cost of paper and inkjet cartridges because a laser printer is used for the secretary's documents.

A suggestion was received at the 3 October meeting that money received by the WCA following the closure of the Upper Hutt Club go to the development fund.

In April the meeting authorised the expenditure of \$200 for two GC runner-up trophies.

2013-2014

Membership 523

At the WCA AGM on 25 May 2013 it was agreed to raise the levy from \$7.00 to \$10.00 to provide for a player support fund. There was discussion about whether more money should be put into the Lawn Development fund but it was decided not to at this stage as funds can be transferred at any time.

A grant of \$250.00 was made to Aiken Hakes (Wellington) and Brian Bullen (Paraparaumu) to help with expenses for the World Championships in London.

The Wellington Club sought assistance with their lawn maintenance. It was noted that because Wellington's lawns are leased from the City Council any work might fall under Council responsibility.

The meeting decided to make a grant of at least \$8000 to the Waimarie Club to assist with their relocation.

In March 2014 the treasurer advised that the Development Fund had almost recovered and the last levies would wipe out the outstanding amount.

Tournaments and Rules of Engagement

1919 – 1920 Season

At its initial meeting on 24 October 1919 the newly formed Wellington Croquet Association (WCA) set the requirements for Tournaments, regulations, Laws of play, and provided for the alteration of rules. Also involved were the Rules for WCA Interclub and Matches. These were drawn up by the Match Committee and consisted of 11 Rules.

The minutes stated that the four best available players in each club should be selected and the teams could be arranged as convenient to themselves. One half of the team was to play on the home lawns and the other half on those of their opponents. The strongest pairs on each lawn were to oppose each other. If there was any dispute as to when teams meet, this was to be decided by a toss of a coin. Matches were to commence at 1.30pm.

Competing teams were divided in three grades:-

A	–	Players with 4 bisques
Intermediate	–	4 ½to 6 ½bisques
B	–	7 bisques

The winners were to hold the Association Banner for the year.

No player was permitted under any circumstances to play in more than one match on the same day. All matches were to be suspended during a local tournament.

The Association purchased Interclub Shields at £2-5-9 each.

The Annual meeting proposed that a four day tournament be held commencing 2 February 1920. The Secretary was asked to write to the Petone Borough Council applying for the use of the Municipal lawns at the Ngaroma Club.

Tournament conditions

Tournament fees were fixed for all events for the forthcoming Season.

It was also decided “that the A player in the Wellington Handicap Pairs shall not have more than 4 bisques and the B players not less than 7 or more than 12 bisques.”

No flat bottomed mallets were to be used in the tournament.

Promises of Trophies were received from Mrs McVilly, Mr Mayer and D.I.C. Donations of One Guinea each towards the funds were received from Mesdames J.Cook, Hollard, and L. McKenzie

The Association meeting of April 1920 complimented the Committee and Officials on the highly successful organisation of the February tournament. The 4 day tournament extended to 10 days due to the large number of entries (201), and 188 games were played. The Ngaroma Club was thanked for catering for the tournament and the use of their pavilion, as were the Petone Borough Council and green keeper for their assistance.

The second annual tournament played at Ngaroma, continued for 14 days, 387 games were played of which 191 were on a time limit of 2 and half hours, the most popular event being the Handicap Singles for which 64 entries were received. Kelburn members carried off the majority of events, with Lyall Bay, Wellington and Petone Clubs also winning events.

1921-22 Season

In March 1922 the Ngaroma Club applied for permission to hold a tournament at Easter, which was granted.

The Third Annual Tournament, held in early January 1922 at the Kelburn Club (H.Q), Karori and Wellington, lasted 10 days with entrants from Masterton, Carterton, Featherston and Christchurch participating.

A series of Interclub matches for the Wairarapa districts were inaugurated and carried through with much enthusiasm, Featherston A grade and Carterton B grade being the respective winners of the Shields.

1922-23 Season

The fourth annual tournament was held late February 1923, H.Q. Kelburn Club, and lasted for nearly 3 weeks during which 407 games were played. The tournament was prolonged by unseasonable weather. Again Kelburn members were prominent with Mesdames Gardner and Henderson winning the Luke Rose Bowl; and Mrs Gardner winning the Mrs L. McKenzie Cup, the Women's Championship Singles and both the Open championship and Association Championship Events. Hutt Club members won the Championship Doubles.

Association members were successful in the North Island Tournament played in Palmerston North. Mesdames McDonnell & Watt won the Championship Doubles; Mrs Watt won the Handicap Singles, and Mrs Fuller and Mr R. Caughley the Handicap Doubles.

1923-24 Season

This Season saw the introduction of the Pollock Stars donated by Mr J. Pollock, a member of Kelburn and Seatoun Clubs and WCA Vice-President.

The fifth annual tournament was held early February 1924 using Kelburn as headquarters and Karori and Wellington clubs. Kelburn members continued their dominance in all Events.

The 1923/24 Annual Report recorded that the Association would host the North Island Tournament in early January 1925. It was noted that the local lawns should not be occupied for too long a period by tournament play and the committee decided that the WCA Championship Doubles, Handicap Doubles, post entry be withdrawn from the Events programme for the coming Season (!!)

Even in those early times the Association had problems with Interclub matches. Postponements were permitted only on account of the weather.

“It is interesting to note that delegates responsible for reviewing the handicaps up to Bisque 7 and the Handicap Doubles met regularly at lengthy meetings”.

1924-25 Season

The North Island tournament held January 1925 was referred to as *“an outstanding feature”* of the Season. Several local players proved victorious in various events – amongst whom were Mesdames Leech (Kelburn), E.McDowell (Kelburn), R. Gardner (Kelburn), N. Smith and Miss Tempfert. Entries from other centres were meagre but what was lacking in quantity was compensated by quality of the play. Well known players Mesdames Bartlett, Tiffen and Watkins and the Revd. C. Meredith and Mr H. Stratton were amongst the visiting entrants. Both this

Tournament and the Dominion Tournament coincided with the epidemic of the infantile paralysis at its height and it was deemed advisable to postpone them.

Catering: In 1925 it was recorded that different clubs take a day each during a tournament in charge of the catering. Any surplus funds accrued were divided amongst the clubs assisting.

Representatives from the Association played with success in the North Island Tournament, held in New Plymouth, The Dominion Tournament (location not mentioned) and in the Canterbury Tournament: Mrs Leech and Mr R. Caughley (Kelburn) won the IZARD Memorial Cup.

The annual report record the Association's and acknowledgement of the generosity of Mrs C. IZARD in donating a trophy to be competed for annually in the Championship Doubles - The Keith IZARD Cup.

The Trophy (a Three-handled Drinking Cup) was retired from the WCA competitions in the 1982-83 Season, and in 2014 was given to the Khandallah Croquet Club Inc. on the occasion of its centenary.

An Intermediate Grade was introduced 3 -6 Bisesques. Association Ferns were purchased for the competition.

A Sub Committee of five players was elected to deal with Handicaps. Representatives from Kelburn were Mrs Leech, Mrs R. Williams, Mrs R. Gardner, and Mrs Halliday, and Mrs Warner.

1925-26 Season

Finalising the bisquing proved difficult within the Association and a decision on the following was deferred again:

A	up to 4 bisques.
Intermediate	4 ½to 6 ½
B	7 bisques upwards

1926-27 Season

The Annual Report of 1927 recorded that the WCA occupied the premier position in the Dominion in regards to the number of Clubs, 22 and 693 members. In 8 years these had grown from 6 to 22.

Interclub matches were played in 3 grades, A, Intermediate and B and involved 374 matches played which meant a weekly interchange of 88 players. In the Association Tournament, the Handicap Event proved still to be the most favoured with 53 entrants.

1927-28 Season

The meeting of July 28 1927 agreed that the 1928 Annual Tournament would provisionally commence on 24 January 1928, that date fitting in with dates required by the NZCC for their tournament. Clubs to be used were Hutt and Waimarie. The eventual confirmed date was 17 January 1928.

It was proposed that 4.30pm be the latest hour at which tournament games should commence, unless both of the competitors are agreeable to commencing later.

In September 1927 a special meeting of delegates was held to deal with the following Notice of Motion:

“At this meeting it was proposed by Mrs E McKenzie (Hon Secretary) that before the conclusion of the Season a Champion of Champion competition be instituted and all the A, Intermediate & B champions meet and play off and the Association present to the ultimate winners in each section gold badges similar in design to the silver ones. The date for the start of this competition was to be the second week in March.”

At the October meeting Mrs Rhodes Williams proposed that a Match Committee be set up to act in conjunction with the Hon Secretary to deal with all Association competitions and the tournament during the current Season. Mrs Rhodes Williams and Mrs Leech were appointed Referees.

Croquet balls used for handicap events were called ‘the Brent balls’.

The January 1928 meeting decreed that coloured flags be procured for the corners of the lawns in use during the Tournament.

The highlight of the Season – an epoch in the history of croquet in New Zealand was the visit of the English team. The WCA had the honour and pleasure of entertaining them prior to their departure for England and everything possible was done to make their brief stay an enjoyable and happy one. The English team visited Hutt and Waimarie lawns, the former presented them with the Club badges; and the Waimarie Club gave bouquets and a huge cake for use on the voyage. Karori and Hataitai Clubs were visited by the ladies of the English team. At Hataitai Colonel du Pre (English team) and the Mayoress were guests of the Club. The team were elected honorary members of the Association and at the dinner held in their honour, where they were presented with badges of membership of the Association. They were also the recipients of two trophies, the gifts of Mrs Izard.

The Champion of Champion competitions proved most interesting, A Grade well represented, eight clubs in both A and Intermediate Grades and B. Grade, eleven clubs.

Winners:	A grade:	Mrs Norton Smith, St Augustine’s.
	Intermediate Grade:	Mrs D.C. Henderson, Wellington.
	B Grade:	Mrs Walker, Waimarie.

Successful Association players at the Dominion Tournaments held at Wanganui and Palmerston North were Mrs E. McDowell (Hataitai & Haeremai Clubs) partnered by Mrs Cole (Ohakune). They reached the final of the North Island Doubles where they met as opponents Colonel du Pre and Miss D.D. Steel, two of England’s most famous players.

The local tournament was held, for the first time in the history of the Association, at Lower Hutt on the lawns of the Hutt and Waimarie Croquet Clubs, the Hutt Bowling Club greens and also on private lawns of Messrs Baldwin, Andrew and Jones. Entries totalled 249, an increase of 16 on the previous years.

The Pollock Stars, Association Ferns and McKenzie Wristlets Competitions were very keen. In the latter event so many Clubs entered that some were unable to play their challenges before the Season closed!

The WCA presented the Inter Club shields, which they had competed for in the past, to the newly formed district, and Mrs E. McKenzie presented the Wairarapa the

McKenzie Wristlets which had been played for between B Grade players during the last four years.

Mrs E. McKenzie stated she would provide further trophies to the WCA B Grade competition.

1928 – 1929 Season

At the September meeting Mrs E. McKenzie presented to the Association two silver cups for the B Grade competition – replacing the trophies given to the Wairarapa district.

At the October meeting the President moved that the Memorial Rose Bowl presented by the daughter and sons of the late Vice President Mrs E. McDowell be accepted. The first winner was Mrs E. Boocock from the Haeremai Club.

Mrs Gardner (Kelburn) proposed, seconded Mrs Bock (Hutt) that there be one Referee for the Wellington district. Mrs Rhodes Williams (Lyall Bay) was duly elected the Referee for the Wellington district.

For the WCA Tournament opening on 31 January 1929 it was proposed that four sets of Ayres Championship balls be procured and also any necessary clips.

The NZCC Silver Buttons event was introduced and the winners of the Buttons also became the Association Gold Badges holder as Champion of Champions.

The AGM proposed and carried that all Clubs affiliated to the Association be recommended to adopt the Bagnall-Wild System for their Championship Events.

Interclub matches were well supported, 8 teams in A Grade, 11 in Intermediate Grade and 12 in B Grade; wet weather at the beginning of the Season interfered with the play on several occasions, necessitating the postponement of the games.

The Annual Tournament played in February was favoured with beautiful weather and some excellent play was witnessed.

The Association has also received intimation that the English Association's Gold & Silver medals had been awarded to this district.

Association winners:

Champion of Champions

A grade:	Mrs J. O'Donnell, Kelburn
Intermediate Grade:	Mrs H. Martin, Ngaroma
B Grade:	Mrs H. Rudkin, Lyall Bay

The above players also received the Council's Silver Buttons.

English Medals:

Gold:	Mrs J. O'Donnell, Kelburn
Silver:	Mrs E. Johnson, Woburn

1929 - 30 Season

The Association was presented a pair of beautiful silver candlesticks by Mrs Arcus in memory of the late Mrs Jane Cook who had been connected with the Association since 1919. First player to receive the trophy – Mrs Gilbert (Westport)

To perpetuate the memory of Mrs Wilkinson the Association and Clubs combined purchased a silver salver which was allotted to the B Grade Handicap Singles. Mrs Harper (Upper Hutt) was the first winner.

The North Island Tournament held a few weeks before the WCA tournament had a detrimental effect on entries to the WCA Tournament.

Wellington players successful in the N.I. Event included Mrs W. E. Caldwell (Wellington & Haeremai), second in the Open Championship: Mrs R. Gardner (Kelburn) partnered with W Windsor Richards won the Championship Doubles and Mesdames Moeller and Chambers were second in the Handicap Doubles.

For the first time in the history of croquet in NZ the results of the daily play in the N.I. Tournament were broadcast by 2YA Radio Station every evening and proved most interesting to listeners-in.

1930-31 Season

The AGM elected the following to the Match Committee: Mesdames Bock (Hutt) Scott, Ramsay (Wellington) Gardner (Kelburn) Mouat (Waimarie), Rudkin (Lyall Bay) Rowe, Laurie (Ngaroma).

It was resolved at this meeting that at least 30% of the entrance fees are to be allotted as prize money; that the annual tournament commence on a fixed date each year; subsequently the 1st Tuesday in February was decided on.

The September 1930 meeting conditions of play re the Champion of Champions Event were submitted by the Match Committee and were approved by the Delegates.

1. Only “bona-fide” Club Champions of each grade are eligible to play in these competitions.
2. Any player not available to play at the expiration of one hour, from the specified time shall lose the match by default.
3. The A Grade play shall be the best of three games throughout. In the Intermediate and B Grades the two life system shall be played. Single games. Final the best of three. Played on the Bagnall-Wild draw.
4. Winner and runner up of the Intermediate and B Grades shall be raised to the next grade.
5. All Club Champion of Championship events must be completed by the last day in February and the winner’s name forwarded within three days to the Association Secretary.
6. All competitors shall receive three days’ notice when and where to play.

At the December meeting Mrs J Heenan (Eastbourne) featured for the first time relating to an Interclub matter with the Island Bay Club which was dealt with by the Match Committee.

The March 1931 meeting resolved that the Association trophies be engraved with a suitable inscription stating that the Tournament had been abandoned in 1931 – Napier Earthquake

A special meeting was held to deal with a Notice of Motion from the Wellington club – ‘that the official Handicapper and Referee be nominated at the same time as the other officers.’ The presenter Mrs Ramsay said their members thought that all

officer nominations should come in at the same time and proposed the foregoing Notice of Motion. The Notice of Motion was carried unanimously.

1931-32 Season

At the Annual General Meeting held July 31 1931, in her Annual Report the President stated that the past Season had not been enjoyed by croquet players to the extent of former ones. The Hawkes Bay earthquake disaster over-shadowed croquet activities and caused the abandonment of the WCA tournament. The unseasonable weather also affected play. In response to an appeal from the NZCC, the clubs subscribed £10-5-6 to assist in renovating those lawns at Napier which were rendered unfit for play by the disaster.

The Champion of Champions winners:

A Grade:	Mrs W.E. Caldow (Wellington)
Intermediate Grade:	Mrs Harper (Kelburn)
B. Grade:	Mrs Howatson (Hataitai).

For the first time an entrance fee of 2/6 was charged for this competition- this fee enabled the event to be self-supporting and also left a balance (!)

Rent and upkeep of lawns was thoroughly discussed and Mrs O'Donnell said that in Otago the rental was shared; only the actual cost of labour and top dressing was being paid for.

1932-33 Season

The 13th Annual Tournament started on 24 January 1933 and was played on Wellington lawns immediately on conclusion of the Dominion tournament, although not favoured with the best of weather the events were played off expeditiously. Winners and Runners-up of Tournaments are not recorded.

1933-34 Season

The only non self -supporting event in the Association Events was the Champion of Champions and opinion was expressed that it might be balanced by paying a little more in entrance fees (!)

The Handicapper Mrs Boocock in commenting on the Handicap lists forwarded by the Clubs noted that only six were absolutely correct and she hoped if any of the Club Captains were present at the meeting they would take notice and try to fill the said lists more accurately in the future as very clear directions were printed on every sheet (!!)

Match committee: Mesdames Gardner, Brice, Rudkin, Mouat, Monks, Falder, Winchcomb and Miss Bates.

Confirmed that the Annual Tournament commence second Tuesday in February 1934 and held in the Hutt Valley with Waimarie H.Q.

It was proposed that application be made to the NZCC for the Gold Mallets to be played in this Association.

A move was made to have the Champion of Champions competition Runners-up recognised; followed up by a recommendation that the Event be abolished as the Champion was found in the Annual Tournament. This did not find favour as the winner of the tournament could be a player outside the Association. The President

drew attention that any alteration could not be made without a notice of motion to that effect.

Selection: Mrs W. E. Caldwell was selected to play in the North Island team at the Dominion tournament and the meeting considered it a great honour for the Association.

Mrs Caldwell also was to broadcast from 2YA Radio on 5 October about croquet.

During the April meeting it was discussed on whether a N.Z. Team should be sent to Australia to celebrate the Victoria State Centenary and to assist with finances by requesting each club member donate one shilling. The Association moved in favour of sending a team and the following clubs were willing to assist financially Hataitai, Wellington, Hutt, Kelburn, St Augustine's, Eastbourne, Waimarie, Ngaroma, Ngaio, Mt Victoria, Upper Hutt, Woburn, Seatoun.

Petone declined due to necessary expenses required on their lawns.

Then there was general discussion as to who should be considered for selection. Eventually it was proposed that a test be held in November and the NZCC should select eight players who they decided are the best and the top ones be The Team. The meeting also agreed that only travelling expenses and board be paid for the Team and a full statement of detailed expenditure was to be issued on the return of the Team.

Also proposed that, if eligible, Captain Hartnell be manager and treasurer and that each player contribute £10-00-00 to the funds.

1934-35 Season

The 15th Annual General meeting held in June 1934 it was noted in the President's (Mrs Austin) report that two Wellington Association members were on the Council and it was by sheer ability that Mrs W. E. Caldwell held the position of Dominion Referee – the first woman to do so.

Match Committee: Mesdames Ramsay, Gardner, Falder, Mouat, Brice, King Fairley, Winchcomb.

Meeting agreed that the Annual Tournament would commence on the first Tuesday in February 1935 and that it be held in the Hutt.

The President announced that Mrs Izard had presented a silver coin bowl to the Association for competition and a silver tankard to the Karori Club.

Association winners;

Open championship:	Mrs G. Mouat (Waimarie)
Ladies Championship:	Mrs D. C. Henderson (Wellington)
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames Palmer & Reesby
Club pairs:	T. Hogan & Mrs D. C. Henderson(Wgtn)
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames W. E. Caldwell (Wellington) & E. Veitch (Ngaroma)
Handicap Singles: 'A'	Mrs E. Veitch
'B'	Miss Feaver

Champion of Championships:

A Grade:	Mrs G. Mouat (Waimarie)
Intermediate Grade:	Mrs McIntosh
B Grade:	Mrs Hills

Successful in other Association Tournaments were Mrs W. E. Caldow at Ashburton, Christchurch and Dannevirke, and Mrs D. C. Henderson in the final of one Section in the English Gold medals competition held at Wanganui.

During the Annual Tournament Mrs A. E. Pollock donated a handsome gold medal to the Association in memory of her late husband Mr A. E. Pollock (past Vice President, 1924-25) the medal was allotted to the winners of the Handicap doubles.

1935-36 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames Ramsay, Mouat, Falder, Brice, King, Robertson, Fairley.

Handicap Committee: Mesdames Boocock & O'Donnell.

The Annual Tournament held on 4th February 1936, was played on Wellington lawns, H.Q. Kelburn Club, manager Mrs E. Boocock.

It was also suggested at the Annual meeting that each club should appoint a referee so that each club, through their referee, would have the benefit of the Association Referee's tuition.

A subject also raised by the Referee was the matter of abolishing marked lines on the lawns and using tape or cord. Following discussion it was decided that delegates should suggest to their club that this method be given a trial.

The Annual Report covered the following points of interest: The Croquet Season had been a highly successful one from all aspects, weather exceptional and continuous days of sunshine together with a minimum of wind added to the enjoyment of being on the lawns. Only one interclub fixture postponed on account of rain. Of special interest was the competition for the NZ Gold and Silver Mallets held in Wellington for the first time. Entries were large and play took place on Kelburn, Mt Victoria, Karori and Island Bay lawns under excellent conditions. Mrs D. C. Henderson (Wellington Club) won the Gold Mallet and F. C. Bryan (Palmerston North) won the Silver Mallet.

The Annual Tournament played on the Hutt Valley lawns. Association winners were:

Open Championship:	Mrs E. Veitch (Ngaroma)
Ladies Championship:	Mrs D. C. Henderson (Wellington)
Levels Singles:	Mrs I. M. Cadwallader (Hataitai)
Handicap Singles:	Section 1 – Mrs E. Veitch Section 2 – Mrs Jackson.
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames Gilbert & Nottle (Westport)
Club Pairs:	Mesdames Greig & Harper (Upper Hutt)
Handicap Doubles:	Mrs E. Veitch & Mrs Sivyver (Ngaroma)

Association Champion of Champions:

A Grade:	Mrs Manton (Wellington)
Intermediate Grade:	Mrs I. M. Cadwallader (Hataitai)
B Grade:	Mrs Sivyver (Ngaroma)

At the September meeting the Kelburn delegate Mrs Gardner stated that their green keeper had definitely indicated he would be unable to fix the pegs and strings with the Park being a public recreation ground and might be a menace to the public safety!! After some discussion finally decided that where impossible to use the string that one line only be marked on the lawns and those clubs use the string where it is convenient to do so.

Congratulations were passed to: Mrs Caldow on having won the NZ Women's Championship Event. Comment was passed that it was an honour to both ladies and to the Wellington Association.

At the May meeting an interesting notice of motion was received from the Hon Secretary Mrs E. McKenzie asking for the handicaps of this district to be reviewed in order that local players may be placed on the same level as those in other districts. Following discussion it was recommended that a meeting of Handicappers be held during the Dominion Tournament.

1936-37 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames G. Mouat (Waimarie), R. Gardner (Kelburn), Fairley (Ngaroma) Brice (Hataitai), King, Robertson (Seatoun), Monks (Woburn), F. Ramsay (Wellington)

The meeting agreed that the Annual Tournament be held early February 1937 using the Hutt lawns.

In the Report it was noted that the croquet Season just concluded was not favoured with the excellent weather of the previous Season. Rain on several occasions interrupted the Association competitions.

Association winners

Open Championship:	Mrs W. E. Caldow (Wellington)
Ladies Challenge Cup:	Mrs W. E. Caldow.
Levels Singles Championship:	Mrs Kane (Kelburn)
Handicap Singles:	Section 1 Mrs W. E. Caldow. Section 2 Mrs Moss (Westport)
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames W. E. Caldow & D. Henderson (Wgtn)
Club pairs:	Mesdames W. E. Caldow & D. Henderson
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames Flint & Thoms (Karori)

Champion of Champions:

A Grade:	Mrs W. N. Walker (Woburn)
Intermediate Grade:	Mrs Faulkner (Hataitai)
B Grade:	Mrs Richardson (Hataitai)

Interclub was played in one section and the number of games played constituted a record; 18 teams in A Grade, 17 in Intermediate, 10 in B Grade and 9 in half team competition.

Owing to the number of players taking part in other tournaments several clubs found it necessary to default their games.

1937-38 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames R. Gardner, C. Scott, Bock, G. Mouat (Waimarie), Monks (Woburn), Fairley (Ngaroma), Allan (Seatoun), H. Manton.

Assistance: Mesdames Gardner and Mouat appointed to assist the Association Handicapper Mrs E. Boocock.

The Annual Report notes that the playing Season was played in exceptionally unseasonable weather experienced, caused some delay in the Association competitions, but all of them were brought to a successful finality.

The N.I. Open Championship played in the Hutt Valley, excellent entries received. Weather conditions far from good, the majority of the lawns played well, visitors and local players seemed to enjoy the tournament. The Open was won by Mrs D. C. Henderson. The WCA Tournament played in the Hutt Valley and the introduction of the new Levels Singles event proved popular and the Association deeply indebted to Mrs F. Ramsay for the presentation of a handsome trophy.

Association winners:

Open Championship:	Mrs D. C. Henderson
Ladies Championship:	Mrs W. N. Walker (Woburn)
Level s Singles:	Section 1 Mrs Ridley (Central), Section 2 Mrs Thoms (Karori)
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames D. C. Henderson & Mrs W. E. Caldow.
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames Sivyer (Hastings) & Mrs Millar (Ngaroma)

Champion of Champions:

A Grade:	Mrs B Sargisson (Ngaroma)
Intermediate Grade:	Mrs Thoms (Karori)
B Grade:	Mrs Francis (Island Bay)

The meeting also carried unanimously that Five Pounds be voted from the Association funds to the King George Memorial Fund.

The Referee Mrs Caldow submitted a list of Referees and Umpires for the coming Season and it was decided that copies should be sent to each individual and the clubs.

A meeting of Referees, Umpires and Club Captains organised for September.

During that meeting the Delegates discussed the use of lawns in Wellington and Hutt Valley be available for the English visitors – left to the Executive to arrange.

1938-39 Season

Match Committee: R. Gardner, Mouat, Monks, Scott, Allan, H. Manton (Wellington), Franks (Ngaroma), M. Winchcomb (Island Bay).

The playing Season was one of the best on record, only one occasion on which the Interclub matches were affected by the weather. The Annual Tournament was held on the Wellington lawns – Kelburn, Hataitai, Wellington & Mt Victoria Clubs. Entries lower than usual.

The Executive appointing an official correspondent, now called publicity officer, Mrs F. Ramsay, who would be responsible to forward items of interest, results of matches etc. to the editor of the NZCC Gazette.

Association winners:

Open Championship:	Mrs D. C. Henderson
Ladies championship:	Mrs D. C. Henderson
Levels Singles:	Section 1 Mrs Thoms Section 2 Mrs Richardson
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames Walker (Woburn) and C. Bryan (Hutt)
Club Pairs:	Mesdames Walker & McIntosh
Handicap Doubles:	Mrs Bradley & Miss Ritchie
Handicap Singles:	Section 1 G. Hart Section 2 Mrs Furniss

Champion of Champions:

A Grade:	Mrs D. C. Henderson
Intermediate Grade:	Mrs Francis
B Grade:	Mrs Congreve

1939-40 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames H. Manton, R. Gardner, G. Mouat, Scott, Monks, Allan, Fairley, M. Winchcomb.

The Annual Report indicated that the past Season had been very successful from a playing point of view, although the weather in the early summer was not all that could be desired. Compensation came in the autumn when a large number of postponed games in the competitions were played off.

The Annual Tournament was held in the Hutt Valley – Waimarie, Hutt, Woburn and Ngaroma Clubs lending their lawns. Excellent entries, section play in the open Championship proved most attractive; and also the alteration in the bisquing of the Handicap Doubles from 8 to 6 met with players' approval.

Association winners– February 1940

Open Championship:	Mrs Ridley
Ladies Championship:	Mrs I. M. Cadwallader (Kelburn)
Levels Singles:	Section 1 Mrs Woodley Section 2 Mrs Morgan
Handicap Singles:	Section 1 Mrs W. Walker Section 2 Mrs G. Collins
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames McLennan & Lowery

Referee & Umpire lectures and demonstrations given by Mrs Caldow were well attended. Official badges were procured by the Association for the use of those members who so freely gave their services in the capacity of referees. At her request, Mrs Caldow had the assistance of Mrs Brice in arranging the services of referees for the Pollock Stars, Association Ferns, and McKenzie Cups which proved most satisfactory to all concerned.

The Annual meeting moved and seconded that the Annual Tournament be suspended, due to the number of Tests and tournaments in the district this year. In the discussion on the Motion it was suggested that only Handicap Singles and Doubles be played. An amendment was moved and carried that the Association hold the tournament as usual. The venue was given to the Wellington district with Kelburn as H.Q.

Over past Seasons the number of entries in the Interclub competitions created in depth discussion at meetings – the draw & management left to one person, Mrs E. McKenzie, Association Secretary, and on occasions assistance was approved by the delegates.

At the April 1940 meeting a letter was read out from the Physical Welfare Department in reference to the needs and requirements of sports bodies, including croquet. It was proposed that croquet apply for an area sufficient for not less than 3 greens on which to play official matches.

The President requested that it be placed on record the congratulations to the Hutt, Waimarie and Woburn Clubs for the delightful morning tea supplied by the Clubs to the competitors and visitors to the Centennial Dominion Tournament held in January 1940 at the Hutt.

1940-41 Season

Prior to opening the June 1940 AGM the President spoke of the war conditions.

The Annual Report stated that the croquet Season just concluded was not favoured with the best of weather. Rain on several occasions caused interruption and postponement of Interclub matches. The year was to have been an epoch in the history of the Dominion and of croquet but this was marred by the outbreak of war at the commencement of the Season.

The September meeting welcomed Mrs C. Bryan as District Referee and Mrs Caldow the newly appointed Secretary.

Match Committee: Mesdames R. Gardner, H. Manton, G. Mouat, Allan, M. Winchcomb, Fairley, Monks, Bock.

It was agreed that the Annual Tournament would be held in the Hutt, starting on 1st February 1941.

1941-1942 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames Gardner, Manton, Allan, Bock, Fairley, Winchcomb, Monks.

Annual Tournament: Agreed to hold the Tournament in February as usual, using the Wellington lawns.

Association winners, tournament played February 1941.

Open Championship:	Mr E. Veitch
Women's Championship:	Mrs Mathewson
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames Walker & B.A.Sargisson
Club Pairs:	Mesdames I. M. Cadwallader & Moeller
Levels Singles:	Section 1 Mrs Collins Section 2 Mrs Hill
Handicap Singles:	Section 1 Mrs Collins Section 2 Miss D. McKenzie
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames Collins & Lockett

Dominion & Provincial Tournaments

Men's Championships:	C. Bryan (Waimarie)
N. I. Championship Doubles:	Mrs C. Bryan & W. F. Jarvie
S. I. Championship open:	Mrs D. Henderson (Wellington)
Women's Championship:	Mrs I. M. Cadwallader (Hataitai)
Gold Mallets:	Mrs I. M. Cadwallader.

Referees: Mrs Bryan mentioned only four meetings would be held in the coming Season due to there being no new rules.

In December the Match Committee proposed that a competition be held and called the Gardner Memorial. The presented Motion was carried.

The February meeting agreed that the holding of the Gardner Memorial Competition be abandoned for this Season.

The 1941-42 Season closing function was abandoned and the trophies were presented at the AGM Meeting.

No Referee and Umpire classes were held & the meeting agreed that if any difficulties arose to contact the Referee.

It was also moved and carried the Gardner Memorial Fund & Event be left over till after the war.

1942 – 1943 Season

There are no notes for this Season

1943-44 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames Allan, Bush, Manton, Mouat, Winchcomb, Veitch, Pawson.

Annual Tournament, if held to be played on the Hutt lawns.

In December moved and carried that the Tournament for this Season be abandoned on account of transport difficulties.

Silver Buttons abandoned.

NZCC informed the Association that Mrs C. Bryan had qualified as a NZCC Referee.

1944-45 Season

Match Committee: Allan, J. O'Donnell, Manton, Mouat, Pawson, Winchcomb.

The September meeting received with regret the resignation of Mrs Boocock as Handicapper due to ill health. Mrs Mouat appointed temporary Handicapper for Season.

The Provincial Tournament was not held because of travelling difficulties, and war effort commitments still very much in the fore-front of the members.

1945-1946 Season

Match Committee Not recorded.

The Annual Tournament was held on 6 February 1946 using the Wellington lawns.

Competition winners: Open Championship:	Mrs I. M. Cadwallader
Women's Championship:	Mrs D. C. Henderson
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames B. A. Sargisson & I. M. Cadwallader (Kelburn)
Level s Singles:	Section 1 Mrs Searell (Kelburn), Section 2 Mrs J. Hutchison
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames Billing & Bannister (Kelburn)
Handicap Singles:	Section 1 Mrs Henry Section 2 Mrs Franklin
Club pairs:	Mesdames W. E. Caldow & H. Manton.
Gardner Memorial:	Mrs W. Caldow & Mr H. Ford (Wellington)
NZCC Events:	
Open Championship:	Mr A. D. J. Heenan (Eastbourne)
Men's Championship:	A. D. J. Heenan
Championship Doubles:	F. C. Bryan (Hutt) & Mrs C. Watkins (Hastings)
Silver Mallets:	Mrs Allan
S.I. Championship Doubles:	Mrs B.A. Sargisson (Kelburn) & Mrs R.H. Gilbert.

Under correspondence, the March meeting recorded that a letter had been sent to the Wellington City Council pointing out the bad conditions of the lawns and that the Manager was forced to discontinue play during the Tournament.

A Referees and Umpires' Handbook was released by the NZCC. The President spoke of the advantages of such a book and hoped all players would obtain one.

1946-1947 Season

It was noted in the Annual Report that in February, after abandonment for a period of 3 years, the Association tournament attracted a large number of players, entries totalled over 100.

The Interclub matches, due to good weather, played on practically every match day and competitions completed early in February.

Match Committee: Not recorded in Annual Report or in the Match Committee Minute Book.

Tournament Managers: Proposed by the Match Committee and seconded Kelburn Delegate that Clubs consider that name(s) be forwarded of any one member capable of managing an Event to the Association for consideration prior to selecting a manager for the local Tournament. The Motion was carried.

A notice of motion from the Hutt Club was proposed 'that the manager of the Wellington tournament shall not be eligible to compete in any of the Events.'

After much discussion the decision was left to the Match Committee that should a manager wish to play the Association be asked to agree to the appointment of an assistant manager who will take complete charge of the Event or Events in which the manager is a competitor.

Afternoon for Beginners: to commence early in 1947, three Clubs, Hutt, Kelburn and Island Bay offered their lawns.

(Unfortunately minutes of February/March meetings are missing)

The Dominion Tournament was held on Hutt Valley lawns. During the Championships the Association entertained the visitors to an afternoon's outing by bus and car, the Eastbourne Club providing afternoon tea at their pavilion.

Due to the Dominion Tournament and many of the local players participating in it, the Association tournament programme was shortened. The NZCC President was in Wellington for the conclusion of the tournament and presented buttons and trophies:

A Grade:	Mrs J. Pepper (Upper Hutt)
Intermediate Grade:	Mrs B.A. (J) Jarden (Waimarie)
B. Grade:	Mrs Sanders (Hutt)
Gardner Memorial:	Mrs W. E. Caldow & H. Ford (Wellington)
Club Pairs:	Mesdames Pepper & Harper (Upper Hutt)

1947-1948 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames Pawson (Central), Thornton (Karori), Manton, Winchcomb, Roberts, Wood, Parfitt (Kelburn), Jarden.

Coaching: Mrs Caldow was appointed to this role and she was allowed her own method of teaching.

The Annual tournament played on Hutt Valley lawns in February 1948 saw a record number of entries received, well over 200. Two events Gardner Memorial and Club Pairs were omitted from the programme so this was the largest tournament for the number of events ever held by the Association. The Hutt Bowling Club allowed one of their greens to be used for several days during the Tournament.

Winners of the Events:

Open Championship:	Mrs J. Pepper (Upper Hutt)
Association Championship:	Mrs J. Pepper
Levels Singles: Section 1	Mrs I. Cooper (Khandallah),
Section 2	Mrs Dewhurst (Ngaroma)
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames Flint & Sheargold
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames Lloyd & Popple (Naenae)

Handicap Singles: Section 1	Mrs B.A. (J) Jarden (Waimarie)
Section 2	Mrs M. Flux (Central)
Gardner Memorial:	Mr H. Ford & Mrs W. Caldwell (Wellington)
Club Pairs:	Mesdames G. Mouat & B.A (J) Jarden (Waimarie)

1948-1949 Season

Match Committee: was re-elected.

Presentation: Due to the disbandment of the Seatoun Club on account of lack of playing area, a handsome Challenge Cup was presented by Mrs Bedford. The Cup would be presented each year to the Club winning the most number of points in the Interclub Junior A Grade matches.

An appeal was made to Clubs for donations for a trophy to be played for in the Levels Singles. Generous response received regards this appeal.

The Association purchased an Entree Dish naming the trophy the 'Boocock' Memorial in memory of Mrs E. Boocock's many years' service on the Association Executive and manager of local tournaments.

Tournament Winners:

Open Championship:	Mrs E. Veitch (Ngaroma)
Association Champion:	Mrs J. Pepper (Upper Hutt)
Levels Singles: Section 1	Mrs J. Hutchison (Ngaroma)
Section 2	Mrs F. Hazlett (Hataitai)
Handicap Singles:	Section 1 Mrs J. Pepper Section 2 Mrs R. N. Miller (Ngaroma)
Championship Doubles:	Mrs E. Managh and Henderson (Wellington)
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames B.A (J). Jarden and G. Melrose (Waimarie)

1949-1950 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames Pawson, O'Donnell (Kelburn), Manton, Winchcomb, Roberts, Wood, Parfitt, Jarden & W. Jupp.

The Association applied to hold the Gold and Silver mallets in 1951 to be played on Hutt Valley lawns.

The purchase of the Association Buttons was approved as the Junior A Grade competition trophy.

Winners:

Open Championship:	Mrs B. A (J) Jarden
Association Champion:	Mrs B. A (J) Jarden
Levels Singles: Section 1	Mrs R. N. Miller
Section 2	Mrs List (Hataitai)
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames G. Collins & Maloy
Handicap Doubles:	F. C. Bryan & Mrs Bland
Handicap Singles: Section 1	F. C. Bryan (Hutt)
Section 2	Mrs Lloyd (Naenae)

Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames McCormick and Buchan
Gardner memorial:	Mesdames B. A. (J) Jarden and J. Pepper.
Club Pairs:	Mesdames B. A.(J) Jarden and J. Pepper.

1952-53 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames M. Winchcomb, F. Ramsay, Brennan, E. Pawson, G. Mouat, G. Savage, W. Caldow and A. D. J. Heenan.

The September meeting in Correspondence it recorded that a letter had been received from the NZCC advising of the appointment of Mrs W. E. Caldow as Handicapper.

The minutes record that the past Season's weather not all that it could be desired. The wind was a problem disrupting the planned activities of Referees.

Annual Tournament winners:

Open Champion:	H. Ford (Wellington)
Association Champion:	Mrs B.A (J). Jarden
Levels Singles	Section 1 Mrs A. McCormick (Khandallah/Wellington)
	Section 2 T. Regan
Handicap Singles	Section 1 Mrs A. McCormick
	Section 2 Mrs Buchan (Khandallah)
Handicap Doubles:	E. Managh & T. Regan
Championship Doubles:	H. Ford & Mrs A. McCormick
Gardner Memorial:	A. Heenan & Mrs Mathewson (Kelburn)
Club Pairs:	Mesdames Ross & I. M. Cadwallader (Kelburn)

1953-1954 Season

The AGM held in June 1953 did not record the members of the Match Committee, The 1954 Annual Tournament was held on the Wellington City and Suburban lawns.

Open Champion:	A. D. J. Heenan (Eastbourne)
Association Champion:	Mrs A. McCormick
Levels Singles	Section 1 Mrs T. Hill (Island Bay)
Levels Singles	Section 2 Mrs J. Leitch (Island Bay)
Championship Doubles:	E. Hunt & Mrs A. McCormick.
Handicap Singles	Section 1 Mrs T. Hill
Handicap Singles	Section 2 Mrs J. Leitch
Handicap Doubles:	Mrs F. Orwin (Khandallah) and A. D. J. Heenan
Gardner memorial:	Mesdames Henry & Crump (Central)
Club Pairs:	Mesdames Henry & Crump.

1954-1955 Season

The 35th Annual Report made special mention of the successful refresher courses for Referees held under the supervision of A.D.J. Heenan .

Match Committee: Mesdames B. A. (J) Jarden, J. Robson, Roberts, Griffiths, F. Ramsay, J. Leitch, Brennan

The September Delegates meeting received and approved of a Notice of Motion from the Match Committee to introduce an extra Levels Singles Event in the Annual Tournament. Bisques 5 to 8 be altered to 5-7, and the added event be 8 and over.

The Annual Tournament was played on the Hutt Valley lawns, 193 entries; weather perfect until the latter stages when wet conditions made the lawns very much heavier and held up play 'to a disturbing extent'.

Open Champion:	Mrs B. A.(J) Jarden
Association Champion:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Levels Singles	Section 1 Mrs J. Brosnahan (Waimarie)
Levels Singles	Section 2 Mrs Hornblow (Naenae)
Levels Singles	Section 3 Mrs P. Orwin (Khandallah)
Handicap Singles	1 Mrs J. Brosnahan
Handicap Singles	2 Mrs P. Orwin
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames J. Leitch (Island Bay) & P. Orwin
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames B. A. (J) Jarden & G. Mouat (Waimarie)
Gardner Memorial:	Mesdames I. Cadwallader & B. Sargisson (Kelburn)
Club Pairs:	Mesdames B. A. (J) Jarden & J Pepper (Waimarie)

1955-1956 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames F. Ramsay, Griffiths, J. Robson, Roberts, B.A. (J) Jarden, J. Leitch, Brennan, Henry.

The Annual Tournament commenced on the 2nd February 1956 and played on Wellington lawns. Other Clubs are not recorded

Winners

Open Championship:	Mrs I. Cooper (Khandallah)
Association Champion:	Mrs G. Collins
Levels Singles 1:	Mrs Cashmore
Levels Singles 2:	Mrs Kemp
Levels Singles 3:	Mrs Bowater (Plimmerton)
Handicap Singles 1:	Mrs I. Cooper
Handicap Singles 2:	Mrs Barlow
Handicap Doubles:	Mrs Buchan & Mrs D. Parlane (Khandallah)
Championship Doubles:	A. D. J. Heenan & Mrs D. Parlane
Gardner memorial:	Mesdames B. A. (J) Jarden & Ross
Club Pairs:	F. C Bryan & Mrs G. Collins (Waimarie)

Each March representative games between Hutt Valley & Wellington were held.

1956-1957 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames W. E. Caldow, Griffiths (Plimmerton) J. Robson (Karori), Roberts, B. A. (J) Jarden (Waimarie), Brennan, Crump, Miss Maloney.

Ex officio: President, Handicapper, Secretary, Referee.

Annual Tournament: The meeting received a Notice of Motion from the Karori Club to hold the Annual Tournament in November & the Delegates agreed it should be tried.

Exchange visit. The Delegates discussed the visit from the Wairarapa Association, and Waimarie offered to lend their lawns for the day. It was agreed that the Waimarie Secretary write to the Wairarapa suggesting a day for play, and asking for handicaps of those participating.

Annual tournament played in November on Wellington City and suburban lawns. It proved a Season of croquet played in perfect weather and events preceded without any delay due to wet weather.

Wellington Association:

Open championship:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Association champion:	Mrs J. Brosnahan
Levels Singles 1	Mrs Pole
Levels Singles 2	Mrs V. Power
Championship Doubles:	Mrs Pepper & F. C. Bryan
Handicap Singles 1	Mrs I. Cooper
Handicap Singles 2	Mrs J. Mead (Waimarie)
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames L. Barlow & Bowater (Plimmerton)

The Gardner Memorial and Club Pairs were both won by F. C. Bryan and A. D. J. Heenan.

NZCC Events

H. Ford:	English Coronation Silver Medal and Men's Championship
F. C. Bryan:	Open Championship.

1957-1958 Season

Match Committee. The meeting moved that a representative from each Club become the Match Committee.

A proposal from Mrs Orwin that a series of lectures be held to demonstrate shots, teach tactics and in other ways to assist croquet players to improve their game. After in depth discussion the proposal was put to the meeting and carried. First lecture was held at Kelburn and tutors were A. D. J. Heenan, H. Ford, Mr & Mrs Bryan, Mesdames Jarden, Caldow & Mouat.

In August at the Executive meeting they moved that A. D. J. Heenan be the speaker at the first lecture with. H. Ford as the emergency. To cover costs a collection would be taken.

City Council lawn charges: The President and Secretary reported on the actions taken re the interviewing Council staff concerning city green maintenance. Their next move was to see the Director of Parks & Reserves on his return to the City. The December meeting of the Executive they proposed that the Rules of Interclub be revised. The Delegates voted that the Match Committee be responsible to carry out this project.

The meeting of Delegates made reference to the continuing success of the Croquet Beginners Day and how much the newcomers to the game enjoyed the experience. Thanks were given to those who assisted on these days – Mesdames B.A. (J) Jarden, A. Parfitt and H. Ford.

The Annual Tournament was played on the Hutt Valley lawns and players experienced adverse weather conditions. 144 entries.

Open Championship:	F. C. Bryan
Association Championship:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Levels Singles 1	Mrs C. Horniblow (Naenae)
Levels Singles 2	Mrs Auburn (Karori)
Championship Doubles:	Mrs J. Pepper & F. C. Bryan
Handicap Singles 1	Mrs G. Mouat
Handicap Singles 2	Mrs G. Bowater
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames W. Worsfold & W. Winkel.
Gardner Memorial:	H. C. Ford & Mrs A. McCormick
Club Pairs:	Mesdames G. Collins & W. Worsfold.

Dominion Tournament

Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden:	Women's Championship.
A D J Heenan:	Open Championship; Men's championship, Championship Doubles with D. Rickett (England) and Handicap Singles.

This was a first time that all the major council Championship titles had been brought to one Association (Wellington) and one Club (Waimarie).

It was noted that the 1957-58 Season had not been a good one for croquet players on account of indifferent weather during the whole Season

1958-1959 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames W. E. Caldow, Henry, Brown, Harkness, Barker, Miller, Harvey, Barlow, B. A.(J) Jarden, J. Leitch, Messrs McKenzie & Maloney
Ex officio: Mesdames G. Savage, F. C. Bryan, T. Hill, I. Cooper.

.The Annual Tournament to be held in November playing on the Wellington lawns and Kelburn H.Q.

To speed up the Tournament the meeting passed that if one competitor was holding up the Tournament he/she be asked to scratch from some events-this format was used in England.

The Match Committee presented their recommendations re the Interclub Rules revision and passed to each Club for their consideration and their deliberations to be forwarded to the Hon Secretary.

A donation of trophy by Miss D McKenzie (Hutt) in commemoration of her Mother was presented to the Association. The trophy took the form of a mallet head of mulberry wood mounted on a kauri base and was the workmanship of a Mr Wise, brother-in-law of the donor.

The Interclub revision was accepted and passed by the Delegates.

The meeting decreed that the President, Secretary, Treasurer be appointed to purchase new trophies and that trays be obtained.

The Annual Tournament played in February 1959 played on Wellington lawns. Croquet played in favourable weather throughout the Season and thus helped make it a very enjoyable one for all.

Winners:

Open Championship:	Mrs B.A. (J) Jarden
Ladies' Championship:	Mrs G Collins (Hutt)
Levels Singles 1:	Mrs Adorian
Levels Singles 2:	Mrs Gunderson
Levels Singles 3:	S. Tann
Championship doubles:	H. C. Ford & Mrs T. Hill
Handicap Singles 1:	W. B. C. Paynter
Handicap Singles 2:	S. Tann
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames Lennon & Adorian.
Gardner Memorial:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden & A D J Heenan
Club Pairs:	Mrs B.A. (J) Jarden & W.B.C. Paynter

Congratulations extended to:

A.D.J. Heenan	Winning of the Z Event at the Open Championship & the Men's Championship.
Mrs B.A. (J) Jarden	Winner Women's Championship.
W.B.C. Paynter	The English Coronation Bronze Medal and the Silver Mallets.

1959-1960 Season

The Annual Report presented at the meeting of June 1960 noted that it was a very good season regards weather. The only cancellation of an event being on account of rain was the social days for all grades diaried for three days in October 1959. Played later in season in March.

Winners from the Annual Tournament played on Hutt Valley lawns.

Open Championship:	Mrs G Mouat (Waimarie)
Ladies Championship:	Mrs G Mouat
Levels Singles 1	Mrs Fenn
Levels Singles 2	Mrs G Bowater
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames T Hill & J Leitch
Handicap Singles 1	Mrs F Orwin
Handicap Singles 2	Mrs L Eastwood (Kelburn)
Handicap Doubles	Mesdames L Eastwood & D Steptoe (Kelburn)
Gardner Memorial:	Mrs BA (J) Jarden & ADJ Heenan
Club Pairs:	Mrs J Leitch & T Regan

The English Silver and Bronze Medal Event was held on the Hutt & Petone lawns. 22 entries and only 2 players were from other parts of NZ.

Mrs B.A. (J) Jarden won the English Coronation Silver Medal. Mrs G. Collins won the English Coronation Bronze Medal.

1960-61 Season

Match Committee: No change.

WCA Annual tournament was held early November 1960 using Hutt Valley lawns.

The Festival Invitation Event deferred from last year to be played at Kelburn and proposed the event be under the leadership of A.D.J. Heenan .

The September meeting discussed the details of the arrangements for the Festival event. All members were appealed to for their fullest support. A proposal was carried that a levy of two shillings per member be introduced to help cover this event. Prices suggested for the catering - morning tea, nine pence lunch three shillings afternoon tea one shilling and sixpence.

Clubs were rostered and responsible for the morning and afternoon teas. The Association would be responsible for the lunch.

The North Island Tournament billets were set at fifteen shillings for Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

1961-1962 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames A. Parfitt, G. Savage, F. C. Bryan, T. Hill, K. Swiney, S. Parlane.

The Annual Report noted that throughout the season the weather proved variable and on several occasions matches had to be postponed.

Annual Tournament winners:

Open Championship:	H. Ford
Women's Championship:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Levels Singles 1	Mrs S. Parlane

	2	Mrs McGrieve
	3	Mrs M. Oliver (Waimarie)
Championship Doubles:		Mesdames Simpson & Fenn
Handicap Singles: 1		Mrs J. Leitch
	2	Mrs Skeen
Handicap Doubles:		Mesdames Cumberworth & L. Barlow
Gardner Memorial:		Mrs J. Leitch & T. Regan
Club Pairs:		Mrs J. Leitch & T. Regan

The North Island Tournament was played at Kelburn. Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden won the Open Championship, Ladies Championship and Championship Doubles partnered with Mrs G. Collins. H. Ford won the Men's Championship.

Trophy Donation: Appreciation and thanks extended to Mrs I. Cadwallader for presenting to the Association the Veterans Trophy. Mrs Worsfold and Mrs Savage thanked for presenting Silver Trays for the Handicap Doubles competition.

Festival Invitation Tournament: the top ranking players participating for this Event not recorded. Tournament opened by the Mayor Mr F. Kitts. Among the competitors were four Wellington players, Mesdames Jarden, Collins, Hill and Mr H. Ford. Congratulations to Mrs Jarden being the winner after many hard fought games.

In February 1962 an emergency meeting of the Executive committee held – to discuss a letter from the NZCC re the test match Australia versus New Zealand. The following matters were agreed: - The test to be played at Waimarie. The Wellington Clubs made their lawns available for practice.

Catering: The same arrangements were made as for the Festival Invitation Tournament. The visiting team was entertained at an informal afternoon at Kelburn Club. Billeting was left to the Clubs.

Annual Tournament winners: - 1962 unsettled weather marred the event, two sunny days played on Wellington lawns, HQ Kelburn.

Open Championship:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Women's Championship:	Mrs T. Hill
Levels Singles: 1	Mrs L. Turner
Levels Singles: 2	Mrs G. Langley
Levels Singles: 3	Mrs R. Lyons
Championship Doubles:	Mrs G. Simpson & W. Paynter
Handicap Singles 1	E. Hunt (Australia)
	2
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames B. A. (J) Jarden & R. Sandom

Dominion Tournament: following Wellington players who won their Events

H. C. Ford	NZ Championship, S.I. Open Championship, S.I. Men's Championship and S.I. Doubles Championship with Mrs A. G. Rawlison.
T. Regan	Z Doubles Championship with Mrs W. L. Martin
Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden	NZ Handicap Singles Hurlingham Cup, S.I. Women's Championship

A.D.J Heenan
M. Reitcheson

English Silver Medal
Gold Mallet

1962-1963 Season

Match Committee: Mesdames A. Parfitt, G. Savage, F. C. Bryan, I. M. Cooper, K. Swiney, J. Brosnahan.

MacRobertson Shield. At the General meeting delegates passed that the NZCC be advised the Association would be prepared to guarantee of One hundred and fifty pounds towards expenses of the test match.

MacRobertson Shield: the meeting congratulated H. Ford on his appointment as the captain of the NZ team.

During December the Association decreed that in view of numerous club fixtures and the visit of the Australian team the Beginners Day be cancelled for the Season. The Festival of Wellington was cancelled, and if necessary Event One of the Wellington Tournament would also be cancelled. It also coincided with the visit of H. M. The Queen.

A report received on the MacRobertson Shield Test was presented by Mr. H. Ford (Team Captain) who spoke highly of the arrangements for the test match which Australia v NZ was played at Waimarie – only place where no alteration had to be made to hoops or dressing of the lawns. A letter from the NZCC also advised that the arrangements were 100%

Five Wellington members – Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden, Messrs H. Ford (Captain) J. Prince, M. Reitcheson and T. Regan were included in the team which played in the MacRobertson Shield series. Special mention was made of John Prince's play which had advanced beyond all expectation.

Annual Tournament winners . Owing to reasonably fine weather the events were played to time.

Open Championship:	Mrs T. Harwood
Women's Championship:	Mrs T. Hill
Levels Singles: 1	Mrs K. Swiney
Levels Singles 2	F. Chandler
Levels Singles 3	Mrs W. Haynes
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames I. Cadwallader & W. Jupp
Handicap Singles 1	Mrs A. McCormick
2	Mrs L. Barlow
Handicap Doubles:	S. Tann & F. Chandler

1963-64 Season

For the Annual tournament to be held in February 1964 the Delegates had moved that the Manager had discretionary power to warn competitors and impose a time limit of 30 minutes after a game had been in progress for 4 hours. Also moved that time for lunch be rigidly enforced and whenever possible morning and afternoon teas be served on the lawn to those playing.

Annual tournament winners – played during February 1964, HQ Waimarie, experienced favourable weather for the event welcomed two competitors from Auckland and also Veteran champion A.D.J. Ross as a competitor – he was runner-up with Mrs G. Collins in the Championship Doubles.

Open Championship:	M. Reitchesen (Waimarie)
Women's Championship:	Mrs J. Brosnahan
Levels Singles: 1	F. Chandler
Levels Singles: 2	Mrs R. Bodle
Levels Singles: 3	Mrs L. Hartigan (Khandallah)
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames B. A. (J) Jarden & J. Brosnahan
Handicap Singles: 1	Mrs D. Parlane (Khandallah)
Handicap Singles: 2	F. Chandler
Handicap Doubles:	Mrs I. Payton & F. Chandler
Dominion fixtures:	
Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden	NZ Ladies Championship for 5 th time. S.I. Women's Championship, S. I. Doubles Handicap partnered by her sister, S.I. Championship Doubles partnered by G. D. Rowling (Nelson)
ADJ Heenan	NZ Open Championship for 4 th time, NZ Championship Doubles partnered by J. Prince.
J. Prince	Men's Championship, Handicap Singles 2 – Hurlingham Cup
Mrs J. Leitch	NZ Handicap Singles 1 – English rose Bowl.

1964-1965 Season

Match committee: To be members of the Executive plus Mesdames L. Parfitt (Kelburn) & J. Brosnahan

NZCC President's Invitation Event to be played at Waimarie Club, who also indicated to undertake the catering.

Trophy: Mrs Robson intimated she would present a new trophy for the Runner up in Championship Doubles.

The September '64 Delegates meeting had a sudden change of venue – on account of flooding blocking the entrance to Waimarie Club moved to the Naenae Club.

Under Interclub noted that the Delegates voted 8 against 5 re clubs hosting Interclub matches would no longer provide the lunches (!)

Presentation: On behalf of Clubs Mrs W. Worsfold presented with a crystal lamp and bowl in recognition of her services to the Association.

The December meeting congratulated those members who worked towards making the President's Invitation Event such a success. Mr Harwood on his efforts to make the social evening a success – held at the Masonic Hall. Plimmerton Club thanked for entertaining the visitors on the Sunday – note, it took the form of games, singing and items. Doorkeeper Mr Worsfold.

A limited supply of drinks under the control of Messrs F. Chandler & T. Hill was to be available. The Committee purchased 2 bottles of gin, 2 dozen beer and flagon of sherry & soft drinks. Alas the number who attend is not recorded.

The President's Invitation Event (Senior) – John Prince won the silver tray.

Annual Tournament winners: Tournament held at Kelburn HQ, and other Wellington lawns. Thankfully favourable weather prevailed, except for final days when rain interrupted play. The Association welcomed a visitor from the Isle of Wight, Miss M. Taylor, a popular competitor who entertained all with poems composed on the spot!

Open Championship:	H. Ford
Association Championship:	Mrs T. E. Hill
Levels Singles: 1	T. E. Hill
Levels Singles: 2	Miss M. Taylor (UK)
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames J. Leitch & F. Orwin
Handicap Singles: 1	Mrs F. Orwin (Khandallah)
Handicap Singles: 2	Mrs G. Mouat (Waimarie)
Handicap doubles:	Miss M. Taylor & W. B. C. Paynter

Dominion Tournaments – Wellington players successful:-

NZ Championship Doubles:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden & J. G. Prince
NI Championship Doubles:	Mesdames B. A. (J) Jarden & T. A. Harwood
NI Women's Championship:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
NZ Junior Handicap Plate:	F. Chandler

1965-1966 Season

Match Committee re-elected.

On the recommendation of the Executive the AGM meeting decided unanimously to support the splitting of the Annual tournament into three sections.

The Interclub report agreed that the players provide their own lunch as they had done the past Season.

Remit: The Waimarie Club presented a remit that 'Tournaments should have a finishing date as well as a date of commencement, which were to be strictly adhered to. The powers of the Manager were to be extended to scratch any competitor in one or more events who, by entering a number of events playing through, was holding up the conclusion of the tournament'.

The remit was referred to Clubs for consideration.

At the December meeting Delegates congratulated Vice President Mrs G. Collins on her success at the Hawke's Bay Tournament, won the Women's Championship and partnered A.G. F. Ross won the Championship Doubles.

Weekend Event: J. Prince suggested running a Men's Tournament on a weekend. This was accepted with Kelburn, Wellington and Waimarie offered use of their lawns.

The Annual Tournament divided into three sections – 1st play November, 2nd February, 3rd March – the latter proved very successful & popular. Overall the division of the tournament was not an outstanding success as many players felt it took them away from their own clubs for too long.

Tournament winners:

Section one:	
Handicap Singles: 1	Mrs J. Brosnahan
Handicap Singles: 2	Mrs A. G. Gardner (Kelburn)
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames E. Cragg & R. Bodle
Lady Veterans:	Mrs T. Harwood
Section two:	
Women's Championship	Mrs T. Hill
Levels singles: 1	Mrs I. Payton (Kelburn)
Levels singles: 2	Mrs F. Smith
Levels singles: 3	Mrs H. Steptoe (Kelburn)
Section three:	
Open Championship:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Senior Doubles Championship:	Mrs G. Collins & A. D. J. Heenan
Junior Doubles Championship:	Mesdames R. Sandom & O Bell

Dominion Tournament Fixtures:

North Island Tournament, played at Kelburn – 86 entries
Doubles Championship H. Ford & F. Chandler

Dominion Tournament played at Wanganui

Open Championship: Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Women's Championship: Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Championship doubles: Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden & G.
Rowling
Men's Championship: J. Prince

During the non-playing months six meetings of Laws of Croquet were held and two during the Season. Mr A. D. J. Ross conducted the second of these when a large number of players attended.

1966-1967 Season

Match Committee – re-elected unchanged.

Matters covered at the Annual Meeting:

Mrs Robson's Silver tray replaced the "Mrs Ramsay trophy"

A proposal from the Wellington Club (Sawle/Robson) that the words 'two men may not play together' be deleted – Carried. This proposal may relate to either Championship Doubles or Junior Championship Doubles Events or both.

The Chair advised that A D J Heenan was willing to give two trophies for the Junior Championship Doubles and to be called the "Tom Harwood Memorial Trophy".

The Men's Handicap weekend Event proposed by J. Prince still unresolved.

New Year Tournament: The Delegates agreed to adopt the Executive recommendation as presented to all Clubs, commencing Saturday 31.12.1966 and concluding Monday 2.1.1967.

- (1) A Levels singles Event, Open Event – Section play.
- (2) Handicap Singles Event – Section play according to bisquing of the entrant.

Time limit be imposed; highest points achieved will declare each Section winner.

Competitors could only enter one event.

Object of the Tournament – to give WCA players the opportunity of getting to know one another through competition play.

Event 1 played at Wellington Club and Event 2 Kelburn and Island Bay Clubs.

There was some dissention by Delegates and Kelburn advised there would be no play on their lawns on a Sunday (!!)

Donation of Trophy: the President informed the meeting that the daughter of the late Mrs Savage, Mrs Millard, had indicated she would like to donate a trophy in memory of her Mother – duly called ‘L. Savage Memorial Trophy’, two silver trays. Event Senior Championship Doubles.

Weekend Event: At the December Executive meeting it was agreed to hold the J. Prince Men’s Handicap Event over the first weekend in March 1967. The March meeting of the Executive recorded that the Men’s handicap weekend event was cancelled due to insufficient entries.

The Association to host the NZCC Bronze & Silver Medals Event in November 1967, venue Hutt lawns

Trophy: To be engraved ‘The Tom Harwood Memorial Trophy’ and presented by Mr Ashley & Mrs Jean Heenan – Event Junior Championship Doubles.

The Annual Tournament held on the Hutt Valley lawns during February 1967 over a 13 day period, the weather variable, one wet day, first week marred by wind and second week ideal. Several players entered from other Associations, one of whom was A. G. F. Ross from the Hawkes Bay Association.

Winners of the Tournament:

Open Championship:	A. G. F. Ross
Association Championship:	A. G. F. Ross
Levels Singles: 1	Mrs V. Hutchings
Levels Singles: 2	H. J. Steptoe
Levels Singles: 3	E. Robinson
Senior Championship Doubles:	Mrs G. Collins & A D J Heenan
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames V. Hutchings & J. Virtue
Handicap Singles: 1	Mrs G. Collins
Handicap Singles: 2	Mrs H. Major
Handicap Doubles:	Mrs T. Hill & H. J. Steptoe
Lady Veterans:	Mrs G. Harwood
New Year Tournament:	
Open	J. Prince
Handicap Section: 1	Mrs E. A. Garner
Handicap Section: 2	H. J. Steptoe

Wellington success in Dominion Fixtures:

NZ Open Championship & Men’s Championship won by J. Prince and partnering Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden he also won the Championship Doubles. This event was played in Auckland.

The North Island Tournament was played in Hamilton.

Women's Championship:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
President's Invitation Event:	J. Prince

1967-1968 Season

Match Committee: The recommendation of the Executive was carried without discussion.

In view of the fact that the Executive was now holding full evening meetings at least once a quarter and at these meetings usually discussed all matters connected with tournaments and competitions, it should be the Match Committee, with the proviso, that when a draw is being made in connection with any events, the Club Captains of Waimarie and Kelburn Clubs be co-opted.

Event 2 of the Wellington Tournament

Taking up suggestions received from several members the Executive agreed to and recommended to the meeting that this Event be called Women's Championship Event.

Event 10 Men's Handicap Singles extension:

The delegates also raised the holding of a Women's Handicap Singles Event on similar conditions as the Men's. Agreed that it be held at a time to be arranged by the Executive and if well supported consideration could be given to its inclusion in the 44th (1969) Annual Tournament programme.

Recorded in the September Delegates' meeting a Remit from the Wellington Club was received & resolved that in the Open Championship Event No. 1 of the Association Tournament the draw be seeded & the seeding given a trial in the 1968-1969 Season.

The New Year Tournament was agreed to same conditions as previous year and was to be played at Karori, Kelburn, and Wellington lawns.

Also noted in the September minutes was a visit by 23 Australian Croquet players - 16 February 1968 and the programme drawn up on arrival - meet at the Kelburn Club for lunch and taken on a sightseeing trip in the afternoon, evening free.

Sat 17 February croquet played at Kelburn, Wellington and Waimarie Clubs, games commenced at 9.30am, the evening free and departed on Sunday 18 at 8.45am

At the March 1968 Delegates meeting the following announcement was made

Coaching: J. Prince would conduct coaching session at the Naenae Club beginning on first week-end of April commencing at 9.30am.

The Annual Tournament played on Wellington lawns with Kelburn HQ, commenced on 6 February and concluded on 19 February-the players experienced some very windy and wet weather and also an interlude by the visit of the Australian players thus delaying a number of the finals.

Open Championship:	A. Anderson (Palmerston North)
Women's Championship:	Mrs T. Hill
Levels Singles: 1	Mrs A. Gardner (Kelburn)
Levels Singles: 2	A. Anderson (Palmerston North)

Levels Singles: 3	Mrs L. Herd (Kelburn)
Championship Doubles:	Mesdames G. Collins & F. Orwin
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mrs L. Hartigan (Khandallah) & A. Anderson
Handicap Doubles:	H. J. Steptoe & A. Anderson
Handicap Singles: 1	Mrs T. Hill
Handicap Singles: 2	A. Anderson
Men's Handicap Singles:	S. Piercy (Wellington)
Ladies Veterans:	Mrs C. Smith (Kelburn)
New Year Tournament	
Levels:	J. Prince
Handicap Singles:	H. J. Steptoe
Handicap Doubles:	Mrs W. Watkins & H. J. Steptoe

The event was completed early due to the Singles being finished in two days.

Dominion Tournament

J. Prince was congratulated on defending his three titles – a feat never before performed - Open Championship; Men's Championship and the Doubles Championship partnered with Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden. He also won the President's Invitation Senior section.

Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden won the English Silver Coronation Medal and the NZ Championship Doubles with J. Prince. This being her fourth consecutive win in this Event, S.I. Women's Championship.

Mrs T. Hill won the English Coronation Bronze Medal.

1968-1969 Season

The minutes covered a visit by the President to the Wellington City Council Parks & Reserve Director, Mr Ian Galloway to discuss the Association holding the NZ Championships in Wellington January 1969. It was reported that Mr Galloway had been very co-operative and indicated he would do everything possible to have the grounds in good order for the Event.

The Hataitai Club offered to donate a trophy for the C Grade which was gratefully accepted. The form it should take left was to the President & Handicapper.

Congratulations extended to Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden and J. Prince on their selection for the NZ Team to play for the MacRobertson Shield held in Australia.

Raffle: Mr H. Ford donated a picture to the NZCC to be raffled to raise funds for the MacRobertson team.

At the September meeting the President congratulated J. Prince on his appointment as Captain of the NZ MacRobertson Shield team.

Hutt Club trophies: Following its closure the Club donated their trophies to the Association and the Executive recommended that the Holland Plate and the Watkins Rose Bowl be given to Mrs G. Collins who had expressed a wish to retain them as she had won them for a number of years. Agreed.

The Jenness Cup – The donor Mr Jenness requested it be returned to him so he could give it to the Naenae Club.

The remainder of cups & trophies left to the Executive to determine their use with the proviso that Delegates ascertain from their Clubs as to whether they would care to use same for trophies. Of their equipment, the Double Banking Balls went to Plimmerton, corner pegs to Wellington and clips Karori.

Regards publicity for the Dominion Championships it was noted that the NZBC (New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation) were arranging for a direct telephone to the NZBC to be installed for the duration of the Tournament.

Jubilee Celebrations 1969: It was agreed that the President, J. Prince & H. Steptoe be a committee to bring down a report to the March meeting for a Jubilee celebration in October 1969.

March Delegates meeting 1969 the proposed programme was submitted for the Jubilee celebrations to be played over Labour Weekend commencing 25 October.

1. Levels Singles
2. Handicap Singles, Scratch – 2 1/2
3. Handicap Singles 3-5 1/2
4. Handicap Singles 6-8
5. Handicap Singles 8 and over – played over the first 6 hoops.

Time limit for all games would be 3 hours. Event 5 would be a full game.

Competitor with highest number of points achieved would be declared the winner.

If insufficient entries received for Events 2, 3, 4 or 5 the Match Committee reserve the right to combine two or more Events.

Competitor may enter one event only. Entry fee: 50 cents.

- Lawns of Clubs in Wellington & Lower Hutt to be used.
- If sufficient entries received, Jubilee Medals to be presented to winner and runner-up.
- A Jubilee banquet to conclude the celebration on Mon 3 November.

The Delegates agreed to the conditions subject to spouses being invited to the Jubilee Dinner and the cost not to exceed four dollars. The Event was to be renamed the WCA Jubilee Games.

Handicap games: players to use their own bisques. Winner of each event be presented with a spoon suitably engraved to record the occasion.

Congratulations: Mr H. Ford congratulated on being appointed the Manager of the MacRobertson Shield team.

Interclub C Grade Trophy: a shield to be known as the Jarden Shield would be manufactured and the cost borne by the Association.

The Association Tournament was held on Hutt Valley lawns and played in excellent weather over 12 days with 110 entries.

Open Championship:	Mrs G. Collins
Women's Championship:	Mrs T. Harwood
Levels Singles: 1	H. J. Steptoe
Levels Singles: 2	Mrs M. Oliver (Waimarie)
Levels Singles: 3	Mrs M. Bradley (Kelburn)
Senior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames G. Collins & T. Harwood.
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mr & Mrs H. Steptoe

Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames T. Hill & D. Dodson (Kelburn)
Handicap Singles: 1	Mrs E. Graham
Handicap Singles: 2	H. J. Steptoe
Men's Handicap Singles:	H. J. Steptoe
New Year Tournament:	
Open:	J. Prince
Handicap Singles:	Mrs H. Quinn (Island Bay)

NZ Championship held in Wellington, Kelburn HQ

Open Championship & Men's Championship won by J. Prince.	
Heenan Plate won by	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Championship Doubles:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden & G. Rowling
Handicap Singles- Hurlingham Cup:	Mrs G. Collins
NI Levels Singles:	Mrs B. George
NI Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames B. George & F. Orwin

1969-1970 Season

Annual Tournament was held in Wellington with HQ Kelburn commencing 3 February 1970.

The Jubilee Games were played over Labour weekend and the winners were:

Event 1	J. Prince
Event 2	Mrs D. Dodson
Event 3	Mrs D Downer-Kingston (Kelburn) –

All were presented with engraved spoons at the successful Jubilee dinner.

At the March 1970 meeting the Delegates were informed that the Association had been advised of the allocation of the NZCC North Island Championships Tournament to be played from 1 to 3 January, with the headquarters at Kelburn and the Levels at Waimarie. 15 lawns were available including lawns in Lower Hutt.

Beginners Day was cancelled from lack of support.

At the Men's Veterans Event Mr Hill offered to present a trophy. The meeting asked Club Captains to ascertain the number of entries likely to be received from men 60 years and over, and the result would be passed on to the Executive.

The Annual Tournament was played on Wellington lawns with HQ Kelburn. It was a 10 Event programme. 130 matches were played in 8 days. The majority of players were local but there were 3 players from Australia and 2 from Dunedin.

The weather was variable with 3 very gusty days but the others were warm and sunny.

Open Championship:	H. Ford
Women's Championship:	Mrs T. Hill
Levels Singles: 1	Mrs M. Oliver
Levels Singles: 2	Mrs D. Dodson
Levels Singles: 3	Mrs L. Herd
Senior Championship Doubles:	H. Ford & F. Chandler
Junior Championship doubles:	Mesdames D. Dodson & M. Bradley

Handicap Doubles:	Mr & Mrs N. Wright (Dunedin)
Handicap Singles: 1	N. Wright
Handicap Singles: 2	Mrs L. Hartigan
Men's Handicap Singles:	S. Piercy
Ladies Veteran:	Mrs G. Watson
New Year Tournament: Levels:	Mrs G. Collins
Handicap Singles 1:	H.J. Steptoe
Handicap Singles 2:	Mrs D. Dodson

Dominion Tournament

Men's Championship:	J. Prince
Championship Doubles:	J. Prince & Mrs K. Woollett (Ohakune)
President's Invitation-Senior:	J. Prince
Women's Championship:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Heenan Plate:	Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
President's Invitation-Junior:	H. J. Steptoe

Congratulations: were extended for the wonderful achievement of John Prince in completing a sextuple peel in the Hastings Easter Tournament.

1970-1971 Season

Fees for Annual tournament, Silver badges and associated events were to be increased: new event charges would be:

- Open - \$1.00
- Events 2-7 inclusive – 70 cents
- Events 8-10 inclusive - 50 cents

It was recorded that there had been a small surplus over from the Jubilee dinner which assisted greatly with balancing the books.

Due to the hosting of the North Island Championships the meeting agreed not to hold the New Year and weekend events.

Additional lawns: A letter from Waimarie was presented that the club saying was keen to lay down two more lawns. As the monies required were beyond their capacity the Club enquired whether the Association could assist in raising the necessary finance. The Delegates agreed that the Executive meet with the Waimarie Club Committee to discuss matter.

Coaching scheme: On the invitation from the President Mr Ford outlined a proposed coaching scheme being promoted in conjunction with Rothmans Tobacco Co. He had been appointed by the NZCC as their representative in the matter and planned to discuss the scheme with the Australian Association who were already involved with the English Association. He expressed hope that NZ could also participate and to report back later in the year.

Association Referee: The Executive informed the meeting that Mrs T. Hill had indicated to them that she may not be able to continue in this role as she and her husband would be leaving Wellington to reside in Levin.

Appointment of temporary Association Referee: The chair advised the December meeting that Mrs J. Mead (Waimarie Club) had been appointed to fill the vacancy until the Annual General Meeting.

Presentation of Trophies: an evening function was proposed and passed by the Delegates subject that such a function be held towards the end of March and the charge to not exceed \$2.00 per person.

The March meeting recorded that about 90 members would be attending and the following procedure adopted-assemble for drinks and socialize, meal, followed by presentation of trophies. Function held at Hallmark Caterers, Kilbirnie.

Recorded 96 members attended and generally agreed it was an outstanding success.

The Annual Tournament was held February 1971 in the Hutt Valley with Waimarie HQ, - 82 entries.

The weather was warm and sunny.

Open Championship:	Mrs G. Harwood
Women's Championship:	Mrs G. Harwood.
Levels Single: 1	Mrs R. Sandom
Levels Single: 2	Mrs F. Harrison
Levels Single: 3	Mrs R. Lucas
Championship Doubles:	H. Ford & Ms J. Leitch
Jnr Championship Doubles:	Mesdames M. Oliver & E. Crump (Waimarie)
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames E. Graham & F. Harrison
Handicap Singles: 1	Mrs G. Harwood
Handicap Singles: 2	Mrs E. Crump
Men's Handicap Singles:	Nelson Morrow
Ladies Veterans:	Mrs C. Smith

NZCC Events:

Congratulations extended to Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden on her successful visit to England. She won the Women's Championship of England; the Irish Open Championship, and was selected to play in the President's Eight of England which she also won.

In NZ she won the Women's Championship, Championship Doubles with partner G. Rowling and North Island Championship with partner J Prince.

J. Prince won the NZ Open Championship, Men's Championship, NI Open Championship, NI Doubles and the President's Invitation.

Mrs G. Harwood won the NI Women's Championship.

1971-1972 Season

The 52nd Annual Meeting minutes recorded the issue of raising funds to send the NZ MacRobertson Shield team to England in 1974.

After some discussion it was agreed that

- (a) Clubs be requested to raise at least 50 cents per member, the method adopted left to the individual clubs
- (b) the following remit be sent to the NZCC
"that prospective test players be approached to ascertain whether they would be prepared to pay the major part of the fares of the trip to and from England."

Announcements:

- Annual Tournament in February 1972 to be held in Wellington with HQ Kelburn Club.

- New Year tournament: 1-3 January inclusive: Handicap Singles Event:
- Anniversary week-end event: 22-24 January inclusive.

Handicap Singles Events are to be Section play under the full control of the Wellington Club.

Wellington Amateur Sports Association meeting:

The representatives- Messrs Ford and Steptoe who attended this meeting as observers were of the opinion that while the objects were to be commended; the principal direction appeared to be that of raising funds to send teams or individuals overseas. It was unlikely croquet would derive any benefit from membership. The annual subscription had been fixed at \$20.00 which would be beyond the capacity of the Association. The Executive recommended that the Association should not make application for membership.

Coaching scheme: As presented by a Dr Roger Bray of England. This would be introduced in Wellington by a series of lectures illustrated with film strips in mid-October at the Wellington Club. A sub- committee of the President, Referee & Mr Ford appointed Mrs Jarden & S. Piercy to represent the Association and Mesdames Collins & Mead attend as observers.

At a special Executive meeting held in late October to give consideration on the report received from Mrs Jarden & S. Piercy, to

- (1) Purchase a projector at a cost of \$48, also film strips and records at a cost expected to exceed the sum of \$148.00
- (2) The introduction of the Coaching Scheme to the members of the Association.

The Executive agreed to purchase the projector immediately and the film strips and records as they become available.

It was agreed to introduce the scheme by holding a session at the Kelburn Club conducted by S.Piercy on the first Sunday in November, and at Waimarie on the second, conducted by Mrs Jarden.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr Ford for making the projector available at the price of \$48.

At the regular Executive meeting held early in December the matter of surplus balls and trophies was handled. The 16 balls were sold at 50 cents each; some cups to be retained but two ex-Hutt Croquet Clubs were to be held

- (1) Keith Izard Coffee Pot trophy by Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden and
- (2) Silver jardinière by Mrs G. Worsfold.

The two members were to hold the trophies in trust for the Wellington Croquet Association. Other cups were handed to the Secretary, Miss Green, who had a friend in this line of business to see if they had any commercial value.

Coaching scheme: Recorded that the two coaching sessions under the guidance of Jarden & Piercy were very well attended.

J. Prince Sunday League. Outline of the suggestion from J Prince was discussed. It appeared that Clubs were unwilling to lose the use of one lawn on a Sunday.

Association tournament winners:

Open Championship:	Mrs J. Leitch
Women's Championship:	Mrs J. Leitch
Levels Singles: 1	Mrs D. Dodson
Levels Singles: 2	Mrs F. Harrison
Levels Singles: 3	Mrs S. Pritchard
Snr Doubles Championship:	H. Ford & Mrs J. Leitch
Jnr Doubles Championship:	Mesdames D. Dodson & M. Bradley
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames J. Leitch & O. Elmsley
Handicap Singles: 1	H. J. Steptoe
Handicap Singles: 2	Mrs H. Sandelin (Kelburn)
Men's Handicap:	– not held – lack of entries
Ladies Veterans:	Mrs G. Watson
New Year Tournament:	Section 1 Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden 2 Mrs D. Dodson
Weekend Tournament:	Section 1 H. J. Steptoe 2 Mrs F. Harrison

Dominion Tournament

J. Prince won the Men's Championship & the Heenan Plate and was congratulated on a successful sextuple peel and five triple peels.

Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden won the NZ Women's Championship.

1972-1973 Season

Coaching: The executive accepted the offer of S. Piercy to conduct coaching lectures by the start of the Season, and to be held at Kelburn on a Saturday, Waimarie on a Sunday. Dates left to the respective Clubs. Open to all players. Charge 20 cents per player.

Plimmerton Club enquired if S. Piercy could visit them. Mrs Jarden approached on her return from overseas be asked to take the coaching lectures at the Hutt Valley Clubs.

Recorded in December that the Khandallah Club joined with Plimmerton for the Piercy lecture, an event which was well attended & was considered well worthwhile.

Wellington Festival: The Association to put on a demonstration of croquet during the Festival and a sub committee consisting of President and Vice Presidents with power to add.

The District Handicapper reported that she had observed that the junior players were playing a defensive game instead of an attacking one (!!)

March 1973 recorded that in a letter received from the NZCC stating the coaching scheme to be referred to as the 'Rothman's Croquet Coaching Scheme'.

Annual Tournament winners held at Waimarie Club HQ

Open Championship:	H. Ford
Women's Championship:	Mrs E. Graham
Levels Singles: 1	Mrs D. Dodson
Levels Singles: 2	C. J. Read
Levels Singles: 3	Mrs D. Pettit
Senior Championship Doubles:	H. Ford & Mrs J. Leitch

Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames M. Oliver & R. Sandom
Handicap Doubles:	H. J. Steptoe & C. J. Read
Handicap Singles: 1	Mrs D. Dodson
Handicap Singles: 2	Mrs M. Bradley
Men's Handicap:	No competition.
Ladies Veteran:	Mrs J. Mead

New Year Handicap Singles: Mrs J. Mead.-due to small entries played in one section.

Anniversary Week End Tournament: Mesdames F. Orwin & L. Hartigan

NZ Croquet Council Events:

Congratulations to:

Mrs G. Collins	The CA Gold Medal
Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden	Heenan Plate

1973-1974 Season

Annual Tournament winners: Kelburn HQ & Wellington when necessary.

Men's Handicap Event played after a three Season lapse.

Open Championship:	H. Ford
Women's Championship:	Mrs J. Leitch
Levels Singles: 1	Mrs F. Harrison
Levels Singles: 2	Mrs L. Cohen
Levels Singles: 3	J. Wardle (Kelburn)
Senior Championship Doubles:	H. Ford & Mrs J. Leitch
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames M. Oliver & F. Harrison
Handicap Doubles:	H. J. Steptoe & J. Wardle
Handicap Singles: 1	J. Wardle
Handicap Singles: 2	Mrs P. Rasmussen (Central)
Men's Handicap Singles:	J. Wardle
Ladies Veterans:	Mrs A. Major (Waimarie)
New Year Tournament Event:	not held due to lack of entries
Week End Event Doubles:	H. J. Steptoe & J. Wardle

The WCA hosted the NZCC Presidents Junior Invitation Event played at Kelburn Club late October 1973.

1974-1975 Season

Women's Handicap Event: Mrs L. Cameron (Khandallah) raised the question of a Women's Handicap Event run on similar rules as the Men's Handicap Event. Left to the Delegates to discuss and decision made at next Delegates meeting.

New Year Event: Delegates agreed not to continue with this competition.

Anniversary Week End Event: Handicap Doubles played at the Wellington Club.

MacRobertson Shield Team – telegram of good wishes sent to the team who departed for England 27 June 1974.

The September meeting recorded that the Delegates could not agree on the introduction of the Women's Handicap Event. To be finalised at the March 1975 meeting.

Exchange visit: The President indicated she was hopeful of arranging an inter association games event with the Manawatu Association next Season.

Annual Tournament – held at Waimarie HQ, Naenae and Central Clubs.
110 entries and completed in 15 days.

Open Championship:	H. Ford
Women's Championship:	Mrs G. Collins
Levels Singles: 1	J. Wardle
Levels Singles: 2	Mrs P. Rasmussen
Levels Singles: 3	Mrs T. Silverwood (Waimarie)
Senior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames G. Collins & G. Harwood
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames L. Cameron & M. Hartigan
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames J. Mead & T. Silverwood.
Handicap Singles: 1	C. J. Read
Handicap Singles: 2	Mrs P. Rasmussen
Men's Handicap:	J. Wardle
Ladies Veterans:	Mrs J. Mead
NZCC Events	
President's Invitation Senior	J. Prince
Junior	C. J. Read

1975-1976 Season

Umpires: Recorded in the Annual minutes was a comment from the District Referee who urged players to be umpires and then on to be a Referee as there was a definite need.

Memorial Trophy: At the December meeting on the recommendation of the Executive the Delegates approved that a memorial trophy in memory of H. J. Steptoe be purchased. Donations were invited from all Clubs. The trophy to be a silver tray and to be awarded to the most promising player entered in the (C grade) Levels Singles no. 3 Event of the Association Annual Tournament.

Annual Tournament winners 1976 played at Kelburn HQ

125 entries and the 3 hour games were played and not popular with the players. Two players entered from Auckland and one from Canterbury.

Open Championship:	J. Wardle
Women's Championship:	Mrs J. Leitch
Levels Singles: 1	Mrs G Bowater
Levels Singles: 2	Mrs D. Pettit
Levels Singles: 3	Mrs I. Stringer (Khandallah)
Senior Doubles Championship:	Mrs F. Orwin & C. J. Read
Junior Doubles Championship:	Mesdames A. Holmes & D. Treadwell
Handicap Doubles:	Mr & Mrs C. J. Read.

Handicap Singles: Section 1	C. J. Read
Handicap Singles: Section 2	Mrs M. Booth (Waimarie)
Men's Handicap Singles:	J. Wardle
Ladies Veterans:	Mrs R. Hayley
Anniversary W.E. Tournament:	J. Wardle & Miss S. Garshook (Kelburn)

H. J. Steptoe Trophy: The panel comprising of the District Referee, Handicapper and one other, selected G. H. Stringer, Kelburn – not only showing promise but also capable of setting out a break.

1976-1977 Season

Announcements: The February 1977 Annual Tournament to be played at Waimarie; entry fees to be increased and recommended that games be 3 1/2 hours and stop on the bell.

District Referee pleased to announce the Association has six new umpires and 1 referee.

Exchange social visits: Wellington players visited the Manawatu Association, played at Dannevirke in mid-December. In mid-March 14 players travelled on a Saturday across Cook Strait and played Sunday at Blenheim – the ferry experienced engine trouble and some players stayed overnight and the others travelled on a later sailing reaching home the early hours of Monday.

The March 1977 meeting minutes recorded that during the MacRobertson Shield tests, Wellington had been allocated a Representative match to be played at Kelburn in early January 1979 and the lawns must be up to International standard.

Annual tournament winners

Open championship:	C. J. Read
Women's Championship:	Mrs J. Read
Levels Singles: 1	Miss A. Moloney (Levin)
Levels Singles: 2	G. H. Stringer
Levels Singles: 3	Mrs J. Edlin (Naenae)
Senior Championship Doubles:	A. D. J. Heenan & H. Ford
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames G. Bowater & L. Barlow
Handicap Doubles:	W. Bulloch (Dunedin) & Mrs M. Rogers
Handicap Singles: Section 1	J. Wardle
Section 2	Mrs T. Silverwood
Men's Handicap Singles:	J. Wardle
Most promising player-	
Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	Mrs J. Edlin
Ladies Veteran:	Mrs H. Major

Anniversary Week End Tournament: J. Wardle & Mrs N. McDonald (Kelburn)

The NI Tournament played at Kelburn in January 1977 had very wet weather for the opening, but the tournament proved most successful.

1977-1978 Season

The District Referee was encouraged by the number of players who had qualified as new umpires 13, and 2 new Referees, and again urged more players to qualify as umpires.

The March 1978 minutes recorded the success of the NZ Championships held at the Waimarie Club during January.

Transfer of Representative test: NZCC advised the Association that the Kelburn lawns were not up to the required standard for the representative game between Australia & NZ in January 1979 and the match to be played at Waimarie.

NZCC Event: The NZCC had granted the Wellington Association the staging of the NZ Junior Championship in January 1979 using Kelburn & Wellington lawns.

Annual Tournament winners 1978

Open Championship:	J. Wardle
Women's Championship:	Mrs F. Harrison
Levels Singles: 1	J. Booth (Waimarie)
Levels Singles: 2	Mrs T. Silverwood
Levels Singles: 3	Mrs N. McDonald
Senior Championship Doubles:	C. J. Read & J. Wardle
Junior Championship Doubles:	J. Booth & Mrs M. Booth
Handicap Doubles:	J. Wardle & Mrs N. McDonald
Handicap Singles Section: 1	J. Wardle
Section: 2	Mrs F. Harrison
Men's Handicap Singles:	C. J. Read
Ladies Veteran's:	Mrs F. Orwin
Most promising player- Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	L. Martin (Central)
Annual Week End Tournament:	Mrs M. Harding & L. Martin

Congratulations to J. Wardle for winning the NZ Levels Singles Event

1978-1979 Season

Recorded the introduction of Australian Balls-called by players "Plastic fantastic" with a guarantee of 12 months – cost to the club \$40.00 per set. Waimarie player J. Booth imported the balls.

Annual Tournament winners 1979

Open Championship:	J. Wardle
Women's Championship:	Miss N. Gehan (Adelaide)
Levels Singles Championship: 1	J. Devitt (Kelburn)
2	Mrs N. McDonald
3	E. O'Brien (Waimarie)
Senior Doubles Championship:	J. Wardle & Miss N. Gehan
Junior Doubles Championship:	Mesdames P. Hawkes (Waimarie) & T. Silverwood (Waimarie)
Handicap Doubles Section 1	J. Devitt
2	J. V. T. Baker (Kelburn)
Ladies veteran:	Mrs T. Roberts (Kelburn)

Most promising player-
Stepto Memorial Trophy: J. V. T. Baker
Anniversary Week End Tournament: Mrs & Mrs C. J. Read

Congratulations: to P. J. Skinley who recently transferred from Canterbury to Wellington Association – selected for the MacRobertson team and winner of the President’s Invitation Wellington Event, Senior Section.

To C. E. Jones (Wellington) and J. Wardle selected to the Representative team.

To Mrs N. McDonald for winning the NZ Junior Championship Singles & the NZ Handicap Single Events

1979 -1980 Season

The minutes recorded that Rothmans was no longer promoting the Coaching Scheme.

Trophy presentations: Mr & Mrs D. Treadwell presented a trophy for the Men’s Veterans Event. Women’s Handicap Singles; Miss Green had two miniature trophies she would like to give to this event.

January 1980. The Association was required to reorganise events around the unavailability of the Kelburn lawns for upgrading from the end of February. Annual Tournament winners 1980

Open Championship:	D. Curtis
Women’s Championship:	Mrs M. Booth
Levels Singles: 1	J. V. T. Baker
Levels Singles: 2	J. Hawkes
Levels Singles: 3	Mrs M. Harrison (Auckland)
Senior Doubles Championship:	Mesdames P. Holmes & D. Scott (Wellington)
Handicap Doubles:	Mr J. & Mrs P. Hawkes
Handicap Singles Section 1	Mrs D. Scott
Section 2	L. Kaiser (Wellington)
Women’s Handicap Singles:	Mrs N. McDonald
Veteran’s Event: Men	J. V. T. Baker
Ladies	Mrs M. Harding

The Event was played over 2 days in very fine weather.

Most promising player-
Stepto Memorial Trophy: L Kaiser

1980-1981 Season

Trophy Presentation: Mrs Jean (B.A.) Jarden presented a trophy for the Women’s Handicap Singles.

Interclub Trophy: The Half Team Shield trophy filled with the names of winners was handed into the custody of the Central Club who had won the Shield most often.

Presentation of Trophy to NZCC: To celebrate the 60th Diamond Jubilee the Association presented trophies – Oliver trays – for the NZ Junior Championship Doubles.

The Wellington Tournament of February 1982 conditions were received and passed. Time limit was set at 3 1/2 hours for all matches except for the Open – best of 3. Championship Games 2 Life except for Levels 2 & 3 – X Y; C Grade commence on hoop 3.

Play would commence at 9.00am & players who did not report for play (late arrival) when required were liable to be scratched.

Tournament winners 1981

Open Championship:	K. Woollett (Ohakune)
Women's Championship:	Mrs H. Woollett (Ohakune)
Levels Singles: 1	Mrs N. McDonald
Levels Singles: 2	E. O'Brien (Waimarie)
Levels Singles: 3	L. Kaiser (Wellington)
Senior Championship Doubles:	J. Hogan (Gisborne) & W. Bulloch (Otago)
Junior Championship Doubles:	G. H. Stringer & Mrs D. Devitt
Handicap Doubles:	Mrs L. Risdon (Waimarie) & Miss N. Gehan (Adelaide)
Handicap Singles: Section 1	K. Woollett
Section 2	L. Kaiser
Men's Handicap Singles:	P. J. Skinley
Women's Handicap Singles:	Mrs M. Booth
Veteran's Men's:	J. Baker
Veteran; s Women's:	Mrs D. Devitt
Most Promising Player- Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	Mrs L. Risdon

1981-1982 Season

Retirement: the Wellington Club wished to be released of the responsibility of the Anniversary Week End Tournament due to experiencing difficulty in finding management and also considered it an Association responsibility

Annual Tournament winners 1982

Open Championship:	C. J. Read
Women's Championship:	Mrs M. Booth (Waimarie)
Intermediate Grade Championship:	Mrs D. Devitt (Kelburn)
B Grade Championship:	Mrs K. Baxter (Waimarie)
C Grade Championship:	S. Kos (Kelburn)
Senior Championship Doubles:	K. & Mrs H. Woollett (Ohakune)
Junior Championship Doubles:	J. Kent & S. Kos (Kelburn)
Handicap Doubles:	J. & Mrs B. Baker (Kelburn)
Handicap Singles: Men's	P. Skinley
Women's	Mrs M. Booth
Veterans: Women's	Mrs B. Domb.
Men's	C. J. Read
Most Promising Player- Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	S. Kos
C Grade Weekend Event:	D. Corkin.

Congratulations to P. J. Skinley & G. J. Roberts who were selected to represent NZ in the MacRobertson Shield team to be played in Australia. J. Wardle was to be a non- travelling emergency player.

1982-1983 Season

Sponsorship/Interclub & C Grade Tournaments: The Delegates accepted the Executive recommendation that the Association accept the offer of sponsorship from Wrightsons to replace the Interclub trophies and the responsibility of always linking the sponsor's name on each occasion results are to be reported in the meetings. It was also agreed that the C Grade Tournament accept the Wrightson sponsorship. Executive member D. Corkin had negotiated this sponsorship deal.

Retirement: The old trophies due for replacement, have been passed for safekeeping and custody to the Clubs who have over the years won them most often:-

A Grade	Waimarie	Intermediate,	Kelburn
B Grade	Waimarie	C Grade	Central
Saturday Grade,	Wellington		

In recognition of the Wairarapa/Wellington Exchange visit a trophy was donated by A. D. J. Heenan to be called the Spackman Memorial Trophy – to commemorate the 102nd birthday of Mrs Spackman in 1981. It would be competed for the first time in 1982. The Wellington President (Merle Harding) is the niece of Mrs Spackman.

Weather: the Season of Croquet experience disruption by poor weather in the early part of the Season.

1983-1984 Season

Gala Day: A fund raiser for a designated charity. Dominion Brewery had purchased a trophy to be presented to the winning visitor and held for one year. The sponsor would also make a contribution towards the refreshments. The discipline chosen was Golf Croquet and it was proposed it become an annual event.

After two Seasons of Dominion Brewery sponsorship the Association took over the Gala Day arrangements & played Progressive Croquet.

Annual Tournament winners:

Open Championship:	C. J. Read
Women's Championship:	Mrs N. Cootzee (South Africa)
Intermediate Grade Championship:	Mrs N. McDonald
B Grade Championship:	Mrs K. Baxter
C Grade Championship:	N. Trevethick
Senior Championship Doubles:	A. D. J. Heenan & C. J. Read
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames K. Baxter & L. Risdon
Handicap Doubles:	Mesdames K. Baxter & L. Risdon
Handicap singles: Men's	Dr G. J. Roberts
Women's	Mrs B. Parker (Levin)
Veterans: Men's	C.J. Read
Women's	Mrs B. Dawkins (Paraparaumu)
Most promising player-	

Steptoe Memorial Trophy: Mrs H. Gosling (Plimmerton)
 C Grade Weekend Event: J. Sowry (Dannevirke)

NZ Council Events:

Dr G. Roberts Men's Championship,
 Championship Doubles with R.
 J. Clarke (Gisborne)
 P. J. Skinley Mixed Championship Doubles
 with Mrs C. Ross (Auckland)

1984-1985 Season

Sponsorship: Late in 1984 s sponsorship proposal being negotiated between the NZCC Executive and NZ Insurance Finance was adopted. The event to carry the sponsorship was the Arthur Ross Handicap event.

Annual Tournament winners: – no delays due to the perfect weather.

Open Championship	P. J. Skinley
Women's Championship:	Mrs H Woollett
Intermediate Grade Championship:	Mrs K. Baxter
B Grade Championship:	D. Corkin
C Grade Championship:	Dr M. Stace
Senior Championship Doubles:	D. Curtis & Dr S. Jones
Junior Championship Doubles:	G. Honore (Kelburn) & L. Kaiser
Handicap Doubles;	P. Skinley & Dr J. Bradbury
Handicap Singles: Men's	G. Brightwell (Kelburn)
Women's	Mrs K. Baxter
Veterans: Men's	J. Baker
Women's	Mrs D. Devitt
Most Promising Player-	
Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	Dr M. Stace (Kelburn)
C Grade weekend Event	Mrs J. Alexander (Paraparumu)

NZCC Events

P. J. Skinley	President's Invitation Event-Senior, Open Championship
J. Wardle	President's 'A' Grade Intermediate Event, Heenan Plate
S. Goldfinch (Kelburn)	NZ Junior Championship, NI Singles Championship and with Dr M. Stace NI Handicap Doubles.

1985-1986 Season

A Senior Women's Event was introduced with the purpose of improving the quality of their play, the need to play more regularly with players of similar ability and on varying lawns. Promoter of this format was Mrs F. Orwin. Seventeen senior women players played full games on Friday and Sunday for a period of 5-7 weeks. On analysis of the times recorded over 3 full games it was concluded that the series took less time than would have been the case if players had played on a 3 hour time limit with Regulation 8.

Cost of Croquet Balls: Australian Balls, \$120.00; Jacques Balls, \$300.00

Annual tournament winners

Open championship:	Dr S Jones
Women's Championship:	Mrs K. Baxter
Intermediate Grade Championship:	Mrs K. Baxter
B Grade Championship:	R. Lowe (Kelburn)
C Grade Championship:	Dr J. Bradbury
Senior Championship Doubles:	D. Curtis & Dr S. Jones
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames K. Baxter & N. McDonald
Handicap Doubles:	Mrs K. Baxter & L. Kaiser
Handicap Singles: Men's	R. Lowe
Women's	Mrs P. M. Fellows
Veterans: Men's	C. J. Read
Women's	Mrs J. O'Brien
Most Promising Player	
Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	Dr J. Bradbury
C grade Weekend Event:	R. Lowe (Kelburn)

NZCC Events

S. Goldfinch – NZ Junior Championship, NZ Junior Championship
Doubles with partner Mrs K. Baxter.

Congratulations to P. Skinley for his selection to the MacRobertson Shield team – played in England, and A. D. J. Heenan as Manager/Player.

1986-1987 Season

Re-designation: It was suggested that the Dominion Brewery trophy presented for the Gala Day Event be re-designated to be presented to the Club achieving the highest percentage of membership.

Annual Tournament winners

Open championship:	D. Curtis
Women's Championship:	Mrs K. Baxter
Intermediate Grade Championship:	Mrs K. Baxter
B Grade Championship:	R. Malaquin (Paraparaumu)
C Grade Championship:	A. Wheeler (Waimarie)
Senior championship Doubles:	P. J. Skinley & C. Shilling
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames K. Baxter & N. McDonald
Handicap doubles:	Mrs K. Baxter & N Toomer (Waimarie)
Handicap Singles: Men's	R. Malaquin
Women's	Mrs N. McDonald
Veterans: Men's	R. Malaquin
Women's	Mrs E. Elder
Most Promising Player	
Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	A. Wheeler (Waimarie)
C Grade Weekend Event:	J. Middleton (Kelburn)

1987-88 Season

COACHING

The September 1987 meeting under General Business coaching was the dominant topic – The Executive was interested in adopting the coaching notes written by Kevin Fellows for the Kelburn Municipal Club to be used by other clubs within the Association. Kevin agreed to this proposal on condition the notes stay in the same form. Charge was to be for each set - \$2.50. The meeting was also advised that the NZCC has set up a Three Region Coaching Committee.

Comments of some concern made by Delegates were fairly general, clubs were able to coach at the beginner's level then the players left pretty much on their own. Also some clubs did not have the senior players to extend the coaching levels.

Tournament Balls: The Association agreed in March that it should follow the NZCC and gradually re-introduce Jacques balls to replace the Australian balls. Seven sets were to be purchased with the intent for a further seven sets at the end of the next financial year.

The WCA 63rd Annual tournament sponsored by General Finance was held over 9 days from 6 February 1988. All 9 clubs were represented as well as entrants from Cambridge, Dunedin and Wanganui. Most of the time the weather was hot and still, but there was some rainfall towards the end. H.Q. Kelburn.

Annual Tournament winners:

Open Championship Singles:	Dr G. J. Roberts (Kelburn)
Women's Championship Singles:	Mrs N. McDonald (Kelburn)
Int. Grade Championship Singles:	Mrs N. McDonald
B Grade Championship Singles	Mrs M. Cloughley (Naenae)
C Grade championship Singles	Mrs E. Hardisty (Waimarie)
Senior Doubles Championship	Dr S Jones (Waimarie) & Mrs P. M. Fellows (Kelburn)
Junior Doubles Championship	A. Wheeler & J. Salisbury (Waimarie)
Men's Handicap Singles	A. Wheeler
Women's Handicap Singles	Ms J. Edmonds (Kelburn)
C Grade Tournament X Section	Mrs P. Deer (Waimarie)
Y Section	Mrs B. Jones (Waimarie)
Veteran's Event: Women's	Mrs G. Lensen Waikanae)
Men's	R. Malaquin (Paraparaumu)

NZ Events:

Congratulations were extended to Steve Jones (Waimarie) on his win in First Eight and Les Kaiser (Wellington) the Third Eight and Gold Mallets.

The Annual Tournament and its success was discussed by the Delegates and due to the number of entrants received a recommendation at the meeting consider dividing the tournament into two events, Senior and Junior, e.g. Junior Event – C & B Grades and Junior Championship Doubles and Senior Event – Open, Women's, Intermediate and Senior Doubles Championship and the Men's and Women's Handicap Singles.

Advantages of this arrangement would be

- a. Junior players would have the opportunity of watching senior players and vice versa.
- b. Might attract more players from outside the region.
- c. Referees and Umpires would be more readily available and a satisfactory rostering
- d. Reduce the workload for the management of smaller tournaments.

1988-89 Season

The Delegates passed the Remit dividing the Association Annual Tournament into two sections.

NZCC Event: The Association was invited to stage two test matches in January 1990 – NZ v Great Britain & Ireland, and Australia v Great Britain & Ireland. It was agreed the Kelburn and Waimarie Clubs would be available for the play.

In September the Delegates agreed that due to the small number of entrants received in the Men's Veterans Event that the Women's & Men's be combined if 5 or fewer entries were received from the men.

In early February 1989 the WCA Seniors Event was held at Waimarie, and played in rainy weather.

Annual Tournament Winners:

Open championship Singles	Dr G.J. Roberts (Kelburn)
Women's Championship Singles	Mrs P.M. Fellows (Kelburn)
Men's championship Singles	A. D. J. Heenan (Wellington)
Intermediate Championship Singles	R. Dawson (Waimarie)
Senior Championship Doubles	Mrs P. Fellows & Dr S Jones (Waimarie)

In the middle of February the WCA Junior Event was played at the Kelburn and Wellington Clubs.

Winners:

B Grade Championship Singles	A. Taylor (Petone Central)
C Grade Championship Singles	H. McMorrان (Kelburn)
Junior Championship Doubles	A. Wheeler & J. Salisbury (Waimarie)
Men's Handicap Singles	A. Taylor
Women's Handicap Singles	Mrs J. Kelleher (Plimmerton)

The Association advised that General Finance, who sponsored the 1988 /89 WCA Tournament, had been taken over by National Mutual Insurance.

1989-90 Season

Sub Committees were set up in preparation of the MacRobertson Shield Test match to be played in January, 1990 with H.Q. at the Kelburn Club The general committee included Catering and General, and a Social Functions Committees.

Congratulations were extended to Paul Skinley who was selected for the MacRobertson Shield team. Drs G. Roberts and K. Fellows were selected as Test Referees.

The C Grade Event played at the end of December.

Winners: X	A. Reynolds (Waimarie)
Y	S. Ralston (Waimarie)

Z

Mrs J. Hudson (Plimmerton)

The 65th Annual Tournament Section 1 was played in November 1989, lawns used Waimarie, HQ and Petone Clubs.

Winners:

C Grade	S. Ralston (Waimarie)
B Grade	A. Wheeler (Waimarie)
Jnr Championship Doubles	A. Wheeler & Mrs E. Jones (Waimarie)
Women's Handicap Singles	Mrs U. J. Kelleher (Plimmerton)
Men's Handicap Singles	A. Taylor (Petone Central)

Section 2 of the Annual Tournament was held at Kelburn HQ, and Wellington Clubs mid February 1990. Weather fine.

Winners:

Open Championship	Dr G. J. Roberts (Kelburn)
Women's Championship	Mrs P. M. Fellows (Kelburn)
Intermediate Championship	Dr J. Bradbury (Wellington)
Championship Doubles	Dr G. J. Roberts & T. Pledger (Kelburn)
Handicap Doubles X	P. J. Skinley & Mrs E. Jones
Y	L. Kaiser & Ms A. Curran(Wellington)
Veterans: Men's	R. Dawson (Waimarie)
Women's	Mrs G. Lensen (Waimarie)
Most promising player- Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	S. Ralston (Waimarie)

NZCC

Invitation Eight: R. Lowe (Kelburn)

The Executive accepted the invitation to host the NZCC North Island Tournament, date 31 December 1990 and Headquarters the Waimarie Club.

1990-91 Season

In his Annual Report the President commented on the tidying up of the entry conditions to the Handicap Doubles Event, i.e. no two players of Handicap 7 or less play together had achieved its aim; the Senior to encourage the Junior to make as many hoops as possible.

The Veterans Tournament played in two sections, Wellington Region and Kapiti Coast, saw an increase in entrants.

Congratulations:

To: A D J Heenan	on his election as President of the World Croquet Federation, Life Member NZCC and Chairperson Laws Appeal Committee.
To: P. J. Skinley	appointed Chairperson, Handicap Committee NZCC; MacRobertson Shield Test representative.
To: Mrs J. McArthur	appointed Chairperson Publicity and Promotions Committee, NZCC Editor Croquet Gazette.
To: Dr G. Roberts	appointed Chairperson Laws Committee NZCC, Referee MacRobertson Shield matches and Shield Representative Team.

- To: Dr S. Jones winner of the 1989 Sonoma Cutrer Tournament USA, MacRobertson Shield Test representative, NZ Representative at the 1990 Sonoma Cutrer Tournament.
- To: Dr K. Fellows appointed Referee MacRobertson Shield matches, MacRobertson Shield Representative Team.
- To: P. Gleeson selected to the MacRobertson Shield Representative Team.

District coach: The Executive meeting held in September appointed Miss E. Boyd (Waimarie) to the position of coach.

Lower N.I. Teams Event. In November 1990 the Lower North Island Teams Event was formed and administered by the Hawke's Bay Association and the Trophy donated by David Curtis.

The WCA selection of players for this Event was based on the winners or runners-up in the Annual Tournament Championship Events in each Grade.

Manawatu/Wellington Exchange Event: The selection of players for this Event to be from another group of players.

The Executive also agreed to pursue the matter of the Association to have a computer for the use of the Treasurer, Handicapper, Referee and Secretary.

The WCA C Grade Tournament held over 26-29 December 1990 and played in fine weather.

Winners: X	A. Van Saarloos (Dannevirke)
Y	Mrs C. Lythe (Kelburn)
Z	M. McLeod (Waimarie)

The Season's inclement weather adversely affected some events in the WCA competitive programme. However players battled on in some unpleasant playing conditions until the glorious month of March improved matters somewhat.

The winners of the Association Tournaments:

Open Championship:	Dr G. J. Roberts
Women's Championship:	Mrs V. Dawson
Intermediate Championship:	A. Reynolds
B Grade Championship:	Mrs B. Jones (Waimarie)
C Grade Championship:	Mrs D. Olifent (Waikanae)
Senior Championship Doubles:	Dr G. J. Roberts & T. Pledger (Kelburn)
Junior Championship Doubles:	W. Gasquoine & H. McMorran.
Handicap Doubles: X	P. J. Skinley & Ms A. Curran
Y	Mrs E. Chisholm & Mrs M. Taylor
Men's Handicap Singles:	J. Middleton (Kelburn)
Women's Handicap Singles:	Mrs E. Hardisty
C Grade Championship	Mrs D. Olifent (Waikanae)
Most promising player	
-Steptoe Memorial:	Mrs D. Olifent (Waikanae)
Veteran's: Men's	M. Anderson (Waimarie)
Women's	Mrs G. Lensen

Congratulations to:

NZI Bank Handicap Singles:	R. Lowe (Kelburn)
North Is. Tournament:	
Men's Championship:	Dr S. Jones
Championship Doubles	Dr S. Jones & A. Westerby
Invitation Events Men's Sixteen	P. J. Skinley
Third Eights	M. Hurdle (Waimarie)
NZCC Gold Mallet	P. Gleeson.

The May meeting of the Executive tabled correspondence received in regards to a Young Sportswoman of the Year Award promoted by the Soroptomist International of Lower Hutt Inc. Approval for the Association nominating a player was given to the Secretary to follow up.

At the AGM of 8 June 1991 the President was pleased to announce that Kylie Walker of the Dannevirke Rangatira Club had accepted our nominating her to attend the Award dinner on 4 October.

1991-92 Season

NZCC Silver Badge Competition:

The introduction of a separate Silver Badge Competition open to Senior A players proved popular with both players and spectators.

WCA "A Grade" Trophy: Rowe Dawson offered to donate a Silver Bowl which belonged to his Mother; a croquet player and President of the Wellington Municipal Croquet Club 1954-56. This offer was accepted.

Sportswoman of the Year Award: 36 entrants participated and the Association's nomination Kylie Walker made the last 8. The Promoters hoped we would nominate her again at the next Award in 1993.

Tournament winners;

C Grade X	D. Clayton (Waimarie)
Y	M. McLeod (Waimarie)
Z	L. Wilson (Wellington)
Open Championship Singles:	P. J. Skinley
Women's Championship Singles:	Mrs P. M. Fellows (Kelburn)
A grade Singles Championship:	J. Middleton (Kelburn)
Intermediate Grade Singles:	L. Cook
B Grade Singles:	H. McMorran
C Grade Singles:	Mrs M. Wootton (Waikanae)
Senior Championship Doubles:	Dr G. J. Roberts & Mrs P. M. Fellows (Kelburn)
Junior Championship Doubles:	M. Anderson & Mrs J. Hoare (Waimarie)
Handicap Doubles:	E. Baxter & Mrs J. Hoare (Waimarie)
Men's Handicap Singles:	J. Middleton
Women's Handicap Singles:	Mrs V. Dawson (Waimarie)
C Grade Championship	Mrs M. Wootton (Waikanae)
Most promising player- Steptoe Memorial :	Mrs M. Wootton (Waikanae)
Men's Veteran Event:	W. Gasquoine (Paraparaumu)
Women's Veteran Event:	Mrs J. Hoare

WCA is to host the NZCC Senior Invitation in November 1992. H.Q. Kelburn.

International Events: Dr S. Jones – the NZ representative at Sonoma Cutrer, California and the World Championship.

A Tournament Committee was formed consisting of the Vice President, District Referee and Handicapper with the latter being the convenor. Their responsibilities would also be selectors for any WCA invitation events.

1992-1993 Season

Congratulations:

To P. Skinley Captain of the NZ Team to Perth Australia and P. Gleeson selected in this team.

To Mrs P.M. Fellows who won the NZ Women's championship, and together with D. Bulloch won the mixed Doubles event;

Dr J. Bradbury who won the NZCC Women's Invitation;

NZ Arthur Ross Handicap Event won by M. Hewetson (Plimmerton)

Lower N.I. Teams' Event. The Association agreed to subsidise the accommodation costs of the teams' stay.

Inter-schools Event Competition:

The Co-ordinator Dr S. Jones reported that the Hutt Valley Memorial College won the final of this Event, following an exciting "shoot out when the scores were tied.

Recognition: The Association made a monetary donation to the two Wellington players selected to play in the MacRobertson Shield series – P. Skinley and Dr S. Jones – towards their travel expenses in Australia.

The Association Tournament winners:-

WCA C Grade Event

X

E. Castle (Plimmerton)

Y

Mrs J. Birch

Z

J. Van Aalst (Kelburn)

Open Championship Singles:

P. J. Skinley

Women's Championship Singles:

Mrs V. Dawson

A Grade Championship Singles:

L. Kaiser (Wellington)

Int. Grade Championship Singles:

A van Saarloos

(Dannevirke)

'B' Grade Championship Singles:

Mrs J. Hoare

'C' Grade Championship Singles:

J. van Aalst

Senior Championship Doubles

Dr S. Jones & C. Shilling

(Wellington)

Junior Championship Doubles:

Mrs B. Aagesen & C.

Robertson (Petone Central)

Handicap Doubles:

Mrs B. Aagesen & H. Gillies

(Waimarie)

Men's Handicap Singles:

S. Robinson (Kelburn)

Women's Handicap Singles:

Mrs M. Watts (Nelson)

'C' Grade Championship

C. Rammell (Upper Hutt).

Most Promising Player-

Steptoe Memorial:

C. Rammell (Upper Hutt).

Men's Veteran Event:	I. Black (Kelburn)
Women's Veteran Event:	Mrs G. Lensen (Waikanae)

1993-1994 Season

The Inter schools Croquet Event: A competition held in February 1994 and currently 48 children playing One ball croquet each Thursday. Two Wellington schools were by then participating with a possible third.

Early in May 1994 the Association selected an Under 19 age team and those chosen were selected from Croquet Clubs and High Schools to play Hawke's Bay at Te Mata Club. Toby Garrison (Waimarie), Matthew McLay (Naenae College), Jamie Black (Naenae College) Simon Clear (H.V. Memorial), Peter Wellington (H.V. High) and Iain O'Brien (H.V. Memorial) who is currently a noted cricket representative bowler playing for NZ and Wellington. Wellington team came through as winners.

The Association Tournament winners:

WCA C Grade Event	
X	Mrs A McLeod (Waikanae)
Y	D. Kerr (Waikanae)
Z	Mrs J. Jones (Wainuiomata)
Open Championship Singles:	Ms J. Edmonds
Women's Championship Singles:	Mrs M. Cloughley (Naenae)
'A' Grade Championship Singles:	L. Kaiser
Intermediate Championship Singles:	Mrs M. Cloughley
'B' Grade Championship Singles:	C. Collins (Plimmerton)
'C' Grade Championship Singles:	Mrs J. Jones
Senior Championship Doubles:	C. Shilling & Ms J. Edmonds (Wellington)
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames M. Hasselberg & S. Smith (Waimarie)
Handicap Doubles:	P. J. Skinley & D. Millar (Wellington)
Men's Handicap Singles:	I. McClymont (Waikanae)
Women's Handicap Singles:	Mrs A. McLeod
'C' Grade Championship Most Promising Player-	Mrs A. McLeod
Steptoe Memorial:	Mrs A. McLeod
Men's Veteran's:	C. Robertson (Petone Central)
Women's Veteran's:	Mrs M. Cloughley

Congratulations were extended to

P. J. Skinley and Dr S. Jones who were selected to play in the Trans-Tasman Test match

Dr G. J. Roberts the tournament referee.

C. E. Jones was appointed Manager,

A. Johnson (Plimmerton) the NZCC representative at the Sonoma World Championships.

A D J Heenan OBE elected World Croquet Federation President.

The Association agreed that they pay the accommodation costs for the player representing Wellington in the Arthur Ross Event for a maximum of four nights.

1994-1995 Season

As no nomination was received for District Referee the President accepted the role in the interim and advised of the assistance offered from Dr G. Roberts to take the Referee courses and Dr K. Fellows and Mrs V. Dawson each to take an umpire class.

Mary Booth Memorial Trophy: John Booth member of the Waimarie Club donated a silver bowl in memory of Mary, a past member of the Waimarie Club, NZ Croquet Council Secretary and a winner of the NZCC Junior Invitation Event. The trophy awarded to the Runner-up of the Women's Championship Event.

Winners of Association Events

C. Grade Championship

X

Matthew McLay (Wellington)

Y

Mrs P. Armstrong
(Paraparaumu)

Z

Mrs J. Hurley (Paraparaumu)

Association Tournament winners:

Open Championship Singles:

P. J. Skinley

Women's Championship Singles:

Mrs M. Hadwin (Waikato)

A Grade Championship Singles:

E. Baxter (Waimarie)

Men's Championship Singles:

P. J. Skinley

Intermediate Championship Singles:

Mrs E. Burns (Naenae)

B Grade Championship Singles:

I. McClymont (Waikanae)

C Grade Championship Singles:

B. Noble-Campbell
(Paraparaumu)

Senior Championship Doubles:

Dr S. J. Jones & T. Garrison
(Waimarie)

Junior Championship Doubles:

Mrs A. McLeod & D. Kerr
(Waikanae)

Handicap Doubles:

Ms W. Rogers & P. J. Skinley
(Wellington)

Men's Handicap Singles:

D. Richmond (Australia)

Women's Handicap Singles:

Miss R. Elleray (Plimmerton)

Men's Veteran Event:

A. Taylor

Women's Veteran Event:

Mrs M Cloughley (Naenae)

C Grade Championship:

E. Bray (Upper Hutt)

Most Promising Player-

Steptoe Memorial:

E. Bray (Upper Hutt)

1995-1996 Season

At the September meeting the Delegates approved grants to be made to Representative Players.

Events covered:

- Lower N.I. Teams' Event: 2 nights shared accommodation
- International Events: \$100 per player-on application
- Arthur Ross Handicap Event: \$100 towards accommodation
- Inter Association Events: \$5.00 per player-shared car travel costs.

Mrs B. Aagesen donated a silver tray to the memory of Mrs Barbara Domb, Life Member (1988), Past President (1984-1985) and Secretary (1979-1983) of the Wellington Association. The Trophy is awarded to the Women's Handicap Singles Runner up.

The March 1996 minutes recorded that the WCA Open Championship had been accepted as a Ranking Event by the World Croquet Federation Ranking committee.

Interschool Events: A grant of \$500 was received from Wellington City Council, the monies used to reimburse the Clubs and Association for expenses incurred.

NZCC Arthur Ross Event

In an endeavour to obtain the most cost effective travel arrangements the Association was asked in writing by the Council if it would host the Arthur Ross Memorial Event on a permanent basis to be played 3 week days so as not to disrupt weekend Club play. Currently the Event is being held at various Clubs throughout the country.

The Council's written request was approved by the Delegates.

A.D. J. Heenan advised the meeting of his possession of a trophy that originally belonged to the Paekakariki Croquet Club, initially affiliated to the WCA, but which transferred to the Manawatu Association in the 1940s, It was suggested the trophy be used in a match between Plimmerton, Paraparaumu and Waikanae. The concept was accepted by the three Clubs.

Winners of Association Events:

C Grade Championship

X Event

L. Lea (Waimarie)

Y Event

C. Davidson (Plimmerton)

Z Event

Mrs S. Craig (Upper Hutt)

71st Annual Tournament-Winners:

Open Championship Singles:

P. J. Skinley

Women's Championship Singles:

Mrs N. McDonald (Kelburn)

A Grade Championship Singles:

T. Garrison (Waimarie)

Men's Championship Singles:

P. J. Skinley

Intermediate Championship Singles:

J. Kolkman (Paraparaumu)

B Grade Championship Singles:

D. Kerr (Waikanae)

C Grade Championship Singles:

A Peart (Waimarie)

Senior Grade Doubles:

S. G. Jones & T. Garrison

Junior Grade Doubles:

Mrs B. McLay Jones & M.

McLay (Wellington)

Handicap Doubles:

Mrs A. McLeod (Waikanae) &

D. Kerr

Men's Handicap Singles:

A. Johnson (Plimmerton)

Women's Handicap Singles:

Miss R. Elleray (Plimmerton)

Men's Veterans Event:

M. McLeod (Waikanae)

Women's Veterans Event:

Mrs M. Hardgrave

(Wainuiomata)

C Grade

Mrs S. Drew (Plimmerton)

Most Promising Player-

Steptoe Memorial:

Mrs S. Drew (Plimmerton)

1996-1997 Season

MacRobertson Shield – Fund Raising

At the September meeting the President, C. Jones expressed his extreme disappointment re the monies raised nationally. All Delegates at the NZCC 1995 AGM committed their Association to raising the required monies yet when the final result became known only the Wellington Association surpassed themselves; one Association a nil contribution.

Mr Heenan was able to inform the meeting that since 1928 reports show that the Wellington Association has been the most generous of all and in 1986 the Waimarie Club outfitted the Team.

NZCC Veterans' Event: The Recommendation from the Association to the Council AGM to hold the Veterans' Tournament in late February/March when lawns are faster and weather warmer as against November, a cold, wet, windy month and heavy lawns. This was accepted as an amendment to the NZCC Executive Remit to adopt the new tournament programme.

Recognition: In March 1997 a presentation of a framed coloured photograph taken by Woolf Studios of Paul J. Skinley, with trophy, from the Wellington Association in recognition of his achievement in winning the NZCC Open Invitation Event for the tenth time.

Winners of Association Events:

C Grade Event	X	Miss S. Burrell (Paraparaumu)
	Y	W. Duignan (Waikanae)
	Z	Mrs S. Craig (Upper Hutt)
Open championship Singles:		Dr S. G. Jones
Women's Championship Singles:		Ms J. Edmonds (Wellington)
Men's Championship Singles:		T. Garrison (Waimarie)
A Grade Championship Singles:		A. Taylor (Petone Central)
Intermediate Championship Singles		Mrs A. McLeod (Waikanae)
B Grade Championship Singles:		L. Lea (Waimarie)
C Grade Championship Singles:		W. Duignan
Senior Championship Doubles:		P. J. Skinley & M. McLay
Junior Championship Doubles:		D. Campbell (Kelburn) & L. Lea
Handicap Doubles:		Ms J. Bostock & I. W. Black (Kelburn)
Men's Handicap Singles:		A. Taylor
Women's Handicap Singles:		Mrs D du Toit (Khandallah)
Veterans: Men's:		A. Taylor
Veterans: Women's:		Mrs A. McLeod
C Grade		Miss S. Burrell (Paraparaumu)
Most promising player-		
Steptoe Memorial:		Miss S. Burrell (Paraparaumu)
Arthur Ross Representative:		F. Wharton (Kelburn)

The 1996/97 Season once again saw Wellington players featured on the National scene.

Steve Jones (Waimarie Club) partnered Paul Skinley to win the NZCC Open Doubles

Ian McClymont (Waikanae Club) won the NZCC Junior Invitation Event
Matthew McLay (Wellington Club) was placed third. Matthew also won the NZ
Junior Open championship Singles and Handicap Singles, and the Junior Open
Doubles with Tom Corkill (Waimarie Club).

Steve Jones, Paul Skinley and Andrew Johnson (Plimmerton Club) were part of the
NZ team selected to play in the MacRobertson Shield Challenge in Britain. Steve
Jones and Toby Garrison (Waimarie Club) were selected for Sonoma.

1997-1998 Season

Winners of Association Events

C Grade Weekend Event:	Mrs N. Arlidge (Plimmerton)
Open Championship Singles:	T. Garrison (Waikanae)
Women's Championship Singles:	Mrs P. Fellows (Kelburn)
A Grade Championship:	Ms J. Edmonds
Intermediate Championship Singles:	L. Lea (Waimarie)
B Grade Championship Singles:	Mrs D duToit (Khandallah)
C Grade Championship Singles:	J. Dineen (Plimmerton)
Senior Championship Doubles:	Dr S. G. Jones & D. Curtis
Junior Championship Doubles:	E & Mrs U. Castle (Plimmerton)
Handicap Doubles:	Ms S. Piper & P. J. Skinley
Men's Handicap Singles:	H. Tahurangi (Wainuiomata)
Women's Handicap Singles:	Mrs M. Hardgrave (Petone-Central)
Veterans Men:	R. Upton (Kelburn)
Veterans Women:	Mrs M. Hardgrave
C Grade most promising player- Steptoe Memorial (Joint winners):	J. Dineen (Plimmerton) & H. Tahurangi
Arthur Ross Representative:	R. Napier (Waikanae)

With the representative matches the highlight being runner up in the Lower North
Island Teams' Event. We lost the Manawatu/Wellington exchange visit.

1998-1999 Season

During the 1997/98 Season three Wellington players, Steve Jones (Waimarie Club),
Paul Skinley (Wellington Club) and Toby Garrison (Waimarie Club) were members
of the NZ team playing in the World Championships.

Each player received a financial grant from the Association funds.

Toby Garrison was selected for Sonoma Cutrer, USA and he also participated as
one of two NZ players in the inaugural International Invitation Event at Mt Hood,
Oregon in which he was runner-up, an excellent achievement.

At National level prominent in various events were Toby Garrison, Paul Skinley,
Steve Jones, Graeme Roberts (Kelburn Club) and Kevin Fellows (Waimarie Club).
Judith Edmonds (Wellington Club) was runner-up in her section of the Heenan
Plate. Susan Lea (Waimarie Club) continued her rapid improvement and won her
section in the NZ Women's Event.

The annual exchange between Wellington and Manawatu Associations was won by
Wellington. The WCA President A. Heenan was present at Feilding to watch the

high bisque players and was interested to note that Harps Tahurangi (Wainuiomata Club) was performing well on a court, the ground he had played on as a small boy in rugby.

The NZCC advised a change to the dress code and that for entrants to their tournaments “whites” were no longer necessary. The WCA Delegates decreed that for their events “whites” and “Club colours” could be worn. Individual clubs will have their own criteria.

Winners of Association Events:

C Grade Weekend event:	E. Rait (Plimmerton)
Open Championship Singles:	P. J. Skinley
Women’s Championship Singles:	Ms J. Edmonds (Wellington)
A Grade Championship Singles:	A. Taylor
Intermediate Championship Singles:	M. McLeod
B Grade Championship Singles:	J. Bache (Plimmerton)
C Grade Championship Singles:	R. Crone (Waimarie)
Senior Championship Doubles:	P. J. Skinley & M. McLeod
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames P. Coe & N. Alexander (Waikanae)
Handicap Doubles:	P. J. Skinley & Mrs M. Condon
Men’s Handicap Singles:	M. McLeod
Women’s Handicap Singles:	Mrs B. Jessup (Waikanae)
Veterans Men’s:	D. Kerr (Waikanae)
Veterans Women’s:	Mrs A Kerr (Waikanae)
C Grade:	E. Rait
Most promising player- Steptoe Memorial:	E. Rait
Arthur Ross Representative:	T Garrison (Waimarie)

1999-2000 Season

At the Annual Meeting the Tournament Convenor advised that the Interclub Rules will be reviewed by Club Captains, a matter of “fine tuning”

The October 1998 start for the Interclub competitions the weather was at its cruellest, lawns affected by flooding, necessitating changes of venue or games postponed.

Coaching was in good shape – in respect to meeting the Hillary Commission criteria of at least one accredited coach to every twenty players in each club. On the completion of two Level 1 Coaching Seminars most clubs in the Association now match or exceed the 1:20 ratio.

The WCA Tournaments were given good publicity in the two daily papers; however the papers indicated the space restrictions often meant Croquet had to give way to sport with a larger popular following (!)

The Interschool Event supervised by Len Lea (Waimarie Club) still proves successful for the secondary schools in the Hutt Valley and Wellington district.

The outgoing Executive placed the first order for 5 sets of each colour of the Barlow GT balls.

Winners of Association Events:

C Grade Weekend Event:	N. Zwart (Paraparaumu)
Open Championship Singles:	R. Gillingham (Rose Garden)
Men's Championship Singles:	G. Bryant (Wellington)
Women's Championship Singles:	Ms J. Edmonds
A Grade Championship Singles;	R. Gillingham
Intermediate Championship Singles:	H. Tahurangi
B Grade Championship Singles:	R. Upton
C Grade Championship Singles:	G. Wicksteed (Upper Hutt)
Senior Championship Doubles:	S. Davis & P. J. Skinley (Wellington)
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames U. Castle & J. Saunders-Francis (Plimmerton)
Handicap Doubles:	D. Kerr & Mrs E. Foy (Waikanae)
Men's Handicap Singles:	D. Kerr
Women's Handicap Singles:	Mrs M. Hardgrave
Veterans Men's:	C. Collins (Plimmerton)
Veterans Women's:	Mrs P. Botham (Wainuiomata)
C Grade:	G. Wicksteed
Most promising player- Steptoe Memorial:	G. Wicksteed
Arthur Ross Representative:	G. Wicksteed

2000-2001 Season

The retiring President in her Annual Report referred to the MacRobertson Shield contest held in January in Christchurch. Wellington Association had four players selected for the NZ Team, Toby Garrison and Steve Jones (Waimarie Club), Shane Davis and Paul Skinley (Wellington Club). Unfortunately Shane withdrew owing to overseas travel commitments. Manager was Charles Jones (Wellington Club). The NZ team was a very close runner up to Great Britain.

During the 1999 winter months a week-end workshop for coaches was held, courses for umpires and referees and a seminar on Tournament Management. The tournament Convenor arranged a meeting so that Club coaches could give input into the updating and rewriting of the Rules of Interclub and Challenge series.

It was also decided to trial a new midweek Handicap Interclub competition for those players who wished to play only one game each week.

Membership fluctuated with new to croquet members dropping. Clubs were recommended to consider incorporating Golf Croquet into their programme.

At present the Association have seven school age members. A one day tournament at Kelburn attracted 4 of these young people and was a good competition, good preparation for the National School tournament. Next Season this tournament is to be incorporated in the WCA programme and advertised in the Year Book.

The WCA Interschool Teams Event attracted entry from approximately 100 College Students, 30 more than last year. Teams enjoy the event and became very competitive playing One-ball Croquet. The co-ordination for this Event was in the capable hands of Len Lea (Waimarie Club)

Another achievement had been the completion of the first phase of replacing the WCA stock of Jacques balls with the new national and international official Barlow GT balls. Five sets of both colours. The purchase made possible by the numerous grants received, Wellington Community Trust, Hillary Commission, Community Sports Fund grants, through Wellington, Porirua and Hutt City Councils, achieved by the Clubs. In the City Council areas letters of support towards the Association's application were provided. The second phase already in motion for Hillary Commission grants through applications from Kapiti and Upper Hutt.

The past WCA Secretary, Mrs Nancy McDonald presented, on behalf of herself and Past President Edgar Dickinson-Smith, a trophy for the winner of the Arthur Ross Memorial Wellington play-off.

A storage shed is to be erected at the Plimmerton Club to hold all WCA equipment. It is much in need after many years of balls etc. being stored at the homes of Executive members. Thanks are due to the Waikanae Club who had no further use for the shed and Eric Castle (Plimmerton Club) and Dennis Kerr (Waikanae Club) for achieving a successful project. An offer was accepted from Malcolm McLeod (Waikanae Club) to make boxes for the WCA tournament balls thus making the transportation of balls an easier exercise.

The Association agreed to bid to host the World Championship in 2003 and Kelburn Club offered their facilities.

Winners of Association Events

C Grade Weekend event:	G. Strickland (Paraparaumu)
Open Championship Singles:	D. J. Bulloch (Nelson)
Men's Championship Singles:	A. Taylor (Petone- Central)
Women's Championship Singles:	Mrs E. Burns (Petone-Central)
A Grade Championship Singles:	Mrs A. Kerr (Waikanae)
Intermediate Championship Singles:	R. Upton
B Grade Championship Singles:	N. Zwart
C Grade Championship Singles:	Mrs L. Rhys
Senior Championship Doubles:	P. J. Skinley & H. Tahurangi
Junior Championship Doubles:	Miss I Amos & Mrs J. Brommer (Wellington)
Handicap Doubles:	H. Tahurangi & N. Glennie (Wainuiomata)
Men's Handicap Singles:	H. Tahurangi
Women's Handicap Singles:	Mrs J. Jones (Wainuiomata)
Veterans Men:	D. Kerr
Veterans Women:	Mrs A. Kerr
C Grade and Most promising player-	N. Glennie(Wainuiomata)
Steptoe Memorial:	N. Glennie
Arthur Ross Representative:	D. Kerr

The highlight of the 2000/01 Season was the weather. Apart from 1 or 2 days early in the Season conditions were ideal for croquet with minimal interruptions to Tournaments

For the first time since 1996, a member of the WCA, Toby Garrison (Waimarie Club), won the NZ Open Championship played at Wanganui. Toby joined Susan Lea (Waimarie Club) in the NZ Team to play Australia in November 2001 at

Brisbane, and in June Toby and Greg Bryant (Wellington) represented NZ at the World Championship in London; accompanied by another player well known in the Wellington Association - Shane Davis.

2001-2002 Season

Fund raising events were held at the Paraparaumu Club resulting in donations of \$150.00 made each to Susan Lea and Toby Garrison as NZ representatives in Brisbane and \$300.00 each to Toby and Greg Bryant as NZ representatives in London. In addition a gift of \$100.00 was made to Charles Jones for extra expenses incurred to being manager of the Trans-Tasman team.

At the September 2001 Bi Annual General Meeting the President advised that the World Croquet Federation had accepted the Association's bid to host The World Croquet Federation Event. It is to be held from Monday 2 December to Sunday 8 December 2002 not 2003 as first indicated. Host Clubs - Kelburn (HQ), Wellington and Waimarie. Two Association members, Kevin Fellows (Waimarie Club) and Graeme Roberts (Kelburn Club) were appointed Tournament Director and Tournament Referee respectively.

In the 2001-02 Season the Association was asked by Croquet NZ to participate in a trial of an Automatic Handicap System.

The 2001/02 Season was a total contrast to the previous Season weather wise; at times the weather produced unpleasant conditions and some postponements. Surprisingly one noticeable feature was the excellent presentation of the grounds with very good playing surfaces for all tournaments.

Winners of Association Events:

C Grade Weekend Event:	Mrs P. Reid (Paraparaumu)
Open Championship Singles;	P. J. Skinley
Men's Championship Singles:	no competition
Women's Championship Singles:	no competition
A Grade Championship Singles:	Mrs A. Robinson (Kelburn)
Intermediate championship Singles:	R. Tugwell (Wellington)
B Gade Championship Singles:	Rev'd R. McLay
C Grade Championship Singles:	Rev'd R. McLay (Plimmerton)
Senior Championship Doubles:	P. Skinley & H. Tahurangi
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames M. Englebretsen & P. Botham (Wainuiomata)
Handicap Doubles:	Mrs B. Jessup & D. Miller
Men's Handicap Singles:	no competition
Women's Handicap Singles:	Mrs W. Betteridge (Plimmerton)
Veterans Men's:	D. Kerr
Veterans Women's:	Mrs E. Burns
C Grade Most promising player- Steptoe Memorial (joint winners):	Mrs N. Mayard-Husson (Wellington) & Rev'd R McLay (Wellington)
Arthur Ross Representative:	Mrs A. Robinson

On the International scene Susan Lea, Toby Garrison (Waimarie) and Greg Bryant (Wellington) did us proud and they and other members performed well at various Events in New Zealand.

2002-2003 Season

At the national finals of the Arthur Ross Handicap Tournament for the first time an Egyptian event was run alongside the main competition so that players eliminated could continue to participate if they wished. The new format appeared to be popular with the players. Ashley Heenan, son-in-law of Arthur Ross, donated and presented trophies to the winner and runner up of the Egyptian event.

A comprehensive progress report was presented to the delegates at a Bi Annual meeting from the World Croquet Federation Action committee, portfolios covered accommodation, event catering, fund raising, lawns and equipment, outside liaison, player liaison, secretarial, social programme, transport, tournament manager, tournament referee. Opening function arranged at Government House and the NZCC accepted responsibility for the cost and organisation of this function.

The Association trialling the Automatic Handicap System – The President asked the WCA Tournament Committee to monitor the system and towards the end of Season prepare a submission for presenting to the NZCC’s Handicap Committee.

Winners of Association Events

C Grade Weekend Event	
	X E. Nicholl (Plimmerton)
	Y Mrs B. Larmer (Waimarie)
	Z D. Larmer
Open championship Singles:	G. Bryant (Wellington)
Women’s Championship Singles:	Mrs A. Kerr (Waikanae)
Men’s Championship Singles:	No competition
A Grade Championship Singles:	D. Kerr (Waikanae)
Intermediate Championship Singles:	Mrs N. Mayard-Husson (Wellington)
B Grade Championship Singles:	Mrs W. Betteridge (Plimmerton)
C Grade Championship Singles:	B. Drew (Plimmerton)
Senior Championship Doubles:	C. E. Jones (Wellington) & Dr G. J. Roberts (Kelburn)
Junior Championship Doubles:	M. King & Mrs W. Betteridge (Plimmerton)
Handicap Doubles:	D. Kerr & Ms J. Hall (Waikanae)
Men’s Handicap Singles:	A. J. Read (Waimarie)
Women’s Handicap Singles:	Mrs L. Rolls (Wellington)
Veterans: Men’s	K. Hendle (Waikanae)
Women’s	Mrs W. Betteridge
C Grade	K. Hendle
Most improved player- Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	K. Hendle
Arthur Ross Representative:	T. Garrison (Waimarie)

2003-2004 Season

In the President's Report it was noted that many accolades had been received regarding the organisation of the 2003 WCF World Croquet Championships held in December 2002. Clubs involved – Kelburn tournament HQ, Wellington, Petone and Waimarie all provided great facilities for players and spectators alike.

The weather was unkind for the final of the world Championships. For the first few days there was no wind and players had to contend with sea fog. The semi-finals day saw the use of the Waimarie lawns as Kelburn had been flooded. Even Waimarie was affected by rain but the semi-finals did get completed. Finals day had to be moved at very short notice to the Paraparaumu Club which had fortunately been prepared in advance of such an eventuality. The Championship was won by Robert Fulford of England with Toby Garrison from Waimarie runner-up.

Automatic Handicap System.

The AGM expressed disappointment that some senior players shunned handicap events at both club and competition levels. Last Season's debate which focussed on junior players' concerns, was unsettling. To see a mirror response this Season was disappointing as similar arguments were used.

Wellington hosted the Trans-Tasman Event held at Paraparaumu and Waikanae Clubs in February 2004. The Event was won by New Zealand.

The Wellington-Wairarapa Annual Exchange visit:

Due to lack of players in the Wairarapa Association the Event ceased to be held. This decision coincides with the death of Mrs Merle Harding whose aunt, Mrs Spackman, after whom the trophy was named.

Lower N. I. Teams' Event: The Wellington team of D. Larmer (C Grade Waimarie), Mrs L. Rolls (B Grade Wellington), P. Drew (Intermediate Grade Plimmerton) and Mrs L. McLay (A Grade Waimarie) and also manager, won the Event with 18 wins. Runners-up Wanganui 13 wins.

The Event was played at the Rangatira Croquet Club in rather cold, windy and sometime showery weather.

The Association also won the annual Manawatu/Wellington Exchange visit 12 games to 6.

Association Tournament Winners;

C Grade Singles:	X	G. Bullen (Wellington)
	Y	Ms K. Coleridge (Kelburn)
	Z	D. Larmer
Open Championship Singles:		A. Westerby (Waikato)
Women's Championship Singles:		Mrs S. Lea (Waimarie)
Men's Championship Singles:		L. Lea (Waimarie)
A Grade Championship Singles:		A. J. Read (Waimarie)
Intermediate Championship Singles:		R. Tugwell (Wellington)
B. Grade Championship Singles:		Mrs J. Saunders-Francis (Plimmerton)

C Grade Championship Singles:	M. Huttley (Waikanae)
Senior Championship Doubles:	P. J. Skinley & Mrs N. Mayard-Husson (Wellington)
Junior Championship Doubles:	Mesdames E. Carson & J. Saunders-Francis (Plimmerton)
Handicap Doubles:	P.J. Skinley & G. Husson (Wellington)
Women's Handicap Singles:	Mrs L. Rolls
Veterans: Women's.	Mrs M. McInnes (Waimarie)
C Grade:	M. Huttley
Most improved player-	
Stepoe Memorial Trophy:	M. Huttley
Arthur Ross Representative:	P. Drew (Plimmerton)

2004-2005 Season

It was recorded towards the closing of the Season's tournaments of the declining number of entrants to the Veterans' tournament – this situation now in its 4th consecutive year. Hopeful that proposed changes will be successful. The Association Inter-schools Croquet competition still attracts good entries.

Association Tournament Winners:

C Grade Event Singles:	X	G. Shaw (Waikanae)
	Y	G. Husson (Wellington)
	Z	M. Pashby (Waimarie)
Open Championship Singles:		M. Wright (Marton)
Women's Championship Singles:		Mrs S. Lea (Waimarie)
Men's Championship Singles:		P. J. Skinley
A Grade Championship Singles:		Ms J. Edmonds
Intermediate Championship Singles:		Ms P. Reid (Paraparaumu)
B Grade Championship Singles:		M. Beardsell (Waimarie)
C Grade Championship Singles:		Ms A. Bayly (Khandallah)
Senior Championship Doubles:		P. J. Skinley & Mrs N. Mayard-Husson (Wellington)
Junior Championship Doubles:		N. Saunders-Francis & T. Watts (Plimmerton)
Handicap Doubles:		P. J. Skinley & G. Husson (Wellington)
Men's Handicap Singles:		T. Berryman (Plimmerton)
Women's Handicap Singles:		Mrs J. Saunders-Francis (Plimmerton)
Veterans: Men's		A. Taylor (Waimarie)
Women's		Ms G. Lyndhurst (Plimmerton)
C Grade		G. Bullen (Wellington)
Most improved player-		
Stepoe memorial Trophy:		G. Bullen (Wellington)
Arthur Ross Representative:		T. Berryman (Plimmerton)

2005-2006 Season

Croquet NZ produced a Golf Croquet Index Card for use starting this Season.

Westpac Stadium School Sports Festival

Thanks extended to Waimarie and Plimmerton Clubs for providing the manpower which enabled croquet's participation in this event in April. A fun-day catering for some 150 eight to ten year old children as they played Golf Croquet and Pirates on four mini-lawns.

Manawatu/Wellington Exchange visit was cancelled as the former unable to make a team.

Association Tournament Winners - incomplete

Open Championship Singles:	P. J. Skinley (Wellington)
Women's Championship Singles:	Mrs N. Mayard-Husson (Wellington)
Men's Championship Singles:	P. J. Skinley (Wellington)
0+ Championship Singles:	A. Taylor (Waimarie)
4+ Championship Singles:	C. Bell (Kelburn)
10+ Championship Singles:	G. Kenny (Plimmerton)
Senior Championship Doubles:	L. Lea & Mrs S.Lea (Waimarie)
Handicap Singles:	Tom Berryman (Plimmerton)
Veterans: Men's	Tom Berryman
Women's	Mrs H. Nixon (Waimarie)
Arthur Ross Representative:	B. Bullen (Waikanae)

2006--2007 Season

The Association voted to increase the payment to clubs for the use of their lawns to \$10 per lawn.

The proposed re-modelling of Association tournaments which had been circulated was adopted.

- The WCA sets the season's programme
- The WCA sets the parameters of the tournaments
- Clubs are free to organise tournaments within these parameters
- Clubs to promote the events and retain any profits
- Managers of tournaments to be encouraged to report back to the Tournament Convenor any proposals found to improve the running of events

Clubs were sent a copy of the revised Association croquet laws and related documentation from the CNZ Laws Committee. The examinations for umpires and referees would have to be rewritten.

Many clubs had been asking for a coaching course. In July 2006 John Dawson & Julie Murphy attended a course for NZCC Tutor Coaches. A Level One course was designed and delivered at Plimmerton Club on 22 & 29 April 2007. Wellington has 25 recognised coaches.

Association Tournament Winners

Open Championship Singles:	P Chapman (Canterbury)
Women's Championship Singles:	Mrs S. Lea (Waimarie)
Men's Championship Singles:	P J Skinley (Wellington)
0+ Championship Singles:	Denis Kerr (Waikanae)
4+ Championship Singles:	Jenny Brice (Waikanae)
10+ Championship Singles:	no competition
18+ Championship Singles:	Jamie Cormack (Waimarie)
Senior Championship Doubles:	Stuart Bullen (Wellington)& Brian Bullen (Waikanae)
Junior Championship Doubles:	no competition
Veterans: Women's	Diana du Toit (Khandallah)
Men's	Tom Berrymann (Plimmerton)
C Grade	Brian Bullen (Waikanae)
Most improved player-	
Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	Brian Bullen (Waikanae)
Arthur Ross Representative:	Brian Bullen (Waikanae)

2007--2008 Season

The 19 March 2008 meeting noted that there was a lack of entries in some WCA tournaments and agreed that any tournaments not held during the 2008-2009 season would be reconsidered for the 2009-2010 season.

Open Singles	continue
Men's Singles	continue
Women's Singles	continue
Senior Doubles	continue
Junior Doubles	not continue
0+ Singles	continue
4+ singles	continue
18+ singles	continue
Handicap Doubles	not continue
Handicap Singles	not continue
Veterans' Handicap	continue
18+ weekend	continue
Gardner Memorial	continue
Club Pairs	continue
School Age	not continue
Golf Croquet Handicap	continue
Golf Croquet Silver Badges	continue

8 November 2007 - Waimarie Croquet Club lamented the lack of interest in golf croquet.

Wainuiomata club asked if interclub could start later in the year to avoid likely bad weather.

The Club Pairs and 18+ Championship and the Labour Weekend Handicap Singles were cancelled because of insufficient entries.

Association Tournament Winners;

Open Championship Singles:	P J Skinley (Wellington)
Women's Championship Singles:	Nina Mayard-Husson (Wellington)
Men's Championship Singles:	Toby Garrison (Waimarie)
0+ Championship Singles:	Marion McInnes (Waimarie)
4+ Championship Singles:	Evan Rait (Plimmerton)
10+ Championship Singles:	Trevor Ballantine (Waimarie)
18+ Championship Singles:	Penny Jamieson (Waimarie)
Senior Championship Doubles:	Sue & Len Lea (Waimarie)
Junior Championship Doubles:	Alison Bayly & Boyd Dunlop (Khandallah)
Veterans: Women's.	J. Saunders-Francis (Paraparaumu)
Men's	Mike Meads (Plimmerton)
Handicap Singles:	Tom Berryman (Plimmerton)
Veterans: Men's	Tom Berryman
Women's	Mrs H. Nixon (Waimarie)
C Grade	Trevor Ballantine (Waimarie)
Most improved player- Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	Trevor Ballantine (Waimarie)
Arthur Ross Representative:	Chris Cambourn (Plimmerton)

2008--2009 Season

The AGM on 24 May 2008 was advised that the secondary schools' participants in the 2008 Secondary Schools Annual One Ball competition were an extremely keen group and would appreciate competition with another region. It was noted that other regions played golf croquet. A one ball tournament for school age players could be held in the Wellington region. The School Age tournament was removed from the calendar permanently as there had not been interest in the event for some years.

An annual one ball competition began on 3 March 2009. Eight teams entered from the Wellington section and 7 teams from the Hutt Valley section.

Association Tournament Winners;

Open Championship Singles:	Greg Bryant (Nelson)
Women's Championship Singles:	Mrs S. Lea (Waimarie)
Men's Championship Singles:	Phillip Drew (Wellington)
0+ Championship Singles:	Brian Bullen (Waikanae)
4+ Championship Singles:	Chris Bell (Kelburn)
10+ Championship Singles:	Jamie Cormack (Waimarie)
18+ Championship Singles:	Barbara Martin (Plimmerton)
Senior Championship Doubles:	Wendy Betteridge & Chris Cambourn (Plimmerton)
Junior Championship Doubles:	Diana Christie & Patsy Williamson (Plimmerton)
Veterans: Women's.	Judy Betts (Carterton)
Men's	Malcolm McLeod (Waikanae)
C Grade most improved player- Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	Chris Carver (Waikanae)

Arthur Ross Representative: Keir Husson (Wellington)

2009-2010 Season

The introduction of flexible dividing lines between divisions made it possible to balance the number of players in each event for the Annual tournament: the downside was that some players hesitated to enter because of uncertainty as to which day they would be playing.

All tournaments were well supported with the exception of the annual tournament at Paraparaumu. It was thought Golf Croquet may be a big factor in the lower numbers.

Association Tournament Winners:

Open Championship Singles:	Paddy Chapman (Adelaide)
Women's Championship Singles:	Alison Robinson (Kelburn)
Men's Championship Singles:	P J Skinley (Wellington)
4+ Championship Singles:	Chris Bell (Kelburn)
10+ Championship Singles:	Geoff Husson (Wellington)
18+ Championship Singles:	Annette Rowland (Masterton)
Senior Championship Doubles:	Malcolm McLeod & Jan Hoeksma (Waikanae)
Veterans: Women's	Grace Richards (Wainuiomata)
Men's	Chris Cambourn (Plimmerton)
C Grade most improved player- Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	John Robertson (Paraparaumu)
Arthur Ross Representative:	Alan Kerr (Wellington)

2010-2011 Season

Wainuiomata expressed concern at the 8 September 2010 meeting that the "many rules of golf croquet" were discouraging to new members.

Association Tournament Winners:

Open Championship Singles:	Jenny Clarke (Canterbury)
Women's Championship Singles:	Nina Mayard-Husson (Wellington)
Men's Championship Singles:	P J Skinley (Wellington)
0+ Championship Singles:	Chris Cambourn (Plimmerton)
4+ Championship Singles:	Alan Taylor (Waimarie)
10+ Championship Singles:	Sue Sharp (Wellington)
18+ Championship Singles:	Not played
Senior Championship Doubles:	Brian Boutel & Alison Robinson (Kelburn)
Junior Championship Doubles	Wayne Gair & Dianne McDonald (Plimmerton)
Veterans: Women's	Heather Nixon (Waimarie)
Men's	Malcolm McLeod (Waikanae)
C Grade most improved player- Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	Graeme Fisher (Plimmerton)
Arthur Ross Representative:	Toby Garrison (Waimarie)

2011-2012 Season

Association Tournament Winners:

Open Championship Singles:	Rained off
Women's Championship Singles:	Jenny Clarke (Canterbury)
Men's Championship Singles:	P J Skinley (Wellington)
0+ Championship Singles:	Pauline Reid (Paraparaumu)
4+ Championship Singles:	Graeme Fisher (Plimmerton)
10+ Championship Singles:	Gwen Hoeksma (Waikanae)
18+ Championship Singles:	Not played
Senior Championship Doubles:	Robbie Easter (Wellington) & Pauline Reid (Paraparaumu)
Junior Championship Doubles	Wayne Gair & Dianne McDonald (Plimmerton)
Veterans: Women's.	Discontinued
Men's	Discontinued
C Grade most improved player- Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	Doug van Belle (Wellington)
Arthur Ross Representative:	Sue Piper (Waimarie)

2012-2013 Season

A key handicapping change this year was the CNZ AGM decision to apply AC handicap changes during an event immediately a trigger point is reached (As is the case for GC). The change does potentially give rise to some operational issues for Tournament Managers/Handicappers and players, more particularly with handicap events. This became evident during the Arthur Ross national final.

The Association's continuing improvement in GC lead to a win the Manawatu exchange for the season.

WCA successfully hosted the North Island Championships at Paraparaumu, Plimmerton and Waikanae; the Women's Invitation at Wellington; and the National Arthur Ross event at Waikanae.

The fortunate sponsorship from Malcolm and Kathie Grant of Pukekohe for the Men's and Women's Championships (MAGAK) resulted in an extremely popular event with over 30 players competing. There was also an associated coaching day.

The WCA held the same events as the previous year.

Association Tournament Winners:

Open Championship Singles:	Aiken Hakes (Wellington)
Women's Championship Singles:	Jenny Clarke (Canterbury)
Men's Championship Singles:	Michael Wright (Wellington)
0+ Championship Singles:	Marion McInnes (Waimarie)
5+ Championship Singles:	June Saunders-Francis (Paraparaumu)
16+ Championship Singles:	Arthur von Sturmer (Plimmerton)
18+ Championship Singles:	Not played
Senior Championship Doubles:	Trevor Ballantine (Waimarie) & Josh Smith (Kelburn)
Junior Championship Doubles	Sue Piper & Chris Windsor (Waimarie)
C Grade most improved player-	

Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	Arthur von Sturmer (Plimmerton)
Arthur Ross Representative:	Kevin Fellows (Waimarie)

2013-2014 Season

Once again the Association was fortunate to have the MAGAK sponsorship for the Men's and Women's Championships. The sponsorship will be moved to Christchurch for 2014/15 but return to Wellington for the following season.

With more tournaments to fit into tight timeframes, the Tournament Convenor was asked to look at tournaments run in previous years to make sure that the current tournaments are reflecting players' requirements.

Association Tournament Winners:

Open Championship Singles:	P J Skinley (Wellington)
Women's Championship Singles:	Jenny Clarke (Canterbury)
Men's Championship Singles:	Greg Bryant (Wellington)
0+ Championship Singles:	John McInnes (Waimarie)
4+ Championship Singles:	John Robertson (Paraparaumu)
14+ Championship Singles:	Beverley Berryman (Plimmerton)
18+ Championship Singles:	Not played
Senior Championship Doubles:	Paul Skinley & Michael Wright (Wellington)
Junior Championship Doubles	Wayne Gair & Dianne McDonald (Plimmerton)
C Grade most improved player- Steptoe Memorial Trophy:	Susan Leuchars (Wellington)
Arthur Ross Representative:	Greg Bryant (Wellington)

2014-2015 Season

Waikanae, Paraparaumu and Plimmerton hosted the very successful CNZ Golf Croquet Nationals. The Limited (4+) section was won by Bob McKenzie (Plimmerton).

The 18+ Weekend was withdrawn from the programme. The Club Pairs was cancelled due to lack of entries.

Tournament Winners

Open Championship Singles:	Paul Skinley
Women's Championship Singles:	Pauline Reid
Men's Championship Singles:	Brian Bullen
0+ Championship Singles:	Pauline Reid
4+ Championship Singles:	Jamie Cormack
14+ Championship Singles:	Carolyn Rait
18+ Championship Singles:	Susan Leuchars
Senior Championship Doubles:	Chris Cambourn & Trevor Ballantine
Junior Championship Doubles	Brigitte Westaway & John McInnes

GC Handicap Singles Geoffrey Vautier (Hawkes Bay)
C Grade most improved player-Steptoe Memorial Trophy:
Barry Simpson
Arthur Ross Representative: Paul Skinley
Gold & Silver Stars Representative James Corrigan

Officers of the Association

1919 – 1920 Season

President:	Mrs J. P. Luke - Ngaroma
Vice-Presidents:	Mesdames J Cook, Willoughby, L. McKenzie, Wilford, Hollard & H.W. McVilly, (Kelburn)
Hon. Treasurer:	Mrs F. Wilkinson, Hutt
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie, Ngaroma
Committee:	formed by the Delegates present at the meeting on 24 October 1919 – namely Mesdames Magill & Fuller – Seatoun Mesdames Johnson & Morgan – Hutt Mesdames Hendry & Stone – Wellington Mrs L. Wilkinson – Hutt, Mesdames Casey & Dryden – Karori Mesdames Remington & Henderson – Kelburn

1920 – 1921 Season

Patrons: Their Excellencies	Viscount and Lady Jellicoe
President:	Mrs J. P. Luke - Ngaroma
Vice-Presidents:	Mesdames Cook, Willoughby, L. McKenzie, Wilford, Hollard & H.W. McVilly, (Kelburn), Brown
Hon. Treasurer:	Mrs F. Wilkinson, Hutt
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie, Ngaroma

1921 – 1922 Season

Patrons: Their Excellencies	Viscount and Lady Jellicoe
President:	Lady Luke (J.P.) - Ngaroma
Vice-Presidents:	Mesdames Cook, L. McKenzie, Wilford, Hollard H.W. McVilly, (Kelburn), Brown
Hon. Treasurer:	Mrs F. Wilkinson, Hutt
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie, Ngaroma

1922 – 1923 Season

President:	Lady Luke (J.P.) - Ngaroma
Vice-Presidents:	Mesdames J.Cook, L. McKenzie, Hollard, Moran & Rhodes-Williams (Lyll Bay)
Hon. Treasurer:	Mrs F. Wilkinson, Hutt
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie, Ngaroma
Referee:	Mrs E. McDowell (Hataitai-Haeremai)

1923 Season

President:	Lady Luke (J.P.) - Ngaroma
Vice-Presidents:	Mesdames H W McVilly, Bennett, E. Hendry (Hutt) Chisholm, J.Cook, Johnson L. McKenzie, Hollard, George, Wilford, Strand Teagle, Moran, Brown, McGirr, L.F Watkins & Rhodes-Williams (Lyll Bay)
Hon. Treasurer:	Mrs F. Wilkinson, Hutt
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie, Ngaroma
Referee:	Mrs E. McDowell (Kelburn)

1924 Season

President: Lady Luke (J.P.) - Ngaroma
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames H W McVilly, Bennett, E. Hendry (Hutt)
Chisholm, J. Cook, Johnson, L. McKenzie, Hollard,
A. George, Wilford, Strand Teagle, Moran, Brown,
McGirr, Henderson, T. Thompson., Miss E Card
(Featherston), Messrs R Caughley (Kelburn) J
Pollock (Seatoun)
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs F. Wilkinson, Hutt
Hon. Secretary: Mrs E. McKenzie, Ngaroma
Referee: Mrs E. McDowell (Hataitai-Haeremai)

1925 Season

President: Lady Luke (J.P.) - Ngaroma
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames Jolly, W.S. Austin (Haeremai) R. Gardner,
Underwood, R; Leech, Halliday, H W McVilly,
Bennett, E. Hendry (Hutt) Chisholm, J. Cook,
Johnson, L. McKenzie, Hollard, A. George, Wilford,
Strand, Moran, Brown, McGirr, Henderson, T.
Thompson., Miss E Card (Featherston), Messrs R
Caughley (Kelburn) J Pollock (Seatoun)
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs F. Wilkinson, Hutt
Hon. Secretary: Mrs E. McKenzie, Ngaroma
Referee: Mrs E. McDowell (Hataitai-Haeremai)

1926

Lady Luke resigned as President after seven years of leadership.

President: Mrs S. Bennett (Ngaroma)
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames Bennett, Johnson, Halliday, Rhodes-
Williams (Lyall Bay) J Williams, R. Gardner
(Kelburn)
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs F. Wilkinson, Hutt
Hon. Secretary: Mrs E. McKenzie, Ngaroma
Referee: Mrs R. Leech (Kelburn)

1927 – 1928 Season

President: Mrs W. S. Austin (Haeremai)
Vice President: Mrs E. McDowell (Kelburn)
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs F. Wilkinson, Hutt
Hon. Secretary: Mrs E. McKenzie, Ngaroma
Referee: Mrs R. Leech (Kelburn)

Patrons: Sir Charles and Lady Fergusson.
Vice Patrons: Lady Luke, Mesdames Iazard, J. Cook, Hollard, Eddie
Bennett, Strand, R. Williams, J. Pollock, Miss Card,
(Featherston) Messrs Caughley, A. E. Pollock.

1928 – 1929 Season

President:	Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice President:	Mrs E. McDowell
Hon Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs F. Wilkinson
Referee:	Mrs E. McDowell.
Handicapper:	Mrs R Leech
Vice Patrons:	Sixteen names were nominated and duly elected.

1929 – 1930 Season

President:	Mrs W. S. Austin.
Vice President:	Mrs E. Johnson (Woburn)
Hon Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs F. Wilkinson (Hutt)
Handicapper:	Mrs R. Leech
Referee:	Mrs Rhodes Williams
Patrons:	After departure from N.Z. of the Fergussons, the Mayor & Mayoress, Mr & Mrs Troup were appointed.

1930-1931 Season

President:	Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice President:	Mrs E. Johnson
Hon Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs G. Hendry
Handicapper:	Mrs Rhodes Williams
Referee:	Mrs E. Boocock (Haeremai)
Gazette Secretary:	Mrs Ramsay.
Match committee:	Mesdames Bock (Hutt) Scott, Ramsay (Wellington) Gardner (Kelburn) Mouat (Waimarie), Rudkin (Lyall Bay) Rowe, Laurie (Ngaroma).
Patrons:	Mayor and Mayoress – Mr & Mrs G. Troup.
Vice Patrons:	Mayoress of each borough and Mrs McVilly, Arcus, Izard, Hollard, S. Bennett, Moran, R. Leech, Lady Luke, Messrs J. Pollock, E. McKenzie, A. E. Pollock.

A special meeting was held to deal with a Notice of Motion from the Wellington club – “that the official Handicapper and Referee be nominated at the same time as the other officers.” The Notice of Motion was carried unanimously.

1931-1932 Season.

President:	Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice President:	Mrs E. Johnson
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs J. O’Donnell (Kelburn)
Hon Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie
Referee:	Mrs R. Gardner (Kelburn)
Handicapper:	Mrs E. Boocock (Haeremai)
WCA Delegate to NZCC:	Mrs W. S. Austin.
Patron: Mayor & Mayoress	Mr & Mrs G. Troup.
Vice patrons:	all re-elected and addition of Mesdames Hendry, Troup and Mowtell.

1932-1933 Season

President:	Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice President:	Mrs R. Gardner
Hon Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs J. O'Donnell
Referee:	Mrs W. E. Caldow (Wellington)
Handicapper:	Mrs E. Boocock
Auditor:	Mr L. Powell.
Match committee:	Mesdames Bock, Falder, Scott, Gardner, Ramsay, Warner, Monks and Walker, together with the Secretary, Handicapper and Referee.
Handicapping Committee:	Mesdames Bock, Gardner, Boocock.
Gazette Secretary:	Mrs Ramsay.

1933-1934 Season

All Officers were re-elected unopposed.

President:	Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice President:	Mrs R. Gardner
Hon Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs J. O'Donnell
Referee:	Mrs W.E. Caldow (Wellington)
Handicapper:	Mrs E. Boocock
Hon Auditor:	Mr L. Powell
NZCC delegate:	Mrs W. S. Austin
Patron:	Mayor & Mayoress Mr & Mrs Hislop.
Match committee:	Mesdames Gardner, Brice, Rudkin, Mouat, Monks, Falder, Winchcomb and Miss Bates.
Gazette Secretary:	Mrs W.E. Caldow.

1934-1935 Season

President:	Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice President:	Mrs R. Gardner
Hon Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs J. O'Donnell
Referee:	Mrs.W.E. Caldow
Handicapper:	Mrs E. Boocock.
Hon Auditor:	Mr L. Powell.
Match Committee:	Mesdames Ramsay, Gardner, Falder, Mouat, Brice, King, Fairley, Winchcomb.
NZCC delegate:	Mrs W. S. Austin.

1935-1936 Season

The retiring Executive were re-elected unopposed.

President:	Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice President:	Mrs R. Gardner
Hon Secretary:	Mrs E. McKenzie
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs J. O'Donnell
Referee:	Mrs W.E. Caldow (Wellington)
Handicapper:	Mrs E. Boocock

Match Committee: Mesdames Ramsay, Mouat, Falder, Brice, King,
Robertson, Fairley.
Handicap Committee: Mesdames Boocock & O'Donnell.
NZCC Delegate: Mrs W. S. Austin.

1936-1937 Season

The Office holders were all re-elected unopposed.

Match Committee: Mesdames G. Mouat (Waimarie), R. Gardner
(Kelburn), Fairley (Ngaroma) Brice (Hataitai), King,
Robertson (Seatoun), Monks (Woburn), F. Ramsay
(Wellington)
NZCC Delegate: Mrs W. S. Austin.

1937-1938 Season.

The Executive were re-elected unopposed.

Match Committee: Mesdames R. Gardner, C. Scott, Bock, G. Mouat
(Waimarie), Monks (Woburn), Fairley (Ngaroma),
Allan (Seatoun), H. Manton
Assistant Handicappers: Mesdames Gardner and Mouat appointed to assist the
Association Handicapper Mrs E. Boocock.

1938-1939 Season

President: Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice President: Mrs R. Gardner
Hon Secretary: Mrs E. McKenzie
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. O'Donnell
Referee: Mrs W. E. Caldow.
Handicapper: Mrs E. Boocock.
Official correspondent: Mrs F. Ramsay
WCA Delegate to NZCC: Mrs W. S. Austin.
Match Committee: R. Gardner, Mouat, Monks, Scott, Allan, H. Manton
(Wellington), Franks (Ngaroma), M. Winchcomb
(Island Bay).

1939-1940 Season

The Executive were re-elected unopposed

Match Committee: Mesdames H. Manton, R. Gardner, G. Mouat, Scott,

1940-1941 Season

President: Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice President: Mrs R. Gardner
Secretary: Mrs W. E. Caldow
Treasurer: Mrs J. O'Donnell
Handicapper: Mrs E. Boocock
Referee: Mrs C. Bryan (Hutt)
Official Correspondent: Mrs F. Ramsay.
Match Committee: Mesdames R. Gardner, H. Manton, G. Mouat, Allan,
M. Winchcomb, Fairley, Monks, Bock.

1941-1942 Season

President: Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice Presidents: Mesdames R. Gardner & G. H. Savage(Waimarie)
Hon Secretary: Mrs W. E. Caldow
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. O'Donnell
Referee: Mrs C. Bryan
Handicapper: Mrs E. Boocock
Official Correspondent: Mrs A. Ramsay.
Match Committee: Mesdames Gardner, Manton, Allan, Bock, Fairley,
Winchcomb, Monks.

1942-1943 Season

The Executive was re-elected with the addition of Mrs M. Fraser as Vice President.
Match Committee: Mesdames Winchcomb, Mouat, Bush, Allan, Pawson,
Monks, Veitch.

1943-1944 Season

All personnel were re-elected.
Match Committee: Mesdames Allan, Bush, Manton, Mouat, Winchcomb,
Veitch, Pawson.

1944-1945 Season

President: Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice Presidents: Mesdames G. H. Savage & M. Fraser.
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. O'Donnell
Referee: Mrs C. Bryan
Handicapper: Mrs E. Boocock
Official Correspondent: Mrs F. Ramsay
Hon Secretary: Mrs W. E. Caldow
Match Committee: Mesdames Allan, J. O'Donnell, Manton, Mouat,
Pawson, Winchcomb.

1945-1946 Season

President: Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice Presidents: Mrs G. Savage & Mrs M.I. Winchcomb (Island Bay)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. O'Donnell
Referee: Mrs C. Bryan
Handicapper: Mrs G. Mouat (Waimarie)
Official Correspondent: Mrs F. Ramsay
Hon Secretary: Mrs W. E. Caldow

Match Committee Not recorded.

1946-1947 Season

President: Mrs W. S. Austin
Vice Presidents: Mesdames G.H. Savage , Mrs M.I. Winchcomb, H
Manton (Island Bay)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. O'Donnell
Referee: Mrs C. Bryan

Handicapper: Mrs G. Mouat (Waimarie)
Official Correspondent: Mrs F. Ramsay
Hon Secretary: Mrs W. E. Caldow
Match Committee: Not recorded in Annual Report or in the Match Committee Minute Book.

1947-1948 Season

President: Mrs G. H. Savage (Waimarie)
Vice Presidents: Mesdames M. Winchcomb & H. Manton (Wellington)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. O'Donnell
Referee: Mrs F. C. Bryan
Handicapper: Mrs G. Mouat
Official correspondent: Mrs A. Donovan (Kelburn)
Hon Secretary: Mrs W. E. Caldow
Match Committee: Mesdames Pawson (Central) Thornton (Karori), Manton, Winchcomb, Roberts, Wood, Parfitt (Kelburn), Jarden.
Life Member: Mrs W.S.Austin

1948-1949 Season

The Executive was re-elected.
Match Committee: was re-elected.

1949-1950 Season

The retiring Executive was duly re-elected.
Match Committee: Mesdames Pawson, O'Donnell (Kelburn), Manton, Winchcomb, Roberts, Wood, Parfitt, Jarden.

1950-1951 Season

The retiring Executive was re-elected unopposed.
Match Committee: Mesdames Winchcomb, Pawson, Wood, Jarden, Roberts, O'Donnell, Manton, W. Jupp.

1951-1952 Season

President: Mrs G. Savage
Vice Presidents: Mesdames H. Manton & E. Pawson (Central).
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs M. I. Winchcomb
Referee: Mrs F. C. Bryan
Handicapper: Mrs G. Mouat
Official Correspondent: Mrs A. Donovan
Hon Secretary: Mrs W. E. Caldow
Life Member: Mrs W. S. Austin.
Match Committee: Members re-elected except for Mrs G. Collins replacing Mrs Wood.

1952-1953 Season

President: Mrs G. H. Savage
Vice Presidents: Mesdames E. Pawson & F.M. Ramsay (temporarily)

Hon. Treasurer:	Mrs M. Winchcomb
Referee:	A D J Heenan (Eastbourne)
Handicapper:	Mrs G. Mouat
Official Correspondent:	Mrs A. Donovan
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs W. E. Caldow
Life Member:	Mrs W. S. Austin.
Match Committee:	Mesdames M. Winchcomb, F. Ramsay, Brennan, E. Pawson, G. Mouat, G. Savage, W. Caldow and A. D. J. Heenan.

1953-1954 Season

President:	Mrs G. Savage
Vice Presidents:	Mesdames E. Pawson & F. M. Ramsay (Wellington)
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs M. Winchcomb
Referee:	A. D. J. Heenan
Official Correspondent:	Mrs B. H. Sargisson
Hon Secretary:	Mrs W. E. Caldow.
Life member:	Mrs W. S. Austin.
Match Committee	not recorded.

1954-1955 Season

President:	Mrs G. H. Savage
Vice Presidents:	Mesdames E. Pawson (died during the year) & F. M. Ramsay
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs J. Robson (Karori)
Referee:	A. D. J. Heenan
Handicapper:	Mrs G. Mouat
Official Correspondent:	Mrs B. A. Sargisson.
Hon Secretary:	Mrs W. E. Caldow.
Life Member:	Mrs W. S. Austin.
Match Committee:	Mesdames B. A. (J) Jarden, J. Robson, Roberts, Griffiths, F. Ramsay, J. Leitch, Brennan

1955-1956 Season

President:	Mrs G. H. Savage
Vice -Presidents:	Mesdames F. Ramsay & B.A. Sargisson
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs J. Robson
Referee:	Mr A.D.J. Heenan
Handicapper:	Mrs G. Mouat
Official Correspondent:	Mrs A. McCormick (Wellington)
Hon Secretary:	Mrs W. E. Caldow
Life Member:	Mrs W. S. Austin
Match Committee	Mesdames F. Ramsay, Griffiths, J. Robson, Roberts, B.A. (J) Jarden, J. Leitch, Brennan, Henry.

1956-1957 Season

President:	Mrs G. H. Savage
Vice Presidents:	Mesdames W. E. Caldow & F.M. Ramsay (died in office) Mrs A. Parfitt
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs J. Robson

Handicapper: Mrs G. Mouat
 Referee: Mrs F. C. Bryan (Waimarie)
 Hon Secretary: A. D. J. Heenan (Eastbourne) (resigned)
 Mrs I. Cooper
 Official Correspondent: Mrs A. McCormick
 Life Member: Mrs W. S. Austin
 WCA Delegate to NZCC: Mrs G. H. Savage
 Match Committee: Mesdames W. E. Caldow, Griffiths (Plimmerton) J.
 Robson (Karori), Roberts, B. A. (J) Jarden
 (Waimarie), Brennan, Crump, Miss Maloney.
 Ex officio: President, Handicapper, Secretary, Referee.

1957-1958 Season

President: Mrs G. H. Savage
 Vice Presidents: Mesdames W. E. Caldow & A. Parfitt (Kelburn)
 Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
 Handicapper: Mrs T. Hill (Island Bay)
 Referee: Mrs F. C. Bryan
 Hon Secretary: Mrs I Cooper (Island Bay)
 Official Correspondent: Mrs A.W. McCormick.
 Life member: Mrs W. S. Austin.
 Match Committee: The meeting moved that a representative from each
 Club become the Match Committee.

1958-1959 Season

The Executive was re-elected for another year.
 Match Committee: Mesdames W. E. Caldow, Henry, Brown, Harkness,
 Barker, Miller, Harvey, Barlow, B. A.(J) Jarden, J.
 Leitch, Messers McKenzie & Maloney
 Ex officio: Mesdames G. Savage, F. C. Bryan, T. Hill, I. Cooper.

1959-1960 Season

President: Mrs G.H. Savage
 Vice Presidents: Mrs A. Parfitt and Mrs W. Worsfold (Waimarie)
 Hon. Secretary: Mrs I. Cooper
 Hon. Treasurer: Mrs N. Robson
 Referee: Mrs F.C. Bryan
 Handicapper: Mrs T. Hill
 Official correspondent: Mrs A. McCormick.
 Life Members: Mesdames W.S. Austin and W.E. Caldow.
 Delegate to NZCC: Mrs G.H. Savage.

1960-1961 Season

President: Mrs G.H. Savage
 Vice Presidents: Mesdames A. Parfitt & W. Worsfold.
 Hon Secretary: Mrs I. Cooper (resigned) Mrs W.E. Caldow (temp.)
 Hon Treasurer: Mrs N. Robson.
 Referee: Mrs F. C. Bryan.
 Handicapper: Mrs T. Hill.

Official Correspondent: Miss D. McKenzie (Hutt), Mrs J. Leitch (temp)
Life Members: Mesdames W. S. Austin & W. E. Caldow.
Match Committee: No change.

1961-1962 Season

President: Mrs W. Worsfold (Waimarie)
Vice presidents: Senior Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden (Waimarie)
Junior Mrs F. Mead (Waimarie)
Hon Secretary: Mr T. Harwood (Waimarie)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
Handicapper: Mrs T. Hill
Referee: Mrs F. C. Bryan
Official correspondent: Mrs J. Leitch (Island Bay)
Life Members: Mesdames W. S. Austin & W. E. Caldow
Match Committee: Mesdames A Parfitt, G. Savage, F C Bryan, T Hill, K Swiney and S Parlane.

1962-1963 Season

President: Mrs W. E. Worsfold
Vice Presidents: Mesdames B. A. (J) Jarden & F. Mead
Hon Secretary: T.A. Harwood.
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
Handicapper: Mrs I. M. Cooper
District Referee: Mrs F. C. Bryan
Official correspondent: Mrs J. Leitch
Life Members: Mesdames W. S. Austin, W. E. Caldow. G.H. Savage
Match Committee: Mesdames A. Parfitt, G. Savage, F. C. Bryan, I. M. Cooper, K. Swiney, J. Brosnahan.

1963-1964 Season

President: Mrs W.E. Worsfold
Vice Presidents: Senior Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Junior Mrs F. Mead
Hon Secretary: T. A. Harwood
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
District Referee: Mrs T. Hill
Handicapper: Mrs I. M. Cooper
Publicity Officer: Mrs J. Leitch
Life Members: Mesdames W. S. Austin, W. E. Caldow, G. H. Savage, F. C. Bryan.

1964-1965 Season

President: Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden (Waimarie)
Vice Presidents; Senior: Mrs F. Mead
Junior: Mrs G. Collins
Hon Secretary: T. A. Harwood
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
District Referee: Mrs T.E. Hill

Handicapper: Mrs I.M. Cooper
Publicity Officer: Mrs J. Leitch
Life Members: Mesdames W. S. Austin, W. E. Caldow, G. H. Savage, F.C. Bryan
Match committee: To be members of the Executive plus Mesdames L. Parfitt & J. Brosnahan

1965-1966 Season

President: Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs F. Mead
Junior: Mrs G. Collins
Hon Secretary: T. A. Harwood (died in office) Mrs T. Cooper (temp.)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
District Referee: Mrs T. Hill
Handicapper: Mrs I. M. Cooper
Publicity Officer: Mr J. Prince (NaeNae)
Life Members: Mesdames W. S. Austin, W. E. Caldow, G. H. Savage. F.C Bryan
Match Committee re-elected.

1966-1967 Season

President: Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Vice President: Senior, Mrs J. Mead,
Junior, Mrs G. Collins
Hon Secretary: H. J. Steptoe (Kelburn)
Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
District Referee: Mrs T. E. Hill
Handicapper: Mrs I.M. Cooper
Publicity Officer: J. Prince.
Life Member; Mrs W. E. Caldow, Mrs F.C.Bryan
Match Committee – re-elected unchanged.

1967-1968 Season

President: Mrs B. A. (J) Jarden
Vice Presidents: Senior Mrs J. Mead
Junior Mrs G. Collins
Hon Secretary: H. J. Steptoe (Kelburn)
Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
District Referee: Mrs T. Hill
Handicapper: Mrs I. M. Cooper
Publicity Officer: J. Prince
Life member: Mrs W. E. Caldow

1968-1969 Season

President: Mrs F.J. Mead (Waimarie)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs G. Collins
Junior: Mrs E. Brosnahan (Waimarie)
Hon Secretary: H. J. Steptoe
Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
District Referee: Mrs T. Hill

Handicapper: Mrs I Cooper
Official Correspondent: J. Prince.
Life Member: Mrs W. Caldow

1969-1970 Season

President: Mrs F.J. Mead
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs G. Collins
Junior: Mrs P. Orwin (Khandallah)
Hon Secretary: H. J. Steptoe
Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
District Referee: Mrs T.E. Hill
Handicapper: Mrs E. Brosnahan (Waimarie)
Publicity Officer: Mrs D. A. Dodson (Kelburn)
Life Member: Mrs W. Caldow

1970-1971 Season

President: Mrs G. Collins
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs M Harding
Junior: Mr H. Ford (Wellington)
Hon Secretary: Mr H. J. Steptoe (Kelburn)
Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
District Referee: Mrs T. Hill
Handicapper: Mrs J. Brosnahan
Publicity Officer: Mrs D. Dodson.
Patron: Sir Frank Kitts
Vice Patrons: Mrs A. Huggan, Messrs P. Dowse & G. Gee

1971-1972 Season

President: Mrs G. Collins
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs M. Harding
Junior: H. Ford
Hon Secretary: Miss R Green
Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
District Referee: Mrs J. Mead
Handicapper: Mrs J. Brosnahan
Publicity Officer: H. J. Steptoe
Patron: Sir Frank Kitts
Vice Patrons: J. Kennedy Good. G. Gee, Mrs A. Huggan

1972-1973 Season

President: H. J. Steptoe – (first man to be President of the WCA)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs M. Harding
Junior: H. Ford
Hon Secretary: Miss R. Green
Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
District Referee: Mrs J. Mead
Handicapper: Mrs J. Brosnahan
Publicity Officer: Mrs H. J. Steptoe
Patron: Sir Frank Kitts

Vice Patrons: J. Kennedy-Good, G. Gee, Mrs A. Huggan

1973-1974 Season

President: H. J. Steptoe
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs M. Harding
Junior: H. Ford
Hon Secretary: Miss R. Green (Wellington)
Treasurer: Mrs J. Robson
District Referee: Mrs J. Mead
Handicapper: Mrs J. Brosnahan
Publicity Officer: Mrs H. J. Steptoe

1974-1975 Season

President: Mrs M. Harding (Central)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs E. D. Andrews (Island Bay)
Junior: C. J. Read (Kelburn)
Hon Secretary: Miss R. Green
Treasurer: Mrs B. Martin (Central)
District Referee: Mrs J. Mead
Handicapper: Mrs J. Brosnahan
Publicity Officer: Mrs H. J. Steptoe

1975-1976 Season

President: Mrs M. Harding
Vice Presidents: Senior: C. J. Read (Kelburn)
Junior: Mrs M. Oliver (Waimarie)
Hon Secretary: Miss R. Green
Treasurer: Mrs B. Martin
District Referee: Mrs J. Mead
Handicapper: Mrs J. Brosnahan
Publicity Officer: Mrs H. J. Steptoe (resigned); D. Treadwell (temp)

1976-1977 Season

President: C. J. Read (Kelburn)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs M. Oliver
Junior: Mrs L. Hartigan (Khandallah)
Hon Secretary: Miss R. Green
Treasurer: Mrs B. Martin
District Referee: Mrs J. Mead
Handicapper: Mrs J. Brosnahan
Publicity Officer: Mrs D. Treadwell (Wellington)
Patron: Mr M. Fowler
Vice Patrons: Messrs J. Kennedy Good, G. Gee & Mrs A. Huggan

1977-1978 Season

President: C. J. Read (Kelburn)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs M. Oliver
Junior: Mrs L. Hartigan (Khandallah)
Hon Secretary: Miss R. Green

Treasurer: Mrs B. Martin
District Referee: Mrs J. Mead
Handicapper: Mrs J. Brosnahan
Publicity Officer: Mrs D. Treadwell (Wellington)
Patron: Mr M. Fowler

1978-1979 Season

President: Mrs A. Oliver (Waimarie)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs L. Hartigan (Khandallah)
Junior: Mrs B, Domb (Wellington)
Hon Secretary: Miss R. Green
Treasurer: Mrs B. Martin
District Referee: Mr J. Wardle (Kelburn)
Handicapper: Mrs M. Harding
Publicity Officer: Mrs D. Treadwell (Wellington)
Life Members: Mesdames E. (J) Brosnahan, J. (N) Robson, I. M.
Cooper and Mr H.C.Ford
Patron: Mr M. Fowler

1979-1980 Season

President: Mrs A. Oliver (Waimarie)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs L. Hartigan (Khandallah)
Junior: Mrs B, Domb (Wellington)
Hon Secretary: Miss R. Green (resigned) Mrs B. Domb
Treasurer: Mrs L.Martin
District Referee: Mr H.J. Devitt (Kelburn)
Handicapper: Mrs M. Harding
Publicity Officer: Mrs D. Treadwell (Wellington)
Life Members: Mesdames E. (J) Brosnahan, J. (N) Robson, I. M.
Cooper and Mr H.C. Ford, Mesdames F. Mead and G.
Worsfold
Patron: Mr M. Fowler

1980-1981 Season

President: Mrs M. Hartigan (Khandallah)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs A Harding
Junior: Mrs N. M. McDonald (Kelburn)
Hon Secretary: Mrs B. Domb
Treasurer: Mrs B. Martin
District Referee: Mr H.J. Devitt (Kelburn)
Handicapper: Mr A.D.J. Heenan (Waimarie)
Publicity Officer: Mrs D. Treadwell (Wellington)
Life Members: Mesdames E. (J) Brosnahan, J. (N) Robson, I.M.
Cooper, F. Mead, G. Worsfold, Mr H.C.Ford

1981-1982 Season

President: Mrs M. Hartigan (Khandallah)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs A Harding
Junior: Mrs N. M. McDonald (Kelburn)
Hon Secretary: Mrs B. Domb

Treasurer: Mrs L. Martin
District Referee: Mr H.J. Devitt (Kelburn)
Handicapper: Mrs P Hawkes (Waimarie)
Publicity Officer: Mrs D. Treadwell (Wellington)
Life Members: Mesdames E. (J) Brosnahan, J. (N) Robson, F. Mead,
G. Worsfold, Mr H.C.Ford

Patron: Mr M. Fowler

1982-1983 Season

President: Mrs A. Harding (Central)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs N. M. McDonald (Kelburn)
Junior: Mr D. Corkin (Kelburn)
Hon Secretary: Mrs B. Domb
Treasurer: Mrs L. Martin
District Referee: Mr H.J. Devitt (Kelburn)
Handicapper: Mr A.D.J. Heenan (Waimarie)
Publicity Officer: Mrs D. Treadwell (Wellington)
Life Members: Mesdames E. (J) Brosnahan, J. (N) Robson, F. Mead,
G. Worsfold, Mr H.C.Ford

1983-1984 Season

President: Mrs A. Harding (Central)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs N. M. McDonald (Kelburn)
Junior: Mr D. Corkin (Kelburn)
Hon Secretary: Mrs B. Domb
Treasurer: Mrs L. Martin
District Referee: Mr H.J. Devitt (Kelburn)
Handicapper: Mr A.D.J. Heenan (Waimarie)
Publicity Officer: Mrs M. Kelly (Kelburn)
Life Members: Mesdames E. (J) Brosnahan, J. (N) Robson, F. Mead,
Mr H.C.Ford

1984-1985 Season

President: Mrs B.E. Domb (Wellington)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mr D. Corkin (Kelburn)
Junior: Mrs E. Elder (Paraparaumu)
Hon Secretary: Mrs M. Geeves (Petone Central)
Treasurer: Mrs M. Wilson (Wellington)
District Referee: Dr G.J. Roberts (Kelburn)
Handicapper: Mr P.J. Skinley (Wellington)
Publicity Officer: Mrs B. O'Connor (Kelburn)
Life Members: Mesdames E. (J) Brosnahan, J. (N) Robson, F. Mead,
Mr H.C. Ford

1985-1986 Season

President: Mrs B.E. Domb (Wellington)
Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs E. Elder (Paraparaumu)
Junior: Miss E. Boyd (Waimarie)
Hon Secretary: Mrs M. Geeves (Petone Central)
Treasurer: Mrs M. Wilson (Wellington)

District Referee: Dr G.J. Roberts (Kelburn)
 Handicapper: Mr P.J. Skinley (Wellington)
 Publicity Officer: Mrs B. O'Connor (Kelburn)
 Life Members: Mesdames E. (J) Brosnahan, J. (N) Robson, F. Mead,
 M. Harding, Mr H.C. Ford
 Regional Members: Mesdames C. Parker (Wellington), F. McHerron
 (Kapiti), Dr S. Jones (Hutt)

1986-1987 Season

President: Mrs E. Elder
 Vice Presidents: Senior Miss E. Boyd
 Junior Mrs B. O'Connor (Kelburn)
 Hon Secretary: Mrs M. Geeves
 Treasurer: Mrs M. Wilson
 District Referee: Dr G. J. Roberts
 Handicapper: P. Skinley
 Publicity Officer: Mr R. Woodhead (Kelburn)
 Regional members: Kapiti Mrs B. Dawkins (Paraparaumu)
 Hutt Valley Dr S. Jones
 Wellington Mrs C. Parker
 Life Members: Mesdames J. Brosnahan, J. Robson, J. Mead,
 M.Harding

1987-1988 Season

President: Miss E. Boyd (Waimarie)
 Vice Presidents: Senior: Mrs B. O'Connor (Kelburn)
 Junior: Dr G.J. Roberts (Kelburn)
 Hon Treasurer: L. Kaiser (Wellington)\
 Hon. Secretary: Miss L. Francis (Waimarie)
 District Referee: Mrs P. M. Fellows (Kelburn)
 District Handicapper: Dr. S. G. Jones (Waimaire)
 Publicity Officer: Mr R. Woodhead (Kelburn)
 Regional members: Kapiti Coast: B. Dawkins
 Wellington: Mrs N. Gabbitas (Khandallah)
 Hutt Valley: Mr R. Dawson (Waimarie)
 Life Members: Mesdames Brosnahan (Waimarie) N. Robson
 (Wellington) F. Mead (Waimarie) M. Harding
 (Central)
 Hon Auditor: Ms B. Murray (Kelburn)
 Delegate to NZCC: Dr G.J. Roberts

1988-1989 Season

President: Miss E. Boyd (Waimarie)
 Vice Presidents: Senior: Mr R. Dawson (Waimarie)
 Junior: Mrs B. Aageson (wellington)
 Hon Treasurer: L. Kaiser (Wellington)
 Hon Secretary: Miss L. Francis
 District Referee: Dr G. J. Roberts
 District Handicapper: Dr. S. G. Jones (Waimarie)

Publicity Officer: Mr A. Wheeler (Waimarie)
 Regional members: Kapiti Coast: Mr R. Malaquin
 Wellington: Mrs N. Gabbitas (Khandallah)
 Hutt Valley: Mrs B. Domb (Waimarie)
 Life Members: Mesdames Brosnahan (Waimarie) N. Robson
 (Wellington) F. Mead (Waimarie) M. Harding
 (Central) Mrs B. Domb
 Hon Auditor: Ms B. Murray (Kelburn)
 Delegate to NZCC: Dr G.J. Roberts

1989-1990 Season

President: R. Dawson (Waimarie)
 Vice Presidents: Mrs B. Aagesen &
 R. Woodhead (Kelburn)
 Hon Secretary: Mrs N. McDonald (Kelburn)
 Hon Treasurer: L. Kaiser (Wellington)
 District Referee: Dr G.J. Roberts
 District Handicapper: Dr S Jones
 Publicity Officer: Dr J. Bradbury (Wellington)
 Regional members: Kapiti R. Malaquin (Paraparumu)
 Wellington Mrs R. Dyne
 Hutt Valley Miss L. Francis
 Life Members: Mesdames Brosnahan (Waimarie) N. Robson
 (Wellington) F. Mead (Waimarie) M. Harding
 (Central) B Domb (Wellington)

1990-1991 Season.

President: Mr R. Dawson.
 Vice-Presidents: Mr R. Woodhead &
 Mr W. Gasquoine (Paraparamu)
 Hon Secretary: Mrs N. McDonald
 Hon Treasurer: Mrs B. Aagesen (Waimarie)
 District Referee: Mrs V. Dawson (Waimarie)
 District Handicapper: Dr M. Stace (Wellington)
 Publicity Officer: Dr J. Bradbury (Wellington)
 Regional members: Kapiti Mrs E. McMorran
 Wellington Mrs E. Chisholm
 Hutt Valley Ms L. Francis
 District coach: Miss E. Boyd (Waimarie)
 Life Members: Mesdames Brosnahan (Waimarie) N. Robson
 (Wellington) F. Mead (Waimarie) M. Harding
 (Central) B Domb (Wellington)

1991-1992 Season

President: Mr J.A. Kelleher (Plimmerton)
 Vice Presidents: Dr S. Jones (NaeNae)
 Col. I.W. Black (Kelburn)
 Hon Secretary: Mrs N. McDonald
 Hon Treasurer: Mrs B. Aagesen (Waimarie)

District Referee: Mrs V. Dawson
 District Handicapper: Mr P. Gleeson (Wellington)
 District Coach: Mr D. Corkin (Petone-Central)
 Publicity Officer: Mrs M. Taylor (Petone Central)
 Regional members: Kapiti Mrs E. McMorrان
 Wellington Mrs E. Chisholm (Kelburn)
 Hutt Valley Ms L. Francis

Hon. Auditor: Ms B. Murray
 Hon. Solicitor: N. Sainsbury
 Life Members: Mesdames Brosnahan (Waimarie) N. Robson
 (Wellington) F. Mead (Waimarie) M. Harding
 (Central) B Domb (Wellington) Mr A D J Heenan
 OBE

1992-1993 Season

President: Mr J.A. Kelleher
 Vice Presidents: Dr S. Jones
 Mrs E. Chisholm (Khandallah)
 Hon Secretary: Mrs N. McDonald (Acting)
 Hon Treasurer: Mrs B. Aagesen
 District Referee: Mrs V. Dawson
 District Handicapper: P. Gleeson (Wellington)
 District Coach: R. Dawson (Waimarie)
 Publicity Officer: Mrs M. Taylor
 Regional Members: Kapiti Mrs E. McMorrان
 Wellington R. McEwen (Khandallah)
 Hutt Valley A. Taylor (Petone Central)

Life Members: Mesdames N. Robson, F. Mead
 B Domb, Mr A D J Heenan OBE
 Mrs Merle Harding

1993-1994 Season

President: Dr S. Jones (NaeNae)
 Vice Presidents: Mrs E. Chisholm & C. E. Jones (Wellington)
 Hon Secretary: Mrs N. McDonald
 Hon Treasurer: R. McEwen (Khandallah)
 District Referee: Mrs V. Dawson (temporary)
 District Handicapper: P. Gleeson
 District Coach: Ms J. Edmonds (Wellington)
 Publicity Officer: Mrs M. Taylor
 Regional Members: Kapiti Mrs J. O'Brien (Paraparaumu)
 Hutt Valley A. Taylor
 Wellington Mrs B. Aagesen (Wellington)

Hon Auditor: Ms B Murray (Kelburn)
 Hon Solicitor: A. C. Cumming (Kelburn)
 Life Members: Mesdames N. Robson, F. Mead
 B Domb, Mr A D J Heenan OBE
 Mrs Merle Harding

1994-1995 Season

President: Dr S. Jones
Vice Presidents: C. E. Jones, Mrs G. Lensen (Waikanae)
Hon Secretary: Mrs N. McDonald
Hon Treasurer: Mrs B. Aagesen
District Referee: Dr S. Jones
District Handicapper: M. Hewetson (Plimmerton) (resigned 12/94)
District Coach: Ms J. Edmonds (Wellington)
Publicity Officer: C. Collins (Plimmerton)
Regional members: Kapiti Mrs J. O'Brien (Paraparaumu)
Hutt Valley Mrs M. Hancock (Petone Central)
Wellington Ms J. Bostock (Kelburn)

Hon Auditor: P. Hasselberg
Hon Solicitor: A. C. Cumming
Life Members: Mesdames N. Robson, F. Mead
B Domb, Mr A D J Heenan OBE
Mrs M Harding

1995-1996 Season

President: C E. Jones (Wellington)
Vice Presidents: Mesdames G. Lensen & J. O'Brien (Paraparaumu)
Hon Secretary: Mrs N. McDonald
Hon Treasurer: Mrs B. Aagesen
District Handicapper: P. Gleeson (Wellington)
Publicity Officer: C. Collins
District Referee: Lt. Col. I.W. Black (Kelburn)
District Coach: no nomination received
Regional members: Kapiti E. Castle (Plimmerton)
Wellington Mrs P. Taylor (Khandallah)
Hutt Valley Mrs M. Hancock

Hon Auditor: P. Hasselberg
Hon Solicitor: A. C. Cumming
Life Members: Mesdames: N. Robson, M. Harding
Mr A D J Heenan OBE

1996-1997 Season

President: C. E. Jones JP
Vice President: A. D. J. Heenan OBE (Waimarie)
Hon Secretary: Mrs N. McDonald
Hon Treasurer: Mrs B. Aagesen
District Handicapper: P. Gleeson
District Referee: Lt. Col. I.W. Black (Kelburn)
Publicity Officer: Mrs D. Williams (Petone Central)
Regional Members: Kapiti E. Castle
Hutt Valley Mrs M. Hancock
Wellington Mrs P. Taylor

Hon Auditor: P. Hasselberg
Hon Solicitor: A. C. Cumming
Life Members: Mesdames: N. Robson, M. Harding
Mr A D J Heenan OBE.

1997-1998 Season

President: A. D. J. Heenan OBE (Waimarie)
Vice-President: Me E. Dickenson Smith (Khandallah)
Hon Secretary: Mrs N. McDonald (Kelburn)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs M. Hardgrave (Wainuiomata)
District Referee: ADJ Heenan OBE (Acting) Mrs V. Dawson
District Handicapper: P. Gleeson (Wellington)
Publicity: Mrs B. Aagesen (Petone Central)
Coach: E. Castle Plimmerton
Regional Members: Kapiti Coast D. Kerr (Waikanae)
Hutt Valley Mrs D. Williams (Petone-Central)
Wellington – no nomination received

Hon Auditor: P. Hasselberg
Hon Solicitor: Mr Tony Ford (Bell Gully & Co)
Life Membership: A D J Heenan OBE
Mrs M Harding
Mr J.R. Dawson (Waimarie)

1998-1999 Season

President: E. Dickinson Smith Khandallah
Hon, Secretary: Mrs N. McDonald Kelburn
Hon, Treasurer: Mrs M. Hardgrave Petone Central
Referee: Mr D. Kerr Waikanae
Handicapper: A. Taylor Petone Central
Regional Members: Kapiti Mrs A. Kerr Waikanae
Hutt Valley Mrs M. Englebretsen Wainuiomata

Hon. Auditor: P. Hasselberg
Hon. Solicitor: A. (Tony) Ford
Life Membership: A D J Heenan OBE. Mrs M. Harding
Rowe Dawson (Waimarie Club),
Publicity: WCA Executive
Tournament Convenor: Mrs J. Saunders-Francis (Plimmerton)
Coach: E. Castle (Plimmerton)

1999-2000 Season

President: Ms J. Edmonds (Wellington)
Vice President: E. Castle (Plimmerton)
Secretary: Ms J. Lyndhurst (Plimmerton)
Treasurer: Mrs M. Hardgrave (Wainuiomata)
Referee: D. Kerr (Waikanae)
Handicapper: A. Taylor (Petone Central)
Tournament Convenor: Mrs J. Saunders Francis (Plimmerton)
Regional Members: Kapiti Mrs A. Kerr (Waikanae)
Hutt Valley Mrs M. Englebretsen (Wainuiomata)
Wellington Ms S. Piper (Wellington)

Hon. Auditor: P. Hasselberg
Hon. Solicitor: A. (Tony) Ford
Life Membership: A D J Heenan OBE (Waimarie)
Mrs Merle Harding (Petone-Central)
Rowe Dawson (Waimarie Club),

Coach and Publicity Officers are to be the incoming Executive appointments.

2000-2001 Season

President: E. Castle (Plimmerton)
Secretary: Ms G. Lyndhurst (Plimmerton)
Treasurer: Mrs M. Hardgrave (Petone Central)
Handicapper: Mrs A. Kerr (Waikanae)
Referee: D. Kerr (Waikanae)
Tournament Convenor: Ms S. Burrell (Paraparaumu)
Regional Members: Kapiti Mrs B. Jessup (Waikanae)
Hutt Valley Mrs M. Englebretsen (Wainuiomata)
Wellington Ms S. Piper (Wellington)

Hon Solicitor: A. Ford
Hon Auditor: P. Hasselberg
Life Membership: A D J Heenan OBE
Mrs Merle Harding (Petone-Central)
Rowe Dawson (Waimarie Club),

2001-2002 Season

President: E. Castle (Plimmerton)
Vice-President: Ms S. Piper (Wellington)
Secretary: Ms G. Lyndhurst (Plimmerton)
Treasurer: Mrs M. Hardgrave (Petone Central)
Handicapper: Mrs A. Kerr (Waikanae)
Referee: D. Kerr (Waikanae)
Tournament Convenor: Ms S. Burrell (Paraparaumu)
Coach Co-ordinator: M. Beardsell (Waimarie)
Regional Members: Kapiti Mrs B. Jessup (Waikanae)
Hutt Valley Mrs M. Englebretsen (Wainuiomata)
Wellington Mrs J. Allan (Khandallah)

Life Membership: A D J Heenan OBE
Mrs Merle Harding ,
Rowe Dawson (Waimarie Club)

2002-2003 Season

President: Ms S. Piper (Wellington)
Vice-President: M. Beardsell (Waimarie)
Secretary: Ms G. Lyndhurst (Plimmerton)
Treasurer: Mrs J. Allan (Paraparaumu)
Handicapper: Mrs A. Kerr (Waikanae)
Referee: D. Kerr (Waikanae)
Tournament Convenor: Mrs B. Jessup (Waikanae)
Publicity: J Dawson (Khandallah)
Regional Members: Kapiti Ms C. Fleming (Paraparaumu)
Wellington J. Dawson (Khandallah)
Hut Valley Mrs C. Van Dyk (Waimarie)

Hon auditor: P. Hasselberg
Coaching Co-ordinator: Eric Castle (Plimmerton)
Life Members: A D J Heenan OBE

Mrs Merle Harding
Rowe Dawson

2003-2004 Season

President	Ms S. Piper
Vice-President	M. Beardsell (Waimarie)
Hon. Secretary	Ms G. Lyndhurst
Hon Treasurer	Mrs J. Allan (Paraparaumu)
Association Handicapper	T. Berryman (Plimmerton)
Association Referee	D. Kerr
Tournament Convenor	Mrs B. Jessup (Waikanae)
Coaching Co-ordinator:	E. Castle
Publicity:	J Dawson (Khandallah)
Regional Members:	Kapiti Mrs C. Fleming (Paraparaumu) Hutt Mrs C. Van Dyk (Waimarie) Wellington J. Dawson (Khandallah)
Life Membership:	A D J Heenan OBE Mrs Merle Harding (died 1.2.2004)

2004-2005 Season

President:	M. Beardsell (Waimarie)
Vice President:	J. Dawson (Khandallah)
Hon. Secretary:	Ms G. Lyndhurst
Hon. Treasurer:	Mrs J. Allan
Association Handicapper:	Mrs J. Murphy (Petone Central)
Association Referee:	Executive to fill
Tournament Convenor:	T. Berryman (Plimmerton)
Coaching co-ordinator -	Executive to fill
Regional members:	Kapiti Mrs E. Carson (Plimmerton) Hutt Mrs C. Van Dyk Wellington Ms J. Dunlop (Khandallah)
Hon. Auditor:	Mrs H. Lambert (Paraparaumu)
Life Member:	A D J Heenan OBE (died 6.9.2004)

2005-2006 Season

President:	M. Bearsdell
Vice President:	J. Dawson
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs J. Brice (Waikanae)
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs J. Allan
Association Handicapper:	Mrs J. Murphy (Petone-Central)
Association Referee:	Executive to fill
Tournament convenor:	T. Berryman
Regional members:	Kapiti Mrs E. Carson Hutt Mrs S. Castle (Waimarie) Wellington Mrs J. Dunlop
Hon Auditor:	Mrs H. Lambert

2006-2007 Season

President: J. Dawson (Wellington)
Vice President: Ms P.M. George (Kelburn)
Hon Secretary: Mrs R. Allan (Petone Central)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. Allan
Association Handicapper: Mrs J. Murphy
Association Referee: T. Berryman as coordinator
Coaching Co-ordinator: Mrs W. Betteridge
Tournament convenor: P. Drew (Plimmerton)
Regional members: Kapiti Mrs C. Fleming
Hutt T. Warrington (Waimarie)
Wellington Ms P. Hutchison (Kelburn)
Hon auditor: Mrs H. Lambert

2007-2008 Season

President: J. Dawson
Vice President: Ms P.M. George (Kelburn)
Hon Secretary: Mrs R. Allan (Petone Central)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs M. McInnes (Waimarie)
Association Handicapper: Mrs J. Murphy
Association Referee: T. Berryman as coordinator
Tournament convenor: Mrs J. Murphy (Petone Central)
Regional members: Kapiti Mrs J. Brice
Hutt Christine Windsor (Waimarie)
Wellington Ms P. Hutchison (Kelburn)
Hon auditor: Mrs H. Lambert

2008-2009 Season

President: Mrs Cor van Dyk (Waimarie)
Vice President: John McInnes (Waimarie)
Hon Secretary: Mrs R. Allan (Petone Central)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs M. McInnes (Waimarie)
Association Handicapper: Mrs J. Murphy
Association Referee: Dennis Kerr
Tournament convenor: Mrs J. Murphy (Petone Central)
Regional members: Kapiti Mrs J. Brice
Hutt Christine Windsor (Waimarie)
Wellington Ms P. Hutchison (Kelburn)
Hon auditor: Mrs H. Lambert
Patron: Mayor of Lower Hutt City

2009-2010 Season

President: Mrs Cor van Dyk
Vice President: Brian Boutel (Kelburn)
Hon Secretary: Mrs Rose Jepson (Waimarie)
Hon Treasurer: Dr Marion McInnes
Association Handicapper: Aiken Hakes (Wellington)
Association Referee: Dennis Kerr
Tournament convenor: Mrs J. Murphy (Petone Central)
Regional members: Kapiti Gill Tebbs

Hutt Beryl Moore (Upper Hutt)
Wellington :
Hon auditor: Mrs H. Lambert
Patron: Mayor of Kapiti District Council

2010-2011 Season

President: Brian Boutel (Kelburn)
Vice President:
Hon Secretary: Mrs Rose Jepson
Hon Treasurer: Dr Marion McInnes
Association Handicapper: Tom Berryman (Plimmerton)
Association Referee: Mrs Bunty Mead (Waimarie)
Tournament convenor: Alison Robinson (Kelburn)
Regional members: Kapiti Gill Tebbs
Hutt Mrs Beryl Moore (Upper Hutt)
Wellington
Hon auditor: Mrs H. Lambert
Patron: Mayor of Kapiti District Council

2011-2012 Season

President: Brian Boutel (Kelburn)
Vice President: Mrs Joy Allan (Paraparaumu)
Hon Secretary: Mrs Rose Jepson
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. Murphy (Petone Central)
Association Handicapper: Tom Berryman (Plimmerton)
Association Referee: John Dawson (Wellington)
Tournament convenor: Alison Robinson (Kelburn)
Regional members: Kapiti Kelvin Watson
Hutt Judith Johnston
Wellington Cathy Lythe
Hon auditor: Mrs H. Lambert
Life Member: Mrs N.M. McDonald (Kelburn)
Patron: Mayor of Porirua City Council

2012-2013 Season

President: Mrs Julie Murphy
Vice President: Kelvin Watson (Plimmerton)
Hon Secretary: Janet Boutel (Kelburn)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. Allan
Association Handicapper: Tom Berryman (Plimmerton)
Association Referee: John Dawson (Wellington)
Tournament convenor: Alison Robinson (Kelburn)
Regional members: Kapiti John De Roo
Hutt Judith Johnston
Wellington Cathy Lythe
Life Member: Mrs Nancy M. McDonald (Kelburn)
Hon auditor: Mrs H. Lambert
Patron: Mayor of Wellington City

2013-2014 Season

President: Julie Murphy
Vice President: Kelvin Watson (Plimmerton)
Hon Secretary: Janet Boutel
Hon Treasurer: Mrs J. Allan
Association Handicapper: John De Roo
Association Referee: Brian Boutel
Tournament convenor: Alison Robinson (Kelburn)
Regional members: Kapiti Francie Vagg
Hutt Rose Jepson
Wellington Cathy Lythe

Life Member: Mrs Nancy M. McDonald (Kelburn)

Hon Auditor: Mrs H. Lambert
Patron: Mayor of Lower Hutt City

2014-2015 Season

President: Kelvin Watson
Vice President: Alison Robinson
Hon Secretary: Janet Boutel
Hon Treasurer: Susan Leuchars
Association Referee: Brian Boutel
Tournament convenor: Christine de Roo
Regional members: Kapiti Francie Vagg
Hutt Sheila Smith
Wellington Kathleen Coleridge

Life Member: Mrs Nancy M. McDonald (Kelburn)
Hon Auditor: Mrs H. Lambert
Patron: Mayor of Porirua City

WCA Affiliated Clubs 1941

Hutt	Foundation Club 1919 Riddiford Gardens, Myrtle Street Colours: Navy & Cardinal	Closed 1968
Karori	Foundation Club 1919 Karori Park – now Children’s play area Colours: Purple & lavender	Disbanded 1970
Kelburn	Foundation Club 1919 Salamanca Road, Kelburn Park Colours: White & Navy	
Ngaroma	Foundation Club 1919 Udy Street, Petone – now Workingmen’s club Colours: Red & Black	Closed 1973
Seatoun	Foundation Club 1919 Bowling Club, Dundas Street Colours: Green & Gold	Disbanded 1948
Wellington	Foundation Club 1919 Alexander Road, Mt Victoria Colours: Black & Amber	
Petone	Udy Street, Petone Tennyson Street Colours: Blue & Gold	1921 – transferred 1972
Eastbourne	Muritai Road - Fire Station now on site <i>(The club reformed in 2005 and affiliated to the WCA in 2011. Now called Muritai Club.Ed)</i>	
Hataitai	Hataitai Park Ruahine Street Colours: Navy & Emerald	Disbanded 1971
Island Bay	Dover Street, off The Parade Colours: Red, White & Blue	Disbanded 1971
Johnsonville		Resigned
Khandallah	Woodmancote Road (18-20) Formed 1914 (In 1926 Mrs Ada Living purchased this land. Prior to that was land leased from adjacent Bowling Club) Colours: Forest Green with Red highlight	
Lyll Bay	53 Apu Crescent Originally part of Bowling, tennis and croquet combined club on the same site. (Now Lyall Bay Bowling Club) Colours: Black & White	1912 Disbanded ?
Mt Victoria	Pirie Street Now Victoria Bowling Club Colours: Navy & Henna	Disbanded 1954

Newtown	cnr Sutherland Street & 177 Owen Street Newtown Colours: Black, White & Gold	Disbanded ?
Ngaio	12 Kenya Street - "Donethorpe" (May be associated with Methodist Church)	Resigned 1951
Plimmerton	Grays Road Plimmerton Drive Colours: Gold	Relocated 1994
St Augustine's	Anglican Church, Britannia Street Petone Colours: Brown & Saxe	Disbanded 1944
NaeNae	Mitchell Park, Lower Hutt.	Closed 2008

NZ Representatives and Trophy holders from the Wellington Area

MacRobertson Shield

- 1950 A D J Heenan
1963 HC Ford (captain); Mrs B A Jarden; ADJ Heenan
1969 HC Ford (Manager), Mrs BA Jarden. DW Curtis selected but unavailable
1979 P J Skinley
1982 P J Skinley, Dr G J Roberts
1986 P J Skinley, ADJ Heenan OBE (Manager/Player)
1990 P J Skinley, Dr S Jones
1993 P J Skinley, Dr S Jones
1996 P J Skinley, Dr S Jones
2000 P J Skinley, Dr S Jones (captain) T Garrison, CE Jones (Manager)
2006 P J Skinley (selected but did not play) CE Jones (Manager & non-playing captain)

First World Teams Championship

- 2010 P J Skinley, M G Wright. CE Jones (Manager)
Non-travelling Reserve; P Drew
2014 T. Garrison, G Bryant. Reserves: PJ Skinley, M.G. Wright.
Tournament Manager Dr S.K. Fellows

NZ Representative Matches

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| 1979 | NZ vs Australia in Wellington | J Wardle |
| 1982 | NZ vs Queensland in Brisbane | Dr G J Roberts; P J Skinley |
| 1986 | NZ vs England at Southport, England | P J Skinley |
| 1986 | NZ vs London Clubs at Roehampton, England | P J Skinley; A D J Heenan |
| 1990 | NZ vs GB & Ireland in Hamilton | Dr G J Roberts, Dr S Jones |
| 1990 | NZ vs GB & Ireland in Napier | Dr G J Roberts (Captain); Dr S Jones; P Gleeson |
| | NZ vs Australia in Nelson | P Gleeson |
| | NZ vs Australia in Hawera | Dr S K Fellows |
| 1993 | NZ vs Victoria in Melbourne | P J Skinley, Dr S Jones |
| 1996 | NZ vs Wales in Dyffryn, Wales | P J Skinley, Dr S Jones |

Trans-Tasman Open Croquet Tests

- 1991 P J Skinley (Captain) P Gleeson**
1995 S Jones; CE Jones (Manager)
1999 S Jones (Captain); T Garrison; SK Fellows (Manager)
2001 Toby Garrison, Sue Lea, Charles Jones (Manager)
2004 Sue Lea, Charles Jones (manager & non-playing captain)
2006 Sue Lea, Non-travelling Reserve; Michael Wright, Charles Jones (manager & non-playing captain); Kevin Fellows (coach)
2009 Paul Skinley, Sue Lea; Nina Mayard-Husson
2011 Paul Skinley, Toby Garrison, Nina Mayard-Husson, Marion McInnes. Reserves: Phillip Drew, Alison Robinson

Trans-Tasman Women's Challenge

- 1990 Mrs P M Fellows (George)**
1992 Mrs P M Fellows (George); Dr J Bradbury
1994 Mrs P M Fellows (George) – selected but unavailable

World Croquet Federation Association Croquet Championships

2002 Toby Garrison – Silver Medal

Sonoma Cutrer World Championship

Silver Medallist (Block Winners)

1989 Dr S Jones

1990 Dr S Jones

The Croquet Association (England) President's Cup

1908 K H Izard

1912 K H Izard

1914 K H Izard

1949 A D J Heenan

1970 Mrs B A (J) Jarden

The Croquet Association (England) Mixed Championship Doubles

1949 A D J Heenan & Mrs E Kingsford (Eng)

1972 Mrs B A (J) Jarden & B G Neal (Eng)

The Croquet Association (England) Women's Championship

1970 Mrs B A (J) Jarden

1972 Mrs B A (J) Jarden

The Croquet Association (England) Ladies Field Cup (Best Eight Ladies)

1970 Mrs B A (J) Jarden

1972 Mrs B A (J) Jarden (winner)

The Croquet Association Silver Medal

1906 K H Izard

1981 Dr G J Roberts

NZ Open Championships

1913 K H Izard

1962

H C Ford

1914 K H Izard

1966

Mrs B A (J) Jarden

1915 K H Izard

1967

J G Prince

1921 R Caughley

1968

J G Prince

1946 A D J Heenan

1969

J G Prince

1948 A D J Heenan

1971

J G Prince

1957 F C Ryan

1980-81

P J Skinley

1958 A D J Heenan

1985

P J Skinley

1959 A D J Heenan

2001

T Garrison

Heenan Plate

1969-70 Mrs B A (J) Jarden 1990 P J Skinley

1973 Mrs B A (J) Jarden 1991 C J Shilling

1974 P J Skinley 1993 Dr G J Roberts

1982 D.W. Curtis 2002 H. Tahurangi

1985 B J Wardle 2004 P J Skinley

1987 Dr G J Roberts 2008 Dr G J Roberts

1989 Dr S K Fellows

NZ Women's Championship

1933-34	Mrs W E Caldow
1958-59	Mrs B A (J) Jarden (Waimarie)
1961	Mrs B A (J) Jarden
1963-64	Mrs B A (J) Jarden
1968	Mrs B A (J) Jarden
1960-72	Mrs B A (J) Jarden
1992	Mrs P M Fellows (George) (Kelburn)
2015	Mrs A Robinson (Kelburn)

NZ Men's Championship

(Trophy presented by the Taranaki Association)

1940-41	F C Bryan
1945	F C Bryan
1946	A D J Heenan
1951	A D J Heenan
1957	H C Ford
1958-9	A D J Heenan
1963-64	J G Prince
1966-72	J G Prince
1978	P J Skinley
1980	P J Skinley
1982	Dr G J Roberts
1983	P J Skinley
1984	Dr G J Roberts
1996	P J Skinley
2011	P J Skinley
2012	G J Bryant
2014	G J Bryant
2015	G J Bryant

NZ Championship Doubles

1921	R Caughley & Mrs G E Richardson
1934	F L Hartnell & Mrs W E Caldow
1946	F C Bryan & Mrs C Watkins
1948-49	H C Ford & Miss M Claughton
1950	F C Bryan & Mrs L Wood
1956	Mrs B A (J) Jarden & Miss M Claughton
1958	M B Reckitt (Eng) & A D J Heenan
1960	A D J Heenan & A J Stephens
1962	Mrs W L Martin & T Regan
1964	A D J Heenan & J G Prince
1965-66	Mrs B A (J) Jarden & J G Prince
1967-68	Mrs B A (J) Jarden & G D Rowling
1969	Mrs B A (J) Jarden & G D Rowling
1971	Mrs B A (J) Jarden & G D Rowling
1984	Dr G.J. Roberts & R.J. Clarke
1989	Dr S. Jones & A.J. Stephens
1995	P J Skinley & Dr S Jones
1997	P J Skinley & Dr S Jones

1998	Dr S. Jones & T. Garrison
2001	T. Garrison & D J Bulloch
2009	Michael Wright & I Lines (Gt B)
2010	T Garrison & A Westerby
2013	G Bryant & Dr J Clarke

NZ Mixed Doubles

1983	S Wardle & Mrs H Woollett
1992	Mrs P M Fellows (George) & D J Bulloch
2014	Aiken Hakes & Dr J. Clarke
2015	P Skinley & N Mayard-Husson

NZ Handicap Singles

Hurlingham Cup

1974	Dr G J Roberts
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NZ Women's Handicap singles

1991	Mrs P M Fellows (George)
1996	Miss J Edmonds

In 2006, the New Zealand Men's Handicap Singles (Hurlingham Cup) and the New Zealand Women's Handicap Singles (English Rose Bowl) were abandoned. They were replaced with:

The New Zealand Association Croquet Premier Handicap Singles for players with a handicap in the range -4 to 6 (English Rose Bowl); and

The New Zealand Association Croquet Limited Handicap Singles for players with a handicap in the range 7 to 24 (Hurlingham Cup)

Arthur Ross Memorial National Handicap Singles

(Trophy presented by A D J Heenan OBE and Members of the Ross Family)

In its year of presentation, played on an international basis in conjunction with the President's Invitation Event: Senior Section, and until 1982 as a Challenge Trophy between the holder and the winner

1979-81	P J Skinley
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In 1983, 1984 and 1985 played as a match between winner of Women's and Men's Handicap Singles events:

In 1986, the format of the Arthur Ross Memorial Event was determined as a National Handicap Event, open to all players.

1986	R Lowe
1987	Dr S Jones
1991	R Lowe
2003	T Garrison

In 2006, the New Zealand Golf Croquet Premier Handicap Singles (NZCC Challenge Cup) was instituted for players with a handicap in the range 0 to 5.

Also in 2006, the New Zealand Golf Croquet Limited Handicap Singles (Challenge Trophy presented by the Canterbury Croquet Association) was instituted for players with a handicap in the range 6 to 10.

New Zealand Croquet Council

Honours Board

Presidents

1926	R Caughley Esq.
1980-84	The Rev (Miss) R.J. Elliott
1985-88	A.D.J. Heenan Esq. OBE
1999-2003	C.E. Jones QSM JP
2007-2011	Ms S.M. Piper

Past Life Members

1955	6	Mrs W.S. Austin, Kelburn Croquet Club, Wellington
1991	-4	Mr A D J Heenan, OBE, Waimarie Croquet Club, Wellington
2010	0	C.E. Jones QSM. JP (formerly Wellington Club)

Current Life Member

2000	-3	Dr Graeme Roberts, Kelburn Croquet Club, Wellington, Waikanae
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<i>NZ 1990 Commemoration Medal for Services to Sport</i>	— A D J Heenan, OBE
<i>First President World Croquet Federation – 1989-1994</i>	— A D J Heenan, OBE
<i>President World Croquet Federation – 2010 -2011</i>	— C.E. Jones QSM. JP

Life Membership of the Wellington Croquet Association

1947-1948

Life Membership: The meeting carried with acclamation the conferring of life membership on Mrs W. S. Austin who gave 21 years of service.

1958-1958

Life Member. The meeting passed with acclamation the conferring of Life Membership on Mrs WE Caldwell an Association Referee for 8 years, and 16 years as Hon. Secretary.

1962-1962

Life member: the September meeting of delegates recognised the long service to the Association given by Mrs G. Savage and awarded her a Life Member Badge.

Life Member: The Association conferred on Mrs F. C. Bryan Life Membership award due to her good work as a District Referee.

1978-1979

Life memberships: On the recommendation of the Executive the following were elected as Life Members of the Association.

Mrs J. Brosnahan – District Handicapper 1969-1976 Vice President 1968

Mrs I. Cooper – Hon Secretary 1956-1960, District Handicapper 1962-1968

H. C. Ford – player over many years, sustained high performance and responsible for the introduction of the Rothmans Coaching Scheme.

Mrs J. Robson Treasurer, 1954-1973.

1979-1980

Life members: the meeting recognised the dedicated service given by two members with making them Life members of the Association.

Mrs J. Mead, District Referee 1972-1977

Mrs G. Worsfold, Vice President 1959-1960; President 1961-1963.

1984-1985

Life membership: This prestigious award was presented to Mrs M. Harding, Central Club member, WCA President twice, Vice President, Handicapper 1970-1983, manager of many tournaments, Association & Council Events.

1987-1988

Life Membership: The President considered in her role as President the bestowing Life Membership on Barbara Domb was one of the more pleasant duties. Barbara's work on the Executive Committee over the past 10 years covered Secretary, Vice President, and President, and also manager of many tournaments. A lapel badge was presented to her.

1991-1992

Life membership: A D J Heenan The Chair said it was a privilege to the Association and an honour that Ashley had been accepted to the Membership

1997-1998

At the November 1997 Meeting of the Association Delegates welcomed new Life Member Rowe Dawson (Waimarie Club), his service to Croquet be it Association – President 1989/90 – or at Club level; he joined Waimarie in 1981, was one of total commitment e.g. chaired a sub-committee responsible for hosting the MacRobertson Shield event, January 1990, covering advertising, publicity, souvenirs, raffles etc. and organised the welcome function for the Australian and NZ Teams. He was the Principal mover of the WCA Development Fund 1992 and drafter of the terms and conditions.

2012-2013

Mrs N.M. McDonald

Nancy McDonald has been a member of Kelburn since 1976. She won the New Zealand Junior Championship Singles and New Zealand Junior Handicap Singles in 1979. She served as the Kelburn Club Secretary from 1978 to 1983 and as President from 1993 to 1995. She was also prominent as an office-holder on the Wellington Croquet Association Inc., serving as Vice President from 1980 to 1984 and Hon. Secretary from 1989 to 1999. She was elected a Life Member of the Kelburn Municipal Croquet Club Inc. in 1996 and a Life Member of the Wellington Association in 2012.

2014-2015

For the sake of completeness we add the two Life Members who were so honoured at the AGM for the 2014-15 Season on 23 May 2015

Dennis Kerr

Dennis started playing croquet in the early 1990s and quickly became a very good player. He also took an interest in the rules of croquet and qualified as a Senior Referee. Between 1998 and 2009 he served as the WCA District Referee 8 times. During this period he attended nearly every WCA tournament. He arrived early every day to ensure that the hoops were properly set and he was responsible for organising other umpires and referees to assist during the event. He also conducted very many tests for players who wished to qualify as umpires and referees. Dennis is a valued member of the Waikanae Club, having occupied a number of positions on their committee and been involved in most tournaments held there. He has also agreed to be the Kapiti Representative on the WCA Executive this coming season. For his long service to the WCA Dennis thoroughly deserves to be elected a Life Member.

Paul Skinley

Paul started playing croquet when he was still at primary school and as soon as his mother allowed him to enter tournaments he started winning. He has been one of New Zealand's top players for many years and has won the NZ Open Championships three times and the NZ Men's Championships five times. He has also been selected to play in the NZ MacRobertson Shield team nine times. He has been a wonderful ambassador for New Zealand in the world of croquet. Paul has been a stalwart member of the Wellington Club ever since he joined and can turn his hand to any task, whether it be lawn maintenance, coaching or catering. He has managed tournaments for the WCA or CNZ almost every year since 2001. His hard work has ensured that the Wellington Club has remained a strong and vital member of the WCA. For his success and dedication to the game of croquet the WCA would be proud to have Paul as a Life Member.