

HISTORY OF TROPHIES

WELLINGTON CROQUET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

History of trophies held by the Association

CHALLENGE CUP

Open Championship Singles

Trophy donated by Mrs H V McVilly (Kelburn) in 1920. Mrs McVilly was a foundation member of the WCA Executive and Vice President from 1919 to 1925.

STEVE JONES TROPHY

Runner-up Open Championship Singles

Presented by Dr Steve Jones in 1995 (Waimarie, Naenae and Wellington). He was the Hutt Valley Regional Member of the WCA 1985-86, WCA Handicapper 1987-89, Vice President 1991-92, WCA President 1993-94.

ANNE DAWSON BOWL

A Grade Singles Championship

Presented by Rowe Dawson (Waimarie) in 1991 in memory of his mother who was a past member of the Wellington Club. Rowe Dawson was WCA President 1989-90.

No Trophy for A Grade Singles Championship Runner-up.

MRS J ROBSON'S TROPHY

Intermediate Singles Championship

Presented by Mrs Robson (Karori and Wellington) during the 1971-72 season. Mrs Robson was the WCA Hon Treasurer from 1954 to 1973.

BOOCOCK MEMORIAL ENTRÉE DISH

Intermediate singles Runner-up

Presented during the 1948/49 season in memory of Mrs Boocock (Haeremai and Wellington) who was the WCA Referee in 1930 and the WCA Handicapper from 1941 to 1944.

JANE COOK CANDLESTICKS (2)

B Grade Championship Singles

Presented by Mrs L H Arcus in 1930. Mrs Arcus was WCA Vice Patron through being the Seatoun Borough Mayoress, in affectionate remembrance of her mother, Mrs J Cook, who was the WCA Vice Patron from 1919 to 1930.

JANE COOK VASE

B Grade Championship Singles Runner-up

Presented by the loving friends of Jane Cook in 1930. Play for the trophy was abandoned in 1931 due to the Napier earthquake. Jane Cook was WCA Vice Patron from 1919 to 1930.

WCA SILVER TRAY

C Grade Championship Singles

Presented by the WCA Executive Committee during the 2001-02 season.

No Trophy for C Grade Championship Runner-up.

McDOWELL ROSE BOWL

Men's Championship Singles

The trophy was originally competed for in the Handicapped Singles, Section 1, up until the 1984-85 season. In the 1994-95 season it was redesignated for the Men's Singles. The trophy was presented by the McDowell family to commemorate their mother, Mrs E McDowell (Kelburn) who was WCA Referee 1922-25, WCA Vice President 1927-28 and WCA Referee 1928.

No trophy for Men's Championship Singles Runner-up.

MRS LEN MCKENZIE CUP

Women's Championship Singles

Presented in 1921. Mrs McKenzie was Vice President from 1919 to 1925. The Trophy was not played for the 1931 because of the Napier earthquake.

MARY BOOTH MEMORIAL DISH

Women's Championship Singles Runner-up

Presented by Mr John Booth (Waimarie) in 1985 in memory of his wife, Mary. The trophy originated from the Australia Croquet Company 1985. Mrs Mary Booth (Waimarie) was NZCC Hon Secretary from 1979 to 1982.

No trophy or event.

LILIAN SAVAGE MEMORIAL TROPHIES (2)

Senior Championship Doubles

Mrs Savage (Waimaire) was WCA Vice President from 1941 to 1946, WCA President from 1947 to 1960 and WCA Life Member 1962. Trophies first competed for in 1966.

No Trophy for Senior Championship Doubles Runners-up.

TOM HARWOOD MEMORIAL TRAYS (2)

Junior Championship Doubles

Trophies presented in 1966 by Mr Ashley and Mrs Jean Heenan. Mr Harwood (Waimarie) was WCA Hon Secretary from 1961 to 1965.

No trophy for Junior Championship Doubles Runners-up.

PRESIDENT AND PAST PRESIDENT TRAY (2)

Handicap Doubles

Presented during the 1961-62 season by Mrs W Worsfold, WCA President 1961-63, and Mrs G H Savage, WCA Past President 1947 to 1960. Both women were members of the Waimarie Club.

POLLOCK MEMORIAL AND ASSOCIATION GOLD MEDALS (2)

Handicap Doubles Runners-up

Presented in 1939 (refer to Pollock Gold Stars in the Challenge Series). (or No 69, if we're numbering)

WILKINSON PLATE

Handicap Singles Overall Winner

The trophy was originally competed for in the B Grade Handicap Singles, Section 2, up until the 1984-85 season. Redesignated for Overall Handicap Singles winner from 1994-95. Mrs F Wilkinson (Hutt) was WCA Hon Treasurer from 1919 to 1929. An anonymous donor gifted some money and clubs were asked to contribute, as was the Association, towards the said trophy in 1930.

No trophy or event.

JOHN PRINCE CUP

Men's Handicap

Presented by John Prince (Naenae) in the 1971-72 season and the first competition was held in 1974. John Prince was the WCA Publicity Officer from 1965 to 1968. The conditions of play were that the trophy was to be for weekend matches to enable men who worked to enter the event although week day matches could be arranged when convenient.

No Trophy for Men's Handicap Runner-up.

JEAN JARDEN CUP

Women's Handicap

Presented in the 1979-80 season. Mrs Jarden (Waimarie) was WCA Vice President from 1961 to 1963 and WCA President from 1964 to 1967.

BARBARA DOMB MEMORIAL DISH

Women's Handicap Runner-up

Trophy presented by Mrs B Agesen (Petone Central). Mrs Agesen was WCA Hon Treasurer from 1990 to 1996. Barbara Domb (Wellington and Petone Central) was WCA Hon Secretary from 1979 to 1983, WCA President 1984-85 and WCA Life Member 1988.

WRIGHTSON SILVER SALVER

C Grade Singles Weekend Event

Presented by Wrightson Appliances during 1982-83 season.

No trophy or event.

WCA VETERANS' CHAMPION

Veterans' Handicap Singles

First awarded in 1990 to the overall winner of the Veterans Tournament, men and women's playoff.

No trophy or event.

DAVE TREADWELL MEMORIAL TRAY

Men's Veterans' Handicap Singles

The tray was presented by Dave Treadwell (Wellington and Kelburn) in 1980.

No trophy or event.

I M CADWALLADER CUP

Women's Veterans' Handicap Singles

Presented by Mrs Cadwallader (Kelburn) in the 1960-61 season.

No trophy or event.

SCHOOL AGE TOURNAMENT

SCHOOL AGE TOURNAMENT RUNNER-UP

CLUB PAIRS SILVER TRAYS

Junior Championship Doubles

Presented in 1958 by the WCA Executive.

No trophy for the Club Pairs Doubles Runners-up.

GARDNER MEMORIAL SILVER BOWLS (2)

A Grade Championship Doubles

Mrs Gardner joined Kelburn in 1919. She was WCA Vice President 1925-26, District Referee 1931 and WCA Vice President 1932-41. Mrs Gardner died in 1941.

Conditions of Play: The 1941 WCA Match Committee decreed that an event worthy of the memory of Mrs Gardner should include the two best players in each club. Competition to be called the Gardner Memorial, a doubles event to commence on 3 March and to be run as a tournament with silver badges (what about the bowls???). First presented to winners in 1946. In 1947, where possible, clubs selected a second pair, ie one pair for the Gardner Memorial and the other pair for Club Pairs.

GARDNER MEMORIAL

A Grade Championship Doubles Runners-up

No trophy.

ARTHUR ROSS MEMORIAL TRAY

WCA Handicap Singles Play –off

Trophy presented by President E Dickinson-Smith (Khandallah) and Mrs N McDonald (Kelburn) in the 1999-00 (???) season. Mr Dickinson-Smith was WCA President in 1997 and 1998. Mrs McDonald was WCA Vice President from 1980 to 1983 and WCA Secretary from 1989 to 1998.

No trophy or event.

H J STEPTOE MEMORIAL TRAY

Most Promising Junior Player

The trophy was awarded from (??) 1976 to the most promising entrant in Level Singles No 3 (C Grade Championship) by the WCA Executive. Bert Steptoe was a member of Kelburn from 1966 to 1974, the WCA Hon Secretary from 1966 to 1970, WCA President 1972-73 and Publicity Officer in 1977.

DB BREWERIES

Highest Percentage new to croquet members within the WCA

In the 1980s the WCA held an annual Celebrity Croquet Gala Day. The originator of the (trophy or gala day) was WCA Vice President D Corkin (Kelburn) 1982-84 and was sponsored by Dominion Breweries. The function of the gala day was to raise money for a deserving charity but the event was retired after two or three seasons. The WCA Executive then awarded the trophy to the club enrolling the highest number of new players to the game.

No trophy or event.

INTERCLUB

WRIGHTSON SILVER SALVER

Open Interclub

This Weekend Handicap Trophy was redesignated to the Open Interclub Event during the 2002-03 season.

WRIGHTSON SILVER SALVER

A Grade Doubles

Presented by Wrightson Appliances during the 1982-83 season.

RHODES WILLIAMS'S VASE (what does the vase say? Rhodes Williams Vase?)

A Grade Doubles Runners-up

Mrs A Rhodes Williams (Kelburn) was WCA Vice President 1922-26, WCA Referee 1929 and WCA Handicapper 1930. Trophy first awarded in 1923.

WRIGHTSON SILVER SALVER

Intermediate Doubles

Presented by Wrightson Appliances during the 1982-83 season.

No trophy or event.

WRIGHTSON SILVER SALVER

B Grade Doubles

Presented by Wrightson Appliances during the 1982-83 season.

No trophy or event.

WRIGHTSON SILVER SALVER

C Grade Doubles

Presented by Wrightson Appliances during the 1982-83 season.

No trophy or event.

WRIGHTSON SILVER SALVER

Weekend Handicap Doubles

Trophy and event retired in 2001-02 season.

No trophy or event.

SILVER CUP

Midweek Handicap Doubles

Trophy gifted by an anonymous donor during the 2001-02 season.

RETIRED INTERCLUB TROPHIES

(OF 1982-83) What does that mean???

McGILL SHIELD MEMORIAL

A Grade Doubles

During the 1939-40 season Mrs W N Walker (Woburn) gifted a handsome shield to commemorate the memory of her late father, Mr G McGill. The trophy is now held by the WCA.

KEITH IZARD MEMORIAL CUP

Intermediate Grade Doubles

In the early 1900s croquet was enjoying a revival and clubs were being formed all over the country. No central organisation existed and leading players journeyed the country to boost and publicise the game. In this atmosphere the croquet talents of Keith Izard flourished; an exhibitionist and a perfectionist by nature. He dominated those early championship meetings and statistics record him as NZ Open Champion 1913-14. The

record of his first season's play in England in 1908 was most impressive as he played in 15 major tournaments and was an open singles finalist 11 times, winning eight. Keith Izard was associated with the Kelburn Club. The trophy is held by the WCA.

FOUNDERS' TROPHY

B Grade Doubles

Donated by the WCA founding members of 1919: McVilly, Hollard, E McKenzie, Dryden, Remington, Hendry, Johnson, Morgan, Fuller (Nelson) in 1940. The trophy originally was in the possession of Miss D D Steel, the world's champion player. The trophy is held by the WCA.

JARDEN SHIELD

C Grade Doubles

Presented in recognition of the services given by Mrs B A (Jean) Jarden to the croquet world. Trophy held by the Petone Central Club.

ALICE McKENZIE MALLET

Saturday Handicap Doubles

Presented by Mrs McKenzie, Hon Secretary, WCA 1919-39. First played for in the 1957-58 season. Trophy is held by the Wellington Club.

CHALLENGE SERIES

POLLOCK GOLD STARS

Premier Grade Doubles

Presented by Mr J Pollock (Kelburn and Seatoun) in 1924. He was WCA Vice President 1924-25.

Conditions of play when presented: Clubs must enter their two best available players and, if the holders cannot play within the seven days specified, they must forfeit the stars to the challengers.

RUDKIN BROOCHES

Originally the brooches were gold for C Grade Championship Singles and silver for C Grade Championship Singles runner-up. Mrs H H Rudkin was a foundation member of Lyall Bay and was President for many years. She later joined the Wellington Club. Mrs Rudkin was the WCA Vice Patron from 1956 until her death three years later. The brooches were retired by the WCA in 2001 and redesignated as the A Grade Challenge trophy.

ASSOCIATION GOLD BUTTONS

Intermediate Grade Doubles

Purchased by the WCA Executive Committee during the mid 1920s.

ASSOCIATION FERNS

B Grade Doubles

Purchased by WCA President, Mrs S Bennett (Ngaroma) and the Executive Committee in 1926.

McKENZIE CUPS (2)

C Grade Doubles

Presented in recognition of the services given to croquet, locally and nationally, by Mrs E (Alice) McKenzie. Mrs McKenzie was the WCA Hon Secretary 1919 (to when?), Editor of the NZCC Gazette from 1940-54, the first person to have a weekly column in metropolitan newspapers (about croquet???) and pioneered broadcasting of results of games over the radio. She was a member of Ngaroma from 1910 until her death in 1956.

SPAKMAN TRAY

Wellington-Wairarapa Annual Exchange Visit

The trophy was to commemorate Mrs Edith Spackman's 102nd birthday on 17 May 1982. Mrs Spackman was a long time member of the Wairarapa Croquet Association and aunt of our renowned Wellington player Mrs Merle Harding (Petone). The trophy was donated by Mr ADJ (Ashley) Heenan OBE (Waimarie) and other WCA Clubs. Ashley Heenan was WCA Secretary in 1956, WCA Handicapper in 1980, WCA Life Member 1991, WCA Vice President in 1996 and WCA President in 1997. The trophy was awarded to the junior player of the visiting team scoring the highest points.

Historical Interest

The Wairarapa Clubs were affiliated to the Wellington Croquet Association until 1927 when the New Zealand Croquet Council decided to sever Wairarapa from Wellington and also did the same with Otaki, by joining it to the Manawatu Croquet Association. As a token of good fellowship the Wellington Croquet Association presented the Wairarapa Croquet Association with the Interclub Shields which had been played for there.

Mrs E McKenzie also gave the McKenzie wristlets, held at the time by the Featherston Croquet Club, as a mark of esteem to the Wairarapa Croquet Association.