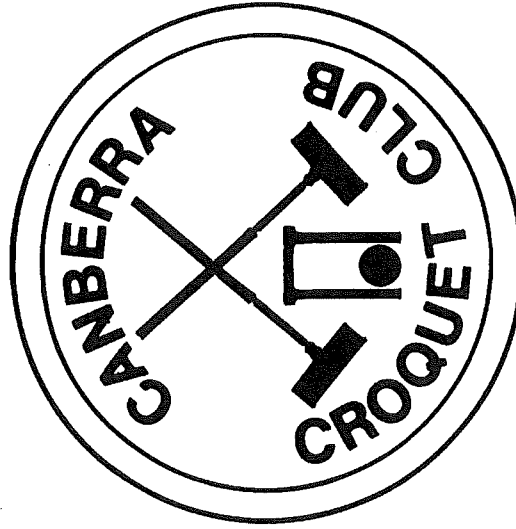


The Canberra Croquet Club
 Competition Winners
 2010-2011

Event	Winner(s)
Association Croquet	
Handicap doubles	Bob Gingold & Brian Thomason
Handicap singles	Ben Freasier
Veteran's Handicap singles	Chris Wilson
Canberra Open	
Winner Open	Jim Nicholls (NSW)
Y	Stephen Richards
Plate	Alan Honey
Senior Citizen's Handicap Singles	Bob Gingold
Margaret Reid Trophy (High Low doubles)	
Senior	Greg Diprose
Junior	Brian Thomason
Block	Tony Hall
Block	Glen Whitehead
Block	Tony McArthur (NSW)
	Stephen Richards
Easter Carnival	
Club championship	
Presidents' Day (High Low doubles)	
Senior	Stephen Meatheringham
Junior	Ian Walker
	Chris Payne
Women's Singles	
Division Advanced Singles	
Div 1	Tim Murphy
Div 2	John Harris
Div 3	<i>insufficient entries</i>
Div 4	<i>insufficient entries</i>
	<i>not competed for</i>
Blackall Cup	
Golf Croquet	
Club Championship	Peter Freer
Handicap Singles	Stephen Meatheringham
Handicap Doubles	Bob Gingold & Glen Whitehead
Gateball	
Doubles event	Glen Whitehead & Lee Forace

CANBERRA CROQUET CLUB



Annual Report 2011

Canberra Croquet Club Incorporated

Annual Report

This report is presented to members in accordance with section 73 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991. Attached are the following:

1. The Auditor's Report
2. The statement of accounts for 2010/2011, comprising the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet
3. The budget for 2011/2012
4. The Report for 2010/2011
5. The Minutes of the 2010 AGM
6. Competition winners for 2010/2011

The names of the Committee members for the year 2010/2011 were:

Elizabeth Mountain	President
Greg Diprose	Vice-President
Bob Gingold	Secretary
Tim Goodland	Treasurer
Ben Freasier	Captain
Stephen Meatheringham	Committee Member
Alex Park	Committee Member
Rodney Teakle	Committee Member

The principal activities of the Club, which have not changed during the year, are the playing of croquet by its members, and supporting and fostering the game in the community.

During the year, receipts exceeded expenditure by \$5,306.30 and members accumulated funds increased by \$8,229.54.

E. Mountain

Elizabeth Mountain
President

SM

Stephen Meatheringham
Committee Member

**Auditor's Report to the Members
of Canberra Croquet Club Incorporated**

I have examined the accounts and records of the Canberra Croquet Club Incorporated and have audited the financial transactions recorded therein.

In my opinion, the Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure present fairly the financial position of the Club as at 31 May 2011 and the result of its operations for the year ended on that date.

26 June 2011



Angela Baum CA

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ending 31 May 2011

RECEIPTS	
Bank Interest	4.81
Canberra Open Tournament	1,022.00
Coaching	675.00
Donations	120.00
Easter Tournament	680.00
Equipment Hire	7,025.00
Gateball Tournament	825.00
Grants	3,506.00
Green Fees	418.70
Shop	5.00
Subscriptions	16,725.00
Yearbook, Croquet NSW	32.00
Miscellaneous	222.80
TOTAL	31,261.31

EXPENDITURE	
Affiliation Fees	2,175.00
Canberra Open Tournament	312.40
Cleaning and Rubbish Removal	786.34
Clubhouse Maintenance	2,616.30
Coaching material	25.61
Court Maintenance and Improvements	8,549.15
Easter Tournament	113.00
Electricity	623.11
Equipment	932.00
Gateball Tournament	912.86
Gratuities	0.00
Housekeeping	601.38
Insurance	2,270.73
Library, Magazines & Journals	78.93
New Members' Expenses	268.20
Postage & Stationery	12.00
Rent and Rates	3,179.34
Shop Stocks	0.00
Telephone	884.06
Trophies, Engraving and Gold Lettering	558.30
Yearbook, Croquet NSW	46.00
Miscellaneous	1,010.30
TOTAL	25,955.01
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	5,306.30

BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2011-2012

Income	BUDGET 1/6/2011 to 31/5/2012
Bank interest	\$5.00
Canberra Open	\$1,000.00
Coaching	\$300.00
Donations	\$400.00
Easter Tournament	\$600.00
Hirings	\$7,000.00
Gateball income	\$200.00
Green fees	\$400.00
Membership	\$16,000.00
Yearbook, Croquet NSW	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$25,955.00

Expenditure	BUDGET 1/6/2011 to 31/5/2012
Affiliation Fees	\$2,550.00
Canberra Open	\$300.00
Cleaning and Rubbish Removal	\$800.00
Club-house maintenance	\$1,200.00
Coaching material	\$100.00
Cost improvements and maintenance	\$6,000.00
Easter Tournament	\$200.00
Electricity	\$700.00
Equipment	\$1,000.00
Garden maintenance	\$600.00
Gateball expenses	\$300.00
Gratuities, gifts etc.	\$120.00
Housekeeping	\$600.00
Insurance	\$2,300.00
IT/Software	\$500.00
Library, magazines and journals	\$100.00
Keys and badges	\$300.00
Postage and stationery	\$100.00
Rates and rent	\$3,200.00
Telephone	\$900.00
Trophies, gold lettering and engraving	\$800.00
Yearbook, Croquet NSW	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$22,770.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$3,185.00

Bank Account Details

BANK ACCOUNT

Opening balance	7,365.84
2009/10 cheque o/s	-20.00
Operating Surplus/(deficit)	5,306.30
Transfer from Term Deposit	8,147.92
Transfer to Term Deposit	-10,000.00
Unpresented cheques	50.80
Deposits not yet banked	0.00
Balance at 31/5/11	10,850.86

TERM DEPOSITS

Opening balance	55,281.22
Interest	2,461.30
Bank charges	-57.56
Transfer from Current Account	10,000.00
Transfer to Current Account	-8,147.92
Balance at 31/5/11	59,537.04

Balance Sheet at 31/5/11

**Members' Accumulated Funds
Represented by:**

Current Assets	
Commonwealth Bank Trading Account	10,850.86
Commonwealth Bank Term Deposits	59,537.04
Shop Stocks	2,717.50
Total Current Assets	73,105.40

Fixed Assets

Croquet and Lawn Equipment at cost	11,706.45
Less Depreciation	7,729.45
Trophies and Honour Boards	3,977.00
Other Equipment at cost	883.00
Less Depreciation	9,265.57
Total Fixed Assets	6,410.00
TOTAL ASSETS	79,515.40

**Current Liabilities
Unpresented Cheques**

	50.80
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NET ASSETS

	79,464.60
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2010-2011 Annual Report

This last year has been rather productive for the Club. Unlike previous years, we have had plenty of rain, conquered the termites (we hope) and managed a number of interesting projects through various government grants programs. Our numbers have remained steady and the club continues with a busy schedule of competition and social play.

Recruitment and Retention Membership

The club membership currently stands at 85 (35 female and 48 males). This is an increase of 8 members over 2009-10 figures. Ten members did not renew this year and 18 new members joined, including 4 former members returning from interstate. There are 11 Associate members. Our operational plan called for 10 new members this year, which we were close to achieving. The Gateballers specifically increased membership by 2, giving us 12 full time Gateballers.

The Committee agreed to vary the arrangements which feed new people into the club. Now, once a person has had the first lesson, which is basic Golf Croquet, they are eligible to join the club and participate in Golf Croquet draws while continuing with their full set of lessons. This may have had a positive effect on the conversion from introductory training to membership this year.

The Captain has commented on the continuing problem of replenishing the Association Croquet playing pool. Generational change has resulted in our having fewer social players than in previous years, especially during week day draws. It is interesting to note that the Wednesday morning draw now has about twice the number of players as Tuesday and Thursday draws. A High Roller draw has been reinstated for Sunday afternoons in an attempt to encourage new players.

Golf Croquet is quietly gaining strength with about 20 members exclusively playing Golf Croquet and the Captain has noted the steady improvement in the standard for play of the social draws. The numbers for both the Tuesday and Saturday afternoon draws are steady.

Coaches and Referees

The club has 3 x Level 2 and 8 x Beginner accredited coaches in Association Croquet and 4 x Golf Croquet coaches. As a sport, Gateball does not have a formal policy on coaching.

In Association Croquet, we have 11 referees and two Examining referees. In Golf Croquet there are 4 referees and 1 Examining referee; while Gateball has 6 referees.

Introductory Coaching

Bob Gingold, our long-term and now retired Coaching co-ordinator reports that of the 15 people who took the Introductory Croquet Course in the last year, 9 have joined the club. This is a most satisfactory ratio, much higher than previous years. Therefore our thanks must go to the coaches Yvonne Brereton, Ben Freasier, Bob Gingold and Stephen Meatheringham who clearly have the right formula for converting trainees to members.

Come and Try Association and Golf Croquet

John Harris valiantly struggled with weather and the uncertainty of numbers and held 8 Come and Try events, including ~~some~~ people. Some people chose lessons, but not many. The Committee has been concerned that John's enormous efforts are not being rewarded by the subsequent recruitment outcomes and recommends a review of Come and Try events in the context of recruitment in the next year.

Player development

Given the lack of interest shown by members for intermediate coaching in Association and Golf Croquet last year, none was conducted this year. However, many pursued their own personal development program by playing in a wide variety of competitions outside the club. (See under Advocate and Promote Excellence)

Event Management

As usual we held our two major Association Croquet competitions, the Canberra Open and the Easter Carnival, although numbers were perhaps a little lower this year, especially for Easter which fell late this year. Our thanks go again to Stephen Richards and Peter Freer and Brian Thomason for managing these events.

The Gateballers conducted *The Muddy Lawn* fundraiser in response to the flood disaster in Queensland. Through the work of Alex Park and his mates, about 80 visitors raised over \$800 to help the McIlwraith Club in Brisbane recover from the flood. This event was well publicised by the Gateballers, received coverage on ABC radio (twice) and in the press and could form a template for other publicity events in the club. We gained one new enthusiastic member (AC/GC) from the *Muddy Lawn* event.

In November the Gateballers organised the NSW Gateball Championship at the club. The event attracted several teams from Victoria as well as players from Brisbane and Sydney. Special thanks go to Margot Morris for catering (gourmet chicken sandwiches and afternoon ice creams were a particular hit with the players).

Unfortunately, the annual Blackall Cup was not played with Queanbeyan this year. The main issues were the late dates for the Easter Competition and Queanbeyan's limited pool of players. It will go ahead next year.

All mallet sports catered for

It is pleasing to see that Association and Golf Croquet and Gateball are each well-established within the club's calendar. Additional honour boards are being provided to reflect this.

During the next year the following will be installed:

- A Golf Croquet Championship board to match the AC Championship
- A state and national team board for Golf Croquet
- A small board to record winners of the Tavender Trophy
- A new President's board which will be needed in the coming years.

Acknowledge member contributions

Like most clubs, we heavily depend on our members to volunteer their help and expertise in many areas. Each year we are indebted to those who contribute quietly, keeping the stocks up in the kitchen, rolling the lawns, moving the hoops, running our competitions, arranging trophies etc. Such a lot of work goes on behind the scenes.

In particular, we need to recognise the long service by Bob Gingold who has handed the coaching co-ordination to Rodney Teakle and by Stephen Weatheringham who has handed the lawns management over to Peter Freer and who is still looking for someone to take over the website.

Rodney Teakle continues his huge commitment to the Club through managing and conducting most of the hirings. Hirings have earned the club more than \$6,000 this year which makes a considerable impact on our finances. Brian Thomson has been tireless in his pursuit of the perfect feet for the ball barriers and any other handyman work we have needed around the club. Ben Freasier used his computer skills to redesign the artwork for the new member badges. Peter Tavender installed a new lock on the outside locker and Stephen Weatheringham organised the spring clean to which many members contributed. Richard Meacock quietly manages not only the job of trophy officer but also the quartermaster/housekeeping role

I must also acknowledge the contribution made this year by the Committee and the Playing committee and our new Club handicapper, John Byers. In particular our Secretary, Bob Gingold, has done a sterling job keeping everything together and Ben Freasier has somehow maintained his good humour as he tackled the myriad of responsibilities of Club Captain.

Membership of other croquet organisations

Our Club continues with its contributions at the national and international level. Stephen Weatheringham is a member of the World Croquet Federation Management Committee, the Australian National Handicapper and looks after the ACA web site. In the ACA, Greg Diprose is Senior Vice President, Tony Hall is Treasurer, Nerida Taylor is Assistant Treasurer, Tim Murphy is a member of the Tournament Committee and Peter Freer is Event Manager.

Gilon Smith is the National Director of Gateball. Alex Park is now the NSW Director of Gateball and is busy organising visits to NSW croquet clubs promoting gateball.

Promoting the club and playing disciplines in the ACT

Promotion and publicity has taken a lower profile this year, although there was good coverage of the Muddy Lawn event as noted earlier. The Gateballers who went to China also managed to get publicity, including photos, in the Canberra Times. Tim the Yowie man has been a great supporter of the club. He attended a Come and Try for himself and has mentioned the club several times in his column in the Canberra Times which has resulted in people attending the Come and Try events.

Our involvement with the social Golf Croquet players of Goodwin Homes resulted in a group of them joining our social Golf players on one Tuesday afternoon.

Establish links with other clubs in the region

We continue to have complementary links with other clubs in the region with our members playing in Golf and Association Croquet competitions from Walla Walla to Young. We did not offer a team to the Narooma/Dalmeny competition this year for a variety of reasons.

The Gateballers have organised workshops in Narooma, Wagga Wagga, Tempe and Eastwood. Our members will also be largely organising the 2011 Australian Gateball Championship to be held in Newcastle, helping them as they are only newly established in the game.

Social Activities

Along with the generational change mentioned earlier, member response to social activities suggests that they are now less interested in the social side. Numbers at the Annual Dinner were slightly lower but the Xmas party remains well attended.

The most reliable 'social' activity has been the continuance of the Rocket as a communication tool with members. We are indebted to Glen Whitehead who chases us for information and churns it out every two months. It remains a high class operation.

Facility and asset management

This committee has been busy in this area. We were able to take advantage of grants, totalling just over \$13,000 offered by the Commonwealth and ACT governments to:

- Gain a computer and ISP services which now permits people to use the computer in the club house and to run an online booking system, which seems to work very well.
- Ownership of the computer, desk and chair reverts to the club at the end of June but the Commonwealth government will maintain funding the service for another 4 years.
- Install root barriers on the eastern and western boundaries, extend the northern boundary by 1 metre and install a ball barrier on the western boundary. Negotiations with the ACT Department of Sport and Recreation resulted in their paying for the root barrier work (\$9502) and we were left with responsibility for the minor works. We think we can see a positive impact from the root barriers already.
- Install two major security improvements to protect the clubhouse (\$3506). Security lighting has been installed to 'light the place up like a Xmas tree' should anyone approach at night. Crimsafe Screens have been placed over the opening windows to allow us to open windows safely in summer. Additional power points, including one outside and one to run the computer, have been installed and the broken one fixed.

The club must particularly thank Bob Gingold and Ben Freasier for the work associated with these projects. Ben was also the contact for the termite people and we are pleased to report that after 12 months, they seem to have gone. Work remains to fix the door frame.

Club Street Sign

The Club street sign has been updated with our website address.

Clubhouse roof

The new paint on the clubhouse roof has started lifting on the weather sides of the building. This will be fixed by the painter but she ponders whether in fact the shingles might be breaking down.

Floor subsidence and flagpole

The floor subsidence issue was investigated again by a Heritage Architect and a builder who specialises in heritage buildings. It was agreed that there had not been significant movement since the problem was last reviewed, five years ago. However, it is noted that the toilet end of the building really needs restumping at some stage. This was reviewed again recently when the termite infestation was finished but generally it was agreed that we could live with the problem a little longer. Once we start restumping, everything will move, some floor boards will have to be lifted and it will be a big job. The committee deferred doing anything about it this year and will reconsider it next year.

The rot in the flagpole, while unsightly, is not making the pole unsafe. The builder pointed out the costs involved in taking it up with a crane and replacing the timber. At this stage, the committee decided to stay with the current status of 'unsightly'. An offer was made to OPH to take the pole, as it was used as a flagpole at the opening of the building, but they didn't want it.

A place to play in December

We had negotiations with the CEO of the NCA about the possibility of renovating the OPH lawn for play during our renovation period. It was fraught with problems and did not occur. However, we did come to an arrangement with Queanbeyan Club for our members to play there. Not many members took advantage of their kind offer. However, the Committee recommends maintaining the arrangement.

Lawns management

In last year's annual report, the then committee noted that it had decided to upgrade the irrigation system to allow for splitting the lawns for renovation and allow for play during the renovation period. This year's committee did a very full investigation of this proposed project, including discussions with greenkeepers, the Department of Sport and Recreation and irrigation suppliers.

At the end of this investigation, it was decided that the investment of a new irrigation system, at a cost in excess of \$20,000 plus additional green keeping costs for a second annual renovation were not justified by the desire to have a lawn available for play during the renovation period. Concerns were also raised that our lawns would end up being different speeds which could cause problems for some competitions.

Last year the committee reported that we had a new, fifth, greenkeeper. This year the committee reports that we have a new, sixth greenkeeper, Turf Management Australia (TMA). TMA has the contract with the ACT government for the mowing at the moment and we have been happy with their work. They took over the full greenkeeper role in June.

Advocate and promote excellence

With the quality of senior croquet players and the Gateballers in this club, little is required formally to advocate excellence in mallet sports. We are happy to record the performances of some of our players as follows.

Tim Murphy became the NSW State team Captain and led the team to wins in the Eire Cup in 2010 and 2011. Stephen Richards, also a member of the winning NSW team, is in the Australian squad for the MacRobertson Shield in 2014.

Tony Hall and Peter Freer could well be neck and neck for the most participation in other competitions, locally and internationally, with the lists of their activities being too much for this report. Both have played widely and successfully in Australia and overseas, in both Association and Golf Croquet.

A new member to the club and recently transferred from SA, Charlotte Morgan, adds to the glory of the club with her participation in high level Australian-based competition.

The Gateballers won the 2010 Queensland Gateball Championship convincingly (with outstanding play by Kimberlee Trent) and the 2011 Victorian Gateball Championship. They also managed the 5th NSW Gateball Championship at our Club, where Glen and Kristina Whitehead won the pairs, over Alex Park and his Mum. Nine of our Gateball members also represented Australia at the world's biggest mallet sport competition, the World Gateball Championship in Shanghai, China.

Governance and Management

There have been no major issues arising in this area with the changes introduced last year working effectively.

In summary, the club has worked well this year and major asset and infrastructure activities completed. Concerns remain about recruitment and retention, especially in Association Croquet. We bask in the success of our senior players and our Gateball contingent and no doubt everyone will continue to work towards making the Canberra Croquet Club the very best it can be for all its members.

Elizabeth Mountain

President

June 2010

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CANBERRA CROQUET CLUB INCORPORATED
1.30 PM SATURDAY 19 June 2010
AT THE CCC CLUBHOUSE**

Draft Minutes

1. Opening

The President, P Freer, took the chair and opened proceedings at 1.32pm by welcoming members to the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Canberra Croquet Club (CCC) Incorporated; and inviting their attention to the agenda and associated CCC annual report.

There were 29 financial members present who signed the Attendance Book held at the clubhouse.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from M Bradshaw, G Bray, A Charlton, H Clark, K Clarke, N de Chazal, M Galloway, V Gleeson, L Magee, M McDonald, S Meatheringham, F Novitski, J & C Pask, P Tavender and N Taylor.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 19 June 2009

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as a correct record.
Moved: T Hall, seconded: P Hardiman - carried.

4. President's Report

The CCC 2010 Annual Report document contained the President's Report for 2009-2010, which was based on the outcomes achieved under the club's ongoing strategic plan. The President spoke to the highlights of the report and thanked all those members who had contributed to the successful operation of the club over the past twelve months.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted.
Moved: P Freer, seconded: T Murphy - carried

T Murphy expressed the gratitude of the club, reinforced by general applause, for the efforts of the Peter Freer as President, over the last two years.

5. Captain's Report

The Captain's Report formed part of the President's Report, already considered under agenda item 4 above.

The President thanked the retiring Captain, P Strauch, for his support in overseeing the club's playing activities during the last year.

Motion: That the Captain's Report be accepted.
Moved: P Strauch, seconded: R Teakle - carried

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

The Treasurer, J Payne, spoke briefly to the statement of accounts and auditor's report for 2009-10 as contained in the CCC 2010 Annual Report. He noted a minor error in the accounts where \$310 listed under Gateball should be under Equipment, and the Gateball tournaments had broken even rather than incurred a loss. Jim stated that he and P Tavender would do a general clean-up in August and then revise the assets list. He thanked S Meatheringham for his help in setting up the Treasurer's account.
The President thanked Treasurer for his excellent work.

Motion: That the report be accepted.
Moved: T Hall, seconded: B Freasier - carried

7. Determination of the Membership Fee for the year 2010-2011

Motion: That the annual membership fee for 2010-11 remain at \$240.
Moved: J Payne, seconded: P Hardiman - carried

8. Appointment of Auditor

It is understood that Mr Dahl has indicated a willingness to remain the club's Auditor.

Motion: That Mr Dahl be retained as auditor.

Moved: R Timms, seconded: E Mountain - carried

9. Nomination of Patron

Motion: That the incoming committee consider inviting the Hon Margaret Reid to continue as club patron.

Moved: P Freer, seconded: T Murphy - carried

10. Consideration of proposals under Rule 15 of CCC Inc. Rules

There was no special resolution under Rule 15 for consideration by members at this meeting.

11. Election of Office Bearers

No position was contested. At close of nominations, nominations had been received for positions as follows:

President	E Mountain
Vice President	G Diprose
Treasurer	T Goodland
Secretary	B Gingold
Captain	B Freasier
Committee Members	S Meatheringham R Teakle A Park

These persons were duly declared appointed.

The outgoing President congratulated the incoming Committee members on their appointment, and presented them with their badges of Office.

12. Election of Members to the Playing Committee

The Playing Committee membership comprises:

Captain (Chair and Playing Committee representative on the main Committee)
Vice-Captain (alternate representative on the main Committee as required)
President (Ex-Officio), Coaching Coordinator, Members x 2

Nominations were received before the meeting as follows, with no positions being contested:
Captain
B Freasier

Nominations for the remaining position as committee member were called for from the floor with the following person being appointed:

Vice-Captain	R Timms
Playing Committee Members	P Freer, A Park

B Gingold offered to continue as Coaching Coordinator.

The outgoing President congratulated the incoming Playing Committee members on their appointment, and presented them with their badges of Office.

13. Closure of Meeting

The President thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1.47pm.
