



CANBERRA CROQUET CLUB INC

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

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Section 73 Report

This report is presented to members in accordance with Section 73 of the ACT Associations Corporations Act.

The Committee members for 2019-20 were:

- President Stephen Richards
- Vice President David Marshall
- Secretary Gerda Lambeck
- Treasurer Sorina Atkin
- Captain Peter Freer
- Committee members Peter Dale; Jill Golley; David Hoffman

The principal activities of the Canberra Croquet Club (the Club) are the playing of croquet and Gateball by its members and supporting and fostering these games in the community. These activities have not changed over the course of the year.

Stephen Richards
President

Gerda Lambeck
Secretary

Auditor's Report to the Members of the Canberra Croquet Club and Financial Summary for 2019-20

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Auditor's Report to the Members of the 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 2020 and the result of its operations for the year ended on that date.



Tim Goodland

3 August 2020

Canberra Croquet Club			
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ending 31 May 2020			31-May-19
Operating Receipts	\$		\$
Green Fees	1,091		865
Hirings	6,800		7,275
Coaching	1,890		994
Membership	32,686		27,382
Donations and Grants	5,015		7
Sale of Refreshments	368		429
Sales	779		880
Insurance Claims	1,074		
Tournament - CNSW AC (Oct)	380		2,634.80
Tournament - Other	100		200
	50,182		40,667
Operating Expenditures			
Affiliation & Regulatory Fees	3,523		5,197
Badges, Keys, Engraving & Lettering	1,338		1,002
Cleaning and Rubbish Removal	587		601
Clubhouse Maintenance-Minor	427		172
Court Maint & Improvements	17,650		11,815
Electricity	1,068		1,305
Water Costs	8,090		7,024
Provisions & Celebrations	1,103		855
Equipment	2,631		515
Garden Maintenance	178		
Gratuities, Gifts etc.	180		180
Coaching material	177		86
Insurance	2,803		2,605
Library, Magazines & Journals	-	-	30
Marketing & Advertising	-		74
Postage & Stationery	-		101
Purchase of Refreshments for sale	63		437
Purchase of Inventory	260		248
Rent and Rates	2,631		2,554
Telephone & Internet	1,095		1,197
Tournament - CNSW GC (Sept)	100		1,722
Tournaments - Others	180		520
	44,084		38,180
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$6,099		\$2,487
Term Deposit Interest Received in Bank Account	1,900		3,476
Special Grants (Heritage Plan)	-		0
Sponsorships (Dixon)	0		4,000.00
Clubhouse-Upgrade Plans & Major Maintenance	(12,086)		(10,060)
Court Maintenance-Major	(1,265)		(1,696)
Asset Purchase (water heater)	(2,122)		(1,177)
Development of Heritage Plan	-		0
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$7,475)		(\$2,970)

Canberra Croquet Club					
Balance Sheet at 31 May 2020					31-May-19
Members' Accumulated Funds		Represented by:			
<u>Current Assets</u>		\$	\$	\$	\$
Commonwealth Bank Trading Accounts		36,750			19,092
Members Equity Bank Term Deposits		63,000			88,000
Drink Stocks		176			94
Shop Stocks		642			830
Total Current Assets				100,568	108,016
<u>Fixed Assets</u>					
Croquet and Lawn Equipment at cost		20,688			
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(16,287)	4,401		4,006
Other Equipment at cost		16,274			
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(8,061)	8,213		5,430
Trophies and Honour Boards		2,950			
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(2,236)	714		938
Total Fixed Assets				13,327	10,374
TOTAL ASSETS				113,895	118,389
<u>Current Liabilities</u>					
Unpresented Cheques				-	-
NET ASSETS				113,895	118,389
Bank Account Details					
COMMONWEALTH BANK ACCOUNTS					
Opening balance		19,092			22,062
Add YTD 2019-20 Receipts		145,360			136,983
Less YTD 2019-20 Payments		127,702			(139,953)
Balance at 31 May 2020		36,750			19,092
Cash at Bank at 31/5/20		36,750			19,092
Add O/S Deposits		-			-
Less O/S Cheques		-			-
Balance at 31 May 2019		36,750			19,092
TERM DEPOSITS at ME BANK					
Opening balance		88,000			88,109
Interest rolled to/(from) Term Deposit		0			- 109
Transfer from Current Account		0			18,000
Transfer to Current Account		(25,000)			(18,000)
Balance at 31 May 2020		63,000			88,000
<i>Details of Term Deposits:</i>					
to 22/06/20	<i>Reserved: night lights</i>	20,000			20,000
to 7/3/20	<i>Cashed in 09/03/20</i>	0			9,000
to 7/5/20	<i>Cashed in 07/05/20</i>	0			25,000
to 02/07/20		11,000			11,000
to 26/7/20		10,000			10,000
to 14/9/20		22,000			13,000
		63,000			88,000

2020-21 Budget

Canberra Croquet Club

Operating Receipts	2019-20 Actual \$	AGM 2019-20 Budget \$	2020-21 Budget \$
Green Fees	1,090.50	900	1,000
Hirings	6,800.00	7,500	7,000
Coaching	1,890.00	900	1,200
Membership	32,686.00	31,350	36,000
Donations and Grants	5,015.00	10	10
Sale of Refreshments	367.80	550	500
Sales	779.00	400	400
Insurance Claims	1,073.87		
Tournament - CNSW GC (Sept)		1,000	400
Tournament - CNSW AC (Oct)	380.00	200	
Tournament - CNSW GC (Oct)			400
Tournament - Gateball (Oct)			300
Tournament - Other	100.00	40	
Total Operating Receipts	50,182.17	42,850	47,210
Operating Expenditure			
Affiliation & Regulatory Fees	3,523.25	5,300	5,500
Badges, Keys, & Engraving	1,337.85	1,250	1,250
Cleaning and Rubbish Removal	587.12	650	650
Clubhouse Maintenance-Minor	426.60	400	400
Contingency		500	500
Court Maintenance & Minor Improvements	17,649.84	15,400	17,300
Electricity	1,068.44	1,400	1,500
Water Costs	8,089.85	7,000	8,000
Provisions & Celebrations	1,103.33	870	870
Equipment	2,630.80	1,500	1,500
Garden Maintenance	178.00	50	50
Gratuities, Gifts etc.	180.00	180	180
Coaching material	176.57	90	100
Insurance	2,803.42	2,650	3,000
Library, Magazines & Journals		100	100
Marketing & Advertising		100	100
Postage & Stationery		110	100
Cost of Refreshments for sale	62.59	450	450
Purchase of Inventory	259.50	250	250
Rent and Rates	2,631.20	2,600	2,800
Telephone & Internet	1,095.15	1,250	1,250
Tournament - CNSW GC (Sept)	100.00	200	200
Tournament - CNSW AC (Oct)		50	
Tournament - CNSW GC (Oct)			200
Tournament - Gateball (Oct)			200
Tournament - Other	180.00	500	200
Total Operating Expenditure	44,083.51	42,850	46,450
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	6,098.66	0	760

President's Report

"May you live in interesting times" is an apocryphal saying that sums up much of the 14 months or so that is covered by this year's annual report. We've coped with bushfire smoke haze that restricted play through summer; a freak hailstorm that severely damaged our clubhouse and lawns in January 2020; the Covid-19 pandemic that further constrained play from March to June 2020; and a deferred 2020 AGM as a consequence of Covid-19 restrictions on group gatherings and associated physical density and social distancing requirements. Not quite the four horsemen of the apocalypse, but daunting for a community sports club nonetheless!

...and all that before we even consider what happened on the lawns over the last 14 months.

With that scene setting, I would like to start by expressing my sincere thanks to all our members for their appreciation of the impact that climate, meteorological and health events beyond our control have had on our ability to play the mallet sports we love, and their cooperation and support in following the rules and policies we've developed to help us all get back out on the lawns. So it was great to see most of our members get back onto the lawns from May 2020 onwards as Covid-19 restrictions eased, and wonderful to see a full turnout of 32 members enter the Club's first post-Covid event, the Tony Hall Cup, on 27 June.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the many members who have volunteered their time in both formal and informal volunteer roles within the Club over the last 14 months. A community sporting organisation is only as strong as its membership and the time and efforts given by its members to support the Club both on and off the lawn. As long as our Club remains blessed with committed members prepared to give of their time to help things keep moving along, the Club will remain healthy, well run, and assured of a sustainable future.

In November 2018 the Club adopted a Strategic Plan for the 5-year period from 2018-2023. The Plan is intended to clearly identify what we want the Club to be and how we plan to get there. The overarching objective of the Plan is that the Canberra Croquet Club is one of the best croquet clubs in Australia, and is valued by its members who are playing and enjoying good croquet and Gateball. To achieve this, the plan identifies 4 priority areas of activity. They are to:

1. Develop and sustain an active membership;
2. Promote and support excellence in competition and play;
3. Develop and maintain high quality lawns, facilities, equipment and clubhouse; and
4. Ensure a well-run club with sound financial management, good governance and effective communication.

The Committee's activities across the last 14 months have been focussed on taking actions that deliver on these priorities and build on the work of the previous 12 months (as well as responding to events such as the hailstorm and Covid-19). Some of the key initiatives put in place over the last year have included:

Develop and sustain an active membership

- Recommitting to a Club membership target of 120-130 members. At this level, the Committee believes the Club will have a sufficiently strong membership base to support its ongoing operations and ensure a sound financial position upon which to base future planning. At 31 March 2020 we had 129 full members and 2 social members. While that membership level remained stable during the Covid-19 restrictions our challenge was to ensure membership remained in the target range as we started the 2020-21 financial year. As at 1 August 2020 we had 110 full members, 2 life members and 6 social members. While it is not unusual for the Club's

membership to fall slightly at the start of a new financial year as some choose not to renew their memberships for a variety of personal reasons, we must ensure this drop off in membership numbers does not become a permanent decline. To this end, the Playing Committee has committed to running introductory coaching courses and U3A courses as a means of attracting new members to our Club through 2020-21 and maintaining membership in our target range.

- Continuing to provide playing opportunities for our members across all mallet disciplines through access to our lawns for Club competitions, scheduled draws, coaching and practice.

Promote and support excellence in competition and play

- The ongoing implementation and delivery of an annual Coaching Calendar to provide better structure and clearer scheduling of introductory and other coaching modules in Association Croquet (AC), Golf Croquet (GC) and Gateball across the year.
- Hosting the CNSW 2019 GC Handicap Singles and Doubles Championships (18-22 September) and the 2019 AC Bronze Medal event (5-6 October) to provide the opportunity for our members to play in and watch, high quality AC and GC events without the need to travel outside the ACT.
- Committing to hosting an annual Gateball event in Canberra beginning with an inaugural event on 24-25 October 2020 to provide a regular opportunity for our members to play in and watch, high quality Gateball without having to leave Canberra.
- Supporting the entry of Club teams in the 2019 Australian Gateball Championships and the 2020 CNSW GC Pennants competitions.

Develop and maintain high quality lawns, facilities, equipment and clubhouse

- Extending the contract with our green keeper to provide for a more comprehensive lawn maintenance program for another year. The contract initially entered into force in September 2018 and was extended for 12 months in August 2019. In July 2020, the Committee agreed to extend the contract for a further 12 months commencing from September 2020.
- Arranging for our green keeper to undertake emergency repairs to the Club lawns following the heavy damage caused by the January 2020 hailstorm.
- In December 2019, re-painting the clubhouse exterior to address significant deterioration and flaking of the paintwork which was compromising the structural integrity of the building.
- From January-August 2020, working with our insurers to replace the clubhouse roof that was extensively damaged by the January 2020 hailstorm and undertake other necessary repairs to windows, external fittings and the interior ceilings caused by the hailstorm. Organisation of the repairs has been protracted due to heavy demands on insurers and builders arising from bushfire and hailstorm claims, and due to the need to obtain heritage approvals for the works including for the materials to be used. The repairs are expected to be completed before the end of the 2020 calendar year.
- The ongoing investigation of capital works options for extending the clubhouse to provide improved amenity including increased storage, improved kitchen and sanitation facilities, and disabled access. In April 2020, the Committee obtained heritage approval for a design to extend the clubhouse to double its current size. Further work is required to obtain heritage approval for building materials to be used for any extension, and to obtain planning approvals from the ACT Government and the National Capital Authority. This will be a matter for the Committee to progress in 2020-21. And any decision to proceed will ultimately be a matter for members to determine given the potential financial cost of such a project.

- The acquisition of a defibrillator for the Club in April 2020, which was acquired with joint funding from the ACT Government's 2020 Community Sport and Recreation Development Program grant (\$1000).
- Replacing and upgrading our stock of fire extinguishers in the clubhouse and storage shed.
- Acquisition of two new fridges to replace the old ones.
- The purchase of new playing equipment with the proceeds of the \$5000 Canberra Milk Sporting Equipment Prize won by the Club in November 2019, including new sets of croquet balls; new croquet mallets to supplement our existing stocks; equipment to assist the conduct of Club coaching courses; and Gateball mallets, balls and other equipment that will be used to help the Club host a major Gateball tournament in October 2020. Some of the prizemoney was also used for maintenance work on our existing 3 sets of croquet hoops.
- Ongoing organisation and operation of a clubhouse cleaning roster.

Ensure a well-run club with sound financial management, good governance and effective communication

- Ongoing implementation of a balanced budget covering all recurrent costs.
- With the assistance of members, continuing to provide hirings both as a means of promoting croquet in the ACT community and as an important source of revenue for the Club.
- The ongoing update of the club website. This work will continue into 2020-21. As part of this work, Judy Tier who took on the role of Club Publicity Officer in May 2020, will be working with the Club's website manager, Jamie Gumbrell, to review the "look" of the website and update out-of-date content.
- The adoption of our Smoke Pollution and Air Quality Guidelines in January 2020 and our "Return to Play in a Covid-Safe Environment Plan" in May 2020.
- Ongoing implementation of the Club's Member Protection Policy. Members raised four instances of concern with the Club's Member Protection Information Officers during 2019-20, and all matters were progressed and resolved under the procedures set out in the Club's Member Protection Policy.
- Regular communication to members of administrative and playing news through the website, occasional President and Captain updates, and on the Club's Facebook page.
- The Committee met 12 times and the Playing Committee met 6 times between July 2019 and August 2020.

These are just a few of the many things going on at the Club to help keep our members on the lawns. A more detailed summary of progress against the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan can be found on the website at: https://www.canberracroquet.org.au/governance/Strategic_Plan_Progress.pdf.

And none of these things could be put into effect without the ongoing support and commitment of our members. In particular, I would like to thank:

- The members of the Committee for their contributions through the year, and particularly:
 - our Treasurer, Sorina Atkin, for coming on board to keep our budget balanced and our bank accounts adequately stocked with funds to pay all the bills;
 - our Secretary, Gerda Lambeck, for keeping Club administrative matters moving along efficiently and effectively, and passing on timely news from CNSW to our members;
 - Vice President, David Marshall, for his support and wise counsel, and for taking the lead on liaison with our insurers in relation to hail damage repairs;

- Peter Dale, for overseeing projects associated with improvements to the clubhouse including the re-painting of the clubhouse exterior and the development of the clubhouse extension project;
 - Jill Golley, for overseeing a number of first aid initiatives including a First Aid course for members run by Karen Bisley in November 2019, the purchase of the defibrillator, and online defibrillator training for members in May 2020;
 - David Hoffman for coming on to the Committee at short notice and providing wise counsel and considered inputs at Committee meetings; and
 - Our Club Captain, Peter Freer, for his enthusiasm in relation to all matters coming before the Committee and the efficient and effective conduit he provided between the Committee and the Playing Committee.
- The Playing Committee (Peter Freer – Captain; Judy Tier – Vice Captain; Andrew Davies; Adrienne Fazekas; Di Gayler; Kate McLoughlin; Ralph Richardson) for coordinating the playing side of the Club’s activities including making arrangements for all Club competitions.
 - Our Membership Officer, Adrienne Fazekas, for managing all arrangements associated with new members joining the Club and making arrangements with members on the timely payment of annual membership fees.
 - Our Hirings Coordinator, Andrew Davies, for coordinating the lawn hirings during the year (including coordinating the Club’s Working With Vulnerable People register), and the team of members who supported Andrew by being the facilitators who chaperone lawns hirings groups (Andrew and Margo Davies, Peter Freer, Di Gayler, Jill Golley, Yvonne Grattan, Ginny Graylin, Alison Hancock, David Hoffman, Jill Jones, Richard Kenchington, Gerda Lambeck, Kate McLoughlin, Ian Nicol, Margaret and Ralph Richardson, Nancy Scamp, Marilyn Smith, Rodney Teakle and Julie Toms). During 2019-20 the Club conducted 27 hirings which raised just over \$7000 in hiring fees. Andrew also completed a review and update of the hiring page on the Club website.
 - Our Coaching Coordinator, Kate McLoughlin, for coordinating AC and GC coaching for the Club, and with the Playing Committee, developing the 2020 Coaching Calendar and completing an update of coaching materials on the Club website.
 - The many members who supported Club coaching activities over the last 12 months including:
 - Those members who ran a Come & Try session in August 2019 attended by over 30 participants;
 - Greg Diprose and Jill Jones, and Kate McLoughlin, Craig Oxley and Julie Toms for running introductory coaching classes in the second half of 2019, and Peter Freer and Ralph Richardson for running introductory coaching classes in the first half of 2020;
 - Peter Freer, Kate McLoughlin and Ralph Richardson for running GC coaching sessions for Division 1, 2 and 3 players respectively;
 - Judy Tier, working with Di Gayler, Adrienne Fazekas, Sue Forrest and Ginny Grayling, for organising and running a U3A GC introductory coaching course in September 2019;
 - Peter Dale, Peter Freer, Judy Tier, Julie Toms and Glen Whitehead for providing introductory Gateball coaching to interested members; and
 - Bob Gingold and Alan Honey for providing AC coaching instruction for interested members.
 - Our Lawns Manager, Ralph Richardson, for managing the work under the new contract with our greens keeper. As a consequence of this work there has been a significant improvement in the quality of grass cover and the lawns are in the best condition they have been for some years.

Ralph's assistance in maintaining the amenity around our lawns is also greatly appreciated with his Victor mower regularly seen taking laps of the lawn surrounds.

- The team of members and partners who committed about 50 hours of their time to help shift some 20 cubic metres of debris from the lawns, car park and surrounding areas following the January hailstorm – Peter Dale, Margo Davies, Jenni Demkin and her partner Keith, Adrienne Fazekas, Simon Fisk, Helen Halliday, Edward Houghton, John Howard, Ron Jilliard, Gerda Lambeck and her husband Geoff, Laurie Olive, Craig Oxley, Margaret and Ralph Richardson, Carlo Rossi, Rodney Teakle, Judy Tier, Julie Toms, Gabby Walsh and her husband Julien, Peter Wood, and the provider of afternoon tea, Yvonne Grattan.
- Those members who have helped with lawn rolling (Andrew Davies, Greg Diprose, Peter Freer, Ian Nicol, Ralph Richardson and Stephen Richards) and line marking (Andrew Davies, Adrienne Fazekas, Peter Freer, Stephen Richards, Ralph Richardson and Judy Tier) over the last 12 months so we are all able to hit reasonably straight and between the lines.
- Our Member Protection Information Officers (MPIOs), Jan Marshall and Kate McLoughlin, for being available to speak to members about any concerns that may arise about member behaviour.
- Those members who have joined the list of members volunteering to clean the clubhouse – Barrie Blackburn, Jenni Demkin; Greg Diprose, Sue Forrest, Anne Fulker, Dianne Gayler, Jill Golley, Alison Hancock, Carolyn Ho, Edward Houghton, Judy Inveen, Gerda Lambeck, Kate McLoughlin, Richard Meacock, Pam Nielson, Fran Novitski, Margaret Richardson, Marilyn Smith, Annie Tola and Julie Toms. All their work is much appreciated. It's a pleasure to play when there is such a well maintained and clean clubhouse. I would encourage all members to do their bit in keeping the clubhouse clean on the basis that many hands make light work, and to add their names to the cleaning roster in the months ahead. Special thanks to Julie Toms for coordinating and re-issuing the cleaning roster as necessary.
- Kate McLoughlin and Jan Marshall for initiating the "telephone tree" to contact all our members during the Covid-19 shutdown of our lawns, and those members (Margo Davies, Jenni Deakin, Peter Freer, Jill Golley, Ginny Graylin, David Hoffman, Garda Lambeck, Jan Marshall, Kate McLoughlin, Margaret and Ralph Richardson and Annie Tola) who then made all the phone calls. I understand the contact was appreciated by our members and recognised as a useful way to keep in touch while we could not gather together at the lawns.
- Our website manager, Jamie Gumbrell, for updating website entries in an efficient and effective manner, and turning his mind to how we can improve the website in future.
- Our IT support team of Bob Gingold, Peter Freer and Ben Freasier for their work in keeping on top of the IT network and updating our passwords and mailing lists as required.
- Our First Aid Officer, Jill Golley, for maintaining first aid supplies and keeping on top of which of our members have first aid qualifications, and Karen Bisley for leading a First Aid workshop for members in November 2019.
- Our group of clubhouse provedores – primarily Margo Davies, Nancy Scamp and Julie Toms but supported by a number of other members from time to time – for keeping the clubhouse well supplied with tea, biscuits, ice creams, drinks, toilet paper, hand sanitiser(!) and other cleaning products.
- Our Public Officer, Rodney Teakle, for ensuring we remain compliant with reporting requirements to the ACT Government.
- Tim Goodland, our Honourary Auditor, for committing his time and energies to auditing the Club finances.

- Our Trophies Officer, Peter Freer, for managing the annual collection and engraving of trophies for the assorted Club competitions.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of our sponsors and other financial supporters. Thanks to:

- Dixon Advisory for its support of the Club through a community partnership donation of \$2000 for the 2019 calendar year. Unfortunately, after 3 years, Dixon Advisory has indicated it has not extended the arrangement into 2020;
- Parbery for its assistance with IT support for the Club laptop and printing of the 2020 Annual Report;
- The IGA in Ainslie which has provided some in-kind support in terms of sausages for the BBQ held in conjunction with the 2019 Tony Hall Cup on 31 August;
- The ACT Government for a \$1000 grant under the 2020 Community Sport and Recreation Development Program; and
- Croquet NSW for Covid-19 related support through a one-off reduction in annual affiliation fees of one-third (\$1600) and provision of a \$1000 grant in July 2020 to assist meeting fixed running costs during the Covid-19 shutdown of the Club and lawns in April and early May 2020.

I would also like to congratulate a couple of our members who have been recognised for the contribution they have made to the Club. They are:

- Peter Freer, who was awarded the inaugural Golden Mallet Award presented by Croquet NSW to the NSW Club member making a significant contribution to croquet over the last 12 months. Peter was recognised for his contributions in a playing, coaching and administrative capacity; and
- Ralph Richardson, who was nominated for a 2020 ACT Volunteering Award for his voluntary contribution to the Club generally, and in particular through managing and maintaining our lawns and surrounds, and delivering coaching to members and prospective members.

Finally, as always, things have been very active on the playing side of things at the Club over the last 14 months.

We now have 12 scheduled draws per week across all disciplines, plus two more when the twilight draws are in play during daylight saving months. And many of our members are using the lawns at other times through the week for Club competition games, private bookings and practice. Passing commuter traffic is likely to be very impressed by how frequently the lawns are occupied by enthusiastic croquet and Gateball players.

There were a healthy number of entries from members in the Club's annual AC and GC handicap competitions and the Tony Hall Cup (high-low GC doubles). For those who entered, thanks for supporting them; and to those who won: congratulations. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Club was forced to cancel our 2020 AC and GC club open competitions and the 2020 Tavender Trophy (Gateball pairs) this year – we look forward to their return in 2021.

The Club continued its practice of hosting 1-2 CNSW or Gateball Australia events each year. This year we hosted the 2019 CNSW GC Singles and Doubles Championships on 18-22 September and the 2019 CNSW AC Bronze Medal event (5-6 October). The Tournament Managers were Ralph Richardson and Stephen Richards, and the Tournament Referees were Peter Freer, Adrienne Fazekas and Stephen Richards. The events again demonstrated the Club's capacity to stage high quality events, provided some of our members with the chance to play in CNSW events without having to travel, and generated some useful financial returns for the Club. We have plans to host further

CNSW events in 2020-21 and I would encourage interested members to consider entering any future events we host.

The Club has always had a strong playing presence outside of Canberra with many of our members competing as individuals or as part of Canberra teams in assorted state, national and international events. So I'd also like to acknowledge Canberra members who:

- Were Australian representatives in the 2019 WCF GC World Championships and 2019 WFC GC Under-21 World Championships (Jamie Gumbrell) and the 2020 WCF AC World Championships (Alan Honey, Callum Hyland, Tim Murphy and Kerri-Ann Organ);
- represented the Club in the 2019 Australian Gateball Championships (Glen Whitehead (c), Peter Dale, Andrew and Margo Davies, Peter Freer, Judy Tier and Kristina Whitehead);
- represented the Club in the CNSW GC Pennants competitions in 2020;
- were part of the NSW Team for the GC Interstate Cup in September 2019 (Peter Freer, Jamie Gumbrell, Gerda Lambeck, Kate McLoughlin and Ralph Richardson);
- represented NSW (Alan Honey, Tim Murphy, Kerri-Ann Organ and Stephen Richards) and Tasmania (Callum Hyland) in the AC Interstate Cup in March 2020; and
- the many club members who travelled outside of Canberra to play in AC, GC and Gateball events around the country.

Australia wide, croquet players are envious of the playing strength of our Club across all mallet disciplines and know they will be in a good game when they come across a Canberra member or team in an event draw. I hope many of you will continue to be good ambassadors for the Club in your croquet and Gateball pursuits next year.

Much has been achieved in the last 14 months through some particularly challenging times. It also looks like Covid-19 awareness will remain a part of our lives (personal, professional and mallet-sport related) for some time to come. While we may need to moderate some of our behaviours in the light of these circumstances, I hope that croquet and Gateball will remain treasured activities we all try to pursue.

We still have lots to do in the years ahead to address the challenges we are facing and to keep our Club healthy and vibrant. I ask that you support the incoming Committee and Playing Committee so the Club can continue to move forward with implementing the priorities of the 2018-23 Strategic Plan.

Stephen Richards

21 August 2020

2019 Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes



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CANBERRA CROQUET CLUB – 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 6 July 2019, 1:00pm

Minutes

- 1. Opening:** Meeting opened by president Stephen Richards at 1.00pm
- 2. Apologies:** Jenni Demkin, Greg Diprose, Carolyn Ho, Judy Inveen, Jill Jones, Mac MacDonald, David Marshall and Jan Marshall, Judy Tier, Roger Timms
- 3. Confirmation of minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting:** Moved by Stephen Richards, seconded Gerda Lambeck, that the minutes be accepted. Carried
- 4. President's Report**

Stephen Richards spoke to his report in the Annual Report. He finished by thanking the outgoing committees and all the volunteers for their work throughout the year.

Moved: Stephen Richards, seconded Margaret Richardson. Carried
- 5. Presentation of audited statement of accounts and auditor's report** by treasurer Linda Freasier, seconded Tony Hall. Carried
- 6. Election of office bearers to the Committee**
 - a. President: Stephen Richards
 - b. Vice President: David Marshall
 - c. Secretary: Gerda Lambeck
 - d. Treasurer: Sorina Atkin
 - e. Committee Members – 3 positions: Peter Dale and Jill Golley elected. 1 position unfilled
- 7. Election of office bearers to the Playing Committee**
 - a. Captain: Peter Freer
 - b. Vice-Captain: Judy Tier
 - c. Coaching Coordinator: Kate Mcloughlin
 - d. Playing Committee Members: Andrew Davies (hiring co-ordinator), Ralph Richardson (lawn manager), Adrienne Fazekas (membership), Dianne Gayler
- 8. Other Positions:**
 - a. Public Officer: Rodney Teakle
 - b. Auditor: Tim Goodland
 - c. Drinks Providore: Margo Davies

9. Special business, consideration of motions moved by members

1. Membership fee increase

Motion: That membership fees for the Canberra Croquet Club are increased as proposed below, with effect from and including the 2019/20 financial year:

- From \$264 to \$300 for a playing member for 12 months
- A commensurate increase will apply for other member categories, so that Country membership rate which is 2/3 the full fees will become \$200; pensioners and under 25 year old membership which is half the full rate will become \$150. Associate membership for non-playing and non-voting members is proposed to remain at \$10 per year.

Moved: Linda Freasier, seconded Stephen Richards. Carried unanimously with a show of hands

2. Proposal to adopt the Australian Croquet Association's Member Protection Policy.

Motion: That the Canberra Croquet Club adopt the **Australian Croquet Association Member Protection Policy** (ACA MPP) as amended from time to time, except where this policy is inconsistent with the Canberra Croquet Club Rules.

Moved: Kate McLoughlin, seconded Peter Dale. Carried unanimously.

Kate explained the need for this policy. 3 Member Protection Information Officers have been trained- Kate McLoughlin, Jan Marshall, Peter Dale

10. Special Presentation – Clubhouse Re-development. Peter Dale presented the current proposition to expand the clubhouse, and explained that these were only preliminary drawings

11. Close of meeting: 1.45pm

12. Presentation of 2018-19 Trophies

Secretary

Gerda Lambeck

List of Attendees:

Sorina Atkin, Karen Bisley, Peter Dale, Andrew Davies, Margo Davies, Adrienne Fazekas, Sue Forrest, Ben Freasier, Linda Freasier, Peter Freer, Anne Fulker, Dianne Gayler, Jill Golley, Tony Hall, David Hoffman, John Howard, Bill Kaymerz, Barry Kirk, Gerda Lambeck, Denese McCann, Kate McLoughlin, Stephen Richards, Margaret Richardson, Ralph Richardson, David Roberts, Josie Roberts, David Simmonds, Rodney Teakle, Peter Tavender, Annie Tola, Julie Toms

2019-20 Competition Winners

Association Croquet

Competition	Winner	Runner-Up
Club Champion (Lily Barrenger Cup) – Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions		
Division 2 Advanced Singles (John McEwan Cup) – Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions		
Division 3 Advanced Singles (Rita Williams Jug) – Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions		
Division 4 Advanced Singles (C.S. Daley Cup) – Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions		
Women's Open Singles (Eileen Collings Entree Dish with lid) – Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions		
Handicap Singles Champion (Ellen Roberts Shield)	Sorina Atkin	Kerri-Ann Organ
Handicap Doubles (Burgmann Tray)	Alan Honey & John Howard	Ralph Richardson & Kate McLoughlin
Veterans Handicap Singles (Betty Townsend Tray)	David Hoffman	Tony Hall

Golf Croquet

Competition	Winner	Runner-Up
Club Champion – Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions		
Division 2 Singles – Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions		
Division 3 Singles – Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions		
Division 4 Singles – Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions		
Women's Open Singles – Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions		
Handicap Singles Champion	Ian Nicol	Sue Forrest
Women's Handicap Singles	Adrienne Fazekas	Margaret Richardson
Handicap Doubles	Peter Freer & Margo Davies	Ian Nicol & Edward Houghton
2019 Tony Hall Cup Winners	Stephen Richards (senior) Margo Davies & Edward Houghton (junior – tied)	
2020 Tony Hall Cup Winners	Ralph Richardson (senior) Eddie Kowalski (junior)	

Gateball

Competition	Winners	Runners-Up
Tavender Trophy – Not held due to Covid-19 restrictions; to be played in late 2020		