



Newsletter 1 September 2020

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A short update as we continue winter play under Level 2 and look forward to our summer season opening this month. Remember all Club information, events, enrolments and forms are updated regularly on our new [WMCC Website](#) and on noticeboards at the Club.

Next Coaching Clinic is at Kelburn Croquet Club this Sunday 6 September - there are still a few places available for both clinics, Sunday morning and afternoon. Top Club coaches will help you hone your strokes, skills and techniques through five different small-group, half-hour workshops. Cost is just \$10. [Details and registration](#) on the website or sign up on the Club noticeboard.

Summer Subs are due now - pay by September 30 to get the early bird discount or full price by 31 October, to remain registered as a member. Subs range from \$250/\$230 for full members to \$50 for under-18s, with discounts for new-to-croquet, associate members and more. Full details and subscription form [on the website](#) - you can deposit your sub direct to our ASB account 12-3481-0023572-00 recording your name as the reference.

We're looking forward to summer season **Opening Day on Saturday 12 September** - our Patron MP Paul Eagle will join us to run the first hoop, present prizes and share our lunch. There are GC draws as usual Saturday morning from 9.30 and the AC draw after celebrations and lunch. Please bring something delicious to share for lunch and enjoy a good catch-up.

Interclub - if you're interested in playing Wednesday or Sunday interclub competitions, please let Paul know by 6 Sept - full details are on the website.

Free croquet lessons start on 20 September and run till 13 October - Sundays from 9.30-12 and Tuesdays 1- 3.30. Tell your friends and family they can come along to try out our fabulous game for free. If you'd like to put a copy of the flyer in your local shops, community centre, library or workplace to promote the lessons, you can print a copy from our website [here](#).

The **Players Meeting** on 15 August saw an excellent turnout and some good discussion. Thank you to everyone who attended. Players decided morning draw times will remain the same, and GC will generally have a second draw at 11am for those who can't be there at 9 or 9:30am.

We also decided that the big GC club competitions which we sometimes struggle to complete will have "mini tournament" weekends to get underway. This was so successful with the doubles last season we're expanding with mini- tournament weekends for the Gold & Silver Stars 24-26 October, Novice Singles 21-22 November and Open H/cap Doubles 4-6 December. It won't be essential that everyone is available those weekends, but it will be very helpful. See full details of the programme and competition entry forms on our website Events page and at the Club.

Have-A-Go bookings are starting to build so we'll be asking for 'coach' helpers for parties later this year. Remember you can also book your own event at the Club at reduced rates to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or any other event. We haven't had a croquet wedding yet

Finally, the August edition of CNZ's [Croquet Matters Newsletter](#) includes info on registering for this season's CNZ tournaments and play during lockdown levels. If you haven't yet, sign up on CNZ's site to get Croquet Matters sent to you direct.

Here's to a fine summer croquet season

Nga mihi - your Committee