



**WORLD CROQUET FEDERATION**  
**WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CROQUET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Victorian Croquet Centre, Cairnlea**

**Melbourne, Australia**

**2012**



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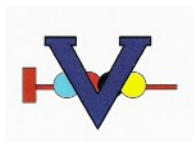
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## SCHEDULE

Friday 19 October	10am to 5pm	Courts available for practice
Saturday 20 October	9am to 2pm 3pm 4pm 5pm 6pm	Courts available for practice Registration Opening Ceremony Player's Briefing Welcome Dinner
Sunday 21 October	8.30am	Block Play (8x6) Rounds 1-3, 3 hour time limit
Monday 22 October	8.30am	Block Play (8x6) Rounds 4&5, 3 hour time limit Resolution of Ties
Tuesday 23 October	8.30am	Main Event Knockout, Round of 32 First 8 matches, best of three Plate commences for Players not making the Knockout
Wednesday 24 October	8.30am	Main Event Knockout, Round of 32 Second 8 matches, best of three Plate continues Bowl commences when courts are available for Players eliminated from the first round of 32
Thursday 25 October	8.30am	Main Event Knockout, Round of 16 Plate and Bowl continues Shield commences for Players eliminated from Main Event and Bowl
Friday 26 to Sunday 28 October	8.30am	Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals
Sunday 28 October		Closing Ceremony





Message from the  
President  
World Croquet Federation

The World Croquet Federation (WCF) is delighted that the inaugural WCF Women's Association Croquet World Championship is being hosted by the Australian Croquet Association (ACA) and Victorian Croquet Association (VCA) at the Victorian Croquet Centre (VCC) in Cairnlea, Melbourne. I would like to welcome all players, officials and spectators to a new event in the field of International singles play.

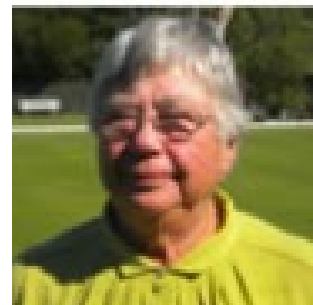
The organisation of this event requires a great deal of hard work and much financial support. I would like to thank the ACA and VCA organising committee and the VCC committee of management for the hard work they have done in preparing for this event. I would also like to thank Stephen Meatheringham and Martin French for the work they have put in on behalf of the WCF. The event could not have been staged without the support of many people and it is very much appreciated. Assistance has also been given by other organisations and individuals and we are grateful for this support too.

We look forward to a most exciting contest. We are certain to see some excellent performances from the cream of the World's women players. I am sure that players, officials and spectators alike will enjoy this world class association croquet competition.

**AMIR RAMSIS NAGUIB**  
WCF President



Message from the  
President  
Australian Croquet Association



On behalf of the Australian Croquet Association a very warm welcome is extended to all the players, particularly those who have had to travel considerable distances from overseas or from within Australia. We hope that your experience will be really rewarding and enjoyable.

I would also like to welcome two most important visitors from overseas. The World Croquet Federation President is fortunately becoming addicted to the southern hemisphere, as he has been to WCF events in the Bay of Plenty and Adelaide since his election as President. And now he is here, diplomatically balancing his attendance at the Golf Croquet women's event in New Zealand with his presence at the corresponding Association Croquet event in Australia. We are also honoured that Alison McMillan, sister of Charles Jones, will be presenting The Charles Jones Memorial Trophy to the winner of this inaugural championship. Obviously sadness is mixed with pleasure, as we would all wish that the trophy could be simply the Charles Jones Trophy, but we do welcome Alison and honour her decision to make this journey from New Zealand.

Thanks must also go to all those who have put in so much effort to make this event run smoothly and successfully. So our appreciation goes to the Victorian Croquet Association and the WACWC Tournament Committee as well as our own ACA Events and Tournament Committees and thanks are due to the Event Lead, Stephen Meatheringham for his support. All Tournament officials are thanked for their willingness and the time they have taken in preparation and organisation. The final vote of thanks must clearly go to Cairnlea itself and the splendid efforts of all ground and house staff involved. Enjoy.

**ROBYN WALLACE**  
ACA President





Message from the  
Minister  
Sport and Recreation  
Victorian State Government

I welcome you to the World Croquet Federation's inaugural Women's Association Croquet World Championship of which the Victorian Government is a proud supporter.

This tournament is a great example of how people of all ages can participate in all levels of sport.

Victoria is very proud of its reputation of conducting a wide variety of quality sporting events that attract large numbers of visitors to our State, provide an important boost for local economies and increases sport participation at a local level.

That's why the Victorian Government is proud to have provided support to the Victorian Croquet Association through the *Significant Sporting Events Program* to assist in the staging of this international competition.

I welcome all visitors to the event and take the opportunity to invite you to experience the many good things Melbourne has to offer.

I wish all competitors well as they vie to be the inaugural Women's Champion.

**HUGH DELAHUNTY MP**  
Minister for Sport and Recreation



## Charles Jones JP QSM



Charles Jones was President of the World Croquet Federation from 2010 until his untimely death in August 2011. He was murdered in Thailand while on holiday, on his way back to his native New Zealand after the WCF Under 21's and GC World Championship held in England last year. In 2012 Charles was posthumously inducted into the WCF Croquet Hall of Fame and to honour Charles' significant contribution to croquet both internationally and nationally, the WCF held discussions with his family, and it was agreed that a trophy be named in his memory. The Charles Jones Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the WCF Women's AC World Championship by his sister, Alison McMillan.

Charles started playing croquet at the Rangimarie Croquet Club when was nine or ten and was a regular competitor at the national level from the mid-seventies to early 2000.

Charles' greatest contribution to croquet was on the administration and support side. Charles was the preferred team manager for Trans-Tasman and MacRobertson Shield teams. His management skills were impressive — chief cook, bottle washer, mentor and organiser. New Zealand teams' success over the last sixteen years owe a great deal to Charles' commitment and support. He held senior leadership positions in the Wellington and Canterbury Associations and was elected Croquet New Zealand President in 1999 serving for four years. He played at both Golf and Association World Championships and refereed and managed at a number of international events between 2002 and 2012.

It didn't matter whether Charles was in Cairo, Cheltenham or Christchurch; the room lit up when he came in and the stories started. Not all of us have an opportunity to contribute in as many areas as did Charles. He seized all this opportunities and gave it his best. It is not just the croquet world that is better for it.

(Edited excerpt from the eulogy by Sue Piper, President, Croquet New Zealand)



## THE PLAYERS



### CHLOE ABERLEY

Chloe is a member of the Bathurst City Croquet Club, New South Wales and started playing croquet at the age of nine; she is now 24 years old. Having experienced varying levels of success, Chloe is looking forward to being part of croquet history by competing in the first Women's AC World Championship.



### VIRGINIA ARNEY

Virginia began playing croquet after her husband, John started to spend what she felt was a 'considerable amount of time' at croquet. After initially enjoying a 'love/hate relationship' with the game she found it very exciting to be once again involved in competitive sport having been a former physical education teacher. A highlight for Virginia was when she competed in the Vancouver Open in 2009 during John's teacher exchange to British Columbia. Recently Virginia represented South Australia in the GC Team Championship.



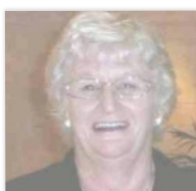
### ELIZABETH (Lizzie) BASSETT

Lizzie was born and grew up in Tasmania. After many years of nursing and Fine Arts (ceramics), she returned to university to complete post-graduate studies in Political Science and Sociology. It was during this time that Lizzie discovered croquet and quickly became a 'croquet addict'. In 2004 she moved to Victoria and gained a 'built-in' coach when she married Ian. She is a proud member of the Rich River Croquet Club and was selected to represent Victoria in the Eire Cup in 2012. Lizzie is looking forward to playing in the inaugural Women's AC World Championship.



### SUE BEATTIE

Sue is very pleased to have been selected to represent Australia in the first Women's AC World Championship. She plays both Association and Golf Croquet and is a member of the Tasmanian State Croquet Team. Earlier this year Sue was runner-up in the Australian Women's Singles played in Perth, Western Australia. Sue and Bob have spent the past five months travelling the Outback and discovered that there are no croquet lawns up north!



### SUSAN (Sue) BERTRAM

Sue is thrilled to compete in this inaugural Women's AC World Championship having only started playing six years ago. Initially Sue and husband, Mike took up the sport so that they could play with Mike's Dad, Jim. After retiring to the Sunshine Coast they joined the Caloundra Croquet Club and began playing in earnest; Sue is totally hooked. Recently she was selected to represent Queensland in the GC State Team but Association Croquet remains her first love.



### WENDY BETTERIDGE

After playing very active sports all her life, Wendy took up croquet in her fifty's and has been enchanted with what it offers both mentally and physically. Unfortunately knee, hip and cataract surgery have interrupted her progress but she continues to play and enjoy the game. Wendy is expecting Melbourne to be an opportunity for her to watch the 'stars of Association Croquet. In her 'real life' Wendy is a training consultant and author; she wants to emulate the principles in her book — 'It's your thoughts that count'.



### KAY CHYNOWETH

For years Kay watched croquet players being coached all around Western Australia as Colin spent days at local clubs. Eventually she took the plunge and hit a croquet ball! Since then Kay has represented both Western Australia and South Australia in their respective AC and GC State Teams. In 2009 she played in the Women's GC World Championship in Melbourne and is very pleased to have received a wild card to compete in the inaugural Women's AC World Championship.



### JENNY CLARKE

Jenny is a lecturer in Sports Science at the University of Canterbury. She started playing croquet 13 years ago whilst studying for her PhD at Oxford University and since then has won Association titles all over the world including the 2007 Swiss Open, the 2010 Australian Open and partnering with husband, Chris, they won the 2007 New Zealand Open Doubles. Jenny has captained the Trans Tasman teams but her highlight was representing New Zealand in the 2010 MacRobertson Shield producing their Country's best performance since 1986.







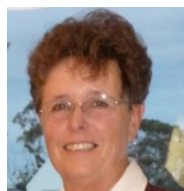
### **KATHLEEN COLCLOUGH**

When Kathleen was 20 she knew that some day she would play croquet and the day came a few years ago when her husband purchased croquet lessons and gave them to her as a Mother's Day gift. Kathleen loves croquet and has taken her golden rule from USA golfer, Jerry Barber, 'the more I practice the luckier I get'. Her husband is now available to assist with 'croquet-widow' counselling! Sunny skies, wide hoops....let's play.



### **ELAINE COVERDALE**

Elaine's love of competitive sport was kindled during her secondary school years which included badminton, hockey and swimming. She discovered croquet purely by chance in 1996 after observing the game being demonstrated at a local community festival. Elaine joined the Essendon Croquet Club and has been an active member ever since. She has competed in the Gateball World Championships in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Earlier this year Elaine represented Victoria in the Eire Cup.



### **LYNDA DAVIS**

Lynda has been a member of the Bribie Island Croquet Club for the past seven years and plays Association, Ricochet and Golf Croquet. On three occasions Lynda was part of the Queensland GC State Team and in 2011 she played in the Women's GC World Championship in New Zealand. Her other interests are coaching croquet, quilt-making, reading and enjoying family life.



### **CREINA DAWSON**

Creina has been playing Association and Golf Croquet since 1970 and was coached by the legendary Tom and Jean Armstrong. She has always loved Golf Croquet and felt lucky that each coaching session ended in a relaxed game of Golf Croquet after the arduous task of learning the skills needed to play Association Croquet. Creina was Croquet Australia's Event Manager for five years before becoming Vice-President and then President. She remains the only person to have won the Women's Singles (AC) in Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain.



### **TRICIA DEVLIN**

A croquet player since 1995, Tricia has competed in three World events reaching the knockout in only one, a fact she attributes to age and the corresponding infirmities. However she plans to be much younger by October! Tricia has held many Victorian titles and one Australian title so her prospects in the Women's AC World Championship are not totally negative. She is looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones.



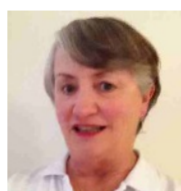
### **WENDY DICKSON**

Wendy is a member of the Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort and the Essendon Croquet Club. She started playing croquet in 2005 and has been addicted ever since. Playing both Association and Golf Croquet she has represented Victoria in the Eire Cup on three occasions and the Interstate GC Shield four times. Wendy also played in the last two Women's GC World Championships and is looking forward to the inaugural Women's AC World Championship.



### **ROBBIE EASTHER**

As a Kiwi living in Australia, Robbie learnt to play croquet in 2000 and enjoyed representing New South Wales for five years. She is now living in Wellington, her home town, and is thrilled to be part of the New Zealand contingent competing in the first Women's AC World Championship.



### **JUDY EVANS**

Judy started playing at the Frankston Croquet Club in 1996 and is now a member of the Sandringham Croquet Club, Victoria. She has had many highlights starting with her first tournament peg-out at Phillip Island to playing in the State Team in 2011 but perhaps her most favourite is the Jean Armstrong Shield. The 2012 event will not only celebrate Jean's centenary but it will be Judy's twelfth consecutive year of competition.

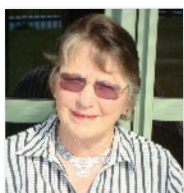


**PAM GENTLE**

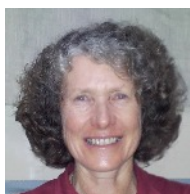
Pam has been playing croquet for 21 years and is a foundation and life member of Maitland Croquet Club in the Hunter Valley, north of Sydney. She has been part of the NSW GC State Team on six occasions with the last three as captain as well as being reserve and team manager of the NSW Eire Cup team for the past three years. Pam has played in the last two World Women's GC Championships and is looking forward to playing in the Women's AC Championship.

**ROSEMARY (Rosie) GRAHAM**

Rosemary began playing Golf Croquet at the Leura Croquet Club in the Blue Mountains and in 1993 she moved to competitive Association Croquet representing New South Wales for five years. Apart from all the major Australian events, Rosemary has played in the New Zealand and British Opens three times and most recently captained the New South Wales State Team in the Australian Championships held in Perth.

**KATHIE GRANT**

Kathie started playing croquet eight years ago ostensibly to understand the terminology used in Association Croquet so that she could discuss the game with her father who took it up in his eighties. Kathie retired early from work so that she could play more croquet and is now an Association Croquet referee and Level 1 coach. Beyond croquet Kathie co-ordinates a book club, is an active church member and belongs to a choir. She has five adult children and a number of grandchildren and with all the family celebrations and activities, croquet is an escape.

**JANNINE HAWKER**

Jannine commenced playing croquet in 2003 at the Bunbury Moorabinda Club in Western Australia. She has represented her State in the Eire Cup for the past six years and is the current WA State Open Women's Singles title holder, club champion and past winner of the Jean Armstrong Shield. Jannine is a qualified coach and accredited referee. When not on the croquet court she enjoys spending time with her family and exploring Outback Australia with husband, Murray.

**AILSA LINES**

Ailsa is Head of Mathematics at her local Girl's Grammar School in Grantham. She has been playing croquet since 1993 and in 1999 she won the England Ladies' Championship. This year Ailsa won the British Women's Championship and shares the British Mixed Doubles title with David Maugham. She has also represented England in the Home Internationals in 2007 and 2009, and twice got to the group stage in the World AC Championship in 2005 and 2008. Ailsa is a member of the Nottingham and Bowden Croquet Clubs.

**JANE MAGILL**

Jane and her husband, Paddy farm a property in the Papamoa area and have three adult children. When she started playing croquet nine years ago she became a member of Croquet Mount Maunganui. Currently Jane is handicapper for both her own club and the Bay of Plenty Croquet Association. She is excited to be representing New Zealand in her first International competition.

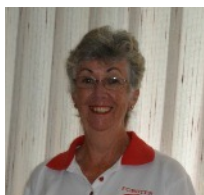
**MARION McINNES**

Nine years ago Marion was persuaded by a friend to try croquet lessons and by the third one she was hooked. Marion and her husband, John then joined the Waimarie club where Kevin Fellows is a member. It has been his guidance and inspiration that has led her to being selected for this competition. Marion is a semi-retired GP and her other favourite activities are looking after her five grandchildren (not all at once), caring for the garden (it used to be more beautiful pre-croquet!), playing celtic music, reading, doing cryptic crosswords, and exploring spirituality.

**BEATRICE MCGLEN**

Beatrice started playing croquet in 1989 when a small group of enthusiasts made a half-size lawn on a slope which had a drain cover by Hoop 3! She joined Nottingham Croquet Club in 1993 and was awarded the Steel Bowl for the 'Most Improved Player'. Six years later Beatrice became the British Ladies' Champion but sadly in 2007 she was diagnosed with breast cancer and her continuing treatment meant that she could only play intermittently. This year Beatrice has competed in the British Championship and reached the finals of the Mixed Doubles,





### **BARBARA McTIERNAN**

Barbara and her husband, Peter live in the coastal town of Forster situated on the mid-north coast of New South Wales. In 2002 she commenced playing Golf Croquet and three years later Barbara turned to Association Croquet. Barbara enjoys both forms of the game but it's Association that is her nemesis; she has played in many country carnivals, the Gold Coast Tournament and competitions in New South Wales. Barbara is a winner of the Beryl Chambers Trophy and is looking forward to the challenge of the Women's AC World Championship.



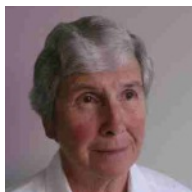
### **LIZ McLAY**

Liz has played and loved croquet for 20-something years and like so many others has had her ups, downs and plateaus but no matter what she comes back again season after season. Liz's biggest croquet thrill was winning against Bob Jackson! Having recently retired she is able to spend more time on the lawns as well as becoming thoroughly involved in her other interests — art and craft; painting and sewing in particular. Of course there's always reading, cooking, walks, photography....



### **MARGARET MELVILLE**

Margaret Melville has been playing croquet for 19 years and is a member of the Windsor Croquet Club, Brisbane. She has had many highlights and in particular representing Queensland in the Eire Cup for 12 consecutive years, the Australian Women's Singles, President's Eights twice, Jean Armstrong Shield twice and representing Australia in the World Championship in Christchurch. As well as competing in the Trans-Tasman Series four times and beating New Zealand in 2011 for the first time in 20 years.



### **ANNA MILLER**

Anna learnt to play Association Croquet in Horsham a busy rural town in Victoria, 32 years ago. In 2008 she experienced a 'seachange' and is now a member of the Belmont Croquet Club, Geelong. Representing Victoria in the State Team she has played eight times in the Eire Cup, twice being in the winning team. For two years Anna concentrated on Golf Croquet but after winning the Jean Armstrong Shield last year she renewed her interest in Association Croquet. Anna's husband, Eric also plays croquet and they enjoy playing together in tournaments.



### **BAUBRE MURRAY**

Baubre is a chartered accountant running an accounting firm in the centre of Wellington as well as being involved at a governance level in the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants, Croquet NZ and Crohn's Colitis NZ Charitable Trust. She started playing croquet nearly 30 years ago but the combination of studying, working, having three children and her voluntary work has left little time to play and improve. Baubre is delighted and privileged to have received a wild card entry to the inaugural Women's AC World Championship.



### **ROSEMARY NEWSHAM**

Rosemary is a member of Stephens Croquet Club, Brisbane playing both Association and Golf Croquet for a number of years and has competed in State and National events. In 2009 and 2011 she represented Australia in the Women's GC World Championship and most recently was selected to play in the Queensland State Team for the Interstate Shield. Apart from croquet Rosemary enjoys swimming and contract bridge. She is looking forward to playing in the Women's AC World Championship.



### **LEAH O'NEIL**

Leah was introduced to croquet by a friend almost five years ago and soon became interested in Association Croquet. Now hooked, she began entering tournaments in South Australia and Victoria, and was invited to join the State Development Squad where she enjoyed some excellent coaching. Leah loves the game, meeting the people involved and the challenges that come with competing.



### **KERRI-ANN ORGAN**

Kerri-Ann was introduced to croquet four years ago and is a keen member of the Belmont Croquet Club, Victoria. Under the guidance of her coach, Stephen Forster, she reduced her handicap from 14 to 5 in one season! Kerri-Ann is a Paramedic and uses croquet to forget about her work stresses; being 'in the moment' concentrating on a stroke and thinking about nothing else is very freeing and enjoyable. One of her goals is to be selected to represent Victoria in a State Team so that she can play in a team environment.







### JEAN PACK

Jean has been playing croquet since retiring eight years ago. Needing a challenge she opted for Association Croquet and since then has been a dedicated follower of the game. Jean is a member of the Milton Ulladulla Croquet Club on the New South Wales South Coast. She has been a past Club Captain and Club Champion and has played in many Croquet NSW events.



### MARGA PODNIEKS

Marga began playing croquet in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales about ten years before giving up work. On her retirement she moved to Adelaide becoming a member of the Norwood Croquet Club and happily spent more time on the courts. She has represented South Australia in three State Cup competitions and is looking forward to playing in the Women's Worlds.



### ANNE QUINN

Anne is a member of the Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort and the Essendon Croquet Club, Victoria. She has been playing Association Croquet since 2005. Anne has played in both National and State tournaments and is looking forward to playing in this inaugural World Women's AC Championship.



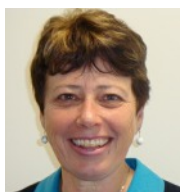
### FRANCES RANSOM

Frances began playing croquet in 1982 after attending a coaching course at Bristol Croquet Club in England. Tournament successes followed including twice winning the Women's Championship in 1990 and 1998 and the Mixed Doubles' Championship in 1991.



### PAULINE REID

Pauline has been playing croquet for 11 years and is a member of both Paraparaumu and Waikanae Croquet Clubs which are located just north of Wellington on the Kapiti Coast. She has won several Club titles and came runner up in the Jean Armstrong Shield in 2010. Pauline has played in England winning the singles competitions at Compton and Bristol in 2007 and 2009 respectively. She has taken many coaching sessions at Paraparaumu and enjoys this aspect of club membership. The game gives Pauline a great deal of pleasure and she enters as many tournaments as possible.



### MEGAN REYNOLDS

Born in Sydney, Megan had to wait until she'd had a family and moved to Western Australia before taking up croquet at Bunbury's Moorabinda Croquet Club in 2006. She enjoys Association Croquet preferring to leave Golf Croquet in the capable hands of husband, Kim and son, Noel. Living in one of the most picturesque places on the planet her weekends and holidays are spent pursuing a wide-variety of outdoor activities. Megan is passionate about representing her State and furthering women's croquet in Western Australia.



### ALISON ROBINSON

Alison lives in Wellington, New Zealand, is a member of the Kelburn Croquet Club and is also the Tournament Convenor of the Wellington Croquet Association. She learnt to play croquet in the 1980's but only recently has begun competing in National and International championships.



### HEATHER ROSS

Thoroughly enjoying the game, Heather only began playing croquet five years ago and now wishes that she had taken it up much, much earlier. She is a member of the Sandringham Club, Victoria, which conveniently for Heather is opposite where she lives. Her handicap is 4.5 and she is hoping to improve on that this year.





### **KAY SEEARY**

Kay has been playing croquet for many years firstly at the Prospect Club and for the past ten years, has been both member and Secretary of the North Adelaide Croquet Club. She and her husband, Keith have three children and five lovely granddaughters. She enjoys the many challenges of the game and was thrilled to be part of the South Australian Team to compete in the Eire Cup held at the beginning of 2012. Heather is excited to have been accepted to play in this inaugural Women's World AC Championship.



### **ANN SHARP**

Ann lives in Dunedin, New Zealand and joined the Forbury Park Croquet Club in 2000. She loves playing both Association and Golf Croquet and has competed in several international tournaments, the inaugural Over 50's World GC Championships held in Egypt two years ago, and in the 2009 and 2011 Women's World GC Championships. When not on the croquet court, Ann pursues her other interests — art, art history, travel and her family. She enjoys all aspects of croquet from club to major events and is looking forward to renewing friendships in Melbourne.



### **ALISON SHARPE**

Alison stumbled upon croquet as a young girl thanks to her Grandmother's sizeable back garden in Yorkshire and re-discovered it when she arrived in Australia many years later. However the game continually takes her back to the highlands of Scotland because with each shot Alison stalks, casts and shoots; she is still trying to find the deer, salmon and stags! Alison has enjoyed swinging her way through croquet for the past six years and when her friends ask her to sum up croquet she simply says 'it's all balls!'



### **WILLY SILK**

Willy started playing croquet in 1993 at the Windsor Club, Brisbane. She has represented Queensland in the Eire Cup ten times and has won the Queensland Women's Open and the Open Doubles. Willy has been very lucky to have learnt from some of the top players and has had many wonderful experiences.



### **TIFFANY STREET**

Tiffany is a member of the Ivanhoe Park Croquet Club. In 2011 she joined the Victorian Golf Croquet GC State Squad, became a silver medallist at the National AC Handicap Championship and for two consecutive years was part of the Victorian AC Development Squad. Away from croquet Tiffany is an accomplished French Horn player and gained a Bachelor of Music after starting university at the age of 15. Tiffany is currently studying a graduate Law Degree at Victoria University.



### **CYNTHIA TACEY**

Cynthia has been playing croquet since 1996 and at first it was purely recreational but as she learnt the nuances of the game she found that she loved it and entered Club, Regional and State events. Croquet has taken Cynthia to all states of Australia as well as New Zealand. She was selected to represent Queensland in the AC State Team in 2011. Cynthia is a referee and coach, has held all office-bearing positions for her Club of Windsor and served for seven years as Administrative Secretary for Croquet Association Queensland.



### **ALISON WALL**

Alison has been playing croquet since 1993; taking her to some interesting places and meeting wonderful people. Since retiring from the New Zealand Probation Service in 2002 she has played regularly in Australia during the winter months enjoying both the competition and the weather. Alison is looking forward to the Women's Championship, catching up with old friends and having some great games at Cairnlea.



### **JUDY WEMBRIDGE**

Judy is a member of Bairnsdale Croquet Club, Victoria and has been playing Association Croquet since 1998. She has represented her State in both Association and Golf Croquet. Judy has played in two World Women's GC Championships and is looking forward to playing in the first Women's AC World Championship.



## CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. The event will be played under the Laws of Association Croquet, sixth edition, amended 2008 and also trials the draft WCF Sports Regulations (v8 of 9 October 12).
2. Tournament Headquarters is the Victorian Croquet Centre, 65 Nobel Banks Drive, Cairnlea [VCC].
3. A Player Briefing will be held at VCC, at 5pm on Saturday 20 October. Programs will be available at Registration. Players should consider holding a Player's Meeting towards the end of the event.
4. All competitors should provide a telephone number (or an address or email address) at which messages can reach them during the event to the Tournament Manager before play.
5. It is mandatory for players to inform the Tournament Manager if they wish to leave the venue for any reason. WCF SR 7.1.2
6. Courts may be available for practice up to 8.15am each day and after the completion of play for the day (at the discretion of the Tournament Manager).
7. Hoops will be set to largest ball to be used on that court, in accordance with WCF SR 8.1
8. Any player is entitled to have equipment checked at any time. Law 53(b)(3) applies, should a player believe that a stroke was affected by a hoop being too tight. WCF SR 9.2.1
9. Dawson International balls will be used. WCF SR 8.2
10. Courts will be allocated by the Manager and games will be double banked as required. WCF SR 9.4
11. A 5 minute warm up period will be permitted before a player's first game of the day, on the court on which they are about to play - hoops may only be run in a controlled manner. WCF SR 9.3
12. Matches shall commence at **8.30 am** sharp unless otherwise indicated. Players are requested to be at their designated court before the scheduled starting time.
13. Players may be allowed a break of up to 5 minutes between matches, and a lunch break of up to 45 minutes. No break is allowed between games of multiple game matches. WCF SR 7.4 The Tournament Manager will ensure games go on expeditiously to enable completion of the scheduled program.
14. WCF S.R. 5.4 requires players to wear predominantly white clothing and appropriate footwear. National Uniforms are also permitted.
15. The Tournament Manager will decide whether play in any match should continue if the weather is deteriorating.
16. Referees will be Referees on Request in accordance with WCF Refereeing Regulations 20 April 2012.
17. The Tournament Manager may make any alterations to the program, draw and other arrangements as are necessary in order to complete the tournament in the time available. Lights may be used at the Tournament Manager's discretion WCF SR 4.3.9 The WCF Management Committee will be consulted before any major changes to the programme WCF SR 4.3.15
18. The Australian Handicapping System is to be used for this Tournament, so Australian players must have their handicap cards and present them to the authorised person before play commences. We strongly suggest that UK & NZ players do likewise. Handicap changes will be effective after completion of any game in which players pass a trigger point.
19. An appeals committee appointed as per WCF S.R. 4.5 shall determine any matters that are in dispute during the course of the tournament.
20. The draw was conducted by the ACA Tournament Committee on 10 October 2012 using the WCF Seeding and Draw procedures, and the World Ranking list available on that day.

21. The format is single life block play with 3 hour time limits, followed by knockout. All knockout matches shall be best of three 26 point games, except the final which will be best of five games. The semi-finals will also be best of five if possible.
22. Each best of three will have a cumulative time limit of 10 hours, with individual game time limits of 4, 3 and 3 hours. Each best of five will have a cumulative time limit of 10.5 hours, with individual game time limits of 2.5 then 2 hours each. Time not used in games is carried forward to subsequent games. Players are responsible for their own time clocks. If time is called in any game and play continues, the additional time to complete the game shall be excluded from the above-mentioned time limits. WCF SR 7.3
23. First round losers proceed to the Bowl. Second round losers proceed to the Shield. There will be a play-off for places 3 and 4 in the knockout.

#### **Qualifier**

24. This event was not required, due to lack of entries.

#### **Plate Event**

25. Players who do not qualify for the round of 32 may proceed to the Plate
26. The Plate event will be played initially as blocks (preferably blocks of 8, however, as large as possible within time and court constraints). Round-robin matches will be single games with 3 hour time limits.
27. Rounds 1 to 3 of Plate block play will be on Day 3, with rounds 4 to 7 on subsequent days. Players may have to wait for some time between matches due to the availability of courts.
28. The finals phase of the Plate event will be best of three quarter finals, semi-finals and final.

#### **Bowl Event**

29. This event is for players eliminated from the knockout round of 32, and will be played as a best of three knockout. An unseeded draw will be conducted once entrants are known. Time limits as per WCF SR 7.3.

#### **Shield Event**

30. This event is for players eliminated from second round of main event and first round of bowl. It will be played as a flexible Swiss with 4 players going through to single game semi-finals and final.

#### **Developing Nations Plate**

31. This event will not be held due to lack of entries by players of Developing Members.

### **ORDER OF PLAY WITHIN BLOCKS**

Time and Lawn Allocations will be posted on the notice board as players and lawns become free.

Round 1	1 v 2	3 v 5	4 v 6
Round 2	1 v 6	2 v 5	3 v 4
Round 3	1 v 4	2 v 3	5 v 6
Round 4	1 v 5	2 v 4	3 v 6
Round 5	1 v 3	2 v 6	4 v 5



Block 1		JC	KC	LO	BM	AQ	LD	Wins	Points			Block Place
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Jenny Clarke	1											
Kathleen Colclough	2											
Leah O'Neil	3											
Beatrice McGlen	4											
Anne Quinn	5											
Lynda Davis	6											

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