



CROQUET AUSTRALIA
(AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INC)

***AUSTRALIAN
GOLF CROQUET
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2014***

Victorian Croquet Centre
65 Nobel Banks Drive, Cairnlea
Melbourne, Victoria

3 – 11 May

PROGRAM

for the

5th Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship of Australia
and

16th Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship of Australia



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Croquet is a harassment free sport.

**Croquet Australia's Member Protection Policy applies to all
competitors and officials in the Championships.**

A copy of this policy is available on Croquet Australia's website.



**AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS
Melbourne 2014**

Australian Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship - Saturday 3 – Tuesday 6 May
at Cairnlea. The Plate event will also be held at Cairnlea.

Australian Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship - Wednesday 7 – Sunday 11 May
at Cairnlea. The Plate event will also be at Cairnlea.

Registration

Friday, 2 May at Cairnlea from 2–6pm or 7.30am Saturday.

Practice Sessions

Cairnlea is open for practice from 2–6pm on Friday 2 May, and again at the same time on Tuesday 6 May where this does not disturb the Doubles finals underway that afternoon.

Welcome Function

Drinks (only) available for sale on Friday 2 May at Cairnlea 4– 6pm.

Player's Briefing

A briefing on the Tournament conditions & refereeing will be provided at 7.45am Sat 3 May.

Gourmet BBQ

VCC on Tuesday 6 May from 6pm. Please pay for pre-ordered tickets when you register - additional tickets are still available at \$20 pp.

Catering

Tea & coffee available all day at no cost. Full Lunch menu available for purchase.

Presentations

Tuesday 6 May at Cairnlea, on completion of the Doubles Final.

Sunday 11 May at Cairnlea, on completion of the Singles Final.

Results

Results will be available on the Croquet Scores web-site progressively during each day

www.croquetscores.com

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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR ACA GOLF CROQUET EVENTS

1. All events will be played under the WCF Rules of Golf Croquet adopted by Croquet Australia, and the Australian Tournament Regulations (on the ACA website).
2. The Australian Handicapping System is in force for this Tournament, and entrants are to have a current Golf Croquet handicap. A handicap may be assigned by the Tournament Manager in terms of the Appendix to the Rules of Golf Croquet.
3. Players are to ensure that they have their ACA Handicap Cards with them to present to the Tournament Manager or their representative before each event commences. Handicap cards should be completed after each game. If players reach a trigger point their handicap changes immediately.
4. All competitors who have not already provided an address, telephone number or email address at which messages can reach them during the events should provide this information during registration.
5. Courts will be available for practice each day until 15 minutes before start times, and after the completion of play for the day, subject to requirements for dressing courts and maintenance. The Tournament Manager's approval should be sought for such practice, and players assistance in preparing and clearing lawns will ensure that this practice can continue.
6. Hoops are to be set as near as possible to 3 11/16 inches. To allow for inaccuracies in gauges, balls, hoops and setting techniques, a tolerance of $\pm 1/32$ inch is allowed. Players are asked to help set the hoops at the start of the day if required.
7. Hoops may be checked at any time on the request of the player in play. Any hoop out of specification will be reset, subject to the approval of any double-banked player on court who is about to use that hoop. If a player suspects that the outcome of a stroke he has just played was affected by a ball being in contact with both uprights of a hoop simultaneously, he is entitled to have the equipment checked and, if necessary, adjusted or replaced. If it is found that the ball does touch both uprights of that hoop on some axis, he may elect to replay the stroke, unless his turn has ended for another reason.
8. Dawson International balls will be used.
9. Court allocations may be changed by the Tournament Manager and games will be double banked as required.
10. There will be a Referee at each court to act as required. Where there are not sufficient referees present to be in charge of all games, referees will be supervisory.
11. Players' attention is drawn to Rule 14 of the WCF Golf Croquet Rules book regarding Etiquette, which also covers expedition in play, and to Tournament Regulations 12 - 14 concerning responsibilities of players.
12. Players are to wear neat and appropriate sporting attire and flat-soled shoes ie shoes, the soles of which do not mark the lawn. Players choosing to wear sandals shall, as all players should, be conscious of surrounding play in order to ensure their own safety.
13. Matches shall commence at **8.00 am** sharp unless otherwise indicated. Players are requested to be at their designated court before the scheduled starting time.
14. All games will start un-timed. However, the Tournament Manager may impose a time limit if necessary.
15. Players are allowed a joint 5 minutes of practice on the court allocated, before the first game of the day.
16. Players are allowed a break of up to 5 minutes between matches and a lunch break of up to 30 minutes, but such breaks can be waived by mutual agreement of the players. No break is allowed between games in multiple game matches - games should be 'seamless' and players are expected to commence play in the second and third games immediately after the completion of the previous game. The Tournament Manager will ensure games go on expeditiously to enable completion of the scheduled program.
17. It is mandatory for players to inform the Tournament Manager if they wish to leave the venue for any reason.
18. The Tournament Manager will decide whether play in any match should continue if the weather is deteriorating.

19. The Tournament Manager in consultation with the Executive of Croquet Australia may make any alterations to the program, draw and other arrangements as are necessary in order to complete the tournament in the time available. If available, lights may be used at the Tournament Manager's discretion.
20. An appeals committee under ACA comprising the Tournament Manager, the Tournament Referee and a member of the ACA Executive (or nominated representative) shall determine any matters that are in dispute during the course of the tournament.
21. Should an overseas player win an event, a perpetual trophy shall remain in Australia in the custody of the Administrative Officer of Croquet Australia. All winners of trophies are requested to obtain a quote for the cost of appropriate engraving and submit that quote to the Administrative Officer of Croquet Australia before proceeding.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Tournament Headquarters are VCC at 65 Nobel Banks Drive, Cairnlea. All play will be at Cairnlea. This Program will be available on the ACA website, plus a hard copy for each player if required at Registration at Cairnlea on Friday 2 May between 2-6pm.

Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championship of Australia (3 – 6 May 2014)

The Draw was conducted by the ACA Tournament Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures. The World Ranking list current at 22 April 2014 was used for seeding purposes. The format for the Open Doubles is as follows.

- 1) One large single block, with each pair to play a single 13 point game against each other pair.
- 2) Blocks play at least the first 7 rounds on Saturday (Day 1), 7 more rounds on Sunday (Day 2) and the remaining round(s) on Monday (Day 3). Players may play more sessions on each day if conditions permit, at the Tournament Manager's discretion, but players may decline to play more than 7 games on any day.
- 3) Pairs placed 1 - 8 in the block based on games won will proceed to the quarter finals. If pairs are tied on games won, then placing will be determined on net points, then result of the games between the pairs, or other method at the Tournament Manager's discretion.

The Doubles Knockout

- 4) The knockout will be announced following completion of all block games.
- 5) Pairs will be drawn for the Quarter Finals based on final placing in initial blocks.
- 6) The knockout will be played as best of three 13 point games, with the final as best of five 13 point games (at Tournament Manager's discretion). Play within a match is meant to be continuous, and only essential breaks should be taken during a match, and especially between games in a match.
- 7) The losers from round 1 proceed to a Y event.
- 8) The X & Y Finals will be played on Tuesday (Day 4).

The Doubles Plate Event

- 9) A Plate event will be conducted as a round robin of single 13 point games, then a final between top 2 (or other, at the Tournament Manager's discretion). Pairs will be seeded based on where they finished in initial block.

Australian Golf Croquet Open Doubles Championships 2014

1	Chris McWhirter	WA	Marty Clarke	WA
2	Kevin Beard	VIC	John van der Touw	VIC
3	Wendy Dickson	VIC	Anne Quinn	VIC
4	John Levick	NSW	Steve Harden	NSW
5	Lester Hughes	VIC	Peter Freer	NSW
6	Tricia Devlin	VIC	Kim Reynolds	WA
7	David Wise	SA	Steve Thornton	NSW
8	Anna Miller	VIC	Eric Miller	VIC
9	Ron Johnstone	NSW	Ros Johnstone	NSW
10	Lawrie Simpson	QLD	Murray Tinker	QLD
11	Bernie Pfitzner	SA	Rosemary Newsham	QLD
12	Brenda Wild	NSW	Tony McArthur	NSW
13	Jim Saunders	VIC	Val Saunders	VIC
14	Lynne Roberts	VIC	Patricia Watts	VIC
15	Geraldine Trivett	QLD	Penny Jackson	QLD
16	Nerida Taylor	NSW	David Wren	VIC

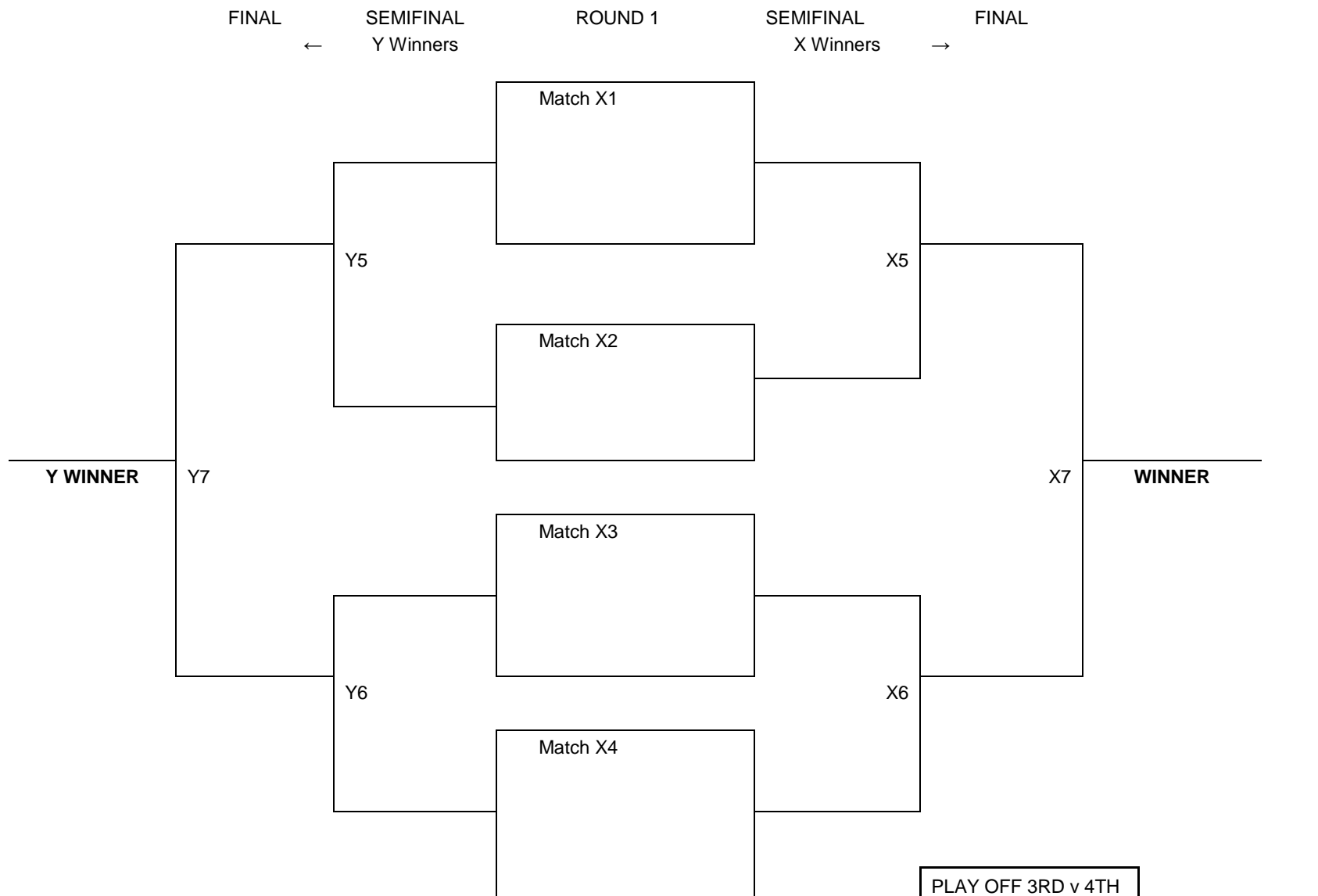
Notes:

1. Games in the same round do not all need to be played at the same time, but games from later rounds should not start without the Tournament Manager's approval

Prizes - Doubles

Winners \$300 each
 Runners Up \$125 each
 Certificates for Plate & Y Winners

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 Cairnlea with X-Y-W-Z = Best of three (untimed) with best of five final (Time permitting)



Golf Croquet Open Singles Championship of Australia (7 – 11 May 2014)

The Draw was conducted by the ACA Tournament Committee using the ACA Seeding and Draw procedures. The World Ranking list current at 22 April 2014 was used for seeding purposes. The format for the Open Singles is as follows.

Block Play

- 1) Two blocks, seeded, with spouses and members of the same family placed in different blocks. Each player to play each other player in the block a 13 point game in a single round robin.
- 2) Players placed 1 to 8 in each block based on games won will proceed to the final 16 knockout stage of the event. If players tie on games won, then net points, then who won between them, or other method at the Tournament Manager's discretion.
- 3) Blocks will play sessions 1 to 7 on the first day, sessions 8 to 14 on the second day, and the remaining sessions on the third day. Players may decline to play more than 7 games on any day. Players should have lunch and breaks when time permits between matches.

The Knockout

- 4) The knockout will be announced following completion of all block games.
- 5) Players will be drawn for the knock-out phase based on final placing in initial blocks. The knockout will be conducted in 4 rounds of best of three 13 point games, but with Bo5 semis and final, time permitting (at Tournament Manager's discretion).
- 6) The 8 losers from Round 1 proceed to a Y Event in Round 2.
- 7) The 4 losers from Round 2 in the X event will proceed to the Z event. The 4 losers from Round 1 in the Y proceed to the W Event.
- 8) Round 4 (Final) will be played on Sunday (Day 5) along with the playoff for Third & Fourth.

The Plate Event

- 9) The remaining players may proceed to the Plate Event, which will be conducted in two blocks playing each other player in the block a 13 point game in a single round robin with the top 4 of each block proceeding to a Bo3 XYZW knockout (or other, at the Tournament Manager's discretion)..
- 10) A Swiss (or block) will be held for those that don't make the plate finals and want extra games.

Prizes - Singles

Winner	\$1,000 & Perpetual Trophy
Runner Up	\$500
Third	\$300
Certificates for Fourth and the Winners of W, Z, Y and Plate	

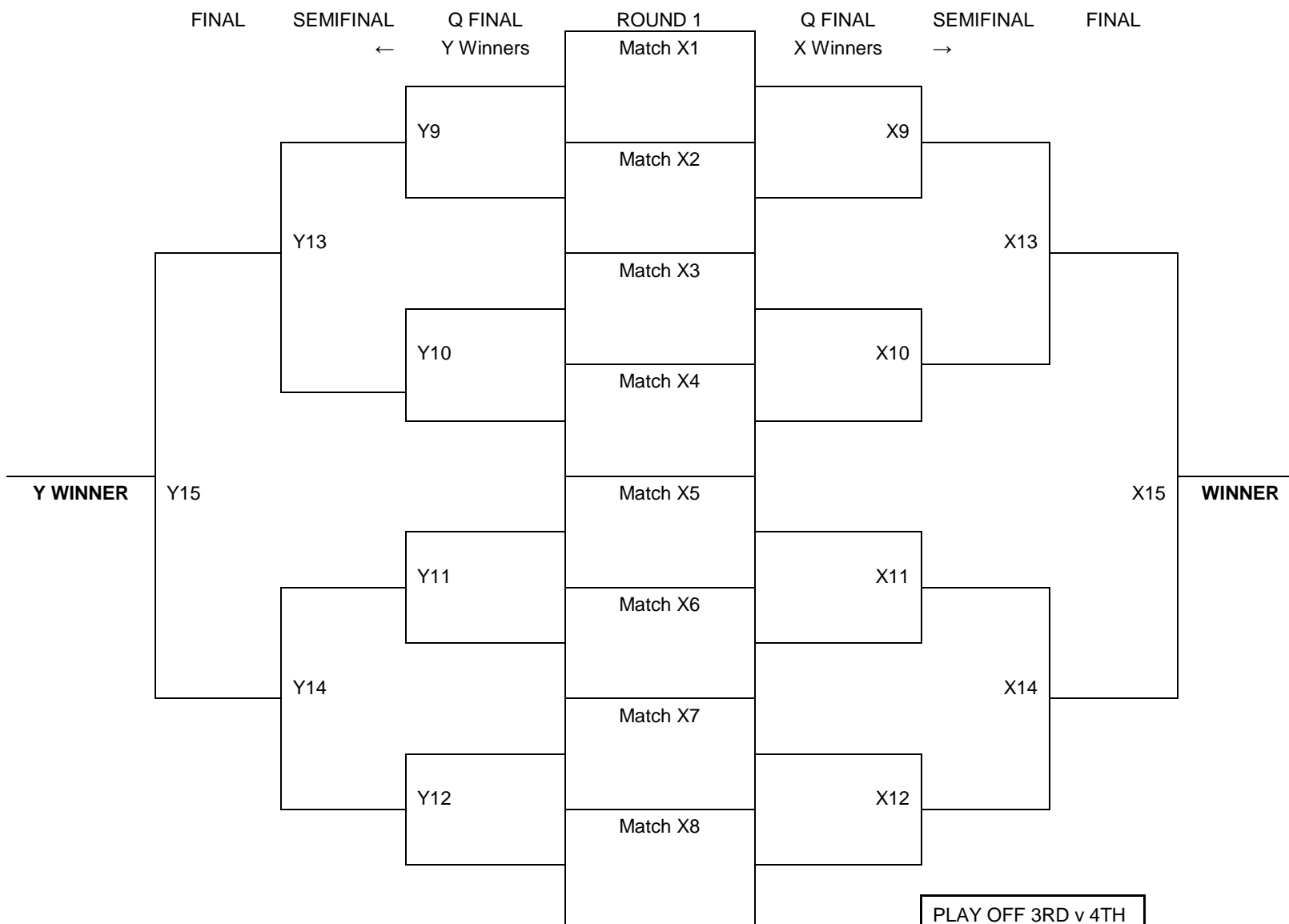
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	Block A		Block B	
1	Marty Clarke	WA	Kevin Beard	VIC
2	Lester Hughes	VIC	John van der Touw	VIC
3	John Levick	NSW	David Wise	SA
4	Peter Freer	NSW	Steve Harden	NSW
5	Tricia Devlin	VIC	Murray Tinker	QLD
6	Bernie Pfitzner	SA	Lawrie Simpson	QLD
7	Ron Johnstone	NSW	Eric Miller	VIC
8	Neil White	SA	Tony Hall	NSW
9	Jim Saunders	VIC	Patricia Watts	TAS
10	Anna Miller	VIC	John Grieve	QLD
11	Geoff Reilley	VIC	Ros Johnstone	NSW
12	Rosemary Newsham	QLD	Brenda Wild	NSW
13	Nerida Taylor	NSW	Richard Meacock	NSW
14	Chris Lavina	NSW	Geraldine Trivett	QLD
15	Penny Jackson	QLD	Tony McArthur	NSW

Notes re Singles Draw:

1. Games in the same round do not all need to be played at the same time, but games from later rounds will not start without the Tournament Manager's approval

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X-Y-W-Z Best of three (untimed) with best of five semi & final if time permits





AUSTRALIAN GOLF CROQUET TITLE HOLDERS

YEAR	OPEN SINGLES CHAMPION	Runner-Up
1997	Peter Tavender (NSW)	Roger Bird (Vic)
2000	Kathleen Coull (NSW)	George Latham (Vic)
2001	Owen Edwards (Vic)	George Latham (Vic)
2002	George Latham (Vic)	John Baldwin (Vic)
2003	Ian Bassett (Vic)	Ken Bald (Vic)
2004	Tony Hall (NSW)	Ken Bald (Vic)
2005	Owen Edwards (Vic)	Ian Rees (Vic)
2006	Owen Edwards (Vic)	Tony Hall (NSW)
2007	Kevin Beard (Vic)	John Levick (NSW)
2008	Kevin Beard (Vic)	Peter Landrebe (NSW)
2009	Peter Landrebe (NSW)	Martin Clarke (WA)
2010	John Levick (NSW)	Alix Verge (NSW)
2011	Kevin Beard (Vic)	David Wise (SA)
2012	John Levick (NSW)	Peter Freer (NSW)
2013	John Levick (NSW)	Ron Johnstone (NSW)
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YEAR	OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONS	Runners Up
2010	John Levick & Ron Johnstone	Geoff Young & Dallas Cooke (NZ)
2011	John Levick & Ron Johnstone	Rosie News & Anne Quinn
2012	John van der Touw & Anne Quinn	Kevin Beard & Rosie News
2013	Wendy Dickson & Anne Quinn	John Levick & Judy Wembridge
2014		

A full list of winners of Australian national events can be found at:

http://www.croquet-australia.com.au/Results/History/Nationals_History.html