

## WPA Tournament Sub-committee Annual Report 2015/16

The following is tournament sub-committee report for the 2015/2016 season.

### Wellington Championship fixtures

Tournament	Venue	Number of teams participating (previous year in brackets)	Winners
WPA Singles	Horowhenua	36 (31)	Annick Le Guen (Kapiti)
WPA Doubles	Kapiti	28 (28)	Grant Bray (Kapiti) /Nick Jegousse (Upper Hutt)
WPA Triples	Manawatu	13 (16)	Myles Cowper (Hataitai)/Michael Rocks (Khandallah)/Pete Hamilton (Wanganui East)
WPA Senior Doubles	Kapiti	20 (22)	Lew Gill (Horowhenua)/Shirley Selwyn (Wanganui East)
WPA Women's Singles	Horowhenua	24 (26)	Ann Hogg (Otaki)
Shooting Championship	Kapiti	10 (11)	Michael Rocks (Khandallah)

### Non-championship fixtures

Champion of Champion Singles	Otaki	8 (7)	Alan Taylor (Kapiti)
Champion of Champion doubles	Silverstream	8 (7)	Barbara Johnston/Graeme Morris (Masterton)
Champion of Champion Triples	Otaki	6 (7)	Grant Bray/Morgan Choveaux/Annick Le Guen (Kapiti)
WPA Women's Doubles	Kapiti	14 (19)	Claire Bradburn (Silverstream) /Monica Smiler (Park Avenue)
WPA Women's Triples	Kapiti	11 (10)	Yvonne Fitcher (Wanganui East)/Annick Le Guen (Kapiti)/Monica Smiler (park Avenue)
WPA Open Triples	Manawatu	15 (14)	Dave Gatchell (Horowhenua)/Lew Gill (Horowhenua/Shirley Selwyn (Wanganui East)
Interclub	Not played – postponed until August 2016		

#### General comment on the Tournament Fixtures:

Entries varied compared to previous year. WPA Singles had an increase of 5 over the previous year and was the largest entry for 4 years. The WPA triples dropped by 3 from 16 to 13. This may be a reflection on the location of the tournament at Palmerston North given that the open triples were also played at Palmerston North.

#### Host Clubs:

Thank you to all the clubs who have hosted tournaments in the past 12 months. Your support and willingness to allow your club facilities to be used is much appreciated by the sub-committee and players. With the loss of Park Avenue as a venue more tournaments have had to be allocated to clubs with large terrains up the west coast of the region.

#### Umpires:

Once again, thank you to the players who offer to be playing umpires. Although this is not ideal (it would be good if we had more non-playing umpires) it is much appreciated. Jack Gazzard continues to give his time freely to be a non-playing umpire. This is very much appreciated by the players and the tournament sub-committee.

#### Tournament Scorers:

Once again we have had the services of several people (non-playing) that have assisted us greatly by recording scores and preparing the next round of the tournament. Thank you to you all.

#### Playing format:

The playing format virtually followed the same format as the previous season with the following exception:

After the survey of players was completed tournament sub-committee removed barrage for post qualification play and replaced it with pool play. This ran smoothly apart from the WPA Singles championship where an incorrect tie-break rule was applied. This was due an oversight on my part in not ensuring the tournament controller had been advised of the method to use. This situation has now been rectified by the addition of the method to be used being printed on the pool sheets.

#### Interclub:

The 2016 Interclub was postponed from early in the year until August 2016 after some discussion with regard to the format due to the loss of the main East Zone venue at Park Avenue. Clubs voted to delay the tournament but keep to the same playing format.

#### Jacques Cochonnet Trophy:

The trophy has moved around at reasonably frequent intervals between 3 clubs (Kapiti, Hataitai and Wanganui East) over the last 12 months.

### Inter-Region Matches:

Wellington started the season with a bare cupboard but ended with it full. The Wellington "squad" regained all the inter region trophies we play for.

Wellington regained the Chanticleer trophy with a sound win (with one round to play) over Auckland. This was played at the Manawatu club.

We then hosted Southern in the annual Tri-Star tournament. Unfortunately Canterbury was unable to field a team. As a result Wellington brought in a third team which meant we were able to expose more Wellington players to this level of competition. It is expected that Canterbury will re-enter the tournament when Southern host it in 2016 in Dunedin. Wellington Black were the winners (38 points) with Wellington Gold in second (33) followed by Southern (21) with Wellington Wasps in fourth place (16).

The third representative fixture was against Hawkes Bay. Wellington had not held the trophy since 2010. It was a very close fought match which came down to the last boule played in the tournament. Wellington managed to take out the fixture by 2 points 21 to 19

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