

# The First

## Women's World Association

The power and might of Jenny Clark was all inspiring in her determination, ability and concentration to win the Inaugural WCF Women's World Association Croquet Championship.

The event, held at the magnificent twelve-court VCA Centre, was an exciting nine days of Women's Croquet from the might of Jenny to a 14 handicapper. With forty-eight players from England, New Zealand and Australia, they made croquet a joyous fun-filled spectacular event to watch.

With the opening practise, ceremony, players' meeting and Dinner all on the first day before play, this exciting new idea allowed the combatants and followers a closeness which they

would otherwise not have had if all the above had been separated.

Keith Aiton from the WCF opened the Championship, we sang the National Anthem, MLC for Western Metropolitan Region (which includes Cairnlea), Andrew Elsbury said a few words. Our cameras worked overtime, so we all knew the championship was going to be a great success

When we were all in the dining room, with an absolutely amazing floral display and Shirley's catering, we knew we were in croquet heaven.

Brian as Tournament Manager and Liz as Tournament Referee



The Australian Players competing in the WCF WAC WC.



Players competing in the inaugural WCF Women's Association Croquet World Championship.



The Inagural winner, Jenny Clarke from NZ being presented with the Charles Jones Memorial Trophy by Charles's sister.



Keith Aiton officially opened the tournament. Keith is on the WCF Management Committee, but on this occasion he was representing the WCF President Amir Ramsis Naguib.



Referees checking that the lawns are set up in readiness.



The Awards, including The Charles Jones Memorial Trophy



Some of the contingent of referees, ready and waiting.



ACA President, Ms Robyn Wallace

# Victoria Croquet Championship

enabled the event to purr the whole week, allowing all players to know exactly where and what they should be doing. It must be said our secretary Jim worked like a man possessed over the event, Marie had her head down with those hoops and our President was everywhere.

The standard of Croquet with round robins, best of three, knock-outs, tight hoops, fast courts, nervousness and the knowing they are the vanguard for this event made for some very interesting games. We saw the complete ability of croquet in its many forms throughout the week and in the last two days the skills of the top women were so outstanding it was a pleasure to see and want more, more, more! If you are interested in the

scores, go into the croquetvictoria website and see the results. The organising committee and their colleagues worked their croquet bodies to perfection and allowed the championship to run as a world-class event.

I believe our event was happy and intimate and we all just had an excellent time with fellow croquet devotees.

The organising committee and the whole of Victoria wish to congratulate Elaine Coverdale for winning the W.C.F. Plate and Anna Miller for winning the Bowl!!

*Kenn Boal, Chair of the W.C.F. Committee*

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## RESULTS

Jenny Clarke (NZ) beat Alison Sharpe (AUS)  
+9 +25 +26 to become the first winner of the  
Charles Jones Memorial Trophy

The Plate was won by Elaine Coverdale (AUS)  
who beat Anne Quinn (AUS) +3T +11T.

The Bowl was won by Anna Miller (AUS) who beat  
Marion McInnes (NZ) -20 +13 +12.

The Shield was won by Alison Robinson (NZ)  
who beat Jane Magill (NZ) +14T



## SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN ACTION

