

A HISTORY OF THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The tournament was held over 2 days in the beginnings, then it went for 3 ½ days. Monday morning at 9 am was the official welcome, and instructions etc. to the players and referees, with the presentations on Thursday lunchtime. Play usually started about 10 am. on the Monday morning, and each player played 2 games per day. Single balls were used at all times. Occasionally if there was a shortage of lawns, double balls were played, but permission had to be received to do this.

In 1964 four regions played in these championships, being Ballarat, Geelong, Bendigo and Goulburn Valley. The next year saw the Murray Valley and North Eastern regions join in. It was not until 1988 that the Wimmera was admitted, and the South Western region joined the group in 1989. Gippsland (the only country association not competing) was permitted to join in 2001.

The formal welcome etc. is now held on Sunday evening with a BBQ and play commences at 8.30 am on Monday. Now it is played with double balls and the play only lasts for 3 days, there are now 9 Associations competing.

Luncheon was served at each venue, and quite often only 1 division was at one venue. Luncheon consisted of cold meat and salad, sandwiches, and sweets. Players and referees usually had their meals supplied at a reduced price or sometime free. There was a small admission charge, and tickets or stamps were used so that the general public could travel to various venues without having to pay at each venue. In the 1990's the handicap committee would travel to various tournaments to watch the play and possibly reduce the handicaps of players who were not winners. (In these days there was not the point system for handicap reduction, and the results of a tournament were the main way to reduce handicaps.)

Associations would often hire busses for a day's visit to the regionals and much interest was displayed among the spectators. All members of the Associations were interested in the games of their members, and there was keen rivalry between the spectators as well as the players. Many people would travel to the regionals each year just to renew old friendships, and it was the annual event they would not miss out on.

The Regional meetings were an opportunity for the Country players to voice their opinions concerning the running of the V.C.A. and the tournaments that were being held. They also organized the playing of the Country Week, which had been declared a week that only country players were entitled to play. Many country associations did not attend the state association meetings, whether it was due to the distances, or due to the rules of the Association it is difficult to know.

For the Annual General Meeting the chairman is to be the President of the Host Association, Secretary to come from the Host Association. Each association is to have 2 delegates, and 1 vote.

Sequence of host Association.

North Eastern Association Croquet Association.

Ballarat Croquet Association.

Murray Valley Croquet Association.

Wimmera Croquet Association.

South Western Croquet Association.

Gippsland Croquet Association.

Northern District Croquet Association.

Goulburn Valley Croquet Association.

Geelong Croquet Association.

Colours.

North Eastern - Bottle Green.

Murray Valley - Red.

Wimmera - Navy / white lettering.

South Western - Burgundy

Gippsland - Orange.

Northern District - Pale Green.

Goulburn Valley - Purple and Gold.

Geelong - Royal blue/ white trim.

Ballarat - Pale Blue.

Where the Regional Championships were held.

1980. Wangaratta.	1997. Rich River.
1981. Swan Hill.	1998. Geelong.
1982. Bendigo.	1999. Ballarat.
1983. Shepparton.	2000. Wodonga.
1984. Geelong.	2001. Swan Hill.
1985. Ballarat.	2002. Horsham.
1986. Albury.	2003. Portland.
1987. Charlton.	2004. Gippsland.
1988. Bendigo.	2005. Bendigo.
1989. Shepparton.	2006. Shepparton.
1990. Geelong.	2007. Geelong.
1991. Ballarat.	2008. Wodonga.
1992. Cobram.	2009. Ballarat.
1993. Red Cliffs.	2010. Boort.
1994. Horsham.	2011 Horsham
1995. Warrnambool.	2012. Warrnambool
1996. Bendigo.	2013 Bendigo.
	2014. Gippsland

Cups for Competitors.

In 1985 Mrs. Edwards (Goulburn Valley) secured Perpetual Cups for the Championships.

“Lindsays” of Geelong & Shepparton Section 1.

“Hartleys” of Melbourne. Section 3.

“Ron Marks” of Melbourne. Section 4.

In 1973 “A” Grade was divided and Ballarat Croquet Association supplied a Junior “A” cup, known as the “Ballarat Cup” for Section 2.

“The Shield” (Rich River) is awarded to the team which leads on GROSS POINTS.

City of Ballarat Perpetual Cup (small) was awarded to the Section 4 “Player with most Potential” (criteria decided by Referee-in-charge). Now it is the Horsham Cup.

The annual engraving is the responsibility of the winners.

Winners from 1980.

Year Division 1.	Mrs. G. Edwards	Mr. R. Kerr	Mr. W. Keeps	Mrs. J. Koch
Division 2 Division 3 Division 4. 1980	GVCA	GVCA	NDCA	NDCA
1981	Mrs. H. Merryless	Mrs. McFadyen	Mrs. Morgan	Mrs. McDermott.
	GVCA	GVCA	NDCA	GVCA

1982	Mrs. H. Merryless GVCA	Mrs. M. Eaton NDCA	Mr. E. Harrison NDCA	Mr. F. Stradling. GVCA.
1983	Mr. S. Forster BCA	Mrs. Grainger NDCA	Mrs. Donnallan MVCA	Mrs. Price NDCA.
1984	Mrs. .J. Brookes NEDCA	Mrs. Rudd GVCA	Mrs. Mattingly MVCA	Mr. R. Kirk. NDCA
1985	Mr. E. Harrison	Mr. R. Crocker BCA	Mr. J. Collis	Mrs. G. Bartlett. GCA
1986	Mrs. R. Livock. GCA	Mr. A. Stacey. MVCA	Mr. C. Crompton. Ballarat.	Mrs. B. Barley NDCA
1987	Mr. K. Boal. GVCA	Mr. C. Crompton BCA	Mrs. B. Gerrish GVCA	Mr. R. White. BCA
1988	Mr. K. Boal. GVCA	L. Berryman. GVCA	L. Cramer NDCA	Mr. G. Miller NDCA
1989	Mr. K. Boal. GVCA	Mrs. I. Wentworth. BCA	Mr. D. Shipston. GVCA	J. Morris. NDCA
1990	Mr. S. Hatfield. NDCA	Mr. D. Shipston. GVCA	Mr. F. De Rouge. GVCA	Mrs. D. Judd. GVCA
1991	Mr. K. Boal. GVCA	Mr. S. Liush WCA	Mrs. E. Pollard. MVCA	Mrs. P. Wingate. GVCA
1992	Mr. K. Boal. GVCA	Mr. S. Liush WCA	Mr. G. Bath GCA	Mr. P. Block BCA
1993	Mr. K. Boal. GVCA	Mr. P. Block BCA	Mr. K. Geyer. WCA	Mrs. E. Henstridge. WCA
1994.	Mr. R. Kirk. NDCA	Mr. Brian Harwood GVCA	Mr. T. Bassett GVCA	Mr. B. Keddie. NEDCA
1995.	Mr. R. Kirk NDCA	Mr. K. Bald. WCA	Mrs. D. Judd GVCA	Miss. S. Hutchings. GCA
1996.	Mr. T. Bassett GVCA	Mr. M. Trevena GVCA	Mr. C. Bassett GVCA	Mr. Ray Clarke. NDCA
1997	Mr. S. Forster GCA	K. Armstrong SWCA	Mrs. S. McCall MVCA	Mrs. J. Grinter NDCA
1998	Mr. S. Forster GCA	K. Duke. GCA	Mr. M. Lovell BCA	B. Revere WCA
1999	Mr. S. Forster GCA	Mr. T. Kelson. SWCA	Mr. J. Byrne NEDCA	Mr. D. Hawker NDCA
2000	Mr. S. Forster GCA	Mrs. Peg Presneill NEDCA	Mr. M. Edwards SWCA	Mr. R. Shelley GVCA
2001	Mr. S. Forster GCA	Mr. M. Edwards SWCA	Mr. D. Troeth WCA	Mr. J. Ashton NDCA
2002	Mr. S. Forster GCA	Mr. M. Edwards SWCA	Mr. T. Lloyd GCA	Mr. A. Smith BCA
2003	Mr. R. Bird BCA	Mr. I. Jackman WCA	Mr. M. Huddle GVCA	Ms. V. Lefel NDCA
2004	Mr. K. Boal GVCA	Mr. R. Shellie GVCA	Mr. J. Denison WCA	Mr. M. Sertori BCA
2005	Mr. S. Forster GCA	Mr. I. Phillips NEDCA	Mr. M. Sertori BCA	Mr. Peter Nightingale. GVCA
2006	Mr. G. Cook SWCA	Ms. J. Lieschke NEDCA	Mr. R. Fletcher B&DCA	Mr. B. Humphreys NDCA

2007	Mr. S. Forster GCA	Mr. G. Fletcher B&DCA	Mr. M. Fletcher B&DCA	Mr. R. White. Gippsland
2008	Mr. R. Fletcher B&DCA	Mr. T. Chew B&DCA	Mr. B. Humphreys NDCA	Ms. V. McClelland GCA
2009	Mr. R. Fletcher B&DCA	Mrs. T. Arnup Gippsland.	Ms. M. Gammon MVCA	Mr. I. Smith NDCA
2010	Mr. K. Bald WCA	Mr. R. Wrest. GVCA	Mrs. B. Hawker NDCA	Mr. D. Blowers Gippsland
2011	Mr. K. Bald WCA	Mr. M. Sertori B&DCA	Mr. R. Smallwood Gippsland	Mr. Matt McKay Gippsland.
2012	Mr. T. Chew B&DCA	Mrs. B. Lewis B&DCA	Mr. M. McKay Gippsland	Ms. S. Lenenburg GVCA
2013	Mr. K. Bald WCA	Mr. B. Humphreys NDCA	Mrs. A. Kenny MVCA	M.D. McConville NDCA
2014	Mr. K. Bald GVCA	Mr. M. McKay Gippsland	Mr. J. Maynard GVCA	Ms. J. Dunn SWCA

SHIELD WINNERS

1985	BCA
1986	BCA
1987	BCA
1988	GVCA
1989	GVCA
1990	GVCA
1991	GVCA
1992	GVCA
1993	GVCA
1994	GVCA
1995	GCA.
1996	GVCA
1997	MVCA
1998	GCA
1999	NDCA
2000	SWDCA
2001	WCA
2002	GVCA
2003	GVCA
2004	GVCA
2005	GVCA
2006	B&DCA
2007	GCA
2008	B&DCA
2009	B&DCA
2010	NDCA
2011	NDCA
2012	

2013
2014

NDCA
Gippsland