

# NSW Open AC Handicap 2021

## The Beryl Chambers Trophy

### Metropolitan North Qualifying



Association Croquet players across NSW &ACT are invited to participate in the 2021 NSW Open AC Handicap for the Beryl Chambers Memorial Trophy. As a handicap event, players at all levels have an even chance of success. Winners and runners up in the last few years have had handicaps ranging from 18 to 4 so all entrants are in the running to progress to the finals of this special event.

The Metropolitan North qualifying rounds will be held at Manly Croquet Club on Tuesday June 1 and Wednesday June 2. Whilst the exact format will depend on the number of players it is expected that each player will play three to four games with the top two qualifiers proceeding to the State Final from Friday 11 to Monday 14 June, at Tempe.

In 2020 championship hopefuls' handicaps ranged from 20 to 3.5, which resulted in different challenges for all! In the end 8 people were entered into the final. Highlights for players were that the handicap event allowed for higher handicapped players to pit themselves against those on lower handicaps and learn more about the challenges of the game beyond mere execution. How to strategically employ bisques to their best advantage to form and maintain breaks was the objective of the higher handicapped. Lower handicapped players were equally challenged having to generally come from behind to "hunt" their opponent.

All players reported this event as a positive experience with playing against new faces refreshing and catching up with some more familiar faces equally enjoyable. David Scott (Ballina Cherry Street) was the winner with 6 wins from his 7 games, closely followed by Simon Cook (Coutts Crossing) with 5 wins.

Country players who qualify for the finals will be eligible for a subsidy from Croquet NSW to assist with travel & accommodation costs.

Entry fees:

- \$30 per player to cover the initial block round
- Plus an additional \$20 for the final series qualifiers

Play will commence at 8am each day but there should be no problem if you need some flexibility in playing times. You can enter on the CNSW website by clicking on the Register button and selecting the appropriate event. Entries close on Friday, May 21.