



◆ Members of the state croquet practise at Hollywood Club. (From left): Mrs Sheila McDonald, of Beverley, Mrs Verna Clarke, of Northam, Mrs Nell Maskew, of Hollywood (captain) and Mr George Maslen.

ONLY ONE NEW PLAYER IN STATE TEAM

By Mary Rossini

Only one of the four-member state croquet team has not been selected in a state team before.

Newcomer to the team is Mrs Verna Clarke.

But though Mrs Clarke has never been named in a side she played for the state as a last minute replacement some years ago in Tasmania, when one of the official state team members became ill.

Mrs Clarke has been

playing croquet for about 10 years, first in Northam, and then more recently in Victoria Park. She is club champion at Victoria Park and has won the A minor medal this season. She also finished third in the ACC gold medal event at her first appearance in the event.

Other members of the state team:

GEORGE MASLEN: Won the WA and ACC gold medals this year in WA and is reigning Australian men's singles

champion. He will be defending his title in Brisbane and will also represent the state in the English medal competition during the carnival.

SHEILA McDONALD: Was runner up to Mr Maslen in both medals and in other years has won the Australian open singles title and many gold medals. In 1968 she won the English medal in Melbourne. This week she added to her winnings with the Ida Thorpe Memorial Trophy.

NELL MASKEW: Has represented the state four times before, the first time in 1959. She has been one of the state's most prominent players for a number of years. She won the state doubles title this year with Marjorie Parry. She is president of the WA Association and won the English medal in 1969.

The team will train together each weekend until the middle of September, when they will leave for the carnival in Brisbane.