National Selection Update

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This is a fairly brief update to bring players up to speed on two topics only.

These updates are also available from the ACA web site at: http://www.croquet-australia.com.au/Governance/minutes.html

12th WCF World Association Croquet Championship

We have been informed by the WCF that Australia has been allocated eight places.

In addition there will be a total number of six wildcard places offered for the Championship. All member associations have been invited to nominate one or more players for wildcard places that will be allocated at the WCF discretion.

The Selectors will short list players for selection and identify possible wild cards at the conclusion of the President's Eights. At that time the availability of those players will be determined. Final selections will be made immediately after the conclusion of the Australian Open Singles Championship.

Selected players will be nominated to the WCF by **20 December 2008**.

As mentioned in a previous update in order to access a more significant number of results for players' selectors will look at results as far back as the 2006 Australian Open Singles (7-12 November 2006). Results from the previous 12 months will be given more weight and significance.

New Zealand Scholarships

The three recipients of the junior scholarships to the 2009 New Zealand Open are Chloe Aberley
Robert Fletcher
John Smith

These players will gain valuable experience in their lead up preparation and as a result of playing in the competition. The Selectors wish all three players the best for the tournament.

It was decided to announce the recipients earlier than originally planned as this would give them a longer lead-up time and none of them would have been attending the President's Eights.