



**Australian Croquet Association
Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting**

**Held in the Boardroom
66 Harold Street,
Mt Lawley
Perth WA**

**on
Monday 26th March 2012 at 10am**

PRESENT:

President	Robyn Wallace	
Senior Vice President	Greg Diprose (plus proxy for Tony Hall)	
Vice President	Neil White	
New South Wales	John Compton	Pam Gentle
Queensland	Doug Williams (plus proxy vote)	
South Australia	Greg Rowberry	Nancy Whittingham
Tasmania	Rob McAdam (plus proxy vote)	
Victoria	Jim Clement	Mike Cohn
Western Australia	Allan Sands	Susan Sands

Agenda Item 1 – Opening and Welcome by President

President, Robyn Wallace opened the meeting at 10am and welcomed all delegates, thanking CroquetWest for hosting it.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Past President Max Murray and Treasurer Tony Hall

Agenda Item 2 – Robyn invited all delegates to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item 3 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting held at Eastern Shore Croquet Club, 57-61 South Street, Bellerive, Tasmania on Monday March 28th 2011 at 10.00am had been circulated via the ACA Website

Motion: That the Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true record.

Moved	Neil White (VP)		
Seconded	Susan Sands (WA)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

Agenda Item 4 - Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

There were no matters of business arising from the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

Agenda Item 5 - Correspondence

Correspondence had been dealt with during the year and correspondence is available for perusal in electronic format upon request.

Agenda Item 6.1. - ACA President's Report

The President's Report was given verbally. President Robyn Wallace outlined the theme "Reclaiming the ACA" and urged all States to ensure that they are fully involved with ACA matters as we proceed with a much expanded agenda both within Australia and in International croquet. The problem with timing of Events with this expanding role was discussed

Motion

That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved	Mike Cohn (Vic)		
Seconded	Pam Gentle (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

Agenda Item 6.2 - ED & Committee Reports

The Executive Director's report and the Committee Reports had previously been circulated Neil White outlined the need for major sponsorship to support the expanding playing calendar and sought the assistance of States in identifying potential Corporate Partners. He proposed that Council consider a program which rewards States/Clubs with a percentage of any successful sponsorship/partnership arrangements so that the instigators would see financial benefits from their involvement flowing back to their state/club. This to be further developed at future Council meetings.

Motion

That the ED and Committee Reports be accepted.

Moved	Mike Cohn (Vic)		
Seconded	Pam Gentle (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

Agenda Item 6.3 - State Reports

State Association Reports had previously been circulated and Queensland distributed that State's report at the meeting.

Motion

That the State Association Reports be accepted.

Moved	Mike Cohn (Vic)		
Seconded	Pam Gentle (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

Agenda Item 6.4 - Appointed Officers' Reports

The Appointed Officers' Reports had previously been circulated

Motion

That the Appointed Officers' Reports be accepted.

Moved	Mike Cohn (Vic)		
Seconded	Pam Gentle (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 7 FINANCE – TREASURER'S REPORT

Including receipt of the 2011 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report.

In the absence of the Treasurer Greg Diprose explained the content of these statements.

Motion 7.1.

That the Treasurer's Report for 2011 be received.

Moved	Greg Diprose (SVP)		
Seconded	Rob McAdam (Tas)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

Motion 7.2.

That the Financial Accounts for 2011 be accepted

Greg Diprose presented the Financial Accounts which had been previously circulated. He commented on the value of Executive support for ACA and the difficulty of recruiting volunteers for this purpose.

Moved	Greg Diprose (SVP)		
Seconded	Doug Williams (Qld)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 8 - MOTIONS ON NOTICE

8A – MOTIONS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION (SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS, 3/4 MAJORITY REQUIRED)

8A.1. That clause 13 of the Constitution be deleted and replaced with the following clauses:

13. ALTERATION OF GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

13.1 *The Constitution may only be altered by a Special Resolution as provided in the Associations Incorporation Act, being a resolution of which the required notice has been given and which is passed by at least three quarters of those voting at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.*

13.2 *The Bylaws of the association may only be altered by a resolution of which the required notice has been given and which is passed by at least two thirds of those voting at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.*

13.3 *A notice of motion setting out the proposed amendment shall be lodged at the Association at least sixty days prior to the date of the general meeting at which the matter is to be considered;*

13.4 *All State Associations shall receive written notice of the proposed amendment thirty clear days prior to the meeting at which the matter is to be considered and such notice shall set out fully the notice of motion;*

13.5 *Proposals for alterations to Standing Orders shall be decided by a simple majority vote at a General Meeting, or with the written agreement of all Member Associations. The term “written” here includes email;*

13.6 *Any amendment of any clause of the Constitution, Bylaws, Conditions or Standing Orders shall be forwarded to the Secretaries of all State Associations, and a master file of such amendments shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary of the Association, who also shall maintain an up-to-date copy on the ACA website.*

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	John Compton (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

8A.2. That clause 3.8 of the Constitution dealing with Interpretation of the term 'constitution' be deleted and replaced with the following clause:

References to “rules” in the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) are references to this Constitution only, and do not refer to bylaws, conditions or standing orders

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	John Compton (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

8A.3. That in clause 3.13, the words “these Rules” be replaced with “*this constitution*”.

Moved	Doug Williams (Qld)		
Seconded	Mike Cohn (Vic)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

8A.4. That clause 5.1.4 be amended by deleting “, Regulations”.

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	Greg Diprose (SVP)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

8A.5. That in clause 5.2.6 dealing with indemnification of Executive Committee members, the word “Handbook” be replaced with the phrase “*constitution or bylaws*”.

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	Susan Sands (WA)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

8A.6. That in clause 6.1.2 dealing with notice for the AGM, the phrase “, nominations for officers and chairpersons and alterations to the Handbook,” be replaced with the phrase “*and nominations for officers and chairpersons*”

Note: Items 8A.6 to 8A.11 were moved as one motion

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	John Compton (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

8A.7. That clause 6.1.3 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the item “Correspondence”, replacing the phrase “Notices of Motions” by “*Proposed amendments to the constitution (special resolutions)*”, replacing the phrase “Alterations to the Handbook” by “*Proposed amendments to the Bylaws*”, and adding a further item “*Other motions of which notice has been given*” and by numbering each item in the list.

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	John Compton (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

8A.8. That clause 6.3.4 be deleted and replaced with the clause “*Meetings shall be conducted under the Standing Orders in force at the time.*”

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	John Compton (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

8A.9. That clauses 9.2 and 11.2 be deleted, and that clauses 9.3 and 11.3 be renumbered in consequence; and that the word “Handbook” in those clauses be replaced by the word “constitution”.

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	John Compton (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

8A.10. That section 10 (clauses 10.1, 10.2, 10.3) be deleted in its entirety.

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	John Compton (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

8A.11. That clause 7.3.3.1, being mis-numbered, is amended to read “7.3.3”

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	John Compton (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

8A.12. That Clause 7.5 of the Handbook be amended to read:

- 7.5 The Treasurer shall maintain within the books an International Fund (IF) which will be credited with levies received from States and from which expenses will be debited for:
- 7.5.1.1 the MacRobertson Shield, Trans Tasman events, WCF World Championship events and other international events approved by the Executive Committee, and
 - 7.5.1.2 hosting international events as approved by the Executive Committee.

Moved	John Compton		
Seconded	Pam Gentle		
		Defeated	

Voting

Carried unanimously	No		
Queensland	No	Western Australia	No
New South Wales	No	President	
Victoria	No	S/Vice President	
Tasmania	No	Treasurer(by proxy)	Yes
South Australia	No	Vice President	

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR EACH OF THE ABOVE ITEMS

8A.1. The Associations Incorporation Act requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority for amendments to the constitution, but the existing clause specifies 2/3. The revised clauses rectify this, require the governance documents to be placed on the ACA website, and remove references to “the Handbook”. Having references in the constitution to “the Handbook” which itself contains the constitution is a circular reference which can create legal issues. This amendment also removes reference to the Conditions, as these will be determined in future by the Executive Committee rather than the AGM.

8A.2. The new interpretation clause makes it explicit that the Act refers to the constitution only.

8A.3. & 8A.4. Corrects the terminology to be consistent and removes Conditions from Council's role.

8A.5. & 8A.6. Removes reference to “the Handbook” as its content should not be restricted by the constitution.

8A.7. Removes “Correspondence” from AGM agendas as this is not used in practice. Restructures references to motions on notice and the handbook to identify three separate categories – amendment of constitution, amendment of bylaws, and other motions, each of which have different requirements.

8A.8. & 8A.9. Removes reference to the Handbook.

8A.10. Removes references to Conditions from the constitution. This would allow the Conditions to be amended from time to time by the Executive Committee, except for those Conditions which are policies and which will become bylaws if Motion 8B.3 is adopted by the AGM.

8A.11. Corrects a numbering error.

8A.12 Amalgamation of the Tours Fund (IEF & HEF)

A levy to provide a Tours Fund was created many years ago to subsidise members of the Australian team competing in the MacRobertson Shield. With the proliferation of international events it was gradually increased to cater for Trans-Tasman events and Australian players competing in WCF World Championships. It was used to fund the MacRobertson Shield when held in Australia and became known as the International Events Fund (IEF). In 2001 it was \$4.50 per affiliated player and, after reduction to \$4.35 from 2005 to 2009, was again \$4.50 in 2010. It became \$3.50 in 2010 and is approved at \$4.50 for 2012.

In 2009 the Hosting Events Fund was created at the behest of the Victorian Croquet Association to help fund the 3rd WCF Womens Golf Croquet Championship due to be held in Melbourne in November of that year. It fulfilled that purpose admirably, providing about \$22,000. It was initiated at, and remains at, \$3.00 per affiliated player.

Consequently, Clause 7.5 of the ACA Handbook was amended to read:

7.5 The Treasurer shall maintain within the books a Tours Fund and, separately, a Hosting Events Fund. The Tours Fund will be credited with Tours levies received from States and from which expenses will be debited for the MacRobertson Shield, Trans Tasman and WCF World Championship events and other international events approved by the Executive Committee. The Hosting Events Fund will be credited with Hosting Events levies received from the states and from which expenses are debited for hosting international events and national events as approved by the Executive Committee.

It was intended that the Hosting Events Fund (HEF) should be available to assist in covering the costs of both international and national events. There have been, however, no bids for the fund to assist in funding national events. Indeed, the decision has been made that national events should have their entry fees set so that every event should make a small profit.

Two international events are due to be held in Australia in 2012, the 13th WCF AC World Championship and the 1st WCF Womens AC World Championship. At this stage it is expected that the HEF will be required to assist in funding those events for about \$20,000 and \$10,000

respectively. After 2012 there are unlikely to be any international events hosted by Australia until 2016 but there will be a number of World Championships overseas for which we would normally subsidise our players.

The Treasurer has notified that, with the two funds in existence, he would recommend that, to allow the IEF to be increased without increasing the overall total of affiliation fees and levies, the HEF should be reduced to nil in 2013 and 2014 and returned to \$2 in 2015 and \$3 in 2016.

It would be administratively simpler to consolidate the funds into a single International Fund (IF) which would be used both for hosting international events and sending Australian players overseas to international events.

Implementation

It is proposed that the amount of the levy for the International Fund in 2012 and future years be the sum of the amounts recommended for the separate funds.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - MOTIONS ON NOTICE**8B – MOTIONS TO AMEND THE BYLAWS (2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED)**

Motion 8B.1 That the bylaws be amended with the corrections listed in the schedule below:

Clause No.	Current phrase	Amendment
21.1	“as” at end of sentence	<i>Delete “as”</i>
21.8	should be	is
21.9	That any member	A person affiliated to the ACA
25.1.3	Any Officer listed under Constitution Clause 25.1.2	Any Officer listed under Clause 25.1.2
25.1.7	Nominations may be made only by	Nominations for officer positions may be made only by
25.1.10	Each Officer shall hold office until a successor is elected and takes office or is discharged under Constitution Clause 25.1.5 or 25.1.11;	Each Officer shall hold office until a successor is elected under bylaw 25.1.4 and takes office, or until the Officer is discharged under bylaw 25.1.11;
25.5.1.24	shall assist	assist
25.6.1.11	This proposed amendment lapsed	<i>As IEF & HEF are not to be amalgamated as per motion 8A.12)</i>
27.1.15	Regulation	Condition
27.1.16	Regulation	Condition
27.1.16	harassment-free sport	Member Protection Policy
27.5.1.2	Reference to “25.5.4”	<i>Should read “27.5.4”</i>
27.5.1.4	The President who will	The President will
28.1.6	Regulation	Condition
28.1.7	harassment-free sport	Member Protection Policy
28.8.1	“.1 The position of Events Manager is not filled at present due to the costs involved, however the duties previously performed are listed below for reference in case circumstances change. The Events Manager shall be responsible to the Honorary Secretary;”	<i>“The Events Manager shall be responsible to the Executive Committee and shall:” and renumber following paras accordingly</i>

Explanatory note

These are corrections to errors, removing inconsistent terminology & reference to the position of Executive Director.

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	Doug Williams Qld)		
Carried			

Voting

Carried unanimously

AGENDA ITEM 8 - MOTIONS ON NOTICE

8B – MOTIONS TO AMEND THE BYLAWS (2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED)

Motion 8B.2 – National Coaching Directors

That Bylaw 28.2 be replaced with the following clause (after an amendment to remove the words “such as manuals, books and video tapes” in 28.2.5 was passed unanimously)

28.2 National Coaching Director Association Croquet (NCDAC), National Coaching Director Golf Croquet (NCDGC)

NCDAC and the NCDGC will have the following areas of responsibility:

- .1 Coaching Committees AC and GC. Chair and coordinate the work of the relevant Croquet Coaching Committee (AC or GC).
- .2 National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS). Coordinate the development, review, implementation, delivery and evaluation of courses relevant to the coaching of Association Croquet or Golf Croquet.
- .3 National Coaching Plan. Develop, implement and evaluate a national coaching plan and strategies. NCDs to work together on development and strategies.
- .4 Relationship Management. NCDs to work with each other; develop and maintain liaison with the NDs AC, GC, High Performance Manager, National Director of Schools Coaching, State Coaching Directors, the Australian Coaching Council and the Australian Sports Commission.
- .5 Coaching Support. Co-ordinate education courses for coaches; co-ordinate, update and disseminate coaching materials.
- .6 Coaching Administration. Prepare coaching funding submissions to the Australian Sports Commission; provide regular reports to Treasurer on financial expenditure and debtors; report to the Executive and the AGM on areas of responsibility.
- .7 Aussie Sports Program. NCDAC to co-ordinate the Aussie Sports Program for croquet.

and that Bylaw 28.14 be replaced with the following clause:

28.14 National Director Association Croquet (NDAC), National Director Golf Croquet (NDGC)

The primary focus of the National Directors is the development of the sport throughout Australia. In order to achieve that, National Directors must develop a detailed understanding of the operation of the sport Australia-wide. They will each therefore:

- .1 Work with the ACA and the States to identify opportunities and strategies for the development of the sport nationally.
- .2 Identify new funding opportunities to be accessed for sports development.
- .3 Work with the States to capture information on initiatives and programs that have a) attracted funding; and/or (b) led to increased general recruitment or participation; and/or (c) led to minority group participation through special programmes. Report and disseminate through the ACA.
- .4 Consult with and liaise with each other, National Coaching Directors, National Directors of Refereeing, the High Performance Manager and the National Director of Schools Coaching on issues related to the portfolio.
- .5 Liaise with all croquet State Director/Coordinators, and encourage all States to appoint someone to State Director positions. If States do not have separate Directors for AC GC, the ACA Directors should coordinate their approaches to the states if possible.
- .6 Provide input to the ACA Strategic Plan.
- .7 Report on activities to the Executive Committee as requested and to the Annual General Meeting.

MOTION 8B.2

Moved	John Compton (NSW)		
Seconded	Mike Cohn (Vic)		
Carried			

Voting

Carried unanimously

Explanatory Notes – Motion 8B.2

The proposal is for three new appointed positions to be created in order to strengthen the ACA's capacity to support, promote and develop aspects of both Golf Croquet and Association Croquet.

1. National Director, Association Croquet;
2. Removing the role of National Coaching Director and replacing it with two new positions:
 - a. National Director Coaching Association Croquet
 - b. National Director Coaching Golf Croquet.

Background

National Director of Association Croquet

The Executive has identified, in its contact with players, clubs and State Associations, a widely held perception that interest in, and participation in, Association Croquet is dwindling. This is evidenced by some Clubs being unable to attract new Association Croquet player members, and diminishing numbers of entrants in tournaments and events.

Rationale

The Executive considered that the creation of the position National Director, Association Croquet, would be the most effective means of directing effort and some resources towards the coordination, development and promotion of Association Croquet across Australia. It therefore proposes that this position be created.

National Director of Coaching Association Croquet & National Director of Coaching Golf Croquet

Background

Golf Croquet continues to grow as it achieves equity with Association Croquet in terms of events, support and participant numbers. It is maturing as a sport with improving player skill levels and tougher competition at international, national and state levels. Tactics and strategy are increasingly more complex. The position of National Coaching Director held a predominantly Association Croquet focus. There is a need for an increase in Golf Croquet coaching effort and coordination at the national level.

Rationale

The position of National Coaching Director (NCD) held a predominantly Association Croquet focus. Golf Croquet now stands alone as a sport and merits a dedicated director and resources. By creating separate AC and GC national coaching director positions, the national coaching portfolio can be shared. Directors can focus on coordination, accreditation and resource development for the different sports, and collaborate where and when it is effective and appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - MOTIONS ON NOTICE

8B – MOTIONS TO AMEND THE BYLAWS (2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED)

Motion 8B.3 - That Conditions 63, 64, 65A, 66 and 68 be deleted and that a new Bylaw 22 be created for Association policies, as follows:

Note: the proposed motion was amended by unanimous resolution (Susan Sands/Doug Williams) to remove from 22.2.4 "If the matter is unable to be resolved then either party should refer it to the Honorary Secretary." And also by unanimous resolution (Susan Sands/Jim Clement) to add clause 22.2.9 below.

22. POLICIES

22.1. DOPING POLICY

The anti-doping policy of the Australian Sports Commission as in force from time to time is adopted as the policy of the ACA.

22.2 COMPLAINTS

22.2.1 To properly and effectively deal with complaints made by members of the public, State Associations and players, a formal complaint regarding any event, action or practice involving the ACA shall be dealt with as set out in this section.

22.2.2 If the complaint is a matter arising from the published Selection Policy the matter shall be dealt with in terms of that policy.

22.2.3 If the complaint is a matter arising from the published Member Protection Policy the matter shall be dealt with in terms of that policy.

22.2.4 The immediate manager or appointed official, (e.g. Tournament Manager, Magazine Manager, Chairperson of Selectors' Committee, National Director of Coaching, National Director of Referees, High Performance Manager) is accountable for progressing and resolving any complaint before it gets to the formal procedure.

22.2.5 If the matter is unable to be resolved in accordance with 22.2.4 then the matter is to be referred to the Honorary Secretary who will, as directed by the Executive, either;

22.2.5.1 investigate the matter which may include seeking expert advice, or;

22.2.5.2 appoint a particular person to be responsible for investigating the complaint and report back to the Honorary Secretary with details of the findings and action taken to resolve the matter, or;

22.2.5.3 where the complaint involves a State Association in conjunction with the ACA, a committee comprising the Honorary Secretary or delegate and the relevant State Association President or delegate will investigate the matter;

22.2.6 The investigators are to keep a record of the action taken to investigate the matter, details of findings, and the date and manner by which the complaint was resolved. A copy is to be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary;

22.2.7 All complaints are to be handled in confidence. There must be no unauthorised disclosure of such investigation;

22.2.8 The Honorary Secretary is to report to the Executive Committee on all formal complaints.

22.2.9 All parties to a complaint shall be afforded the principles of natural justice.

22.3 CONDUCT OF SPECTATORS

A match in Association Croquet is intended to be a contest between the skills and intellect of the players alone. Spectators are to avoid giving advice to players during a match, either deliberately or by mistake. To avoid misunderstandings they should not position themselves near a player or remain nearby if they could be thought to be offering advice. Infractions may be dealt with by the Manager and could result in the offender being required to leave the venue. In Golf Croquet, however, there is no rule against the offering of advice.

22.4 MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

22.4.1 The ACA is committed to providing for the protection of the health, safety and well being of all Croquet Australia members and those who participate in the activities of Croquet Australia, Member States and State Affiliates.

22.4.2 The Executive shall approve Member Protection Policies consistent with recommendations of the Australian Sports Commission.

22.4.3 Member Protection Policies approved by the Executive shall be forwarded by the Honorary Secretary to member States and published on the ACA website. The policies shall be effective from the date of publication.

22.4.4 Disciplinary action can be taken against a person who is found to be in breach of the Member Protection Policy. Any action taken and any subsequent appeals are undertaken in terms of that policy.

22.5 PRIVACY POLICY

22.5.1 Personal information is collected and stored solely for the purpose of administration of the sport of croquet and related activities;

22.5.2 Any personal information held will be made available to the person whom it concerns upon request at any time, provided that reasonable notice is given.

22.5.3 Personal information will only be passed on to another organisation for a purpose associated with the administration of the sport.

22.6 SELECTION POLICY

The Selection Policy shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee and shall be published on the association's website.

22.7 INVESTMENT POLICY

The Investment Policy shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee and shall be published on the association's website.

Moved	Susan Sands (WA)		
Seconded	Rob McAdam (Tas)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

This new clause consolidates references to major policies into a bylaw, which can only be amended by the Council. It incorporates existing Conditions 63 (Anti-Doping Policy), 64 (Disputes & Complaints), 65A (Conduct of Spectators), 66 (Member Protection Policy) and 68 (Privacy Policy), with some amendments to improve consistency.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - MOTIONS ON NOTICE

8B – MOTIONS TO AMEND THE BYLAWS (2/3 MAJORITY REQUIRED)

Note: This motion is dependent on the carriage of Motion 8A.10

Note: Motions 8B.4 to 8B.6 were jointly passed in one resolution

Motion 8B.4 – That the Bylaws be amended as follows:

That a new sub-clause 23.2.8 be added to the duties of the Executive Committee, as follows:

“.8 determine and promulgate tournament regulations relating to events conducted by or on behalf of the association.”

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	Pam Gentle (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

Motion 8A.10 proposes that Conditions/Regulations not be made by the Council. If carried, the responsibility for enacting regulations must be transferred elsewhere and this motion allocates that responsibility to the Executive Committee. Note however that conditions 63, 64, 65A, 66 and 68 are proposed to be transferred to a bylaw by motion 8B.3.

Motion 8B.5 – That the Bylaws be amended as follows:

Clause 25.5 be deleted and replaced with the following:

25.5 Honorary Secretary

25.5.1 The Honorary Secretary shall:

- .1 convene, prepare the agenda for, and attend Council and Executive Committee Meetings, ensuring that proper minutes are kept of all meetings;
- .2 communicate appropriately the minutes and decisions of all meetings and ensure as far as possible that decisions are carried out;
- .3 keep up to date the official copy of the ACA governance documents;
- .4 be responsible for all incoming and outgoing correspondence;
- .5 investigate grant opportunities and lodge grant applications;
- .6 be responsible for forwarding to the ACA webmaster all material to be placed on the website.

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	Pam Gentle (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

The existing clause 25.5 refers to the position of “Hon Secretary/Executive Director”. This is inappropriate as the Hon Secretary is an honorary elected position whereas the Executive Director is an appointed paid position. This amendment removes reference to the Executive Director from the bylaw, and simplifies the duties of the Secretary.

Motion 8B.6 – That the bylaws be amended as follows:

That a new clause 27.4 be inserted:

27.4 Member Protection Information Committee

27.4.1 The member protection information committee consists of three persons who have completed an MPIO course and are appointed by the Executive Committee to advise the association on member protection policy.

Moved	Jim Clement (Vic)		
Seconded	Pam Gentle (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

The 2011 Annual General Meeting resolved that this committee be created and this amendment gives effect to that resolution.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - MOTIONS ON NOTICE**8C – OTHER MOTIONS (SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED)**

Motion 8C.1 That there be held two meetings of ACA Council per year. The AGM continue to be held in conjunction with the Interstate Cup and the second Council meeting be held in conjunction with the Interstate Shield.

Moved	John Compton (NSW)		
Seconded	Susan Sands (WA)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	No		
Queensland	Yes	Western Australia	Yes
New South Wales	Yes	President	
Victoria	Yes	S/Vice President	
Tasmania	Yes	Treasurer by Proxy	No
South Australia	Yes	Vice President	

Proposal from the ACA Executive

Background

Over the past year, work has continued on developing a more effective governance structure for the ACA. A draft proposal, recommending (amongst other things) the replacement of the Council by a Board, was considered by the Executive at its meeting Oct-Nov 2011. States could have one or two Board members. Philosophically, moving towards a Board structure would represent a shift towards a business model for governance. Maintaining a Council would retain a more community-based model with a more dispersed power base.

The Executive agreed that there were positive elements in the draft, however before any change, the ACA and States' efforts should be directed towards developing better working links and communication. If this was achieved, then major change may not be needed. Indicators of success could be defined as:

- Better links between the States and the ACA.
- Increased cooperation and collaboration between the States and the ACA and a two-way flow of communication and work.
- Increased ACA credibility from the perspective of States and Players.

As a first step, the Executive proposes that a second Council meeting be held annually.

Rationale

Unlike the AGM where business is limited, this second meeting could include a formal component where Business on Notice is addressed. It could also include a time for discussing and collectively scoping and tasking work on areas of shared interest.

Representatives at the meeting could be delegates or their proxies. If there were to be working sessions, then relevant persons could be invited to participate. Such an approach opens up opportunities to define work areas where States have an interest and a national coordinated effort is effective and efficient.

Over the year, the States would also be asked to work with the ACA on other issues eg governance and constitution, State of Play report, possibly through the preparation of Working Papers.

Financial implications.

The Treasurer comments that: "The precedent for Council Meetings is that States pay delegates fares to the meeting and that the ACA reimburses delegates accommodation for two nights. The ACA also pays for the fares of the Executive and their accommodation. If an Executive meeting is held on the day before or the day after, the Executive are reimbursed for three nights accommodation. The approximate cost to the ACA for this second meeting of Council would be \$5,000. Costs to be borne by States will vary according to the distance delegates have to travel."

AGENDA ITEM 8 - MOTIONS ON NOTICE

8C – OTHER MOTIONS (SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED)

Motion 8C.2 - That the ACA conduct a trial of using handicap cards for Golf Croquet Doubles games as used by Croquet New Zealand.

Moved	John Compton (NSW)		
Seconded	Jim Clement (Vic)		
		Defeated	9/7

Voting

Carried unanimously	NO		
Queensland	No	Western Australia	No
New South Wales	Yes	President	Yes
Victoria	Yes	S/Vice President	Yes
Tasmania	No	Treasurer by Proxy	Yes
South Australia	No	Vice President	No

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

Croquet NSW would like to propose the following motion for consideration at the ACA Annual meeting:

That the ACA conduct a trial of using handicap cards for Golf Croquet Doubles games as used by Croquet New Zealand.

Rationale: Many people play only doubles in Golf Croquet, and so their handicap does not change to reflect any changes in their abilities as a player. Under the New Zealand system, a formula is used to add or subtract points from the index of a player depending on whether they have won or lost a game. This would give a much fairer handicap for players who do not often play in singles games.

Pam Gentle
Secretary CNSW

Note: The ACA Executive Committee recommends that handicap cards be introduced, but without a trial as New Zealand has already conducted a trial and report that "there was resounding support

for the use of Index cards in doubles and that has now been adopted into our handicapping regulations.”

8C.2 It was agreed that at the National Golf Croquet Doubles championships to be held at Cairnlea an exercise would be conducted to assess the potential impact on all players if the use of handicap cards were to have been introduced. The results of this exercise are to be disseminated to all states to assist any future consideration of this proposal.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - MOTIONS ON NOTICE

8C – OTHER MOTIONS (SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED)

Motion 8C.3 That Clause 51.17 of the Handbook be replaced with the following Clause:

Players are to wear neat and appropriate sporting attire and flat-soled shoes ie shoes, the soles of which do not mark the lawn. Players choosing to wear sandals shall, as all players should, be conscious of surrounding play in order to ensure their own safety. TR 24(f) to be amended in parallel with Clause 51.17

Moved	Allan Sands (WA)		
Seconded	John Compton (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	No		
Queensland	YES	Western Australia	YES
New South Wales	YES	President	
Victoria	NO	S/Vice President	
Tasmania	YES	Treasurer by Proxy	NO
South Australia	YES	Vice President	

Proposal from the ACA Executive

Current clothing requirements for players in ACA tournaments are “predominantly white clothing and appropriate enclosed footwear” Club, State or National uniforms are also permitted.

Predominantly white clothing is defined in the WCF Sports Regulations 22.5.6 which states “Predominantly white means any article with more than 75% of its surface area white. Clothing which does not meet this criteria, will be subject to rejection as unacceptable. White means white, not grey/off white. This condition does not apply to wet weather clothing or caps”.

Currently tournament managers are expected to assess the levels of whiteness of players clothing. Such assessments will be of necessity arbitrary as Officials will perceive colour differently. Officials have commented that they do not wish to make such assessments and they would prefer to have the requirements changed.

There are mixed views amongst players, officials and clubs on the issue of clothing at tournaments and the matter is widely discussed by both players and officials when lack of adherence to the current requirements constantly occur.

Rationale

In our society, in everyday life, in sport and even for formal occasions we are far more casual in our approach and attire than in times past. Whether or not we like ‘whites’, sporting attire is big business these days, and vastly different in terms of cut, sizing and fabric performance than a decade ago. We have high technology fabrics that wick sweat away, that heat, that cool, that block the sun. This attire is designed for sport and has a vast array of characteristics to accommodate individual preferences. For those people who can only wear certain fabrics whites for sport can be difficult to acquire.

We can take a prescriptive approach and make everyone wear ‘white, not grey/ off white’, or we can take a more liberal approach and allow people to choose what they wear in their competitive play. Many players will continue to wear white but many others will wear variations on this. Will

there be any detriment? Neat players will continue to be neat. Untidy players will continue to be untidy. Greys, off whites, beiges and creams will continue to be worn. Players will be free to wear sporting attire of their choice, that is appropriate, to croquet.

AGENDA ITEM 8 - MOTIONS ON NOTICE

8C – OTHER MOTIONS (SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED)

Motion 8C.4 The ACA and the States commit to developing a whole-of-sport Strategic Plan (the Plan) for mallet sports in accordance with the principles and process below:

Mallet Sports Strategic Plan

Phase 1 ‘The State of Play’ report.

Sports wide information, state by state, will be gathered and reported in the ‘State of Play’. This will be benchmark information for the sports.

Implementation: A ‘State of Play’ coordination team to be established with a project manager. The first step will be to undertake an audit and analysis of information currently available. The team will then develop a project plan, timelines, for further information/data collection to fill in the gaps.

The team will obtain ACA Executive and State Executive sign-offs for each stage of the project. In order to salvage time, States are asked to consider a mechanism for approval which does not require waiting for agreement through formal Executive meetings.

There will be some costs associated with communications (telephone calls, information gathering and processing. The ACA will re-imburse these.

Phase 2 Development of the Plan. The Plan will be developed using the Australian Sports Commission’s *Planning in Sport. Good Practice Guide for Sporting Organisations*. The emphasis will be on inclusiveness- ensuring opportunities for input from clubs and players, noting however that it will be the States and the ACA, working together, that will be responsible for final Plan.

A notional time frame is that the Plan will be presented to Council for ratification at the 2013 AGM or at a date before or after that time when the plan is agreed.

Moved	Mike Cohn (Vic)		
Seconded	Doug Williams (Qld)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

Background

The ACA has a 2009-2011 Strategic Plan which focuses on national administrative processes and responsibilities. It can be viewed as either in need of an update, or expired. If the 2009-2011 Plan had been used as a map to guide ACA business, then updating would be a reasonable option. The Plan has not been used. It does not have a business or operating plan to give impetus to any broader vision. Limited feedback resulted from circulating the Plan and asking for State input. Victoria provided some helpful commentary.

Sporting organisations now operate in a complex environment. The ACA may not be the recipient of Government funding directly at the moment, but croquet as a sport only survives with the support of the public purse. We receive sponsorship here and there but much more to the point, nearly every club is on public land, pays no or reduced rates, has infrastructure in terms of buildings, often receives maintenance services free or at a discounted rate. That leads to what is now called a social contract- an obligation to connect back into our communities, to give something back.

Where does this lead us? Not to the abandonment of our national agenda- to our commitments to international or elite sports development, not to dismissing efforts to train, support and accredit those people who perform important roles across the sport. It does lead to the need to make very explicit what we, ACA, States, clubs and players (the sport) are trying to achieve and how we plan to do it. We can then look at our performance and work out where and when we need to change our priorities or shift our resources.

Rationale

We need a sports wide strategic plan for two reasons. The first is that from a pragmatic point of view we need it to demonstrate we are in line with Government policy as it stands. The second is much more pertinent. A sport without a vision and a road map, is a sport drifting.

Mallet sports are marvellous sports. In all their different manifestations, they intrigue, engage and absorb most of the people associated with them. As enthusiasts, many of us can imagine a world in which all of our friends and families- in fact the rest of the world- love what we love and gain the same pleasure, pain and challenge from participation.

In developing a sports strategic plan we must look beyond the place where we are now and the things that we do now. We must imagine, create a vision of what we want for the future. We must then temporarily put aside what we have done in the past and think afresh about how we might forge the pathways to take us to the place where we want to be.

Imagine....just for instance

People in all their diversity playing mallet sports in all their variants, in the Clubs, parks and backyards of Australia

This is a simple example of one way we might define the future. The whole point though is that the process of development of the vision is as important as the vision itself. It certainly shouldn't be one person or a few, thinking hard over a week or even six months. It should be a structured, deliberate and inclusive process.

In undertaking the task, we can consider, be inspired by or reject other sports efforts. Our international body, the WCF, has this as its vision:

to make croquet a well-known, well understood, well respected and well-supported sport in countries throughout the world;

Our international 'in-law', the World Gateball Union, has this vision

to popularise gateball around the world, seeking through competition to advance physical and mental wellbeing, promote friendly exchange between countries and contribute to world peace.

Defining our future will be taxing and take time. By grappling with this challenge we will gain credibility as a sport but it must be a partnership exercise with a vision and a roadmap that is shared.

Agenda Item 9 - Australian Croquet Championships review of arrangements for 2012 and 2013 events

The impact of additional International and National events on the calendars of all states was noted.

The lead time for planning at all levels is designed to enable adequate planning by host states/clubs.

It was agreed that the process of bidding by states be reinforced and that the information on the ACA website be constantly reviewed to ensure accuracy and timeliness.

Agenda Item 10. Budget

10.1 Approval of 2012 Budget, including Schedule of Fees, Payments and Honoraria and Schedule of Entry Fees and Prizes.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Greg Diprose outlined the key aspects of the 2012 Budget. It was resolved unanimously (Greg Diprose/Jim Saunders) to increase the budget item for ACA Council Meetings by \$5,000 to \$12,000 (resulting from Motion 8C.1) which reduces the Excess Income over Expenditure to \$3,733.

Motion 10.1 That the Schedule of Entry Fees and Prizes be received and confirmed and that the 2012 Budget (as amended), including the Schedule of Fees, Payments and Honoraria, be adopted.

Moved	Greg Diprose (SVP)		
Seconded	Jim Clement (Vic)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously

11. Appointments

Robyn Wallace advised that the list of current appointments as circulated with the meeting Agenda included some errors. It was agreed to circulate an updated list with the AGM Minutes. The newly created positions of

- National Director AC
- National Coaching Director, AC
- National Coaching Director, GC

will be filled by the Executive.

Max Murray has expressed his interest in filling the position of Member Protection Information Officer once he has completed the appropriate training course.

Robyn expressed her gratitude to Max for the assistance he had given her in her first year as President. She also thanked Jim Clement for filling the role of Assistant Treasurer.

Agenda Item 12. Elections

12.1 Office-Bearers

President	Robyn Wallace
Senior VP	Greg Diprose (nomination from Tasmania received after due date)
Vice President	Neil White
Treasurer	Tony Hall
Honorary Secretary	Stephen Thornton (nominated John Compton/Pam Gentle)

The appointments of President, Vice President and Treasurer having been received within the constitutional timeframe were noted. The nominations of Senior VP and Honorary Secretary were accepted and unanimously endorsed, and the nominees declared elected.

12.2 Committees

The following nominations for positions on ACA Committees were noted and unanimously endorsed .

Committee name:	GC Selection Committee
Nominations received, & ex-officio members:	Anne Quinn, John Compton, Gordon Matthews Bruce Fleming (ex officio as HPM) Robyn Wallace (ex officio as President)

Committee name:	AC Selection Committee
Nominations received, & ex-officio members:	Trevor Bassett, Martin Clarke Bruce Fleming (ex officio as HPM) Robyn Wallace (ex officio as President) Peter Landrebe (ex officio as Team Captain)
No. Vacancies:	1

Committee name:	Events Committee
Nominations received, & ex-officio members:	Peter Freer, Greg Diprose, Neil White

Committee name:	Laws Committee
Nominations received, & ex-officio members:	George Karoly, Max Hooper
No. Vacancies:	1

Committee name:	Tournament Committee
Nominations received, & ex-officio members:	Trevor Bassett, Kevin Beard, Tim Murphy

Committee name:	Magazine Committee
Nominations received, & ex-officio members:	Max Murray Carolyn Ribone
No. Vacancies:	1

Agenda Item 13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Member Complaint Query:

Greg Rowberry (SA) queried the process with a reported Member Complaint. The President explained that the matter

- 1 was being handled in accordance with the ACA Handbook,
- 2 as such was being treated with strict confidence, and
- 3 a meeting with the member had been scheduled for two days time.

13.2 Tournament Regulations:

The meeting noted that the Tournament Regulations circulated with the AGM documentation were Draft Regulations only. It was also noted that the circulated Regs were not clearly marked as Draft and in fact included proposed changes to Golf Croquet Interstate Shield format which had not been discussed with or agreed to by the States. As two states had indicated that they required more time to consider the document it was agreed to follow up the previous request for comments and to elicit any further input from States.

13.3 Gateball DVD

Doug Williams distributed a DVD that Queensland had prepared "Swing Into Gateball" and another short promotional DVD for the information of Council members. President, Robyn, thanked Queensland for these items.

The Meeting closed at 12.55pm

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AGENDA

1. Welcome by President

2. Roll call including names of proxy delegates

3. Minutes of previous AGM

4. Business arising from the minutes of the previous AGM

5. Correspondence

6. Reports

- 6.1 Executive Reports
- 6.2 ED Report, Committee Reports
- 6.3 State Reports
- 6.4 Appointed Officers' Reports

7. Finance

- 7.1 Treasurer's Report
- 7.2 Acceptance of the 2011 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

8. Motions of which Notice has been given

8A – Motions to amend the constitution (*special resolutions, 3/4 majority required*)

- 8A.1 Various corrections and amendments to the constitution, as listed

8B – Motions to amend the Bylaws (*2/3 majority required*)

- 8B.1 Various corrections and amendments to the Bylaws, as listed
- 8B.2 Create NDAC, amend role of NDGC, split NCD into NCDGC and NCDAC.
- 8B.3 Create new bylaw 22 for policies
- 8B.4 Amend bylaw 23.2.8 to require Executive to make Conditions
- 8B.5 Amend bylaw for duties of Hon Secretary
- 8B.6 Bylaw to create Member Protection Information Committee

8C – Other motions (*simple majority required*)

- 8C.1 Various corrections and amendments to the Conditions, as listed
- 8C.2 Two Council meetings per year.
- 8C.3 Use of Handicap cards for GC Doubles
- 8C.4 Player clothing at ACA events
- 8C.5 Strategic Plan Review

9. Australian Croquet Championships review of arrangements for 2012 and 2013 events

10. Budget

- 10.1 Approval of 2012 Budget, including Schedule of Fees, Payments and Honoraria and Schedule of Entry Fees and Prizes.

11. Appointments

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- 12.1 Office-Bearers (President, Senior VP, VP, Treasurer, Secretary)
- 12.2 Committees

AGENDA ITEM 6 – REPORTS

6.1 Executive Reports

6.1.1 President's report - verbal

6.2 ED Report, Committee reports

6.2.1 Executive Director (outgoing)

6.2.2 AC Selection Committee

6.2.3 GC Selection Committee

6.3 State Reports

6.3.1 New South Wales

6.3.2 South Australia

6.3.3 Victoria

6.3.4 Western Australia

6.3.5 Tasmania

6.3.6 Queensland

6.4 Appointed Officers' reports

6.4.1 Insurance Officer

6.4.2 High Performance Manager

6.4.3 National Coaching Director

6.4.4 National Handicapper

6.4.5 National Director Gateball

6.4.6 National Director Golf Croquet

6.4.7 National Director Schools Coaching

6.4.8 WCF Golf Croquet Australian Representative

6.4.9 Equipment and Sales Officer

6.2.1 Report from outgoing Executive Director

A personal perspective.

Hello, and where exactly are we going?

Have you heard of the MCG? The Melbourne Cricket Ground? NO - it's not that anymore! It's the Melbourne Croquet Ground and 90,000 people are screaming, some in support and some in abuse. Chris Clarke, the AA Gill of mallet sports and guest commentator for 'Channel10 Sport and ABC National Alliance', says "THIS IS THE MOMENT".

A deathly silence descends as the Australian player lines up for the corner to corner critical roquet. If hit, a one ball peg-out will take Australia to its first victory in the World Test Croquet series. Twenty-nine croquet playing nations have lost to Australia in its ascent to this moment. A miss is too awful to contemplate.

...In a sunny sports complex in a coastal town on the north coast of NSW, a dusty inland town in South Australia, and in lovely Launceston, each has over ninety people playing in a groquethon. Gateball, golf croquet and association croquet must all be contested. There is a sense of fun and humour. The only entry requirement is that in one of these sports, the entrant must have a 'middle-level' handicap. No cards, no worries!

...Over in the West, where the Fremantle Doctor cools fevered brows with comforting regularity each summer afternoon, it is a Saturday. Hundreds of kids are nagging their parents to hurry up. They have their kites and their mallets, their hats, water and snacks ready for departure to the Saturday afternoon KWACK play clubs (Kids with Attitude, Croquet and Kites) which meet in parklands every Saturday afternoon. These kids fly their kites and play mallet, hoop and ball games of skill and puzzle. They love it!

...Way out beyond, where the floods have receded, six aboriginal kids race down to the sports oval to see if they can have a hit around on the informal croquet court. Mallet-Sports Australia has joined many other national sporting organisations coordinating and delivering programs to increase the participation and quality of sports for Indigenous Australians. This program started with six kids but now another fourteen of their friends want to do it too. The local Club members are pretty strapped keeping up with them, and they have had to learn how to swear (not too extreme) ... kids these days...

Are these things possible? YES! Well at least some of them in my life time.

First you have to imagine it. Then you have to have a plan to make it happen. Beware though! Imagining can be dangerous. It can lead to itchiness, twinges, facial tics and even death. Freedom fighters, John Lennon, visionaries have died because first they imagined. Then they acted.

One of the items the Council must discuss in March is the Strategic Plan. We all know about Strategic Plans. Like assignments or exams, they are the perfect cure for procrastination. The job that seemed impossible suddenly becomes the job that must be done. Anything but the Plan!

The ACA Strategic Plan 2009-2011 (the Plan) is not a whole of sport plan. It is more of a business plan with key result areas and some performance measures, most general. Its vision relates to the administration of the sport rather than something aspirational which will enable the sport to survive, improve and grow. It can be found in the electronic files, and a hard copy, pristine (never been thumbed) on a shelf. I didn't use the 2009-2011 one, the Executive didn't, I don't think the States did and I can't imagine players found it relevant. Every effective organisation has a strategic plan that provides the framework for its work. It is supported by an annual business plan listing actions and resources against key priorities and key result areas. It is monitored, reported on and is basis upon which the performance of the organisation is judged. We must model best practice and

collectively develop a whole-of-sports Strategic Plan for mallet sports keeping these key points in mind:

The Plan is about the sport(s), not about the ACA. The Plan must cover national, state and local (club) considerations. To quote the Australian Sports Commission, such a Plan "incorporates a range of strategies aimed at impacting on the whole of sport from international to grass roots level".

In a federated model such as ours, the ACA and member associations and interested players need to **work as one to define a vision and goals for the future**. That is called 'buy-in'. Then everyone knows where they are headed, and who will do what in working towards achievement of the shared vision.

The Plan must be a living document that the clubs and Associations, players and the ACA use, refer to, monitor themselves against, in their everyday croquet business.

The vision for the sport should be so relevant and so inspiring that every clubhouse and office has a prominent poster, as an on-going reminder of our aspirations and responsibilities.

The Plan must **take into account the forces** (internal and external) that impact upon the sport eg external- Government policy, legal requirements, technological change, environmental issues.

Of immediate concern is the difficulty in attracting further resources to enable the ACA to increase its effectiveness ie moving from maintenance of existing operations, to expanding the agenda. But as the saying goes "when you are up to your neck in crocodiles, it is not the time to drain the swamp". Our sport has experienced (as have others), at different levels in different administrations at different times, some of the consequences of less than sound governance. Things go pear-shaped. Individuals feel they have been treated unfairly, policies seem to be rubbery when it suits, decision-making lacks transparency, there is an absence of visible leadership, resources are not used strategically, there is no plan and no time for planning, decisions are made on the run and are hard to track- the list is longer.

The above are all avoidable and all organisations are expected to understand the difference between good governance and poor (or culpable governance) and get it right. That is why the Australian Sports Commission has invested effort in developing governance and planning guides for sporting organisations. There are principles and checklists to aid organisations working out where they stand in relation to these measures.

The Executive and Appointed Officers and staff all work with dedication. It is not reasonable to expect a greater contribution of their time. Something has to change. We need to look to funding from Government bodies. To gain that we need our sports-wide plan, our annual operational /business plan, sound policies and our governance in good order.

Before we embark on that journey, there is an important preliminary step- information gathering. We need to develop detailed knowledge of our sports. First we will work on our 'State of Play' which will capture information on our players, clubs, officials, policies, competitions, infrastructure, partners and stakeholders. Then we should start our planning processes to develop our Plan. Let's do that with a sense of excitement and of new territory to be discovered.

We have so many things that could be done without huge resources to expand the base of our sport and secure our future. With the wonderful commitment and drive shown by many croquet players, all these can be captured and fed into our overall vision. Let's head off towards the future. See you there!

Nerida Taylor, 6 February 2012.

6.2.2 AC Selectors Report 2011-2012

Selections were required for the following events:

- MacRobertson Shield Squad
- President's Eights
- AC World's
- NZ Scholarships

MacRobertson Shield Squad:

Based on the quality of players available and the time to this event, it was agreed that an initial squad of 14 would be appropriate. We will continue to monitor this squad and add or subtract players as deemed applicable.

Final selections were: Robert Fletcher, Ken Bald, Ian Dumergue, Stephen Forster, Peter Landrebe, Greg Fletcher, Malcolm Fletcher, Kevin Beard, Stephen Richards, Jim Nicholls, Dwayne McCormick, Harley Watts, Bruce Fleming, Trevor Bassett. We note that Trevor Bassett has since withdrawn from the squad due to commitment constraints over the coming years.

President's Eights:

This event pretty much selects itself with the top available players with more than 20 games being selected. Although the selectors do have the option to use wild cards to add or promote players. Wild cards were not used this year.

AC World's:

Players were asked to provide their expressions of interest prior to selections being made. This was extremely successful and assisted us in making our initial selections and priority order for the wild card list as we didn't have to waste our time discussing players that were not intending to play in this event. The list of final selections are available on the ACA website.

New Zealand Scholarships:

We note that selections for the NZ scholarships were initially completed by the ACA Exec and not the selection committee as per the selection committee. This issue was addressed and dealt with promptly after the error was identified.

We note that the ACA determine how many scholarships are available and ultimately determine how they will be split between AC and GC nominations.

The Selectors nominated the following three players for consideration by the ACA Executive: Jim Nicholls, Tom Knight and Mike Bertram.

The two players that were finally awarded scholarships performed creditably and gained valuable knowledge and experience from this scholarship.

Other:

Many thanks to the other selectors, Martin Clarke and Peter Landrebe.

We also note that Bruce Fleming has recently joined the AC Selection Committee in his position as High Performance Manager.

Trevor Bassett
Chair of Selectors

Feb 2012

6.2.3 ACA Golf Croquet Selection Committee Report

During 2011/12 the GC Selection Committee has been involved with:

Selection of players for the World U21 Competition(England)

Selection of players and wild cards for the World Open Championships (England)

Seeding and ranking players for the Australian Open Singles and Doubles played in Sydney

Selection of female players and wild cards for the World Womens Championships to be played in NZ

Seeding and ranking of players for the Mens and Womens Australian Championships played in Brisbane

Overseeing Team rankings for Interstate Shield

Selection of players to be forwarded Expression of Interest Letters for President's Tens to be played at Cairnlea in February

Final selection of players for President's Tens

Selection of Young Player for Youth Scholarship to NZ 2012

Proposal for Australian Training and Development squads

Problems

Continued volatility of Australian positions in World Rankings once top 8 Australian players are removed – large fluctuations after a good competition or a poor competition.

Lack of information from States with regard to results in their elite competitions – who played who and what was the score etc.

Selections have to be made 3 months in advance generally – World Rankings can fluctuate greatly in that time. Example: Pam Gentle received the last Wild (at the time). By the week prior to Women's Worlds she would have been one of the first selected based on WR. This is also reflected in some selections in President's Tens.

Selectors would like to think that they have more autonomy, flexibility and that the world Rankings are just one indicator to be considered.

John Compton (Chair Golf Croquet Selection Committee 2011/12)

6.3.1 CROQUET NSW REPORT FOR 2011

In 2011 NSW again enjoyed team success on the lawns. NSW were successful in winning the Eire Cup played in Tasmania and the Golf Croquet Interstate Shield held in Brisbane. Both competitions were closely contested on the lawns with a friendly atmosphere off the lawns.

NSW had numerous individual achievements over both AC and GC. During the President's Eights Trevor Bassett won the second Eight, Tim Murphy the third and Alison Sharpe the Women's Eight. Both Alison Sharpe and Rosemary Graham represented Australia in the successful Trans Tasman team with both performing admirably. Peter Landrebe was the High Performance Manager of the team. Peter also won the Gold Medal for Golf Croquet. Four players from NSW represented Australia at the GC World Championships held in London. John Levick, Joe Dimech, Mike Jenner and Tony Hall all accredited themselves well. John Levick and Ron Johnstone repeated their success of 2010 by again winning the Australian Open Doubles in Golf Croquet.

I thank Wendy Fothergill for the information regarding membership in NSW. Membership has again grown and at the end of October 2011 was 2930 an increase of 96 from 2010. This represents an increase of about 3 ½ %. Since 2002 membership has increased by 800 representing a 37% increase or an annual average increase of 4%. Two new clubs affiliated with CNSW in 2011, Byron Bay (previously affiliated with Queensland) and West St Nowra. NSW now has 68 affiliated clubs with 19 in the Sydney Metropolitan area and 49 spread over the country areas. The age of members continues to be strongest in the 61-75 age group.

CNSW have come to an agreement with Marrickville Council and have obtained a short- term licence for the headquarters lawns at Tempe. Negotiations continue for a longer- term agreement. Planning continues on the construction of a modern purpose built clubhouse and storage area at Tempe.

6.3.2 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOICATION

Last year was quite a momentous one for SACA with three very noteworthy events. Firstly after quite lengthy negotiations with the Adelaide City Council the SACA Board signed off on a major upgrade to the Hutt Road facilities, at their expense, by agreeing to relinquish half the floor area of the clubroom to the Horticultural Dept. employees that maintain the Adelaide Parklands.

Secondly, our Executive Director - Cathy Leske after repeated attempts, finally secured a grant for the other half of the cost of the lights to the SACA courts from the Office of Recreation and Sport to match the half already granted previously by the Adelaide City Council. The lights were erected in May and are a wonderful addition to Hutt Road allowing future SA State and medals competitions to be held in the evening which will mean our working croquet players can enter these events that are usually scheduled for mid-week during daytime.

Thirdly SAs bid for the WCF 2012 Association Croquet World Championships led by Neil White was accepted by the ACA. This is a major undertaking in organisation for SACA and as this event involves 80 competitors, it has meant that many of the suburban croquet clubs will be very busy hosting these players and we thank them for their support.

It's a pleasure to note that another South Australian croquet club has celebrated a Centenary. On the 5th June South Terrace Croquet Club celebrated 100 years with 80 members and friends. All present enjoyed the historical anecdotes and speeches, particularly the one by Councillor Dr Michael Henningsen.

SACA MANAGEMENT

Numerically the Board was at a low ebb at the October 2010 AGM with four vacancies and no nominations. Fortunately for SACA we have had three new high calibre members to fill these vacancies. David Taylor took on the role as Treasurer, which Cathy had been carrying out for some time in the interim period since Tony Foster-Brown resigned. Greg Rowberry volunteered to be Director of Association Croquet and Kay Chynoweth Director of SACA HQ. A further change of chairs was required when Neil White unexpectedly found himself elected as Vice President of ACA in March and had to resign from the position of SACA President. We thank Neil for his valued contribution as President. The vacant position of President was filled by Philip Hadley at the July Council Meeting. This then left a vacancy for Vice President and the Board was delighted to be able to appoint Maree Skinner to fill this position. She brings a wealth of experience to the Board from her many years as Executive Director of ACA.

OFFICE BEARERS & VOLUNTEERS

Our Executive Director - Cathy Leske continues to be an essential plank of the smooth running of SACA and our dealings with ACA. In an era where it is not possible to find volunteers to carry out such a demanding role, we have greatly valued her dedication and ability at the running of the administration of SACA. She has had outstanding success at winning grants for SACA and with two in 2011 towards the cost of running the Worlds.

We are in debt to Eileen Ferguson – Director of State Coaching, who once again has made a very selfless and effective contribution to the running of SACA. Requests from country clubs for coaching workshops are always met with willingness and enthusiasm, along with those run in the city including the development squads. This longstanding contribution was honoured this year by the awarding of the prestigious Croquet Australia Meritorious Award to Eileen in Hobart during the 2011 Eyre Cup. The Board was very pleased that her work has received the National recognition it deserves.

Janet Eckert – Director of Junior Sport Development, is unable these days to undertake the many long trips into the country that she use to due to her health and that of her husband Glen.

However she remains the principal contact for school based croquet with her invaluable network of contacts and has happy to assisted clubs to form partnerships with interested schools.

SACA is fortunate to have several other volunteers that continue in lower profile roles but no less important, and do a sterling job. Like Barbara Gordon – Editor of our magazine 'Hoop Points' and Norma Amey – Member Registrations Officer who all put in another year of hard work carrying out SACA duties. Another is - Alf Schantl who has put in many hours as our webmaster, his work is greatly appreciated by the growing number of on line members.

INTERSTATE COMPETITIONS

Colin Chynoweth put in a considerable effort coaching our Interstate Association Croquet team players for the Eire Cup this year which finished fourth. We appreciate all our players who had to endure some pretty awful weather in Hobart for the first couple of days. The Interstate Golf Croquet team also finished fourth this year. We thank the coach and players for their dedication and the time required for competitions like this.

In June, SA was host to the inaugural ACA Patron's Trophy invitation event held at the North Adelaide Croquet Club. Harley Watts (SA) was the comfortable winner, winning all his eleven matches with Bruce Fleming (Qld) runner-up on nine wins. Tournament Manager - Wendy King and North Adelaide are to be congratulated for running the event so professionally and doing SA proud.

THE COMING YEAR

2012 is developing as an action packed year. With a refurbished HQ now virtually completed and the World Championships which will continue to take over our lives until May 2012. We are sure SA can make this an outstanding event.

A less exiting issue, but still very important to SACA's future, is the revision to the Constitution and Regulations being undertaken by the Constitution Review Committee appointed by the Board. The management of the SA Croquet Association must be streamlined so it can work more efficiently and respond more quickly to change.

Good croquet as always.

Philip Hadley

President CroquetSA

6.3.3 Croquet Victoria Annual Report 2012

Victoria has had another great year. We started with a successful National Association Croquet Championships in Tasmania. Stephen Forster won the Gold Medal, Robert Fletcher won the Men's Championships, Tricia Devlin won the Women's Championships, and the Victorian team were again runners-up to New South Wales in the Eire Cup.

In Golf Croquet, Kevin Beard was second for the Gold Medal, and won the Men's Championships with John van der Touw second.

Three Victorian players competed in the Australian team for the successful Trans-Tasman Association Croquet competition held in April 2011 at the Victorian Croquet Centre, with another two players being reserves.

Club membership increased slightly, especially in Golf Croquet. There was a small drop in the number of clubs, with some small clubs folding, but partly offset by new clubs. There continues to be a need to recruit younger players. There is a view that the use of lights could help in reaching working-age players. Weather conditions for clubs were generally greatly improved with the long drought broken.

Croquet Victoria received sufficient grant monies from the state government to start progress of a structured coaching programme, employ a part-time sports development officer, and to conduct training for club officers in areas of secretarial and treasury duties, seeking grants, handicapping, and other necessary roles. A programme to visit regions for this training of the officers has commenced, with the expectation that all regions can be covered in two years.

Bill Keddie, the State Coordinator of Refereeing Association Croquet, has successfully examined several new referees and programmed refresher days. Graeme Howie, the State Coordinator of Refereeing Golf Croquet has travelled much of the state accrediting referees and conducting refresher sessions. While the number of referees on both lists is quite large, there are a much lower number of active referees, and the number prepared to referee at the Victorian Croquet Centre is a matter of on-going concern.

The Victorian Croquet Centre is definitely a great venue for major competitions. There are nine excellent Santa Ana couch courts, and the remaining three courts have been levelled and relayed in Santa Ana and should be ready for competition play in Spring 2012 resulting in twelve quality courts as has always been intended. Revenue from hire of the facility is increasing. Croquet Victoria is always happy to see the many players and officials who return to the centre.

There continue to be mixed experiences with tournaments for average players. Some club tournaments are successful, but others have disappointing numbers. This is particularly true for Association Croquet. Following the cancellation of one such event to be held at VCC, there was great success in another where Directors were requested to target potential players. Croquet Victoria has set up a working team to investigate means of attracting more players, both as members and as participants. The one-day Golf Croquet Challenges held at VCC are attracting very good attendances.

6.3.4 Croquet Western Australia Annual Report 2011

Participation in tournaments continues to rise in both Golf and Association Croquet. Pleasingly many tournaments are heavily or over-subscribed. The Match Sub-Committee has been innovative in developing flexible formats and automated draws to ensure maximum participation and ease of administration at hosting Clubs. These improvements have been appreciated by players and volunteers. New tournaments in both codes have been developed by the Association along with a number of Club hosted tournaments. The opportunity for competitive play is broadening and night play is becoming more popular. Golf Croquet continues to lead the way with good numbers of players joining and supporting the social/competitive evening play at Forrest Park, Cambridge and Como.

The demand for night play has led to renewed efforts throughout the Clubs to improve lighting. Como will soon have all four lawns lit, while Nedlands and East Fremantle Clubs have proposals with their local government authorities and the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) for funding support. WACA acknowledges the grants provided by the DSR and local governments to assist with the development of Club facilities.

A new Club has recently been established in Esperance and it is hoped that this will soon become a strong and successful addition to our croquet community.

The Management Committee and Sub-Committees are developing more robust procedures and processes across the board to make the work more efficient and effective. This is particularly important as volunteer time is becoming an increasingly valuable resource. Strategic and Business Plans are enabling a more focussed allocation of volunteer time and they enable better tracking of progress on key activities. Budget management is now more closely linked to the specific activities of the various Sub-Committees and the Business Plan. Over the past six months a number of reviews have been undertaken including:

- allowances and honoraria,
- travel costs,
- coaching structures,
- web site,
- selection policies, and
- handicapping policies.

In addition, Western Australia is in the process of developing an accreditation process for Golf Croquet Coaching. This is part of renewed focus on coaching which is aimed at developing skills across our croquet playing population.

Croquetwest appreciated the opportunity afforded it by the Australian Croquet Association to host the 2010 Australian Golf Croquet Handicap Tournament. The Tournament failed to attract many players from interstate. Although this was disappointing, it did provide opportunities for an increased number of Western Australian players to participate and we congratulate local player Doug Fortescue, Clive Faulkner, Glenn Foley and Sue Anderson on their successes in the event.

The major reasons for the lack of interstate entries were considered to be the implementation of a laws trial and that the Tournament was only one month after the National Golf Croquet Championships and Interstate Cup held on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. We have provided detailed feedback to the ACA on these issues.

The tournament proved to be a positive and enjoyable event for. Thirty-one players participated, thirty-six volunteers contributed to the delivering the events and the interest and flow on effects can still be easily observed.

Western Australia enjoyed the recent Golf Croquet Nationals and Interstate Cup held on the Sunshine Coast. It was pleasing to secure the Silver Medal, particularly as the Western Australian team had quite a few first time players.

Western Australia is looking forward to hosting the 2012 Association Croquet Nationals and Interstate Cup. Initial preparations have commenced and Croquetwest is hoping for strong representation from the Eastern States.

Alan Sands,

Croquetwest President.

6.3.5 Croquet Tasmania Annual Report

Membership and Promotion:

Membership of clubs has grown during this season due mainly to a growing interest in Golf Croquet which provides a rapid introduction into the world of mallet sports. Tasmanian membership now stands at 363.

We welcomed Australia's newest club, The St. Leonards Croquet Club, which is based at the Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre at St Leonards. This club already has over 20 members some of whom are new to the sport. The St Leonards club has been very proactive and has developed a comprehensive community and school promotion program.

The highlight for Tasmania in 2012 would have to be the ACA Meritorious Award going to Ian Scott from Launceston (Lilydale). His dedication to the task of getting the new Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre developed at St Leonards under the sponsorship of the Launceston City Council, has resulted in Australia's newest club being formed. Congratulation Ian.

Golf Croquet

The State Championships are yet to be held but we can report that Rob McAdam won the State Golf Croquet Handicap Title.

The Tasmanian Golf Croquet Team performed creditably in the Interstate Cup and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Sue Beattie, who represented Tasmania in the ACA Gold medal continues to be our shining light and must be congratulated for her performance in the Worlds in New Zealand and in the Presidents Tens.

Association

Despite being light on for entries in some events a very full program has been run this year.

State Medals, State Open Championships, The Classic, pennants and Bronze Medal competitions have catered for players of all handicap ranges. Results are appended.

Two very well attended social weekends have added tremendously to the camaraderie between players around the State with the Devonport Summer Tournament Weekend and the Winter Wheeler Doubles in Hobart.

State Association Team

Hosting the Nationals in Tasmania in March last year was a real highlight of the Croquet year. The Tas Team performed creditably and but for lack of solid competition as preparation could have produced a few upsets.

An expanded Training Squad has encouraged a number of newcomers to develop their skills to try to reach a competitive national standard. The Team has worked very hard in preparation for the Nationals in Perth and looks forward to an improved performance.

ACA Handicap Single and Doubles

The National Handicaps were held again in Tasmania in October 2011, this time at The Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre at St Leonards. Atrocious weather on the first day did not dampen the spirits of competitors but once again entries from interstate were very disappointing. We hope entries will improve in future years.

State Championships / Medals Results

Tasmanian Open Singles Championship (Bisque Range minus 3 to 20)

Winner: **Michael Wood** Runner-up: **Bob Bye**

Tasmanian Ladies Open Singles Championship (Bisque Range minus 3 to 20)

Winner: **Sue Beattie** Runner-up: **Elaine Roomes**

Tasmania Men Open Singles Championship (Bisque Range minus 3 to 20)

Winner: **Bob Bye** Runner-up: **David Wise**

Tasmanian Open Singles Handicap (Bisque Range minus 3 to 9)

Winner: **Elizabeth Smith** Runner-up: **Zok Melceski**

Tasmanian Singles Championship (Bisque Range 5 – 20)

Winner: **Kate Fox** Runner-up: **Rex Potter**

Tasmanian Singles Championship (Bisque Range 9 -20)

Winner: **Ricki Barrett** Runner-up: **Peter McCulloch**

Tasmanian Singles Handicap (Bisque Range 10 – 20)

Winner: **Sue Pearson** Runner-up: **Heather Lovell**

Tasmanian Singles Championship (Bisque Range 18 – 20 Ordinary Play)

Winner: **Daryl Jacobs** Runner-up: **Brian Stafford**

Tasmanian All Grades Doubles Handicap

Winners: **Pam Hamilton & Daryl Jacobs** Runners-up: **Ian Smith & Graham Keating**

Tasmanian Doubles Championship (Bisque Range minus 3 to 9)

Cancelled due to lack of entries

Tasmanian Doubles Championship (Bisque Range 18 -20)

Cancelled due to lack of entries

Tasmanian Doubles Championship (Bisque Range 9 – 20)

Winners: **Elizabeth Smith and Bob Godfrey** Runners up: **Patsy Paine and Joan Gill**

ACA State Bronze Medal **Mick Wood**

State Gold Medal **Bob Bye** R/u **Rob McAdam**

Silver Medal **Hazel Newham** R/u **Don Clayton**

Bronze Medal **Peter McCulloch** R/u **Patsy Paine**

Mens medal	Michael Wood	R/u	Rob McAdam
Ladies medal	Elaine Roomes	R/u	Claire Bamford
Classic	Sue Beattie	R/u	Michael Wood

Pennants

Division A: Winners : Kingston Croquet Club Runners up: Eastern Shore Croquet Club

Division B: Winners: Kingston Croquet Club Runners up: Eastern Shore Croquet Club

Division C: Winners: Sandy Bay Croquet Club Runners up: Eastern Shore Croquet Club

Perpetual Trophy: Eastern Shore Croquet

Golf Croquet Pennant: Winners: Kingston Croquet Club Runners up : Eastern Shore Croquet Club

Social Activities

Once again the Devonport Summer Tournament was a highlight of the “Social” calendar. Over 50 players had a wonderful Australia Day Weekend with Leah Eiszele taking out the prize with the best average over two days.

Our second trip to the St Helens Croquet Club to play a social weekend of Golf Croquet also attracted over 40 players who had a great weekend. This is now a regular and wonderful excuse to enjoy the sunny east coast.

To help pass the winter, a Wheeler Doubles event was arranged in Hobart at Sandy Bay Club. In this event players enter as individuals and are paired on a handicap and win/lose basis each round with different partners. High Handicapper Winner: Fritha Neilsen Low Handicapper: Elizabeth Smith and Keith Chapman tied for first.

Nationals – March 2011

Organisation of the Nationals went off without any great problems. The new Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre proved more than adequate for the Mens Open despite being only a few months old.

The Gold Medal , Womens Open and the Eire Cup were all held at clubs in Hobart and were supplemented with two Bowls lawns at Taroona and New Town (Buckingham). This arrangement worked well and with little modification could be used again.

Ian Smith

President , Croquet Tasmania

6.3.6 Report from Croquet Queensland

Madam President:

Please let me apologise for the late submission of a report from Queensland, due to the election of a new president (1st January) and unfortunately the lack of communication from past positions. May I present a short synopsis of Croquet Queensland.

The current player figure for Queensland is approximately 1350. Obviously we lose members (age, disability, etc.) early in the year and usually recruit as the year progresses.

Mallet sports are steadily progressing throughout our large state and currently 42 Clubs are under the CAQ banner, from the NSW border to Cairns.

As a brief summary of 2011 from a new President the following are examples of the progress in Qld.

Margaret Melville was a member of the successful Trans-Tasman team. Margaret was also nominated for the Qld Woman in Sport award and made the final 20.

Three Qld players were chosen in the squad to represent Australia at the GC Championships in England during July. Greg Bury, Terry Ericson and Tom Knight performed admirably and highlighted the emerging talent of Australia.

Terry Ericson and Greg Bury represented Qld in the ACA GC President's Tens. Terry won the First Ten block, with Greg a close second.

Again, across the Tasman Qld players Rosemary Newsham and Gaye Pitman participated in the World Women's GC Championship, with Gaye being the eventual winner of the Plate.

The Australian Golf Croquet Nationals were held in Brisbane and the Women's Singles won by Deidre Hardy, another Queenslander.

To also enhance Queensland's reputation as a progressive state, Bruce Fleming has been appointed as the ACA High Performance Manager.

Gateball is also progressing rapidly and a singles tournament was held at East Brisbane Club with prize money of \$1000.

Queensland is encompassing all mallet sports and enthusiasm and growth are expanding.

Doug Williams
CAQ President: 2012

6.4.1 Insurance Report

The period under review has not seen any significant claims activity. No claims have been paid to date, however there is one small claim for around \$500 being processed.

ACA has Regional Insurance Brokers Limited (RIBL) in Brisbane acting as broker and is very pleased with the service provided. This has been especially important to your Insurance Officer, who has greatly appreciated the assistance and guidance given in the conduct of, what can be, a complex task.

ACA will recall that it was agreed last year to extend the cover period by two months in order to move the renewal date to 31 December each year. As renewal time approached the States provided numbers of clubs and registered players to be covered (not all clubs are insured through ACA). RIBL undertook a rigorous market search for the most appropriate insurance providers. The outcome was that the RIBL was able to accommodate ACA's requirements at a cost of \$35,825 for 14 months compared to a total premium cost of \$33,250 the previous 12 months. This is a most satisfactory outcome in the current insurance environment.

Renewals for the 14 month period from 31/10/2011 to 31/12/2012 are:

Business Pack for ACA

Travel Insurance for ACA and all States

Personal Accident & Sickness for ACA and all States

Public & Products Liability for ACA and all States

Directors & Officers for ACA and all States

Arrangements are in hand for a brief summary of the cover currently held by ACA together with a short list of other available insurances that RIBL can offer direct to be placed on the ACA web site.

In conclusion I wish to stress the importance of dealing through the Insurance Officer to RIBL on all insurance matters including claims and general enquiries. There has been a tendency for some to second guess what is covered and or not covered. This is not a prudent thing to do. Insurance advice not given by an insurance agent or broker can be fraught with danger.

Jim Saunders

ACA Insurance Officer

17 January, 2012

6.4.2 ACA High Performance Manager Report.

Since assuming the High Performance Manager role last November I have managed the Association Croquet International Squad as a “train on” squad and also as a development squad.

All squad members have been requested to submit a development plan for 2012. These plans include the tournaments they propose to play in and also their practice regimes. The plans are based on appropriate periodisation principles to ensure the player's performance will peak during important events followed by a recovery time. Another important consideration in their plans is using time between tournaments to engage in development activities which are necessary to lift their standard of play to new levels. The production of ideas and methods to accomplish this has been the subject of email discussion within the squad.

As part of targeted development within the squad I have undertaken two interstate trips to spend time with the least experienced players to assist them.

The International squad will gather for a practice, match play and mutual support session at the North Adelaide Croquet Club just prior to the Association Croquet World Championships. This gathering will also be used to consult with the squad members on future squad activities.

Bruce Fleming

ACA High Performance Manager.

6.4.3 NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR - ANNUAL REPORT, 2011

The first half of 2011 was taken up with completing the writing and illustration of the Level 3 Coaching Manual. This had been a long and sometimes frustrating task, resulting eventually in the course being approved and accepted by the NCAS. All levels of the Coaching Manual have now been updated during the past 5 years, and the next task is to train coaches in the new courses, and hopefully get them passing on the information to club players, as well as training other coaches. Coach training can be conducted only by authorised Course Presenters at the various levels, and these will need to either have a background in teaching or have completed the Course Presenters Course at a Sports Institute.

During the second half of 2011 I was able to make visits to Western Australia, Queensland and Victoria for the purpose of training Level 2 coaches in the new courses, and also trained David Wise as a Level 3 coach in South Australia. David was able to train a Level 2 coach in Tasmania. It is disappointing that we have not yet been able to arrange the training or re-accreditation of any Level 2 coach in NSW, and it is hoped that this situation will be remedied as soon as possible.

The current numbers of accredited coaches as listed on the NCAS website are as shown below:

I have included those whose accreditation expired during 2011, as we can allow a coach to retain his or her accreditation for a short period if there has been no opportunity for them to re-accredit. A whole year may be stretching it a bit, and I would not want to try for any longer. Coaches who do not re-accredit lose their official accreditation, and may be required to do the whole course again, except for the General Principles, Case Study and Research Project (where applicable). This is because coaching theory is continually developing and needs to be kept up to date.

The following figures should not be regarded as accurate, since it is likely that some of those listed on the NCAS website will have ceased active coaching for one reason or another.

Beginner Coaches are not included.

ACT: Level 1 = 0; Level 2 = 1; Level 3 = 0 NSW: Level 1 = 31; Level 2 = 0; Level 3 = 0 QLD: Level 1 = 29; Level 2 = 5; Level 3 = 0 SA: Level 1 = 22; Level 2 = 3; Level 3 = 2 TAS: Level 1 = 26; Level 2 = 0; Level 3 = 0 VIC: Level 1 = 8; Level 2 = 5; Level 3 = 1 WA: Level 1 = 6; Level 2 = 1; Level 3 = 0

Approved Level 2 Course Presenters: QLD = 2 SA = 3 WA = 1

Approved Level 3 Course Presenters: SA = 2

In 2012 re-accreditation should be our first priority for any Level 1 or 2 coaches who wish to be re-accredited. New training courses should be offered for coaches who wish to be trained at a higher level. Please contact me to make arrangements if your state does not have an approved Course Presenter and you want to do something about it. At present only the six approved Course Presenters can train or re-accredit Level 2 or 3 coaches. A State Coaching Director can authorise anyone considered suitable as a Level 1 Course Presenter, provided they hold at least a Level 1 accreditation, but level 2 and 3 Course Presenters must be authorised and recognised by both the NCD and the NCAS. Please note that some of the coaching information on the ACA website is out of date. I hope to get around to revising it shortly.

RESIGNATION: I wish to resign as NCD from the 2012 AGM, and recommend that David Wise (SA) be approached and asked to consider accepting the position. Whoever is appointed, I will undertake to assist, if needed, by continuing to organise the revising and printing of Coaching Manuals and distribution of badges. I am getting a bit too old to be making several interstate trips each year to train coaches and coach players.

John Riches (NCD)

6.4.4 REPORT FROM NATIONAL HANDICAPPER

I was honoured to be invited to take over the above position from Stephen Meatheringham who had held it since the very early days of the National Handicapping System.

Stephen's shoes will be hard to fill. He had an excellent knowledge of not only the system; but also of the mathematics which underly it. Some modeling work which he compiled to show the effects of a change that was proposed at one stage left me both speechless and impressed. I could never hope to do the same thing.

When I took over from Stephen on 1 December 2011 I asked him whether anything had happened during the first few months of the current year which should be included in this report. He said that all had been quiet. As I write this report I have held the position for less than 2 months and once again there is nothing to report.

I believe that this signifies that the National Handicapping System is:

- well established
- well understood
- well accepted.

The only observation that I have is that Club Handicappers or Club Handicapping Committees as the case may be need to be vigilant in applying correct handicaps. The underlying guide is that a person's handicap should give them an equal chance of winning against their opponent in a handicap game. This implies that if players compete regularly against each other under handicap conditions each person should win about 50% the time. Would this be the case at your club?

Rob McAdam

National Handicapper

6.4.5 National Director Gateball – Annual Report 2011

Gateball has continued to grow in 2011. The highlight of the year was the biennial Australian Championship held at Newcastle National Park. New clubs have taken up gateball in NSW and Queensland, gateball is beginning to emerge in WA, and is continuing in Victoria.

Australian Gateball Championship

With the support of two major sponsors, the Australia-Japan Foundation and the New South Wales Government, the Australian Championship was held at Newcastle National Park from 16 to 18 September.

Twenty-four teams (around 160 athletes) from NSW, QLD, VIC the ACT, China and Japan competed: the largest gateball gathering (and arguably the largest mallet sport event) held in Australia. The event also featured the debut of the first school team to participate in an Australian Championship, the Riverina Anglican College in Wagga Wagga.

The event included a skills session by visiting Japanese players, a session on tournament play for those new to gateball and a session on gateball in schools and gateball for kids.

At the opening ceremony, Newcastle Lord Mayor John Tate welcomed competitors and handed out captains' armbands, while State Member for Newcastle, Tim Owen, officially opened the event by stroking a ball through an oversized ceremonial gate. A traditional welcome to country and didgeridoo performance by the Burrigati Performance Company and catered refreshments rounded off the evening.

In the final, Chongqing Dazu County defeated Youthteam of Hongqiao Town 19-8 in a game of high skill.

The event achieved a small operating surplus of around \$1,700.

The next Australian Championship will be in Victoria in 2013.

Rules and referees

New referees were accredited during the year. Australia also assisted with the English translation of the 2011 rulebook, which has now been published.

New Australian-developed guidelines were published covering singles and triples variants of the traditional five-a-side game of gateball. The guidelines covering doubles have also been updated.

World Gateball Championship 2018

Australia is considering bidding to host the 2018 Gateball World Championship on the Gold Coast at around the same time as the Commonwealth Games. Hosting the event would be a huge undertaking, and a committee has been set up in QLD to look at the feasibility of bidding to host the event. The committee will provide a recommendation to CAQ (through the QLD gateball director), which will be forwarded to the ACA (through myself) for consideration.

States

The usual state championships were held this year: Queensland (Rockhampton), Victoria (Cairnlea) and New South Wales (Narooma). Other intrastate events were also held.

Promotion was particularly strong in NSW this year, with several new clubs commencing gateball: Newcastle, Blue Mountains, Narooma, and Wagga Wagga. Wagga participants comprise students from a local school, The Riverina Anglican College, that formed a team to participate in the Australian Championship and are looking to continue with gateball. Their commitment was

evidenced by their subsequent participation in the NSW championship and plans to engage other schools in the region.

Maxine Maclachlan has taken up the role of Victorian gateball co-ordinator.

An inaugural gateball introduction event was held at Mandurah Club in Western Australia. I am hoping to work with the club to see whether it can begin a permanent gateball presence in WA.

The establishment of an interstate competition is being considered.

Gateball in schools

A number of gateballers in Queensland and NSW have been running gateball sessions for primary school students as part of the Active Afterschool Communities Program. The sessions often involve playing simplified games which gradually introduce students to gateball.

Gateballers involved in running schools programs shared their experiences at a “gateball in schools” workshop at the Australian Championship in September.

Selection

A draft gateball selection procedure for Australian participation in world championships has been prepared and forwarded to the chair of the selection committee for consideration.

Website

The website continues to provide valuable information about gateball in Australia. A dedicated website has also been established for this year’s Australian Championship.

Gilon Smith

National Director of Gateball

31 December 2011

6.4.6 National Director Golf Croquet Report 2011

It is a great pleasure to present my report as National Director of Golf Croquet .

Golf Croquet continues to be a top level game and is ever increasing in its popularity.

This year we have held the following national events:

First President's Ten won by John Levick

Second President's Ten won by Tony Hall

Women's Ten won by Judy Wembridge

National Open Singles Championship won by Kevin Beard

National Open Doubles Championship won by John Levick and Ron Johnstone

Gold Medal won by Peter Landrebe

Men's Singles Championship won by Kevin Beard

Women's Singles Championship won by Deidre Hardy

Interstate Shield won by New South Wales

National Handicap Doubles won by Snow Evans and Mark Street

National Handicap Singles won by Susan Bertram

Australian Croquet was well represented in the WCF World Championships in England and the Women's World Championships in New Zealand.

I was fortunate enough to participate in most of the National Golf Croquet Tournaments and the Women's World Championships in New Zealand. The standard of Golf Croquet in Australia is going from strength to strength and with more International competition it can only make Australia a force on the international circuit. This year Australia will select a team's championship to be held in South Africa later this year, I wish the team all the best for this future tournament.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has supported and promoted the game.

Anne Quinn

National Director Golf Croquet

6.4.7 National Director of Schools Coaching Report

It has been a year of gradual progress, and I am very happy with the results. Many thanks to the Advisory Committee for their support and help. Much work and thinking has continued from all those involved in Schools Coaching.

The Kids and Schools webpages are up and running, and receiving good attention. Along with it, we were able to put on links to animations about malletsports. People are telling me they are already seeing these as resources for general marketing purposes. Clubs are putting links on their websites and encouraging Visitors to clubs to view the animations for a general introduction and for coaching of croquet.

We continue to bring Coaching into line with the thinking of the modern industry. As to how our Coaching can be sustained – I attended the Not for Profit Organisations Summit in Bendigo and we are well in line with modern practice. NSW may be the first state in sight of having a club employ a schools coach - they have a great Active After Schools Program going, and the fees charged are split between Club and Coach.

We had a conference at the recent Australian Gateball Championships in Newcastle. I can report that it was a successful idea. It will grow.

The Directorate is involved in an extension program of our work with modified games and equipment : working with AAA groups.

Adrian Masterman-Smith as President of Williamstown Croquet Club applied for and gained a grant from Hobsons Bay Council for he and the Directorate to collaborate with VicSports to create a component of Coaching for all Disabilities. Vic Sport have been hoping to work with Adrian and myself for some time. This is a marvellous opportunity to see how the thinking and creativity coming from the Schools Coaching Community will serve other areas.

The Queensland coaches continue to produce great new material and ideas for coaching. This has been put onto the Gateball Australia website.

South Australia continues to perfect how to run a Schools Championships.

I am thrilled to tell you how well the Active After Schools is going in NSW. They are great pioneers for us all!

Both the Western Australian and Tasmanian Associations have had good schools introductory days.

In Victoria, the Clubs themselves continue to take the lead, and run schools coaching.

I'd like to thank outgoing National Director of Coaching John Riches for all the support and help he has given me over the years. He has made many valuable contributions to our sport.

Future plans are to create a complete suite of Wacka and Cracka, Wombat Supercoaches, animations and put these onto DVD's. Animations are hard work and expensive. A big launch will be needed. We intend to also do some coaching videos, and hope for some guest coaches to volunteer.

We also now hope to pull all this together and produce some draft leaflets to help clubs approach Schools and develop programs.

Lowen Clarke B.A.(Melb.), B.Divinity, Grad. Dip. P.W., M.App.Sci. (Org.Dyn.). Level 3 Coach, MPIO

6.4.8 Report by Australian Representative on WCF Golf Croquet Rules Committee

PART A

1. The Rulings on the WCF Golf Croquet Rules (the Rules) issued in 2010 and early 2011 proved to have deficiencies, but were not corrected by the Golf Croquet Rules Committee (GCRC) because of the perceived infrequency that they were applicable.
2. The International Laws Committee for Association Croquet (AC) produced a set of Regulations relating to Refereeing that were adopted (for AC) by Australia on 15 February 2011. With very few additions and amendments the English Croquet Association adopted them for both Association Croquet and Golf Croquet soon after. I consider these Regulations, with some small additions and amendments, should replace WCF Golf Croquet Rule 15. I expressed that opinion early in 2011 but there was opposition from the English representative who wanted no change to the Rules for at least five years since the 2007 edition.
3. Largely because the 2007 Rules are working well, with no apparent problems, the GCRC decided to defer changes until a full examination of the Rules was able to be completed. That examination is just starting and is expected to take at least a year.
4. I was hospitalised in October and subject to opiate drugs which prevented me from properly analysing new proposals. I had been the Australian representative on the original GC Working Party and subsequently the GCRC since 1997. With a new round of discussion about to commence it was an appropriate time to hand over and I therefore resigned on 12 December, 2011.
5. I would like to thank a number of referees I have consulted from time to time, or who have sent queries to me, particularly Owen Edwards, Jim Clement and Gordon Matthews. I would also like to congratulate Gordon on being appointed as my successor.

A. T. Hall
5 February, 2012

Part B

Following the resignation of Tony as the Australian Representative on the WCF GC RC, I was honoured to be appointed to the position in December 2011.

Tony must be thanked and congratulated for all the effort he put into the position and for what he achieved during his 15 years as the Australian member on the Committee.

I also wish to thank him for the help and advice he has given me since my appointment.

I can confirm that there will be a full examination of the WCF GC Rules during 2012 to be ready for publication in 2013.

The review is yet to formally begin. However there has been some preliminary correspondence between the Chairman and the members from England, South Africa, USA and myself on a couple of the rules.

Naturally, I will keep the Executive informed of progress as the review proceeds.

Gordon Matthews

6th February 2012

6.4.9 Equipment and Sales Officer – Report to 2012 AGM

EQUIPMENT

The equipment owned by ACA in the main is housed at Cairnlea. It is available on loan to states as and when required and my job is to keep track of the movement of this equipment.

SALES

A quantity of items available for sale is kept in Melbourne. We sell to the six states only, who in turn on-sell to their members. By far the most popular sales item is the golf croquet rule book. My job is to cover all orders from the states.

Shirley Hallinan
Equipment and Sales Officer

AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2011

1. I am pleased to report a surplus for 2011. Some of this was because we were without a paid Executive Director for a month and some because our costs were well contained. Our investments were negative in line with the national economy, but our membership increased by 2½ percent (see attached Membership spreadsheet, with ten-year history and fees summary).
2. The increased entry fees for National Tournaments failed to bring all tournaments to profitability mostly due to the high cost of using officials who lived remote from the location of the tournament. A list of tournament costs is attached.
3. The International Events Fund budget, copy attached, has been increased to cater for the increased number of international events. The Hosting Events fund budget, copy attached, is in accordance with projections, but as Australia will not be hosting any international events in 2013 or 2014 there will be no requirement for a hosting levy in those years. The increase in the International Events Fund levy is required to provide for Australian players travelling overseas in those years. To avoid constant balancing between the two funds it is recommended that they be combined into an International Fund to cover all international activity, whether in Australia or abroad. A motion to that effect will be considered later in the AGM.
4. The subsidy to the Magazine has been reduced this year to \$646. We continue to live in hope that more subscribers will emerge and that someone will accept the task of Advertising Manager. It is a quality product and an essential part of communication with our membership, so a subsidy can be tolerated.
5. I am concerned by the small trading loss and have revised the price list, which had not been increased for some years. We had water damage to some stock and losses in the post. We also made a loss on uniforms we issue to members of international teams and players qualifying to play in World Championships. Tighter control has been implemented.
6. My recommendations for fees and levies for 2013 are an increase of 7% to \$23.00 from \$21.50 in 2012. The draft budget submitted for approval should provide a small surplus.
7. Our Investment Policy remains on the ACA website. The third page, dealing with the current situation and proposed future action, has been amended regularly.
8. Our reserves, represented in the accounts by our investments, are about \$144,000. That is about 70% of our annual expenditure of about \$210,000, up from 66% last year. Six years ago they were \$200,000 with annual expenditure of \$135,000, or about 150%. It is prudent for non-profit sporting associations, such as we are, for reserves to be higher than at present and the recommendations at paragraph 5 above should assist.
9. Electronic transfer of payments and receipts continues to expand, however we still receive payments by cheque. I would like to thank Gail Farr (to 15 July) and Nerida Taylor (from 12 August) who received and banked cheques for entry fees and Carolyn Ribone who did the same for magazine subscriptions.
10. Thanks to Jim Clement for once more accepting appointment as Assistant Treasurer. 2012 is my ninth year as Treasurer which is the maximum allowed, so I look forward to handing over to my replacement during or at the end of the year.
11. Thanks also to our auditor, who finalized our accounts expeditiously and continued my education.
12. I apologise for being unable to present this report in person and thank Greg Diprose for accepting the task of answering your questions, or finding the answers.

A. T. Hall, Treasurer

27 February, 2012

ACA MEMBERSHIP

Year Ending 31 December 2011

<u>State</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010 to 2011</u>		<u>2002 to 2011</u>	
											<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
NSW	2160	2156	2350	2410	2540	2554	2638	2736	2872	2984	112	3.8	824	38.1
VIC	2117	2180	2321	2461	2392	2416	2380	2464	2499	2516	17	0.7	399	18.8
QLD	1113	1195	1194	1236	1303	1323	1413	1443	1343	1370	27	2.0	257	23.1
SA	1080	1073	1066	1022	981	1005	995	1000	997	1040	43	4.1	-40	-3.7
WA	499	503	519	534	527	532	657	700	680	674	-6	-0.9	175	35.1
TAS	<u>299</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>291</u>	<u>324</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>328</u>	<u>327</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>27</u>	7.4	<u>64</u>	21.4
Total	7268	7430	7741	7987	8055	8113	8411	8670	8727	8947	220	2.5	1679	23.1
Change		162	311	246	68	58	298	259	57	220				
% Change		2.2	4.2	3.2	0.9	0.7	3.7	3.1	0.7	2.5				
Affiliation Fe	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.40	\$ 4.40	\$ 4.40	\$ 5.40	\$ 7.40	\$ 8.50	\$ 13.50				
Tours Levy	<u>\$ 4.50</u>	<u>\$ 4.50</u>	<u>\$ 4.50</u>	<u>\$ 4.35</u>	<u>\$ 4.35</u>	<u>\$ 4.35</u>	<u>\$ 4.35</u>	\$ 4.35	\$ 4.50	\$ 3.50				
Hosting Levy (introduced in 2009)								<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>				
Total	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.75	\$ 8.75	\$ 8.75	\$ 9.75	\$ 14.75	\$ 16.00	\$ 20.00				

	Approved for 2012	Proposed for 2013	Foreshadowed for 2014	2015?	2016?
Affiliation fee	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$17.50	\$18.00	\$18.50
Tours Levy	\$4.50	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
Hosting Levy	<u>\$3.00</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>\$3.00</u>
Total	\$21.50	\$23.00	\$24.50	\$26.00	\$27.50

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ACA Tournament Costs - 2010 and 2011

	2010			2011			Comments
	Received	Paid	Result	Received	Paid	Result	
1. GM, M, W and ISC	\$8,545	\$7,890	\$655	\$8,276	\$6,547	\$1,729	Good entries to M & W
2. GM, M, W and ISS	\$10,626	\$8,131	\$2,495	\$9,527	\$9,001	\$526	
3. AC Opens	\$7,057	\$6,881	\$176	\$6,082	\$8,120	-\$2,038	Too few entries
4. GC Opens	\$7,191	\$7,084	\$107	\$5,565	\$6,750	-\$1,185	
5. AC Eights	\$7,327	\$9,451	-\$2,124	\$6,500	\$8,158	-\$1,658	Expected subsidy
6. GC Tens				\$9,818	\$8,050	\$1,768	
7. Patrons				\$920	\$1,187	-\$267	First time
8. National AC Handicaps	\$1,818	\$1,507	\$311	\$2,245	\$1,217	\$1,028	No officials expenses
9. National GC Handicaps	\$2,536	\$1,998	\$538	\$1,839	\$2,074	-\$235	
10. Gateball Champs				<u>\$11,424</u>	<u>\$9,590</u>	<u>\$1,834</u>	Good result
	\$45,100	\$42,942	\$2,158	\$62,196	\$60,694	\$1,502	

Notes

1. All amounts are after GST has been deducted, as appropriate.
2. This table has not been audited but nearly agrees with the audited accounts.

Results

1. Entry fees for serials 1 and 2 are about right.
2. Entry fees for serials 3 and 4 were increased last year leading to reduced entrants. Fees should not be increased again for 2012.
3. The results for serials 5 and 6 are about about what we expected.
4. The entry fee for serial 7 should remain the same as last year was the first and it is hoped entries will increase.
5. It is unlikely that the TM and TR for serials 8 and 9 will not claim in 2012, so the entry fees should not change.
6. The Australian Gateball Championships continue to make a small profit, meaning that we are breaking even with gateball expenses.

Conclusions

1. We should not increase fees further because of diminishing returns due to lower entries. A pause to increases is indicated.
2. It is highly desirable to obtain officials from the location of the events and not ask TMs and TRs who do not live close to the event.

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INTERNATIONAL EVENTS FUND - 2011 TO 2014 (as at 24 Feb 2012)

Actual amounts are shown in full, estimates rounded to \$100

Balance on 1 Jan 2011	\$	22,062
Received from States by 30 June, 2011 (Levy at \$3.50)	\$	27,780
	\$	<u>49,842</u>

2011

NZ Scholarships, Jan 2011	\$	322	
Trans-Tasman (AC) practice(s)	\$	5,000	
Trans-Tasman (AC), April, Melbourne	\$	5,572	
Training Weekends	\$	1,958	
U21 GC Worlds, July, England	\$	3,575	
9th WCF World GCC, London, July	\$	10,897	
4th WCF Womens GCC, Bay of Plenty, NZ, Nov	\$	11,316	
NZ Scholarships, Jan 2012	\$	<u>945</u>	
			\$ <u>39,585</u>
Balance on 1 Jan, 2012	\$	10,257	
Received from States by 30 June, 2012 (Levy to \$4.50)	\$	<u>36,601</u>	
	\$		<u>46,858</u>

2012

AC World Champs, Australia, Apr/May (28)	\$	10,100	
Development Squad	\$	2,600	
Trans-Tasman (AC)/MacRob practices	\$	7,000	
1st Womens AC World Champs, Melb, Oct (20)	\$	7,800	
GC Team practices	\$	3,500	
1st WCF GC Teams Champs, South Africa, Nov	\$	12,000	
Gateball World Championships	\$	3,000	
NZ Scholarships, Jan 2013	\$	<u>3,000</u>	
			\$ <u>49,000</u>
Probable Balance on 1 Jan, 2013	-\$	2,142	
Received from States by 30 June, 2013 (Levy to \$8)	\$	<u>63,600</u>	
	\$		<u>61,458</u>

2013

Trans-Tasman (AC), Jan, NZ	\$	11,500	
International squad practice, early 2013	\$	3,500	
Development Squad	\$	2,800	
10th WCF GC Worlds & U21, Florida (12)	\$	14,000	
14th WCF AC Worlds, England (10)	\$	11,700	
MacRob team practices, mid to late 2013	\$	5,300	
NZ Scholarships, Jan 2014	\$	<u>3,000</u>	
			\$ <u>51,800</u>
Probable Balance on 1 Jan, 2014	\$	9,658	
Received from States by 30 June 2014 (Levy to \$7)	\$	<u>55,700</u>	
	\$		<u>65,358</u>

2014

MacRobertson Shield, NZ, February	\$	18,700	
5th Womens GC Worlds, Cairo, March (7)	\$	12,000	
2nd Over 50s GC Worlds, Cairo, Oct (5)	\$	8,500	
Trans-Tasman (GC) practices, through 2014	\$	7,000	
Development Squad	\$	3,000	
Gateball World Championships	\$	<u>3,000</u>	
			\$ <u>52,200</u>
Probable Balance on 1 Jan 2015	\$	13,158	

ASSUMPTIONS

1. Receipts from States are based on a levy of \$3.50 for 2011, \$4.50 for 2012, \$8.00 for 2013, \$7.00 for 2014 and \$6.00 for 2015.
2. We provided 1 junior scholarship in 2011, 1 junior and 1 senior in 2012, and will provide 2 or 3 in future years, split between AC and GC.
3. We will continue to subsidise players obtaining places in World Championships at the same level, 70% of airfares if in NZ, 50% if in Australia and \$1000 per player if in the Northern hemisphere or South Africa, together with entry fees and two shirts each.
4. We had 9 players in the GCWC in Jul 2011, 15 in the 4th WWGCWC in Nov 2011 in NZ, expect 28 in the 2012 WACC, 20 in the 2012 WWACC, 12 in the 2013 WGCC & U21, 10 in the 2013 WACC, 7 in the 2014 WWGCC and 5 in the 2014 O50s GC.
5. The 1st WCF GC Teams event will be in South Africa in Nov 2012 with 4 players & 1 official.
6. MacRob teams will consist of six players and two officials.
7. Trans-Tasman teams will consist of eight players and two officials.
8. This fund provides for the costs of Australian players participation in international events.
9. Costs of hosting international events come from the Hosting Fund, see page 2 of this file.

BUDGETARY ESTIMATES

1. Uniforms for team members cost \$170.
2. Shirts for world champs players cost \$150.
3. MacRob, England, 2010: Fares 1 @ \$2300, 7 @ \$1350 = \$12,000, accn @ \$AU53 pp/day for 23 days = \$10,000, car rental = \$3,000, uniforms @ \$164pp = \$1300. Total \$27,000.
4. Trans-Tasman (AC), Aust, 2011: Fares \$3000, accn @ \$60/pp/day for 8 days for 10 pers = \$4,800, uniforms \$1700. Total \$9,500. (Actually only \$6,000.)
5. Trans-Tasman (AC), NZ, 2013: Fares \$5000, accn @ \$AU60pp/day for 8 days for 10 pers = \$4,800, uniforms \$1700. Total \$11,500.
6. MacRob, NZ, 2014: Fares 2 @ \$700, 6 @ \$550 = \$4,700, accn @ \$AU60pp/day for 20 days for 8 pers = \$9,600, uniforms \$1400, car rental = \$3,000, . Total \$18,700.

CONCLUSION

The inclusion of the 1st WCF World GC Teams Championship in 2012 and the O50s GC Worlds in 2014 would have left a deficit in the IEF. By diverting the whole \$3 of the Hosting Events levy to the IEF that is avoided. This manipulation is tedious and the two funds should be combined.

TH 24 Feb 2012 (after 2011 audit)

HOSTING EVENTS FUND

At end of 2010	\$ 17,020
Received June 2011 (Levy at \$3)	<u>\$ 23,822</u>
	\$ 40,842

2011e

Trans- Tasman	\$ 6,970	
2012 AC Worlds	\$ 4,269	
2012 Womens AC Worlds	<u>\$ 182</u>	
Spent in 2011		<u>\$ 11,421</u>
At end of 2011		\$ 29,421
Received June 2012 (Levy at \$3)		<u>\$ 24,401</u>
		\$ 53,822

2012

2012 AC Champs	\$ 17,000	
2012 Womens AC Champs	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	
Spent in 2012		<u>\$ 37,000</u>
At end of 2012		\$ 16,822

2013 and 2014

No events hosted , no levy required.

2015

Received June 2015 (levy to \$2)	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
	\$ 31,822

Notes

1. Costs of hosting international events come from this fund.
2. Rough estimates of the cost of hosting events are:
World Championships and MacRobs \$30,000 and Trans-Tasman \$8,000. With the Hosting Events levy remaining at \$3 until 2012 the balance of the fund will be about \$17,000 at the beginning of 2013, with no international hosting obligations until 2016. The Hosting Fund levy can therefore be cut to nil to compensate for the increase in the IEF. It should be increased to \$2.00 in 2015 and back to \$3.00 in 2016.
3. In 2016 we could host the GC World Teams Championship and in 2017 both a Trans-Tasman and a Worlds GC Open and U21.
4. As there have been no bids for funds from the Hosting Fund for other than international events, a better way forward would be to amalgamate the International Events Fund and the Hosting Events Fund.

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AUSTRALIAN CROQUET
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2011

THE AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

COMMITTEE CERTIFICATE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2011

The Executive Committee submits the Financial Statement of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2011 together with the auditors report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The names of the Office Bearers during the year and at the date of this report are as follows:

R Wallace	<i>President</i>
M. Murray	<i>Immediate Past President</i>
G Diprose	<i>Senior Vice - President</i>
N White	<i>Vice - President</i>
G Farr	<i>Secretary & Executive Director to 15/07/11</i>
T. Hall	<i>Executive Director 16/07/11 -12/08/11</i>
N Taylor	<i>Secretary & Executive Director</i>
T. Hall	<i>Treasurer</i>

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Association during the year consisted of the promotion in Australia, of the game of the croquet, including the conduct of both national and international events.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No major change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.


OPERATING RESULT


The net surplus/(loss) of the Association for the year was Surplus of \$25,167

The accounting records of the Association have been kept in such a manner, as to accord with the provisions of the Act and to enable:

- (a) The preparation of the Annual Statement of the Associations Accounts.
- (b) The Audit of the Accounts and this preparation of the Audited Statements to the Annual General meeting of the Association.

This Statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee and is signed on behalf of the Office Bearers by:


G Diprose
Senior Vice - President


T. Hall
Treasurer

Date: 25/2/12

The Australian Croquet Association Incorporated

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Cash At Bank	17,082	44,392
Imprest accounts - ACA officers	500	500
Term Deposit - ANZ bank	10,000	-
Term Deposit - Bendigo bank	40,000	-
Esanda Investment	-	10,000
Sandhurst Trustees Mortgage	23,902	1,467
MLC Shares Fund	44,435	39,380
Westpac Australian Properties Fund	25,861	38,414
	<u>161,780</u>	<u>134,153</u>
Receivables		
GST credits refundable	4,134	3,467
Sundry Debtors & Prepayments	103	6,064
	<u>4,237</u>	<u>9,531</u>
Inventories		
Stock on hand	8,213	8,581
	<u>8,213</u>	<u>8,581</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>174,230</u>	<u>152,265</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Playing Equipment	16,044	15,689
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(13,993)	(10,840)
Office equipment	10,194	8,276
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(8,105)	(7,116)
Trophies & Cups (not depreciated)	9,100	8,357
Gateball Equipment	1,995	1,995
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(399)	-
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>14,836</u>	<u>16,361</u>
Total Assets	<u>189,066</u>	<u>168,626</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

The Australian Croquet Association Incorporated

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2011

Current Liabilities		
Payables		
Unsecured:		
Sundry Creditors	2,361	4,849
Income Received in Advance	-	2,836
Total Current Liabilities	2,361	7,685
Total Liabilities	2,361	7,685
Net Assets	186,705	160,941
Members' Funds		
Issued Capital		
A. B. Morrison Fund	200	200
Reserves		
International Events Fund	10,258	22,062
Hosting Events Fund	29,423	17,020
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	146,824	121,658
Total Members' Funds	186,705	160,941

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

The Australian Croquet Association Incorporated

Trading As Croquet Australia

Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31 December 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Income		
Trading profit	(66)	2,725
Magazine Revenue	13,966	13,305
Affiliation Fees	107,152	66,995
National Events	64,080	46,210
Levies	51,603	59,114
Interest & MV movements in Investments	(5,110)	5,429
Miscellaneous	582	1,266
Total income	<u>232,207</u>	<u>195,043</u>
Expenses		
ACA Officers & Committee Expenses	10,251	3,150
Affiliations - WCF and WGU	1,530	1,740
Audit fees	1,500	1,360
Bank Fees And Charges	143	1,164
Bad Debts	73	-
Council AGM costs	6,142	4,011
Depreciation	4,541	1,458
Executive Expenses	39,317	45,971
Equipment replacements	790	265
National Events Expenses	60,879	42,941
Honorariums	8,150	5,350
Insurance (net)	759	687
International Events	51,890	58,807
New Club Grants	1,000	2,000
Magazine Costs	14,612	18,532
Sundry & Office Expenses	4,866	3,323
Transfer International Events Fund	(11,804)	(16,417)
Transfer Hosting Events Fund	12,402	16,723
Total expenses	<u>207,040</u>	<u>191,066</u>
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities	<u>25,167</u>	<u>3,977</u>
Accumulated Funds at start of Year	121,658	117,681
Accumulated Funds at Year End	<u><u>146,825</u></u>	<u><u>121,658</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

THE AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
TRADING AS CROQUET AUSTRALIA

TRADING ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Trading Income		
Sale of Stock	4,898	8,731
Total Trading Income	<u>4,898</u>	<u>8,731</u>
Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock	8,580	6,366
Purchases	<u>4,597</u>	<u>8,220</u>
	13,177	<u>14,586</u>
Less: Closing stock	<u>(8,213)</u>	<u>(8,580)</u>
Cost of Sales	<u>4,964</u>	<u>6,006</u>
Gross Profit from Trading	<u>(66)</u>	<u>2,725</u>

THE AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Association is not a reporting entity because in the Office Bearers' opinion it is unlikely that there are those unable to command the preparation of the reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These Accounts are therefore "Special Purpose Financial Reports" that have been prepared solely to meet the Association's Incorporation Law requirements to prepare Accounts.

They are based upon historic costs and do not take into account the changing value of money. The accrual basis of accounting has been applied, and it is considered that Statements of Accounting Concepts are inapplicable.

INCOME TAX :

The Association is exempt from Tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act.

NOTE 2 AUSTRALIAN CROQUET MAGAZINE

	2011	2010
INCOME	\$	\$
Subscriptions	13,523.56	12,229.12
Advertisements	442.28	1,075.47
	<u>13,965.84</u>	<u>13,304.59</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Production costs	12,962.91	13,179.88
Distribution	1,648.62	5,352.38
	<u>14,611.53</u>	<u>18,532.26</u>
SURPLUS (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	<u>(645.69)</u>	<u>(5,227.67)</u>

NOTE 3 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS FUND

	2011	2010
RECEIPTS	\$	\$
Balance at start of year	22,062.28	38,478.81
States Contributions [Tours Levies]	27,780.13	35,468.20
EXPENDITURE		
Trans-Tasman	10,571.59	1,750.91
MacRobertson Shield/Training	1,958.00	33,574.89
World Championships	22,212.62	13,172.46
- GC	3,575.34	
- U21 GC	-	2,872.91
- GB	1,266.98	513.56
NZ Scholarships	39,584.53	51,884.73
EXCESS TRANSFERRED TO INT. EVENTS FUND	(11,804.40)	(16,416.53)
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>10,257.88</u>	<u>22,062.28</u>

THE AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

NOTE 4 HOSTING EVENTS FUND

Balance at start of year	17,020.49	297.22
Receipts - States Contributions	23,822.46	23,645.43
less - Expenditure - Trans-Tasman	6,969.52	
- 2012 AC	4,269.00	(6,922.16)
- 2012 Women AC	181.82	
EXCESS TRANSFERRED TO HOSTING EVENTS FUNI	11,420.34	
	12,402.12	
Balance at end of year	29,422.61	17,020.49

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

Scope.

I have audited the attached financial statements of The Australian Croquet Association Incorporated (The Association) for the year ended 31 December, 2011. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

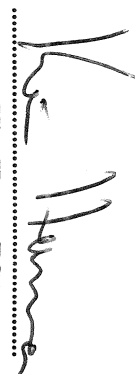
My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion.

In my opinion,

- (a) the financial statements of the Association are properly drawn up:
 - (i) So as to give a true and fair view of matters required by subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 to be dealt with in the financial statements
 - (ii) in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991; and
 - (iii) in accordance with proper accounting standards, being Applicable Accounting Standards;
- (b) I have obtained all the information and explanations required;
- (c) Proper accounting records have been kept by the Association as required by the Act; and
- (d) The audit was conducted in accordance with the rules of the Australian Croquet Association Incorporated.


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Kim Hanna FCA
Registered Company Auditor
Date...27/12/12.....

ACA 2012 BUDGET - 24 Feb 12 draft

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Basis of</u> <u>2012 estimate</u>
<u>INCOME</u>					
Affiliation Fees	66995	106625	107152	113871)
International Events Fund Levy	35468	27644	27780	36601)States returns
Hosting Events Fund Levy	23645	23695	23822	24401)
National Events	45101	58000	56642	49000	Note 1
Interest & Investments	5429	6000	-5110	0	
Magazine Revenue	13305	14000	13966	14500	
Profit on Stock Sales	2725	2500	-66	2000	
Sundries/Flight Centre/Grants	1266	1000	1431	1000	
Sponsorships for both AC Worlds			6500	19,500	Note 2
Gateball receipts	<u>1109</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>560</u>	NDGB estimate
Totals	195043	240024	232701	261433	
	<u>Actual</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Basis of</u> <u>2012 estimate</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
National Events	42941	56000	60694	49000	Note 1
International Events	51885	48222	40470	49000	See below for details
Hosting 2009 WGC/2012 AC	6922	20000	17921	31000	See below for details
Officers and Committees					
Director of AC Coaching	403	3000	3280	3000	New incumbent
Director of GC Coaching				3000	New incumbent
Director of AC Refereeing	529	5000	548	3000	
Director of GC Refereeing	549	11000	5772	900	NDGCR bid
Director of Gateball	788	750	714	1050	NDGB bid
Director of Golf Croquet	nil	1500	nil	1500	
HPM for "Permanent Squad"		3500	834	3500	New incumbent
ND Schools Coaching		1000	273	3000	
Selection Committees	880	4000	573	4000	
Member Protection Committee				3000	New committee
Executive Committee	11692	12500	10658	12500	
Office	2942	6000	4471	6000	
Exec Director Pay	34278	28000	28158	30000	
Honoraria	5350	10650	8150	11650	
Council	4011	5000	6142	7000	Perth
Magazine Costs	18532	18500	14612	17750	
Audit, Filing, Bank and Govt Fees	2524	2000	1643	2000	
Depreciation	1458	1000	4541	3000	
Insurance	687	700	759	800	
Subs to WCF and WGU	1740	1800	1530	1550	
New Club Grants	2000	2000	1000	2000	Two new clubs
Equipment Purchases/Maintenance	265	3000	1801	3000	
Sundries	<u>381</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>500</u>	
Totals	190757	245622	215012	252700	
Excess Income over Expenditure	4286	-5598	17689	8733	

	<u>Actual</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2012</u>
<u>INTERNATIONAL EVENTS FUND</u>				
Balance	38479	22062	22062	10257
<u>Income</u>				
International Events Fund Levy	<u>35468</u>	<u>27644</u>	<u>27780</u>	<u>36601</u>
Total	73947	49706	49842	46858
<u>Expenditure</u>				
WCF GC(2011) AC(2012) World Champs		12500	10897	10100
Development squad	33575	2400	1958	2600
Trans Tasman/MacRob Squad/Team	1751	16500	10572	7000
WCF Womens World GC(2011) AC(2012)	0	10000	11316	7800
GC U21(2011) GC Teams (2012)	13172	3500	3575	15500
Gateball World Championships	2873	nil	nil	3000
NZ Schol'ps (mostly for year ahead)	<u>514</u>	<u>3322</u>	<u>1267</u>	<u>3000</u>
Total	51885	48222	39585	49000
Balance at end of year	22062	1484	10257	-2142

<u>HOSTING EVENTS FUND</u>				
Balance	297	17020	17020	29421
<u>Income:</u> Hosting Events Fund Levy	23645	23695	23822	24401
<u>Expenditure:</u> T-Tas & Worlds 2012 etc	6922	20000	11239	17000
Womens' AC Worlds 2012			182	20000
Balance at end of year	17020	20715	29421	16822

NOTES

1. The expected income for National Events is based on the schedule of entry fees and prizes in which we estimate the requirement so that events are making a small profit. There is no Aust Gateball Championship this year.
2. Estimated sponsorships: \$14,500 for the AC Worlds and \$5,000 for the Womens' AC Worlds.

Proposed Schedule of Fees, Payments and Honoraria – 2012

All fees and levies include GST where appropriate.

Affiliation fees and levies are normally determined this year for application next year.

Fees (per person)

Affiliation fee for 2012 (approved last year)	\$14.00
Affiliation fee for 2013	\$15.00
International Fund Levy for 2012 (approved last year)	\$4.50
International Fund Levy for 2013	\$5.00
Hosting Events Levy for 2012 (approved last year)	\$3.00
Hosting Events Levy for 2013	\$3.00

Accommodation for Council and Executive Meetings (Tax Invoices required)

Delegates	2 nights	\$248
Executive	3 nights	\$372

Honoraria

President	\$3000
Treasurer	\$3000
Magazine Editor (including distribution management)	\$2500
Webmaster	\$1000
Events and Tournament Committee members (six), each	\$300
Equipment Officer	\$350

Schedule of Entry Fees and Prizes for ACA Events - April 2012 to March 2013

	<u>Entry Fees</u>	<u>Prizes</u>
1. Open Singles AC and GC Championships	\$132	
Winners		\$ 1,000
Runners-Up		\$ 500
Thirds		\$ 300
Fourth/Winners W, Z, Y and/or Plate		Gift
2. Open Doubles AC and GC Championships	\$80	
Winners, each		\$300
Runners-Up, each		\$125
3. Mens and Womens AC (2013) & GC (2012) Championships	\$85	
Winners		\$300
Runners-Up		\$150
Thirds		\$100
Fourth/Winners Z, Y and/or Plate		Gift
4. Australian Gold Medals (AC for 2013, GC for 2012)	\$70 (half to State)	
Winners		Gold Medals
Runners-Up		Silver Medals
Other State Winners		Bronze Medals
5.a. National AC Singles Handicap	\$80	
b. National GC Singles Handicap	\$75	
6.a. National AC Doubles Handicap	\$49	
b. National GC Doubles Handicap	\$48	
7. President's Eights (2012) and Tens (2013)	\$260	
8. Patron's Trophy	\$88	
Winner		\$300
Runner-Up		\$150
8. Interstate Shield (GC), per team	\$550	
9. Interstate Cup (AC), per team (for 2013)	\$475	

Notes

1. Entry fees for players wishing to play in consolation (Plate) events only are half the full fees.
2. Entry fees for full time students under the age of 25 are half the full fees.
3. Where appropriate, perpetual trophies will be awarded to winners to hold for the year.
4. Medallions are awarded to winners and runners-up of all ACA events.
5. Entry fees include GST.
6. If consolation (plate) events are held winners receive small gifts.
7. The Eights and Tens are subsidised for the costs of conducting them.
8. Entry fees include an allowance of \$1 per day for tea and coffee.