

May 2012 Newsletter

A monthly summary to the WCF Members of what the Management Committee has been doing during the past month and what is on the agenda for the coming month. Your comments always very welcome.

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WCF website

About 15 months after starting on our replacement website, it went live during May. While it has been independently verified as a reasonable basis for the long term, there are a lot of problems currently with the new site – in part because pages converted earlier in the process are now quite out of date. My apologies for the problems with the site, and how slowly I am able to fix them – but please do email me with any problems you spot and I will add them to my list!

Our current web master, James Hawkins, told us some time ago he would not be able to continue supporting the new site after it went live. **I ask Members to advertise our need for a new web master amongst their membership – help needed please!** Ask them please to email me for details of the role, which is primarily voluntary but carries a small honorarium.

Council debates and decisions

08 – Nominations were invited for “6th Member” of WCF GC Rules committee, and Georg Dej of Canada is elected unopposed.

10 – the new WCF Refereeing Regulations was ratified, and were also subject to a successful trial in the World Championship in Adelaide. A few typographical improvements have been suggested which are currently being considered and may lead to a version 1.1 shortly.

2012 AC World Championship

An excellent 39 replies to the Player Survey have been received. These are being tabulated and an overall report of the event, including the player feedback, will be circulated to Members soon.

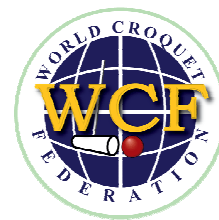
2012 Women's AC World Championship

Entries closed on 31st May, although AUS have requested an extension to 14th June. Very few countries have sent entries, which is disappointing. Please ensure any final entries or wild card nominations get to me by 14th June.

A web page has been set up - <http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Organisation/CharlesJonesTrophy> - to call for donations to the **Charles Jones Memorial Trophy** for this event. Please advertise this to any of your clubs or members who may have met Charles and wish to commemorate him.

2012 GC World Team Championship

The MC is progressing draft GC WTC regulations covering both divisions, and I hope these will be published soon, along with accommodation and venue details for Cairo. [Ian Burrige is WCF event lead]



What have we been doing in May?

The “wash up” from Adelaide has continued, with reports being provided by the TD, TR and TM – thanks for these. I have already spent many hours tabulating the responses to the Player Survey - and will produce an overall event report shortly.

Much of the rest of the time has been spent on the new website, which is not without its problems. For example, I have been able to fix all the links so that the page of Regulations all download successfully – but exactly the same solutions don’t seem to work on the Recent Newsletters page, where I am unable to make the links work.

The MC has been progressing a number of development requests from our smaller or newer Member associations; most of these requests are now either in hand or at least have clear owners.

The team looking at how both Ac and GC rankings should be presented and accessed have agreed, in outline, what they think ought to happen to improve access to GC ranking data and to provide more commonality between the two systems.

MC Topics completed/ closed this month

184 – Coaching and ref training requests – half a dozen requests received from Members – this topic to track and ensure each has an owner.

189 – Video Expert Group Terms of Reference – a ToR for a new group has been discussed and approved, and Mike Orgill has kicked off the new group.

If any Member has a video expert they would like to have contribute to this group, please contact Mike or let me know.

Active open topics

173 – Individual awards for team events – some consensus, needs closing off.

180 – Security at events – consideration of issues around personal security.

185 – Risk, liability, indemnity, waivers – attempt to pull together the wide range of issues to do with risk (including stuck topic 152 on trustees), so we have a clear view on what we’d like to achieve before we take some formal advice.

Open topics that have got stuck

154 – Handicap/ Refereeing/ Coaching Co-ordination – examining whether we should reinvigorate or abandon past attempts to co-ordinate handicapping, refereeing and coaching.

172 – Membership Categories – several attempts to come up with a clear proposal, considering the known problems and responses to the Member Survey have failed so far to reach any clear consensus on the MC.

Outlook for June

1. Still aiming to progress the several MC topics which have been lingering for too long.
2. Kick-off the Video Expert Group.
3. Investing large amount of time needed on the new website.
4. Progressing the arrangements for the Women’s ACWC and for the GC World Team Championship.

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