



## **March 2011 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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Secretary-General*

### **2011 Golf Croquet World Championship**

There were 50 entries received, and 8 wild cards had to be selected from 38 nominations. The 6 remaining places are reserved for those best placed in the Qualifier and the Under 21s. Almost all entry fees, biographies and photos have now been received, although one or two are still being chased. The event web site (linked from the WCF site) has all the details:

<http://www.gcworlds2011.org/>.

### **2011 Under 21 GC World Championship**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> WCF Under 21 Golf Croquet World Championship will be held the week before the GCWC, this time at Hunstanton which is 2 hours north of London. Play will be between 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July. Initially, 28 entries were received but with a few withdrawals we now have exactly 24 competitors. The confirmed entry list has been added to the Under 21 GCWC web pages <http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/u21gcwc2011.html>.

### **2011 Women's GC World Championship**

Entries and wild card nominations close on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### **2012 AC World Championship**

The MC has reached agreement with the ACA to host the 2012 ACWC in Adelaide, South Australia in late April through to early May. A very simple web page has been added <http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/acwc2012.html> and further details will be provided on our new website when it launches later.

### **New Member applications**

Both the Croquet Federation of India and the Pakistan Croquet Federation are making applications to join as Observer Members – each will provide a simple information pack to the July Council meeting and are planning to send an observer to attend.

### **What have we been doing in March?**

A number of responses to the 10 Year Schedule consultation have been received and more are promised this week. If you have yet to make a response, please send me your thoughts by 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Another important consultation – but this time shorter – on decision-making and involvement in WCF was sent to members in early March. Responses are also appreciated by 10<sup>th</sup> April.



The formal calling notice and timetable for the 17<sup>th</sup> July Council Meeting at Surbiton has been circulated – the MC expects to propose a number of resolutions building on your responses to the two large consultations mentioned above.

### **MC Topics completed/ closed this month**

- 121 – 2012 ACWC bid acceptance – final issues resolved and accepted by consensus
- 125 – 2011 GCWC wild card invitation committee report – accepted 8:1
- 127 – Medals – authority to spend £1,600 on medals through to end 2014 – approved 7:0
- 128 – 2011 U21 GCWC selection committee recommendations – accepted 7:0

### **Open topics**

- 124 – Potential event formats and consultation questions for a GC World Team Championship – being progressed by the Tournament Group
- 126 – Wild Card selection criteria – refinements suggested after GCWC exercise being captured for inclusion in revised Sports Regs
- 129 – WCF “vision statement” – input from South African CA will be factored into a revised Business Plan and/or Statutes

### **MC sub-groups**

The MC now has 4 groups running, as follows:

**Development Group** (Stephen Mulliner lead) – nothing to report

**Tournament Group** (Ian Burrige lead) - has been discussing possible formats for the GC WTC and hopes to be able to circulate a consultation document on the subject in the next couple of weeks. With the help of Louis Nel we have also been considering the vexed question we were tasked with in the 10 Year Schedule Consultation, "The MC's Tournament Group is looking into a refinement to the existing seeding process which will put more emphasis on block results, while still being based on World Rankings", if progress to date is anything to go by this will take more than a couple of weeks!

**Regulations Group** (Keith Aiton lead) – Drafts of re-written Regs for several areas have been circulated. An issue in the Event Regs has made us look at the wider issue of indemnity and insurance, which we have not yet resolved.

**Website Group** (James Hawkins lead) – a page outline for the new website has been circulated and discussed. Requirements for an on-line survey tool and a player login have been discussed – the latter to make it easier to gather the biographies and photos from players for each event.

### **Outlook for April**

1. Finalise player information and preparation for July's GCWC
2. Finalise player information and preparation for the Under 21 GCWC
3. Complete the consultation exercises on the 10 Year Schedule and Decision-making
4. Prepare for Council meeting: prepare agenda and distill necessary resolutions out of consultation responses.

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