



April 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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2011 Golf Croquet World Championship

Arrangements are going reasonably smoothly, the only significant problem has been confirming a Tournament Manager – though this is in hand. The Qualifier has been expanded from 16 to 32 entrants, due to strong demand. All entry fees and player information have finally been received. [Stephen Mulliner is WCF event lead] <http://www.gcworlds2011.org/>.

2011 Under 21 GC World Championship

Detailed preparation is going well. Hunstanton Croquet Club are making this event the centrepiece of their Centenary Year celebrations and are gearing up to put on a good event. [Ian Burridge is WCF event lead] <http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/u21gcwc2011.html>.

2011 Women's GC World Championship

Entries and wild card nominations close on 30th June. The Entry Fee page on the website has been altered to make it simpler to pay for multiple entries. [Gordon Smith is WCF event lead] <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/ClubSite.asp?SiteID=17424&PageTypeID=1&PageID=63181>

2012 AC World Championship

The Organising Committee and WCF event lead have been discussing format and venues, to make the best use of the available facilities in Adelaide. Tony Hall is taking the role of Tournament Director. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead] <http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/acwc2012.html>

New Member applications

As well as the Croquet Federation of India and the Pakistan Croquet Federation, we are now in discussions with the Latvian Croquet Federation (LKF) about joining as an Observer Member this July. 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 April?

Responses to the Decision-making in the WCF consultation have been received and will be circulated. If you have yet to make a response, please send me your thoughts as soon as you can.

Considerable work has gone into preparing MC Resolutions for Council, together with supporting information. We hope to have Resolutions ready to distribute to Members by 17th May covering WCF events (from 10 Year Schedule consultation), decision-making (following that consultation) and also new Finance Regulations for ratification.



Many members of the MC have also been very busy with the organisation and preparation for our future events.

MC Topics completed/ closed this month

124 – Potential event formats and consultation questions for a GC World Team Championship – agreed and now out to Members for consultation

130 – Election of Auditor – David Walters recommended as independent examiner of the accounts – will be put to Council for ratification.

Open topics

126 – Wild Card selection criteria – refinements suggested for inclusion in revised Sports Regs.

129 – WCF “vision statement” – input from South African CA will be factored into revised Business Plan.

131 – 10 Year Schedule resolutions – text of 3 Resolutions plus supporting information largely agreed.

132 – Decision-making resolutions – text for a Resolution based on Consultation responses being discussed.

MC sub-groups

The MC now has 4 groups running, as follows:

Development Group (Stephen Mulliner lead) – discussions with 247 – a TV production company – about filming the July GCWC for distribution around the world on channels such as Bloomberg. This will cost the WCF a few £k if we decide to go ahead but could help attract future sponsors to many of our events, and new players into the game. Top-class GC seems very televisual, with spectacular shots which may alter preconceptions about the sport.

Tournament Group (Ian Burrige lead) - the consultation document on the inaugural Golf Croquet World Team Championship (planned for 2012) has been circulated to Members for comment, along with a request for expressions of interest to host the event. This month we have also begun discussions on the format of the plate events at the 2012 AC Worlds.

Regulations Group (Keith Aiton lead) – The first edition of the Finance Regulations and an appended Investment Policy has been finalised and formatted, ready for circulating to Council for ratification.

Website Group (James Hawkins lead) – Configuring the new site, ready for adding content. That's involved installing software for the Content Management System, and investigating third-party software for managing specific elements of the site (a more effective replacement for the John Taylor list, event management, etc.). Existing content has been re-catalogued, to have a more flexible structure in future. Next step is to transfer the content from the old system to the new. The new design and layout have been conceived, so the new site should fall into place soon after.

Outlook for May

1. Finalise preparations for July's GCWC
2. Finalise preparations for the Under 21 GCWC
3. Prepare for Council meeting and distribute first batch of documents by 17th May.

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