



AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION

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CLIPS — EXECUTIVE NEWS

One of the outcomes of the Council meeting held in September, 2013 was for the ACA to develop a Strategic Plan. The States were asked to nominate a representative and the group, affectionately called the Strategic Planning Workshop Group, SPWG, met via Skype in February.

The ACA's AGM in Brisbane was a positive meeting resulting in an Executive which has at least one member from each State except Tasmania. (Tasmania can be excused as Tricia Vierra has taken on the task of Chairing the SPWG – not an insignificant commitment).

The elected members of the Executive are –

President, Neil White (SA)
Senior Vice President, Jim Saunders (VIC)
Vice President, Megan Reynolds (WA)
Immediate Past President, Robyn Wallace (NSW)
Treasurer, Jim Clement (VIC)
Honorary Secretary, Bruce Fleming (QLD)

Committee positions were also elected –

Association Croquet Selection Committee
Stephen Richards (Chair)
Greg Bury
Tim Murphy

Golf Croquet Selection Committee
John Compton (Chair)
Anne Quinn
Pam Gentle

Events Committee
Peter Freer
Bob Godfrey

Tournament Committee
Trevor Bassett (Chair)
Peter Landrebe
Terry Ericson
Kevin Beard

The day after the AGM, members of the Executive and the SPWG participated in a workshop facilitated by Melanie Woosnam from Active8 and the results have formed the basis of the Strategic Plan.

The Group is communicating regularly via Skype and with the Executive. The aim is to have a final plan drafted in time for the next Council meeting scheduled for Adelaide on Monday 15 September. .

State members will shortly be feeding back the Group's progress to their respective governing bodies.

Tasmania, Tricia Vierra (Chair)
New South Wales, Steve Thornton
Queensland, Doug Williams
South Australia, Maree Skinner
Victoria, Mike Cohn
Western Australia, Michael Trefusis-Paynter

The Strategic Plan is an important document in framing the future direction for croquet and mallet sports in Australia.

The Executive has been meeting monthly mostly via Skype and one of its first priorities has been to improve communication between the ACA and its Appointed Officers and Committees. Each member of the Executive has agreed to act as a liaison person and over the next few weeks, a member of the Executive will be in contact with their Appointed Officers and Chairs of Committees. The Executive wants to foster stronger ties, develop closer relationships and build higher levels of co-operation with its Officers.

The Executive's second priority is to improve communication with the people who play the sport and as a first step, the minutes from each Executive meeting are being placed on the website - www.croquet-australia.com.au. In addition, I shall be writing a bi-monthly newsletter, *Clips* which will be circulated to each State and available on the website.

The Executive has made the following appointments –

Official Representative on the International Laws Committee – Elizabeth Fleming
National Director Coaching, Golf Croquet – Greg Bury
National Director Coaching, Association Croquet – Greg Bury

Recently, a panel comprising of four Executive members conducted interviews with short-listed candidates for the two HPM positions.

The Executive is delighted to announce the following appointments –

Greg Bury – High Performance Manager, Golf Croquet
Peter Landrebe – High Performance Manager, Association Croquet

Congratulations to both Greg and Peter and we look forward to their endeavours in preparing our players for international competitions.

Speaking of international competitions, the following Australian players have been awarded places in the World Croquet Federation's two World Golf Croquet Tournaments being held in Egypt towards the end of the year.

WCF Over 50's GC WC
Terry Ericson
Kim Reynolds
David Wise

Brett McHardy
Steve Thornton
Graham Wemyss
Bob Godfrey

WCF Women's GC WC
Susan Bertram
Bernie Pfitzner
Rosemary Newsham
Geraldine Trivett

We wish them every success as they prepare for these tournaments.

The first Golf Croquet World Championship for 2015 is being held in New Zealand and the details are available on the ACA website.

The last paragraph of the posting, notes that the ACA is reviewing the level of financial and other support offered to those contesting international tournaments. With the increasing number of players being allocated places in world championships, the Executive is wishing to clarify the commitment that the organisation is able to make at this level. A discussion document is being drafted and comments will be sought from States as well as ACA's Committees and Appointed Officers before being presented to Council.

On the local scene, the Patron's Trophy, is being held at Moorabinda Croquet Club, Bunbury, Western Australia from Saturday 7 to Monday 9 June. It has attracted an excellent field of 21 competitors and the level of competition will be high.

A reminder the Entry Form for the Australian GC Men's and Women's Singles is now on the website and entries close on Thursday 7 August.

Finally, expressions of interest are being sought for the President's AC Eights being held at Cairnlea from Friday 3 to Monday 6 October, 2014. If you wish to participate in this tournament please indicate your interest by emailing Stephen Richards, Chair, Association Croquet Selection Committee at acselectors@croquet-australia.com.au on or before Thursday 3 July. Those selected will be notified by the end of July.

It should be noted that this process is different to that of previous years and follows the same practice as that of the President's GC Eights.

Yours in croquet

Neil White
PRESIDENT, ACA

