



## **WCF announces Amir Ramsis as Acting President – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

Following the recent terrible murder of WCF President Charles Jones QSM JP when on holiday in Thailand, the WCF has appointed Amir Ramsis of Egypt as the WCF Acting President.

Amir is Vice-President of the Egyptian Croquet Federation and has served on the WCF Management Committee since 2003.

The election for a new WCF President, along with other posts on the Management Committee, will take place during November/ December with the successful candidates taking up their posts on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

The Management Committee thank Amir for stepping in to act as President and fully support him in this role.

The MC also issues the following tribute to Charles:

*Charles was elected to the WCF Presidency in December 2009 and, until his recent and tragic passing, it was generally assumed that he would have been encouraged to seek re-election for a second four year term in December 2013. He was an active President, both in his travels to croquet playing countries all over the world and in his participation in and guidance of WCF Management Committee meetings. He was a strong supporter of the weekly internet telephone committee conferences that were established in November 2010. His forthright, honest and often colourful contributions to these discussions and to the vigorous e-mail traffic generated by his Management Committee colleagues played a significant part in energising the work of the committee. He deserves much of the credit for the significant improvement in the relationship between the Management Committee and the larger WCF member countries over the last year.*

*Charles was excellent company and all of us who were privileged to work with him regarded him as a good friend. It was always a pleasure to meet him at croquet events and he could be relied upon to be an interesting and effective communicator, whether in private conversation or when addressing a larger gathering. His speeches at the 2010 MacRobertson Shield opening function and at the recent Golf Croquet World Championship were typical, conveying an effective message while full of interesting anecdotes and ensuring that all those who deserved thanks were appropriately recognised and honoured. He was always willing to shoulder managerial and administrative burdens and it is typical of the man that he volunteered to manage the Plate event at the recent Golf Worlds. It was not a trivial task but he discharged it with his customary efficiency.*

*Charles will be very greatly missed and the world of croquet is significantly poorer for his loss.*

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