



June 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

In the final run-up to this event now, with preparations well in hand. The overall order of play at the two venues and the draw for each block is now shown on-line. Each block currently has one space to be filled by a Qualifier or an Under21 winner. [Stephen Mulliner is WCF event lead]
<http://www.gcworlds2011.org/results>.

2011 Under 21 GC World Championship

Similarly, final preparations are underway, the programme has gone to press, and so on. There is now a set of pages on the GCWC website for the blocks and results from the U21s [Ian BurrIDGE is WCF event lead] <http://www.gcworlds2011.org/u21>.

2011 Women's GC World Championship

With a last-minute rush we received 35 entries and 28 wild card nominations by 30th June – entries have now closed. The wild card sub-committee has begun its deliberations. [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 continued to work on the details of format and lawn allocation, in preparation for this event. We hope to publish the allocations shortly. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]
<http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/acwc2012.html>

New Member applications

The Croquet Federation of India (CFI) and Latvian Croquet Federation (LKF) have completed their information packs to support their applications to join as Observer Members. The application from the Pakistan Croquet Federation has been interrupted by family bereavement.

What have we been doing in June?

The MC has been focused on the remaining documents to go before Council, such as the MC Report and a new – and much shorter - Business Plan. The second batch of Council papers was sent out by the deadline of 17th June. No Amendments were received to the six Resolutions, although the ACA submitted a number of comments which have been circulated. Postal votes must be received by the S-G by 10th July.

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



MC Topics completed/ closed this month

- 135 – Plate format for 2012 ACWC. Working document agreed and passed to the ACA by WCF event lead.
- 137 – MC Report to Council. Drafted, revised, approved and sent to Members
- 139 – Business Plan drafted, revised, approved and sent to Members
- 140 – Discussion document drafted to respond to ACA proposal to 4GB meeting, however 4GB have decided to defer for a year so closed for now.
- 143 – Combining wildcard and Qualifier entry processes. Proposal made, discussed and rejected.

Open topics

- 126 – Wild Card selection criteria – refinements suggested for inclusion in revised Sports Regs.
- 133 – Investment proposal. Suggested investments to implement the agreed Investment Policy revealed a range of attitudes to risk among the MC members. Needs more work
- 138 – Insurance – a quote is being considered and also whether the WCF needs it
- 141 – Development Director – proposal to create new role of Dev Director, to help increase focus on development
- 142 – GC WTC formats and principles/ priorities – trying to home in on several competing aims
- 144 – Discussion of specific lateness policy requested by Organising Committee for GCWC.

MC sub-groups

The MC has 4 groups running, as follows:

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

Tournament Group (Ian Burrige lead) – following the GC WTC format consultation (12 responses received), a couple of format options have been debated further and potential hosting suggestions considered.

Regulations Group (Keith Aiton lead) – nothing to report.

Website Group (James Hawkins lead) – the new site is being sorted out on a test server (on James' laptop). Once it seems reasonable it will be uploaded for review.

Outlook for July

1. Staging the Under 21 GCWC – 12th to 15th July
2. Holding the Council meeting on 17th July
3. Staging the GCWC – 18th to 24th July.

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