



September 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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Input from Members

During September, the following major items were sent to Members for their input or comment:

- 1. Consultation on the Statutes.** These have been revised to implement the decision-making process approved by Council in July. Consultation closes on 10th October, the draft will be updated with comments made and soon after, we will begin a 60 day formal voting cycle.
- 2. Nominations for President and Management Committee.** At least two new candidates are required, as Rhys Thomas is retiring and we have lost Charles Jones. Nominations please by 21st October.
- 3. Nominations for GC Rules Committee.** Peter Millson is retiring and so nominations are sought for the vacant post by 31st October.
- 4. Hosting future events.** The 10 Year Schedule was published and expressions of interest in hosting any of the events through to 2014 are requested by 31st October.

2011 Women's GC World Championship

To be held in New Zealand in November 2011, almost all player information and entry fees have now been received. The draw is expected soon. [Gordon Smith is WCF event lead]

<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/ClubSite.asp?SiteID=17424&PageTypeID=1&PageID=63181>

2012 AC World Championship

Scheduled for 28th April till 6th May 2012, this 80 player event will be held in Adelaide, South Australia. Entrants for allocated places and wildcard nominations are requested by 30th November. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]

<http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/acwc2012.html>

What have we been doing in September?

Publishing the 10 Year Schedule and the revised draft Statutes. Collating the player feedback from this July's GCWC and U21s.

We have re-established contact with the Russian Interregional Croquet Federation. We have had initial contact with a group in the Netherlands interested in creating a Dutch association, and more detailed discussions with the Portuguese Croquet Federation who will be submitting an application to join as an Observer Member.



MC Topics completed/ closed this month

133 – Investment proposal – proposal with specific recommendations readied and about to go to Members for a vote.

148 – Revised Statutes – now out for consultation with Members.

149 – Russia – contact successfully re-established with our Russian Member.

150 – 10 Year Schedule – published and bids called for through to 2014.

Open topics

151 – Statute 303 – country eligibility. Trying to deal with unresolved matters.

152 – Trustees – looking at whether all the MC or selected members should be formal trustees.

154 – Handicap/ Refereeing/ Coaching Co-ordination – examining whether we should reinvigorate or abandon past attempts to co-ordinate handicapping, refereeing and coaching.

155 – Proposal of admin of Mac – the 4 Governing Bodies voted a year ago to pass the admin of the event to the WCF – this proposal looks at what that means and what needs to be done.

MC sub-groups

The MC has 4 groups running, as follows:

Development Group (Stephen Mulliner lead) – Stephen had a successful coaching trip to Latvia on 3rd /4th September.

Tournament Group (Ian BurrIDGE lead) – the Tournament Group Technical Committee has been discussing "a refinement to the existing seeding process which will put more emphasis on block results, while still being based on World Rankings". These discussions have not reached a definite conclusion and it has been decided to issue a consultation paper to Members to discover their views, this paper is now being drafted. A consequence of this decision is that it has been agreed that no change will be made to the seeding process used for the 2012 AC WC in Adelaide. We are also at present considering a minor amendment to the tie-break regulations and adding a new appendix to the Sports Regulations dealing with the order of play within blocks.

Regulations Group (Keith Aiton lead) – work on various Regulations is being handled by several MC members.

Website Group (James Hawkins lead) – James has now got the new system running and the Website Group have been providing feedback. Further work is under way before it is ready to take over from the current website.

Outlook for October

1. Receiving and handling responses from Members for the bids and consultations under way.
2. Commencing voting cycle for Statues, President/ MC elections, and an Investment proposal.
3. Working with potential hosts to develop bids for forthcoming events.

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