

March 2012 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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Council debates and decisions

06 – Consultation and approval of new GC Rules: proposal from CA (ENG) – initial cycle yielded generally positive comments – MC considering proposed Statute change and Terms of Ref, to bring back to Council

08 – Call for nominations as “6th Member” of WCF GC Rules committee – just kicked off

09 – Vote of specific investment account decision – just kicked off

2012 AC World Championship

The event starts on 28th April in Adelaide. Two more withdrawals have been filled with wild cards. From now on, any further withdrawals will be filled by additional players in the Qualifier event going through. The block draw has just been posted on the event website. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead] <http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/acwc2012.html>

2012 Women's AC World Championship

We are working with the event organising committee on specifics such as the statement of charges and the detailed timetable for all the preparations for this October event. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]

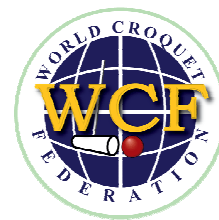
2012 GC World Team Championship

The 1st Division will be held in Johannesburg from 26th November to 2nd December – an event web site has already been set up at <http://www.gcwtcroquet.co.za/>. David Openshaw has kindly agreed to donate the trophy for the 1st Division – more details later. The format for the 2nd Division has now been agreed with the teams concerned – in addition to the core event, challenge matches with, and coaching by, the Egyptian Croquet Federation will be offered to help provide development for the eight teams concerned. It will be held in Cairo from Sunday 9th December until Friday 14th December. [Ian Burrige is WCF event lead]

What have we been doing in March?

While the working drafts of the new Sports and Event Regulations continue to progress, an interim version of the Sports Regs (v7.3) has been issued in time for Adelaide which adds some new or updated appendices to the existing core document.

We have now kicked off both the GC Ranking Review Committee, looking at the algorithm behind the GC world rankings, and a separate Ranking Presentation Group looking at how we can better feed the results from the AC and GC ranking systems to the users. James Hopgood (SCO) leads the first and Samir Patel (ENG) is leading the second.



MC Topics completed/ closed this month

- 177 – Format proposal for 2013 GCWC – MC considered a request from the likely organiser for a novel format, but agreement reached on field of 64 with 32 in KO.
- 179 – Format proposal and draft letter to entrants for 2013 GC WTC 2nd Division – drafts agreed by MC, consulted with entrants and now agreed
- 181 – Charles Jones trophy – plans for a permanent memorial to Charles have been discussed with his sister and agreed with the MC. Details shortly
- 183 – Interim version of Sports Regs – now approved and v7.3 issued in time for Adelaide

Active open topics

- 173 – Individual awards for team events – some consensus, needs closing off.
- 176 – Refereeing Regs – comments received, needs progressing to publication.
- 180 – Security at events – consideration of issues around personal security.
- 182 – Statute change to cover Council proposals for GC Rules Committee – Statute drafted and discussed, now need to draft suitable Terms of Reference and re-circulate to Council.

Open topics that have got stuck

- 152 – Trustees – looking at whether all the MC or only specific 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.
- 172 – Membership Categories – several attempts to come up with a clear proposal, considering the known problems and responses to the Member Survey have failed so far to reach any clear consensus on the MC.

Outlook for April

1. Trying to progress or close the several MC topics which have been lingering for too long.
2. Start of 2012 AC World Championship in Adelaide.
3. S-G trying to catch up with much outstanding work, having been running a project to move his home croquet club to a new venue (<http://www.ipswichcroquetclub.com/index.html>)

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