



January 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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2011 Golf Croquet World Championship

Organisation for this event, at Hurlingham and Surbiton in London in July, is now well underway - and entries and Wild Card nominations are arriving daily. An attractive event website has been produced by the host and linked from the WCF site – see <http://www.gcworlds2011.org/home>. Entry fees can be paid via the “Entry” tab on the WCF page <http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/gcwc2011.html>.

2011 Under 21 GC World Championship

We are just finalising arrangements with the England CA to host an Under 21 event the week before the GCWC, this time at Hunstanton which is 2 hours north of London. Play will be between 12th and 15th July. More details will be announced shortly.

2011 Women’s GC World Championship

The allocation of places to Member associations has been announced for this event in the Bay of Plenty region of New Zealand in November. An event website has been created by the host - <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/ClubSite.asp?SiteID=17424&PageTypeID=1&PageID=63181> - and is linked from the WCF page <http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/WWGC2011.html>.

New Member applications

Over the past few months we have had approaches from new organisations in both Pakistan and India. So far it seems both are at quite an early stage of development and we have recommended they get in touch with some other WCF Members to arrange friendly matches or coaching visits. We will help them create information packs about their organisations and plans to put before Council in July. Both are potential Observer Members.

What have we been doing in January?

The date for the 2011 Council Meeting has been announced – Sunday 17th July at Surbiton, England.

A consultation has been conducted on an aspect of event draws, which will be summarised shortly.

The MC has been working on half a dozen ideas and improvements to do with WCF events and have decided that rather than consult on each separately, it would be better to present them to the Members as one overall document concerning events (called “10 Year Schedule”). This is now in the final review stages and should be circulated to the Members shortly.



We have worked through and refined the protocol for handling entries received for events, and are putting this into practice for the GCWC already.

Our weekly Skype calls have grown and we've managed to get 6 of the MC on the call – which given the timezone spread is an achievement. This is a useful supplement to the email dialogue on which we operate.

We have reconsidered the WCF website, now having a better understanding of its workings. As a result, we have advertised for a webmaster to design and develop an entirely new WCF website. This will likely take some months and in the meantime, the S-G will maintain the current site. The goal is to have a new site that is easier to use and maintain.

Topics completed/ closed this month

- 108 – Under 21 GCWC. 5 issues remain that require clarification or revision to WCF rules
- 110 – Seeding. A resolution has been found to the interim arrangements for GC events, which don't currently use the GC World Rankings for seeding
- 117 – Age limit for Under 21s. After deliberation, the MC recommends the current Statute 306.1 should not be changed
- 118 – Event naming. All sorts of name formats and orders have been used in recent events, and acronyms are even more varied – a simple attempt to bring some order
- 120 – Event funding model. A radical proposal to reduce the burden on hosts, and also to recognise the Under 21s event is special case because of its development value.

All the above conclusions are explained in the "10 Year Schedule" consultation document which will be sent to WCF Members shortly.

Open topics

- 102 - Financial Regulations and Investment Policy. Mostly agreed but one difficult issue remains with the FR and new information concerning the WCF Friends scheme must be added to the IP
- 112 – 10 Year Schedule. The MC is just finalising this large consultation document, so this can soon be closed
- 116 – Overall WCF Management Structure. A detailed proposal has been considered and will be progressed once 112 is completed
- 119 – Consultation. A detailed issue of how and when to consult was pulled out of 116, and after making progress, will be folded back in when 116 is next updated.

Outlook for February

1. Sign-off the Under 21 bid and formally announce the event
2. Recruit a WCF webmaster
3. Start the consultation exercise on the 10 Year Schedule with all the event details
4. Progress the management and decision-making proposal.

A busy month, with several of the MC members away playing in tournaments – but I hope when Members see the 10 Year Schedule they will agree that real progress is being made.

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