

Circular to all WCF Member National Associations

Membership and Croquet Activity Survey

The WCF Management Committee is now considering the next developmental stage of the organisation. This will include a detailed Business Plan, for 2006 and beyond, to begin to achieve the 14 WCF objectives laid down in its statutes.

To stand any chance of success in achieving some of those objectives, WCF does need to know how things stand at present.

Do we know what the level of croquet activity is in the world? How does it compare with other sports like Gateball? Have we lost or gained players and clubs in a particular period?

This short survey is the start of trying to answer some of those questions. By general agreement, we could repeat the process each year to build up trends that would assist in the future allocation of WCF assets.

I need your help in completing it.

I estimate it will require no more than about 15 minutes of your time and should not be onerous.

From the responses, I will collate the information and feed it back to all members for their information and, as it is not personal data, publish it on the WCF web site for the extended croquet community.

I ask that all completed surveys are returned to me, ideally via email to:-

secretary@wfcroquet.org

as soon as possible and no later than 11th July 2005, for compilation and distribution prior to the WCF General Meeting on 9th August 2005 in Cheltenham, England.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Regards

Brian Storey
WCF Secretary-General
May 2005.

WCF Survey

1. Name of National Association:

INDIVIDUALS

2. Number of individuals that are affiliated to your Association, either through personal membership or through an affiliated club at 1st April 2005:

Of those, *estimate*:

- 2.1 the number that regularly play Association Croquet (i.e. Advanced, Handicap, 26pt, 14pt, short or 2 ball variations):
- 2.2 the number that regularly play Golf Croquet:
- 2.3 the number that play 6 wicket American Rules:
- 2.4 the number that play 9 wicket American Rules:
- 2.5 the number that play another variant of the game (e.g. Ancient Croquet):

NOTE: The total of 2.1 to 2.5 (inclusive) may exceed the answer at 2, but each part cannot be greater than that answer.

CLUBS

3. The number of organised clubs that are members of your Association, or where your individual members regularly play at 1st April 2005:
4. The *estimated or known* total number of lawns that are regularly available to your member clubs at 1st April 2005:
Of these, the *estimated or known* number of clubs that have:
 - 4.1 3 lawns or less;
 - 4.2 4-5 lawns;
 - 4.3 6 -9 lawns;
 - 4.4 10 + lawns

OFFICIALS

5. The number of qualified referees you have in your Association at 1st April 2005:
6. The number of qualified coaches of all types you have in your Association at 1st April 2005:

NON MEMBERS

7. The estimated number of persons who play croquet, in any variant in your Association country, that are **NOT** members of your Association:

NOTE: This may be derived from empirical evidence, a calculated guess, anecdotal evidence, known sales of croquet equipment within an Association area. Please try to make sure you complete this part as accurately as possible, where you can.

8. The estimated numbers of clubs and lawns that exist within your Association area that are **NOT** part of your club membership:-
 - 8.1 Organised Clubs:
 - 8.2 Private lawns – house:
 - 8.3 Private lawns – hotel:

End of Survey 2005