



December 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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Elections and votes

The **11th Edition Statutes** were approved and come into force on 1st January 2012. The major change is to enable the Council to operate by email discussion and voting on a regular basis.

Our new post-holders also take up their positions on 1st January: Amir Ramsis as President, and Mike Orgill and Chris Wakeham on the MC, all to commence 4 year terms. We also say goodbye and many thanks to Rhys Thomas, who has retired from the MC after 8 years of service.

2012 AC World Championship

This 80 player event will be held in Adelaide, South Australia from 28th April to 6th May 2012. Wild card invitations have been issued by the MC. All players must now ensure their entry fees are paid, and their biography, photo and email address are all sent to the S-G by 31st January.

[Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]

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

2012 Women's AC World Championship

The MC is finalising a bid with the ACA to hold the event in late October – we hope to have confirmed dates and venue soon. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]

2012 GC World Team Championship

The MC is finalising a bid with SACA to hold the 1st Division of the inaugural GC WTC from 26th November to 2nd December in Johannesburg. The 2nd Division will be in Egypt at a similar time, but details will be finalised for this once the exact number of entrants is known. Members have been asked to make their entries by the end of February. [Ian Burridge is WCF event lead]

What have we been doing in December?

We wrote to Members detailing preferred bidders for each event for the next few years, giving an updated 10 Year Schedule. More detailed considerations have been made of the GC WTC and AC WTC arrangements. The Wimbledon Cup and the GCWC trophy have both been repaired.

The Regs Group in particular have put a huge effort into re-working the two largest documents: the Sports and Event Regulations. The Sports Regs are nearly finished and the Event Regs are also well-advanced. The new versions are shorter, while covering more topics. New versions of the Admin, Finance and Equipment Regs are also ready for ratification.

Our new website is still in prospect – apologies for how long this has taken, but we are assured it is nearing completion.



MC Topics completed/ closed this month

- 164 – GC World Team Championship – closing in on how to host it in late 2012.
- 167 – Equipment Regs – revised regs with latest equipment approvals ready to go to Members for ratification
- 168 – India coaching request – closed now a formal response to the request from India had been agreed and sent.
- 170 – GC WTC manager – subsumed into 171.

Open topics

- 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.
- 161 – Scope of GC Ranking Review – defining the Terms of Reference for a review of the GC Ranking system. Moves are already afoot to move it onto the same technology as the AC World Rankings.
- 163 – Extending the bid process – being written into the revised Event Regs.
- 165 – MC organisation – an annual review of how we are now operating. Will be completed during January.
- 166 – 2014 AC WTC – parked while CNZ are asked if they would write a “prospectus” for the benefits of holding all tiers together in NZ.
- 169 – Wimbledon Cup – considering the options given the high value and fragility of the Cup.
- 171 – GC WTC bid and budget. Only a few details remain to be finalised.

MC sub-groups

The MC has 4 groups running, as follows:

Development Group (Stephen Mulliner lead) – as it seems India do not yet have much proper equipment, rather than send them a coach this February, Amir is planning a visit in June (at his own expense) to offer help and assess their need, and then we expect to send a coach in February 2013. We’ve also had a coaching request from a group in Portugal who are likely to apply for membership soon.

Tournament Group (Ian Burrige lead) – A quiet month after the huge effort on the ACWC seeding debate.

Regulations Group (Keith Aiton lead) – Equipment Regulations updated and ready for ratification; detail changes to Finance Regs agreed; good drafts advanced for Event Regs and Sports Regs, including their copious appendices.

Website Group (James Hawkins lead) – Sight of the new site still awaited.

Outlook for January

1. Finalising the bid for the 1st Division of 2012 GC WTC
2. Finalising the bid for the 2012 Women’s ACWC
3. Starting the 2 year trial of the new decision-making system for Council.

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