



## **February 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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Secretary-General*

### **2011 Golf Croquet World Championship**

Entries and Wild Card nominations for this event, at Hurlingham and Surbiton in London in July, closed on 28<sup>th</sup> February. 50 of the 54 allocated places have been filled, 6 places are reserved for the Qualifier or the Under 21s, so we may have 8 Wild Cards invitations. We are currently working to select the first of these. Egypt's internal qualifier was disrupted by the recent political events and will now complete by 19<sup>th</sup> March, so we have agreed in the exceptional circumstances to hold their last few allocated places open until then.

### **2011 Under 21 GC World Championship**

The England CA have kindly agreed to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> WCF Under 21 Golf Croquet World Championship the week before the GCWC, this time at Hunstanton which is 2 hours north of London. Play will be between 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July. Nominations for this 24-player event please by 11<sup>th</sup> March. More details are now given on the Under 21 GCWC web pages

<http://www.wfcroquet.org/Tournaments/u21gcwc2011.html>

### **2012 AC World Championship**

The MC is finalising a bid from ACA to host the 2012 ACWC in Australia in late April through to early May. A few questions remain but we hope will be resolved shortly.

### **New Member applications**

A second application from a different group in India has been received this month – we have put the two Indian organisations in touch with each other. An initial contact has also been received from Mexico.

### **What have we been doing in February?**

The 10 Year Schedule consultation on a number of matters related to WCF events was circulated to Members – responses appreciated by 10<sup>th</sup> March.

We have also been working on a proposal to Members on how to improve decision-making and involvement in WCF. This is in the final review stage, before it is sent to Members for comments shortly.



The WCF Friends scheme was started in the 1990s and aimed to recruit 250 Friends each contributing £100. The target was never quite reached and the scheme has been inactive in recent years. However, this fund has now grown to £37k and forms a major part of WCF reserves. The MC reviewed the scheme and produced a policy concerning this scheme and fund which will be published shortly.

I have a personal ambition to remove at least 100 pages from WCF Regulations by the time we've completed our revisions. Nonetheless, we've added an extra one – Finance Regulations together with an Investment Policy – these will be circulated to Council for ratification in due course.

Finally, I am pleased to report that James Hawkins has taken on the role of WCF webmaster and is beginning work to specify the new web site.

### **Topics completed/ closed this month**

- 102 - Financial Regulations and Investment Policy. To be circulated to Council for ratification in due course.
- 112 – 10 Year Schedule. This large consultation document was completed and sent to Members.
- 116 – Decision-making in the WCF. A final review then this will be sent to Members too.
- 119 – Consultation. A detailed issue of how and when to consult was pulled out of 116, resolved, and then folded back in.
- 122 – Development Spending. An initial discussion on priorities and ideas, then closed and passed to the Development Group as input to a Development Policy.
- 123 – WCF Friends scheme. The state of the scheme and reserved funds were considered, a policy developed and agreed.

### **Open topics**

- 121 – 2012 ACWC bid.
- 124 – Potential event formats and consultation questions for a GC World Team Championship.

The groups we have set up within the MC focusing on Development, Tournaments and Regulations are becoming increasingly active and in future Newsletters, we'll have a brief report from each.

### **Outlook for March**

1. Issue Wild Card invitations and finalise entries for July's GCWC
2. Receive nominations and make selections for the Under 21 GCWC
3. Move forward on planning the new web site
4. Complete the consultation exercise on the 10 Year Schedule
5. Start the consultation on Decision-making within the WCF

January's political events in Egypt meant staying in touch with Amir Ramsis was difficult – this month, both Gordon Smith and Charles Jones were in Christchurch during the earthquake and quite distracted by the consequences. I hope March will be less eventful!

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