

# Cygnnet



## Offspring of SWAN The newsletter for the South West Federation of Croquet Clubs



Hi everyone - we're well into the season now and I hope there's something to enjoy for everyone in the play so far - even if it's the end of a tortuous game!

Quite a bit to catch up on this time - thanks to those who have contributed items for Cygnnet - we want to develop this as a forum for ideas and discussion as well as for information share - so please do let me have your suggestions / articles. There is no publication schedule, so send them in at any time.

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### Contact details

Swindon contact details are incorrect in SWAN - please amend your records as follows:

Handicap contact:

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Email: [aesmayer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:aesmayer@yahoo.co.uk)

Skype: tony-mayer

And while we're on the subject - please let me know of any club contact changes and do remember to let the CA office ([caoffice@croquet.org.uk](mailto:caoffice@croquet.org.uk)) know of any changes to contact details for your club or as individual members - I've had a few enquiries this year from people unable to make contact due to inaccurate information on the CA website.

### SWF matters

#### Website

We haven't made as much progress as we'd like on updating our website and thanks must go to Sue Mackay for stepping into the breach by updating the details and adding current versions of league rules - just when you thought it was safe to put your head above the parapet Sue!

## **AGM**

A reminder this will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> November - we're still waiting for confirmation from the venue but will confirm this asap.

If you have a resolution you'd like to present to the meeting, please make sure I receive this by the stated deadline - please send it to me [lindawithani@hotmail.com](mailto:lindawithani@hotmail.com) and not to the SWF email. Just to remind you what the constitution says about this:

b. A Resolution for inclusion in the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting may be proposed either by the Committee or by a Member club (duly signed by its Secretary or delegate) and must reach the Secretary in writing not later than the 30th September.

Following discussions with Dave Gunn (see below) we're also thinking about holding a couple of **workshops as part of the AGM** - perhaps to think about what support, information, resources and so on, clubs would like the SWF to be providing. Do let us know what you think.

### **Vacancies: Committee members**

We are looking for enthusiastic, skilled and reliable people to join the committee and would particularly love to hear from people in clubs not currently on the committee.

Most urgently we are looking for a Treasurer as Norman will be resigning at the AGM after long service - this is a key but not over-onerous role and Norman would be happy to go through the responsibilities with you if you're interested.

Contact him: [normanbgconnor@googlemail.com](mailto:normanbgconnor@googlemail.com)

Then coming up - both Marcus as Chair and John as League Secretary have indicated their intention to resign at the 2018 AGM if not before.

These can be complex roles and it would be great if anyone interested in taking this on could contact them sooner rather than later to enable a period of shadowing.

[marcustevans@gmail.com](mailto:marcustevans@gmail.com)

[johnandjulie@talktalk.net](mailto:johnandjulie@talktalk.net)

If you'd like to stand for election, your nomination should reach me by 30<sup>th</sup> September: [lindawithani@hotmail.com](mailto:lindawithani@hotmail.com)

## **National Development**

We were delighted to have the opportunity to meet up with Dave Gunn, the CA National Development Officer a short while ago. Dave has two years to get a national programme of change under way and you will be able to read about his progress in the next edition of the Croquet Gazette.

The focus of our discussions was the role of Federations in this and he is planning a **Federations event** to take place during August to start developing and sharing ideas for the range of activities a Federation should ideally be undertaking; to identify the skills and resources that would be useful to achieve this; and to start developing these!

Please let us know if you have ideas you'd like us to present at this event.

Come on all GC players - a re-run of last year's inaugural tournament - get your entries in now!



**Camerton & Peasedown  
Croquet Club**

[www.camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk](http://www.camertonpeasedowncroquet.co.uk)



## **Open GC Level Play Doubles Tournament**

**Tuesday 5th September 2017**

**9.30 start**

**£10 per person**

**Enter as a pair (Max 16 pairs)**

**am Mixed ability block play (3 games);**

**pm Matched ability block play-offs (3 games)**

**Bring your own lunch. Drinks provided.**

**Enquiries to Ros Key-Pugh 01225 427525**

**or [roskeypugh@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:roskeypugh@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Entry forms to be sent to Mrs R Key-Pugh, 8 The Linleys, Bath BA1 2XE.**

Entry form required for each pair's entry. First 16 entries accepted. Any additional entries will be held as reserves and payments refunded after the event if unable to play. Payment by cheque payable to Camerton and Peasedown Croquet Club in advance please.

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**Entry Form for GC Open Doubles at CPCC on Tuesday September 5th:**

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

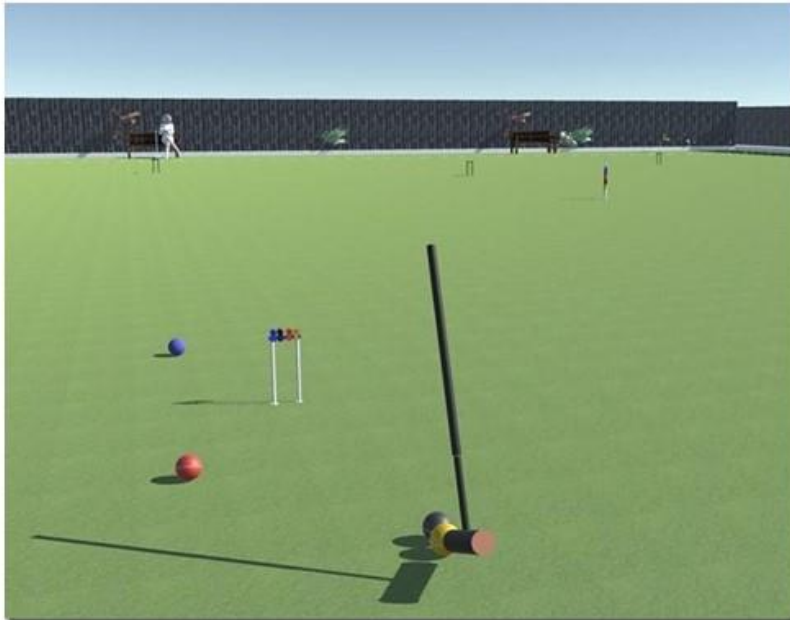
	Player A	Player B
Name		
Handicap		
Telephone number		
Email		
Payment (£10 pp)		

This looks like a really interesting addition to the croquet development stable - why not check it out:

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### Croquet at Blenheim Palace

Why not visit the CA lawn at this year's Country File Live event at Blenheim Palace from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Even better, how about helping out on the lawn for a shift or two?

Contact Klim on [klimseabright@gmail.com](mailto:klimseabright@gmail.com) ffi or look at [www.countryfilelive.com](http://www.countryfilelive.com) for tickets and information about the wider event.

