

Cygnets

September 2017



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



Hello again - and welcome to the 5th edition of Cygnets - if you've missed or mislaid the previous issues, they can be found on the SWF website: www.swfcroquet.org.uk

Many thanks to Sue for updating this for us.

The most pressing issue this time is our AGM as notified in the previous issue of Cygnets, so please read this carefully and let us know of any proposals you wish to make and whether or not you will be coming - it will be great to see you all.

And the second most pressing issue is next year's league entries - you'll be receiving the entry form soon so please complete it and get it off to John asap.

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Contact details

Russell Barter (01242 321593) from Cheltenham has asked us to let you know that he will be the non-playing captain for GC handicap league next year.

NB A timely reminder for us all - please let Maureen know who your captains / contacts will be next year in good time for them to be entered into SWAN.

Please don't forget to let us know of any club contact changes and do remember to let the CA office (caoffice@croquet.org.uk) know as well.

You might also like to take a moment to check your entry on the SWF website to make sure we've got the details correct there - there's a lot of @swfcroquet.org.uk addresses there - are you still using these?

AGM

This will take place on Sunday 19th November at

The Batch Country Hotel
Batch Lane, Weston super Mare, BS24 0EX
01934 750371

Arrive 10.00 for 10.30: coffee on arrival

If you would like a meal this will be available at £15 per person - this must be booked in advance through me.

This will be a sit down this year (less wastage and ties in with another function happening on the day. The choices at the moment are Roast meat or Chicken or Veggie - I'll have the exact menu nearer the time which I'll circulate to those indicating they wish to come. It will include dessert and coffee.

If you have a resolution you'd like to present to the meeting, please make sure I receive this by the 30th September - the agenda and proposed resolutions will be circulated mid-October.

As it says in the Constitution

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.

So please let me know

- People attending and which club they represent
- Apologies
- Nominations for Committee - see below
- Proposed resolutions
- Other agenda items
- Ideas for workshops / discussions
- If you require lunch

Send them to me (Linda Shaw) at:

lindawithani@hotmail.com
21 Grove Avenue, Coombe Dingle, Bristol, BS9 2RP

Vacancies: Committee members

We are still 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

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
johnandjulie@talktalk.net

If you'd like to stand for election, your nomination should reach me by 30th September:
lindawithani@hotmail.com

This could take the form of a letter or email (copied to X, Y and Z) along the following lines:

SWF of Croquet Clubs: Nomination for Committee

I nominate X for committee membership
I am a member of xxx Croquet Club
Signed Y

I second X for committee membership
I am a member of xxx Croquet Club
Signed Z

I accept nomination for committee membership
I am a member of xxx Croquet Club
Signed X

National Development

Dave Gunn, the CA's National Development Officer continues his work apace. At the end of August representatives from each of the country's Federations attended a meeting in London - Ros and Linda represented the South West.

Using a mix of small and large group discussion and exercises the following topics were considered

- What would a 'perfect' Federation look like?
- What does a 'typical' Federation do at the moment?
- What are the priority issues emerging that need to be addressed?
- What support might our member clubs appreciate?
- What are our objectives and what sort of structure might best achieve these?
- With whom do we need to co-operate?
- How might we gather share and implement best practice?

From this a set of key Federation functions was identified and five short-life working groups are being established to summarising present best practice, identify 2 short, medium and long term goals and will report in February 2018. The working groups are:

- Marketing and recruitment
- Resources - Linda representing SWF
- Retention and player development - Ros representing SWF
- Club support
- Communication

We will keep you all informed about these and each group will be soliciting the views of the wider croquet world, so don't be shy in coming up with ideas and suggestions.

Budleigh Open Short Croquet Tournament

Aimed at satisfying a growing demand in this popular code of Croquet

12th and 13th October 2017

All AC handicaps are welcome
SC handicaps will be assigned to players who do not already have one
9 + timed games guaranteed
Manager - Peter Moore
CA membership not essential

Entry fee: £25 inc. tea/coffee and biscuits entry by October 4th

Apply to: Adam Wimshurst, Tournament Secretary,

Email: a.wimshurst@btinternet.com

Phone: 01392 210160 Mob:

07768 553297

Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club Westfield Close,
Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6ST

