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ACA Positions 2006

Four weeks after the Executive Meeting at Caloundra, Bruce Mitchell informed the Executive of his resignation effective from November 11, 2005. From that time I took on the duties of Secretary and submitted my nomination for the position prior to December 1. The Executive approved my appointment and I will continue until a new Secretary commences duties.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that Maree Skinner from South Australia has agreed to take on this role when some commitments she has are completed in July. At that time, I shall resign as Secretary and will be well pleased to continue my final year on the Executive as Past President. Maree is a member of my Club, Brighton where she has been a very competent Club Secretary for three years.

Nominations for Senior Vice President and Vice President have been received from Stephen Meatheringham and Rosemary Graham. We welcome these three new faces and I am sure they will bring great skills and fresh ideas that will benefit Croquet Australia.

ACA Events Manager

Ann Crow has taken on the role of Events Manager and has already handled entries for the National Handicap and National Golf Croquet events at Rich River and Deniliquin last year and is currently organising the National Championships to be held in Adelaide shortly.

ACA Annual General Meeting

The 57th Annual General Meeting will be held in Adelaide on Friday, March 31, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at Sports SA, Military Rd, West Beach which is opposite the Adelaide Shores (formerly West Beach) Caravan Park. There will be a plenary session at the same venue prior to the AGM commencing at 10:00 a.m. All delegates are urged to attend both sessions. Spectators are invited to attend.

ACA Gold Medal

The Gold Medal event has been re instated into the National playing calendar with a changed format. To be played in Adelaide March 29-31, the six State Medal Winners will play in a double round robin for the Gold and Silver Medals. Competitors this year are:

NSW – Peter Landrebe Qld – Leslie Watson SA - Mark Prater
Tas. - Peter Rich Vic. – Stephen Forster WA – Peter Ross

Trans Tasman Test

The Trans Tasman Test will take place in Melbourne at VCA Headquarters 38 Warleigh Grove, North Brighton and at Brighton Croquet Club 6 Bleasby Ave, Brighton April 24-29. The team has been announced and congratulations go to the following players: Peter Landrebe (non-playing Captain,) Elizabeth Fleming, Margaret Melville, Jocelyn Sutton, Helene Thurston, Ken Bald, Trevor Bassett, Bruce Fleming and Harley Watts. The reserves are Chloe Aberley, Jan Murdoch, Stephen Forster and Leslie Watson.

MacRobertson Shield

It was disappointing to learn that the new VCA Headquarters at Cairnlea will not be ready in time for the MacRobertson Shield in November and the Executive is currently negotiating a suitable alternative. Venues in three states are being canvassed for the availability of suitable lawns and it is hoped that an announcement can be made in a few week's time.

Presidents Eights

Another successful event was held in Adelaide last December with three Queenslanders taking out the top spots in each: Bruce Fleming and Liz Fleming won the First and Second Eights respectively and Jan Murdoch the Women's Eight. Ernie Melville, Stephen Richards and Judy Wembridge will be presented with a "Croquet Australia" badge, which is awarded to players on the occasion of their first invitation to The Eights.

Calendar of Events

The latest Calendar of Events is attached.

Australian Ranking List

The attached Ranking List is the latest listing derived from the world rankings as of January 22, 2006.

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ACA Secretary,
February 13, 2006.11

