

# CROQUET AUSTRALIA

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### ***Annual General Meeting***

The 2006 Annual General meeting and plenary session of Croquet Australia were held just prior to the National Championships in Adelaide. Minutes of the AGM will be available on the website shortly. Gary Fox began his term of office as President. The Executive consists of Tony Hall NSW Treasurer, Stephen Meatheringham ACT and Rosemary News NSW Vice Presidents and I will continue as Secretary until July when Maree Skinner SA will take over that role. My role of Immediate Past President will continue until the AGM in 2007.

### ***Finance***

Changes to the Handbook were approved at the AGM to allow the Treasurer to maintain an account from which he can make payments by electronic transfer of funds and avoid the delay caused by the requirement that all cheques for whatever amount need to be signed by officers from different cities. At present there is an average of 20 cheques written per month. With a limit of \$10,000 the Treasurer's account will need to be reimbursed once or twice per month. The requirement for the Treasurer to report to other members of the Executive on a monthly basis will allow them to monitor the progress of payments, previously not needed because the Secretary saw most cheques for counter-signature. The new system will also keep other members of the Executive informed.

### ***Golf Croquet***

The AGM approved the motions to introduce an interstate teams event for Golf croquet, initially limited to teams of 4, 2 men and 2 women and to play, in each test match, two doubles and eight singles matches. Matches to be best of three 13-point games. The inaugural event will be scheduled for 2007.

## *Future of the Magazine*

The decision has been made to continue the Australian Magazine for up to two years in an endeavour to increase the distribution to a wider audience. Of our near 8,000 members, fewer than 800 subscribe. During that time its viability will be reviewed and the possibility of other forms of communication such as the production of an online version being an option. At the Dinner during the National Championships held in Adelaide, President, Gary Fox thanked Wendy Davidson for her ten years work as Editor of the Magazine. Claire Gorton has agreed to take on the role of Editor and, with the assistance of incoming Vice President, Rosemary News, will prepare the next edition. Any articles should be sent to Claire at [beartoethumb@hotmail.com](mailto:beartoethumb@hotmail.com)

## *Trans Tasman Test 2006*

Arguably the best Trans Tasman Team in recent times met the New Zealand Team in Melbourne April 24-29 and, until the final test, were no match to a polished Kiwi side. The series consists of three separate Tests of two days with the first day being mixed doubles and the second singles with men vs men and women vs women. The doubles pairs were:

1. Helene Thurston & Trevor Basset
2. Liz Fleming & Bruce Fleming
3. Margaret Melville & Harley Watts
4. Jocelyn Sutton & Ken Bald

The Kiwis 8-4, 8-4 took the first two tests. By the third and final test, the Aussies found their form and had a convincing win 9-3. Player of the Series was 18-year-old Paddy Chapman with 6 wins and Australia's best performer was Harley Watts with 2 doubles and 3 singles.

## *WCF Notice*

8<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Following a re-assessment of the procedures for the selecting of wild card places in WCF World Championship events, the WCF Management Committee has agreed a revised process.

In future, WCF will select six (6) wild cards and be solely responsible for the choice.

To be considered for a wild card or qualifying place a player must be in good standing with his member association. This means that the player must not be under suspension or be disaffiliated by a member association or one of its affiliated members or, have been advised in writing that he/she is not eligible by a member association or one of its affiliated members.

Brian Storey

WCF Secretary General

### ***The Presidents Eights***

The Presidents Eights will again be held in Adelaide from September 29 to October 2 this year. Our thanks go to the Adelaide Clubs for accepting these three events once again after it became evident that the new VCA venue at Cairnlea would not be ready in time. Letters will shortly be sent out to invite the top available 16 players for the First and Second Eights and the top available 8 for the Women's Eight. The attached list is derived from the world rankings as of May 1, 2006 and will be the one to be used by the Selection Committee for the Eights. Although the Ranking List is the main tool for such selection, the Selectors are able to offer Wild Cards for two places.

### ***MacRobertson Shield***

It was also hoped the MacRobertson Shield could be held at Cairnlea but as this was not possible, arrangements have been made for the event to be held at Rich River and Shepparton Croquet Clubs from November 18 to December 3. The finest players in the world will be playing for this prestigious Shield and it is hoped that croquet players from all over Australia will come to see croquet at its best.

### ***Australian Ranking List***

The May 1 Australian Ranking list (derived from the World Rankings) is available from the ACA Web site (under Rankings). It is the list to be used by the Selection Committee for choosing players for the Presidents Eights.

### ***Calendar of Events***

The latest Calendar of Events is available from the ACA Web site (under Events).

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