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A Message from the Chair

2020 – there's even more croquet in our Federation

Whether 2019 was a year of success or a case of 'what might have been', one thing was certain – there was more competitive play - more people enjoying their favourite sport - long may it continue.

I am looking forward to hearing about new players taking part in the Federation's wide range of competitions – there's a tournament to suit all skill levels from beginner to expert, in all variants of AC and GC, so why not get involved - chat to your club to find out more.

Short Croquet League – new for 2020

This will run in addition to the Spring and Autumn tournaments. Clubs have been sent entry details and the rules are on the SWF website. As this is a new initiative we'll review it at the end of the year - so please let us know your views .

Committee members

We enter 2020 with a skilled and enthusiastic committee, all working hard to ensure things run smoothly. We are focused on supporting and developing croquet in the South West, so do feel free to tell us your views. Our contact details may be found on page 1.

We would love to recruit a Website Co-ordinator to keep everything up-to-date. We are looking to co-opt someone to liaise with the SWF committee and with Alison Maugham, our website designer and webmaster – please contact Linda for more information.

New CA Council

The new CA Council has already embarked on improving wide ranging strategies including: - more players, improved communications with Federations, Clubs and members, a more effective organisation - all leading to the CA being more relevant to your needs.

Your CA Council Representatives are Peter Nelson, Dave Kibble and Klim Seabright - their contact details may be found on page 1.

Finally – enjoy your own croquet experience

Here's to another successful year's croquet

One thing is certain – there will be a lot happening in 2020 and beyond."

Brian Wilson, SWF Chairman

Editorial

Welcome to a re-vamped SWAN

With Cygnet becoming the committee's means of communicating more frequently the role of SWAN has been reviewed and it has been decided it would be an excellent move to enhance its role and make it more of a Year Book than a Newsletter – you have the result in your hands.

And don't forget – you are kept updated throughout the year with Cygnet:

- Our electronic newsletter is issued shortly after the AGM, committee meetings and at other times as required.
- It is sent to clubs in the South West who are asked to circulate it to their members.
- Current and past copies of the newsletter may be found on the SWF website.

So - new SWAN, new Editor

You may recall that in the September issue of Cygnet there was a piece outlining the committee's idea of changing the format of SWAN now that Cygnet provides more regular updates to members. SWAN would then become an annual handbook and cygnet a regular newsletter, an idea that I understood and agreed with. I dropped a line to Linda to express my support for the idea. Shortly afterwards came the reply "We are hoping to attract someone to undertake this..... – would you be interested?" Having been the editor for the British Fuchsia Society publication a few years ago I did know what I would be letting myself in for and therefore replied that I would be a 'last ditch' volunteer! So, here we are.

I am currently Chairman of Cornwall Croquet Club and was first interested in croquet when I met a neighbour who was a keen player and who regaled me with accounts of matches he had taken part in. I was soon drawn in so went along for a few taster sessions and was hooked. Since then I have enjoyed both the social and competitive side of the game and visited other clubs in the south west for league matches, meeting many friendly and helpful players along the way.

Rhona Foster

East Dorset L.T. & Croquet Club

Croquet for those with High Handicaps

ASSOCIATION: Tues 30 June 2020 Handicap 16+. Fee £10.00

GOLF C-Level: Wed 1 July 2020 Handicap 7+ Fee £10.00
BOTH events 15.00

Entries close Mon. 22 June 2020

Play will commence at 9.30 am

Lunches & Teas available

Entries to:

Gary Brennan
16 Sundew Road
Broadstone
Dorset
BH18 9NX
01202 690239
gary_brennan@btinternet.com

Please state with your entry:

Name:
Address:
Tel No:
Email:
H'cap:
Club:

Cheques payable to 'EDLTCC-Croquet Section'
www.edltcc.com

**BEFORE BOOKING PLEASE CONTACT THE ORGANISER TO ENSURE THESE
EVENTS ARE STILL RUNNING**

Are You Organising a Croquet Tournament?

We welcome adverts in SWAN. These should be received by 1st February each year.

The rates are reviewed each summer but to give you an indication the rates for this edition were:

	Half page	Full page
Full members of the SWF	£12	£24
Associate or non-SWF members	£24	£48
Individuals	£24	£48



BRISTOL CROQUET CLUB

Invite you to a two-day **HIGH HANDICAP** event

AC day - Handicaps 16 to 24 on **Thursday 3 September** – Fee £10

GC day - Handicaps 8 to 16 on **Friday 4 September** – Fee £10

Fee for both events £15

On Thursday, four 14-point 90 minute games are guaranteed

On Friday, five 'best of 13' 50 minute games are guaranteed

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Maximum numbers for each day is **12**

Entries **by Monday 24 August** to Bob Whiffen

07967125361 or bob.whiffen@virgin.net

Please give your name, telephone number(s) and email address,
and state whether for Thursday, Friday or both days.

Please make cheques payable to Bristol Croquet Club

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A Brief Guide to the SWF

The SWF was established to support and develop Croquet throughout the South West. We are one of nine regional Federations across England and Wales. Further details of these may be found on the Croquet Association website: www.croquet.org.uk

We are governed by our constitution which may be found on our website www.swfcroquet.org.uk and run by a committee which is elected annually in November at our AGM.

The SWF Committee meets at least 3 times a year but is in regular electronic communication. In 2020 committee meetings are scheduled for:

22nd March

14th July

11th October

Our 2020 AGM will be held on Sunday 15th November 2020 at The Country Batch Hotel, Lymsham, Somerset, BS24 0EX

You will find further information about our work on our website and if you have any queries about this, our policies and bursaries or other aspects of croquet, please contact one of us. See our contact details on page 1.

The Federation runs the following inter-club League competitions annually

Association Croquet	Golf Croquet
League for Advanced Play	Level Play League
Federation League	High Handicap League
Intermediate League	Handicap League
B League	
Short Croquet League	

We also organise two Short Croquet Tournaments – one in the Spring and one in the Autumn.

Details of all competitions and tournaments may be obtained from the League Secretary.



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League Rules 2020

It is important that all team captains are aware of the current SWF League Rules as they apply to their league.

These may be found on the SWF website: just click the 'League Rules' tab on the home page.

One often contentious issue is that of Handicaps. This summary clarifies the situation:

Summary of League Handicaps	
League	Restrictions/Actions
AC Advanced	No handicap restrictions
AC Federation	14 or below plus one player allowed 16 or 18
AC Intermediate	9 to 18 plus one player allowed 20 or 22
AC B League	16 to 24
Short Croquet	At least half of the games played by each team must be played by players with Short Croquet handicaps of 6 or above. If a player does not have a properly assessed Short Croquet handicap, their initial handicap is to be derived from their AC handicap according to the table in www.croquet.org.uk/?p=games/association/handicapping/short
GC Level Play	No handicap restrictions
GC Handicap	10 or below plus one player allowed 11 or 12
GC High Handicap	8 to 20
Handicap Errors (Handicap Leagues)	If it is discovered at any stage during or after a match that a player's declared handicap in any game was above the correct value, each such game shall be deemed to have been lost by the maximum margin.
Handicap Errors (Advanced League)	If any handicap errors are discovered during or after the match, the opposing team captain should be informed immediately so that corrections can be made to any affected handicap cards.

THE NEW SHORT CROQUET LEAGUE

Summary of the Main Rules

Appendix 5 is to be found in the SWF Association Croquet League Rules for 2020 which can be downloaded from the SWF website.

The Team

The team size shall be four players, but this shall not restrict a club from substituting new players in a later session of the match, as described in Appendix 5.

At least half of the games played by each team must be played by players with Short Croquet handicaps of 6 or above.

The players in each team shall be ranked in handicap order, lowest to highest. Where two or more players in a team have the same handicap the captain shall choose their order, which shall apply for the whole match.

The Matches

A match shall consist of 16 games: the format is described in Appendix 5. A match may therefore result in an 8–8 draw.

Each player shall play each member of the opposing team once, giving 4 games per player.

The games shall be played in the order shown in Appendix 5, Table 2

The time limit for each game shall be 75 minutes.

The League

The Short Croquet League in 2020 has 13 teams in 3 blocks (North, Central and South).

A Results Form for Short Croquet matches can be downloaded from the SWF website

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