

# **SOUTH EAST CROQUET FEDERATION**

**Newsletter – November 2003**

## Annual General Meeting

The SECF AGM will be held in the morning of Sunday 15 Feb 2004 at Surbiton Croquet Club. There is no club conference this year, but Surbiton will kindly make lunch available.

## CA Membership

The croquet association has introduced a new category of club membership to encourage smaller clubs to join. Here is the extract from the minutes of the CA Council meeting:

"That, under Rule 9, clubs may affiliate to the CA by paying a fixed fee of 25 pounds per annum, which would entitle the club to an entry in the directory and on the web site and to receipt of the Gazette and CA Noticeboard, but not to other benefits. After an initial amnesty for non-member clubs, only clubs that had not been members during the previous three years will normally be eligible to affiliate."

The SECF committee encourages all of our member clubs to also be members of the Croquet Association. Please contact the CA secretary Nigel Graves on 01242 242318.

## Lawn Improvements

If your club is considering improving your lawns (or creating new lawns) then you may want to take advantage of a scheme arranged by the CA. They have arranged surveys from the Sports Turf Research Association in order to advise on your particular circumstances. The CA development committee also has money put aside to subsidise such surveys. Please contact John Beech on 01282 813070.

## Golf Croquet World Championship

Next year we are hosting the world championship within the SECF and we want you to be involved! The Southwick club is holding the event from June 20 to 27 and is looking for help

- acting as assistant referees (training is available)
- acting as ball-boys (or girls), note that boys and girls can be of all ages
- manning the publicity stand at the event
- assisting in other ways at the event
- arrange local publicity for the event in your area
- come along and spectate.

Please contact Bill Arliss on 01273 728204.

## Events for 2004

Please let me have details of events for 2004 that your club wants to publicise through the SECF. Our fixture list is intended to complement the CA fixture list.

### Short Croquet Event in 2004

Please let me know if you would like the SECF to arrange a short croquet event in 2004 (it had to be cancelled in 2003 with only 2 entries).

### New Clubs

I have yet to formally welcome our new members in this forum, my apologies. In 2003 thanks to the development work of Michael Hague and his assistants we have welcomed new clubs at

- Bognor Regis
- Clapham Common
- Eton College
- St Thomas Hospital Medical School
- Sydenham
- West Wittering.

A great year of development.

### Coaching Courses in 2004

17-18 April Coaching Qualification Course for training coaches at Hurlingham

24-25 April Bronze and Improvers Courses at Southwick (handicaps 12-22)

8-9 May Silver Course at Southwick (handicaps 6-11)

26-30 July Summer School at Southwick. (handicaps 14+)

### SECF Competitions in 2004 (arranged so far)

22-23 May SECF Team Tournament at Southwick

7 July SECF Ladies day at Southwick

1 Aug SECF Golf Croquet Teams day at Southwick.

### Publicity Stand

The SECF owns a publicity stand together with display materials that is suitable for use at open days. Please contact Bill Arliss if your club wants to borrow this.

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