



NEWSLETTER

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Your attention is drawn to the SECF web site at www.southeastcroquet.org.uk. This contains details of all of the Federation's current activities and some of its illustrious history. The site is being enlarged and will soon include a copy of the calendar and of this newsletter. We have also introduced some new email addresses which give automatic circulation to committee members who want the information.

info@southeastcroquet.org.uk will go to the Chairman and the Secretary and we would prefer that this is used for all general matters unless you have a specific matter for another committee member.

results@southeastcroquet.org.uk will go to the Webmaster and the League Secretary and should be used for all league results, tournament reports or any report you would like to see on our web site.

Using these new addresses allows the receiver to filter all incoming emails into a separate folder so that your email is less likely to get lost in amongst the "spam" that we all get. We want members to treat the web site as the daily paper for the Federation and we will ensure that it is kept up to date. To allow very quick access we recommend that you install an icon on your desk top which will allow access with one click. A simple procedure for installing an icon can be found on the web site.

We are also installing a full list of the 41 Federation clubs on the web site. If you would like to establish a link from the SECF site to your own club's site, just email info@southeastcroquet.org.uk with your request.

Congratulations should be extended to the following winners of the 2010 Leagues:

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| A League | Woking and Surbiton (who will share the honours of victory and the trophy when it is acquired) |
| U League | Reigate Priory B and Sussex County (who will play off to determine the entrant to the CA Secretary's Shield in 2011) |
| B League | Caterham |
| Golf Level | Woking |
| Golf Handicap | Littlehampton |

On 9 May 2010 the Association Croquet Team Doubles Tournament (for club teams of 4) was won by **Caterham** (8 wins) with Medway and Purley Bury (7 wins) as runners up.

Also on 9 May 2010, eight clubs from West Sussex contested the Littlehampton Centenary Cup. The **Sussex County** team captained by Daphne Gaitley was victorious with the host club close runners up.

On 7 July 2010 the 21st annual Ladies' Day was held, as usual, at Southwick. Winners of the Shield were "The Dolly Mixtures" (Irmgard Tonolo (Purley Bury); Karolina Michalak (Sussex County); Anne Sugarman (West Chiltington) and Vivienne Fryer (West Chiltington)).

On 8 August 2010 the winners of the Golf Croquet Team Competitions held at Southwick were **Reigate Priory 1** (Singles) and **Medway** (Doubles).

The annual Golf Croquet Tournament (level play), due to take place at Compton on 10 and 11 July, was cancelled for want of a sufficient number of entrants. Consideration is being given to changing the event to one lasting for only one day and/or to one for B Class players (however defined). Any thoughts you may have about the future of this tournament might sensibly be conveyed to bill.arliss@ntlworld.com.

Len Nash (Crawley) has announced his intention to stand down as the manager of the One Ball Tournament held annually at Littlehampton in September. The Federation Committee has expressed grateful thanks to Len for his sterling efforts over many years. The Littlehampton Club will again host the tournament in 2011 and a new manager has been identified. Full details of this and all other events not covered by the CA Calendar will be posted on the web site and will be sent out in March 2011.

Two new Federation clubs have been established during the past year. Croquet players in the multi-sports Epsom Sports Club were provided with two sets of equipment by the Federation, one with the same conditions attached as for equipment provided from the CA New Club Fund and a second on shorter loan.

Club East in Bethnal Green created a flurry of activity in March 2010. A group of young people led by Miranda Garrett started playing croquet in a local park. The Club has joined the CA and the Federation. They have been rewarded with one set of equipment from the CA and another from the Federation, including a ball of string for the boundaries. David Collins from Dulwich (a.k.a "the Silver Fox") provided much appreciated coaching support in the summer and the club now has a core of thirty players with other occasional participants. Ms Garrett has "big plans for next season" and has produced a refreshing article for the Croquet Gazette.

Surbiton Croquet Club completed the installation of an irrigation system and four flag poles in time for the MacRobertson. Both of these projects received grants from the CA and the Federation. The Federation Development Officer has reported that the impression given at Surbiton is of a well run and thriving club well worthy of hosting Federation, national and international events.

The Federation has agreed to make a grant of £250 to the Worthing Croquet Club towards the cost of their proposed new storage hut, subject to the CA committee approving the grant requested from them.

Hurstpierpoint College in West Sussex (motto: *Beati Mundo Corde*) has started a croquet club with coaching assistance from Daphne Gaitley and a SECF set of equipment re-deployed from Hampstead Heath (which continues to enjoy the set provided by the CA New Club Fund). Members of the school staff are organising the school's Croquet Club.

Winter croquet tournaments will be held at Southwick on Sunday 20th February 2011 (Association Croquet Alternate Stroke Doubles); on Sunday 6th March (Inter Club Golf Croquet) and on Sunday 20th March (Singles Golf Croquet). Full details and entry forms are available from John Low on 01273 388910 or via the SCCC website: www.sussexcountycroquetclub.org.uk.

The Annual General Meeting of the Federation will be held on **Sunday 20 February 2011** at Surbiton Croquet Club, Alexandra Drive, Surbiton, KT5 9AA. The meeting will commence at 10.45 a.m. and will be followed by lunch. After the delicious repast, George Noble will hold a short symposium on lawn care and maintenance, weather permitting. Attendance will be entirely voluntary. You will receive an invitation to disclose how many from your Club will be attending the meeting and the lunch and a copy of the formal agenda nearer the time.