



SOUTH AFRICAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION

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The most important news this season has been the launch of the new website. This has been widely acclaimed in South Africa and internationally. We must take this opportunity to thank Jeremy van Zyl of Esynergy Web Technologies for his tireless and exceptional efforts to compile this to our requirements and to make it a uniquely South African Croquet site which is easy to read and navigate.

All clubs have a web page of their own on this site and this can be expanded, as is in the case of Somerset West Croquet Club, to 2 pages, the second one containing news of club results and events. There is plenty of space available on the site for ongoing development. The small unaffiliated clubs are greatly encouraged by the website's recognition of them by offering them a page on the website as well. Already there have been many enquiries through the website from those outside of our croquet circles.

The Executive Committee of SACA has undergone some changes with the resignation of Bob Crane due to ill health, and of Treasurer Ken Browne, both of whom will be greatly missed on the Committee but they remain on the croquet courts as keen competitors. William Louw will be stepping into the Treasury forthwith.

Warwick has embraced South African Croquet this season and generously started their sponsorship in Gauteng, Western and Eastern Province. This will most certainly strengthen and develop each individual club and give croquet added publicity. It is hoped, with their growing enthusiasm and knowledge of croquet, to acquire their sponsorship of the Nationals in the 2009/10 season. Old Mutual sponsored their first all day event at Somerset West and are eager to continue annually and develop their interest in croquet.

Investigations are afoot to use electronic wizardry to include our widespread fraternity in SACA committee meetings. There are various possibilities using Skype, telephone conferencing or Round Robin on the e-mail. When this is up and running it will most certainly offer both the executive and all club members greater understanding and input relating to the running and supportive role of the SA Croquet Association.

You may have read on the website that for the first time, South Africa has been invited by the World Croquet Federation (WCF) and the European Croquet Federation (FEC) to send a team to compete in the 2009 European Team Championship to be held in England at the end of June. With this, and our 3 entries into the 3rd WCF Women's World Golf Croquet Championship 2009 in Victoria, Australia, we are gradually joining the international forum. It is hoped that we can, in turn, host more international events in the future.

Secretary
South African Croquet Association