

# ***SOUTH AFRICAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION***

## ***NEWSLETTER***

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The new SACA website has generated so much interest & contact worldwide. Two of particular note – a request from the Venerable Tree Society in France for pictures and information on the camphor trees at Vergelegen Estate. Some pictures have been submitted which are now loaded onto their website: <http://krapoarboricole.unblog.fr/2010/02/15/les-camphriers-de-vergeleg> - and there is a link on this site to our SA croquet website!

Another interesting e-mail from Croquet in Russia! An invitation to take part in their competition and exhibition of photos on the theme of Croquet devoted to the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Russian Croquet (1875-2010) has been accepted <http://www.croquet-club.com/events/rover2010/>. One of the pictures forwarded was of William Louw measuring up! We also have a link from their site to SACA so maybe some Russian and French visitors soon? The website has also sent several interested people to Clubs countrywide in particular to the Waterfront Croquet Club.

There is now a manufacturer of croquet balls in Gauteng who also plans to make up croquet sets for sale through SACA. This is very exciting as there are an increasing number of enquiries for croquet equipment from the website. This equipment will soon be uploaded onto the 'Shop' page of the website for all to view. These sets will be suitable for Garden croquet or small clubs starting up at retirement villages, schools etc.

South Africa has been invited to compete in the inaugural 2010 WCF World Association Croquet Team Championship and a team has been selected - Reg Bamford (Captain) – William Louw, Andrew Hobbs, Nick Harvey and Judith Hanekom.

The World Croquet Federation has announced that a total of 17 teams will participate in the inaugural 2010 WCF World Association Croquet Team Championship which includes the "Croquet World Series for the MacRobertson Shield".

Tier 1: Is comprised of the MacRobertson Shield governing bodies of Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand and USA playing at a total of five separate venues in England. The remaining 13 entries will be split into two further Tiers, to be automatically decided by the average grade of their relevant four strongest players nominated for inclusion in their team. South

**Africa accordingly will be in one of these tiers. Full details of the 2010 WCF World AC Team\_Championship will be found on <http://macrobertsonshield2010.org>**

**A letter of Benefits of Association to SACA has been drawn up and it has been proposed to circulate this to many croquet playing groups which have not really reached the status of a club. These groups may benefit from becoming associate members in that they would be entitled to a set of the current rules for Golf croquet and Association croquet. Any changes and updating to the rules would be communicated to them and SACA could assist with equipment on application. SACA would also provide assistance with coaching. Entry to SACA sponsored tournaments would also become available to any players from associated groups.**