

Dear Members, (addressed to the various member countries of the World Croquet Federation.)

You will recall I asked for expressions of interest previously for a week-long course to be held at Southwick (near Brighton), England, in May 2013. There has been sufficient interest to now go ahead and ask for your firm bookings. **NOTE THAT SOUTHWICK HAS ASKED THE DATES TO BE A LITTLE EARLIER – from Monday 29th April to Friday 3rd May .**

To recap, the purpose of this week is to help Members develop their own coaches and referees, who can then continue to spread this knowledge back home. It is open to all Members, although of course our prime concern is to help those Members who do not yet run their own courses to train and accredit coaches and referees. A revised course summary is attached. Note please that it is not possible to examine referee candidates within the course timetable – candidates will need to undertake some further homework after the course and may be examined at a later date.

Directly following the course, Southwick is staging a weekend tournament that may also be of interest - a two day event offering a choice of AC and GC – on 4th and 5th May. Entries for this tournament are to be made direct to Sussex County Croquet Club (=”Southwick”) – and all course participants who provide an email address will be sent details of the tournament and how to enter nearer the time.

Subject to approval by Council of the 2013 WCF budget, for the first 20 participants in the course the WCF will pay the £120 course fees for the week and will also contribute up to £100 against your travel costs (to be reclaimed from the WCF Treasurer after the event). Other costs such as accommodation, food and tournament entry fees will not be covered by the WCF. The WCF will cover the course fees and partial travel costs for a maximum of 3 people per Member, and for the first 20 firm bookings received by the S-G. Send no money at this time; you will be advised how and when to pay.

After 20 bookings have been taken, further applications will be accepted up to a total of 32 course attendees, but these will not receive any contribution to their travel costs. It is possible the WCF may pay the course fee, but this is yet to be determined and should not be presumed.

To make a firm booking please consider the attached programme for the week. For each attendee, identify which of course (a), (b) or (c) they wish to take, followed by the choice from (d), (e) or (f).

Send your bookings for places – on a first come, first served basis – to the Secretary-General. For each course attendee, please state clearly:

1. their name and email address
2. their choice of course (a), (b) or (c) for the first 3 days (29th April to 1st May)
3. their choice of course (d), (e) or (f) for the last two days (2nd and 3rd May).
4. whether they would like to be sent details of the weekend tournament which follows on 4th and 5th May.

If your plans change and someone is no longer able to attend, please let me know as soon as possible so we can try to fill the place. Thanks.

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