

**SPRING MEETING**  
**FEDERATION OF NORTH WEST CROQUET CLUBS**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 10.00 am**

To be held at Culcheth Sports & Social Club, Charnock Road, Culcheth, WA3 5SH  
by kind invitation of Culcheth Croquet Club

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Confirmation of previous minutes from 2015 AGM
3. Matters arising from the 2015 AGM
4. Officer's reports:
  - a) Chairman (Garry Wilson)
  - b) Secretary (Liz Wilson)
  - c) Treasurer (Bob Connop) (appendix i)
  - d) CA Representative (Peter Wilson)
  - e) League Manager (Tony Thomas)
  - f) Development Officer (James Hawkins)
  - g) Coaching Officer (Elmyr Hughes)  
David Crawford – Progress - GC Coaching Scheme
  - h) NW Festival Manager (Keith Roberts)
  - i) Safeguarding Officer (Jean Hargreaves)
  - j) Pennine Cup Captain – tba
5. Motion to Amend the Constitution changing the election date and tenure of the CA Representative to comply with the requirements of the CA Constitution (Appendix ii)
6. Election of the CA Representative given that the Motion in Item 5 succeeds.
7. Millennium Competitions

a)	Advanced at Pendle & Craven	(23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> April 2016)
b)	Handicap Golf at Whitehead Park, Bury	(11 <sup>th</sup> June 2016)
c)	Handicap AC at Crake (Back-up Fylde)	(21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2016)
d)	Short AC at Chester	(15 <sup>th</sup> May 2016)
e)	LPG Golf at Bury	(14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2016)

8. Golf Handicaps
9. CVD Document (see appendix iii)
10. Sponsorship
11. Club announcements (please send any to [liz@palnet.co.uk](mailto:liz@palnet.co.uk) )
12. Federation Equipment Assets. (appendix iv)
13. Any other business.
14. Date of next meeting - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**North West Federation of Croquet Clubs****2015-2016 Income & Expenditure Statement**

Current Year to 12 Feb 2016

		Amount	Account
Income & Expenditure			
Member Club Affiliation Fees	Affiliation Fees @ £20/Club (2 outstanding)	£260.00	£260.00
Development	Income Expenditure		£0.00
Miscellaneous Income			
	Fylde Millennium Tournament Interest	£6.94	£6.94
Festival of Croquet	Income Expenditure	£0.00 £0.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous Expenditure			
	Coffee/Tea at AGM/Spring Meeting		
	Website Expenses	-£41.38	-£41.38
Nett income (loss) during year			£225.56
Opening Balances			
Cash			£0.00
Current Account			£1,048.78
Deposit Account			£3,304.69
Total Opening Balances			£4,353.47
Total as at 12 Feb 2016			£4,579.03
Bank Balances as at 12 Feb 2016			
Cash			£0.00
Current Account			£1,267.40
Deposit Account			£3,311.63
Total as at 12 Feb 2016			£4,579.03

Appendix ii

The current wording of our Constitution states:

2b) The Federation Croquet Association Council Representative shall be elected at the Spring meeting each year and hold office until the next Spring meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election with no limit on the total length of service.

The CA Constitution states:

18 b) Election to Council of Federation Representatives

- i. Federation Representatives shall be elected by Member Federations, normally to serve for a period of three years, by whatever means each Federation shall decide.
- ii. The Honorary Secretary of the Association shall notify the Secretary of a Member Federation when an election is due. As a transitional provision, Federation Representatives elected through a Federation that becomes a Member Federation shall complete their three-year term.
- iii. A retiring Federation Representative shall be eligible for re-election.

It is proposed to amend our Constitution to read:

2b) The Federation Croquet Association Council Representative shall be elected at the Spring meeting each year and hold office as defined in the current CA Constitution.

Proposed by: Garry Wilson, Chairman

Seconded by: Liz Wilson, Secretary

# Helping players with colour vision problems

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A paper regarding the problems for those members with Colour Vision Deficiency (“colour blindness”) was circulated to Council in October 2015, and a proposal made to establish a small working group to see what could be done. A Gazette article illustrating the problem was printed in the December issue. It was a shock to find that the 8 balls on a croquet lawn could be so hard to tell apart, with red, brown and green in particular hard to distinguish for the majority of those affected by CVD. About one in 12 of the male population is affected.

We set out to see what could be done in time for the 2016 season. A panel of 8 members affected by CVD have helped steer solutions, and there has been great support from a number of CA committees. Council is now asked to approve the following:

1. The duties of the **tournament manager** – set out in tournament regulation M1 – will now include the allocation of 1<sup>st</sup> Colour balls whenever possible to a player who has told the manager they have CVD. This will apply henceforth to managers of all CA events - we hope that federation and club tournament managers will also include this in the many things the TM has to juggle. [Thanks to the AC & GC Tournament Committees]
2. How should players let the TM know they have a CVD difficulty? The paper **entry form** in the 2016 Fixtures Calendar has been updated to include a CVD tick-box, and the player profile on the CA website will include this question - any **on-line entries** the player makes will then carry the information through to the entry list the TM receives. [Thanks to CA Office Manager and CA Webmaster]
3. Brighter colours are being recommended to re-paint AC clips – which makes them clearer for all players - and specifically **club equipment officers** are asked to add a white dot to green clips and a diagonal white stripe to brown clips – so that red, green and brown clips may be distinguished by those with CVD. The detailed spec for the colours and markings will shortly be on the CA website. [Thanks to the Equipment Committee]
4. A new approved laws variation has been added to the tournament regulations (L5) which clarifies that in AC Law 47 and GC Rule 8, the information on **the state of the game** which a player, if asked, must tell the opponent includes information about any of the balls and clips in their game, and also the colour and position of clips and balls in any double- or triple-banked game. [Thanks to GC Rules Committee and AC Laws Committee]
5. Clubs will be asked (via the Gazette and Equipment webpage) to think of players with CVD when picking plastic pegs to use as **GC scoring clips**. There is no specification for these clips in the rules, and their use is optional, but it would help to avoid red clips for the Red and Yellow side (use yellow only), and to only have one of green or brown in use too for the Green and Brown side. [Thanks to the Equipment Committee]

These actions will make it much easier for croquet players who have a colour vision deficiency to concentrate on their play and to avoid confusion.

*Martin French, Peter Wilson, Richard Hoskyns*  
*CA Council CVD working party*

Bowdon	None
Bury	None
Chester	None
Crake	Mower (50%)
Craig-y-Don	CA Start up Set
Culcheth	None
Ellesmere	3 Mallets
Flixton	None
Fylde	None
Harlech	None
IOM	None
Keswick	None
Liverpool	CA Start up Set
Llanfairfechan	None
Nannerch	None
Pendle	None
Penrith	4 Mallets, 1 set hoops, 1 peg
Salford	CA start up Set
Southport	none
Tattenhall	CA Start up Set + set of 2 <sup>ndary</sup> balls,
Westmorland	5 Mallets, 1 set primary and 1 set secondary balls
Secretary	One projector