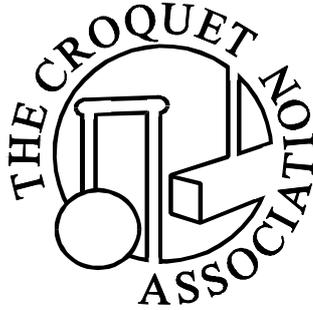


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Development Committee

February 2007

Dear Federation Secretary

The Lawns Advisory Group (LAG) has arranged a course on croquet lawn maintenance to be held in the autumn given by the experts at the Sports Turf Research Institute. The CA will meet the cost of the course. The full details of the course are given at the end of this letter.

The existing LAG has four members. They are Bob Whitaker (Chairman) (SW Fed), Peter Taylor (NW Fed) and George Noble (SE Fed) as well as the Chairman of the Development Committee. It is the wish of the CA that all Federations have a nominated person to be part of the LAG who will act as a knowledgeable first point of contact for the provision of advice on the care of lawns to clubs. To achieve this aim, the LAG therefore requests those unrepresented Federations to nominate an interested individual to attend the course and to become part of the LAG. The CA will pay travelling expenses and overnight expenses up to an approved level (See below). Please note that the course will be aimed at enthusiastic amateurs who want to apply this training to improving the club lawns in their Federation. It is likely that the nominees will already be responsible for their own club lawns either directly or through liasing with their local authorities or professional contractors.

There will also be further places available for other club members nominated by all Federations. You are invited to provide a list of names in order of merit and the organisers will allocate the extra places between the Federations. The cost for these nominees will be £10 per head to cover refreshments and lunch. The CA will not be providing any help for travel, subsistence etc for these attendees.

Your Development Officer will be able to answer any queries, or you may wish to contact the organiser direct.

I look forward to receiving your nominations.

Yours sincerely

Barry Keen
Chairman
CA Development Committee

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Lawns Advisory Group**

Course on the Maintenance of Croquet Lawns

Wednesday 31 October 2007

At

Sports Turf Research Institute, St Ives Estate, Bingley, BD16 1AU

Phone: +44(0) 1274 565131; Fax: +44(0) 1274 564391

<http://www.stri.co.uk>

The course will start at 10.00am and finish at 4.00pm. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day and lunch is provided.

Part of the course will be outside (weather permitting) so suitable clothing should be worn.

There are two 'lodge type' hotels within 10 minutes of the STRI charging just under £50 per night:

Inn Keeper Lodge, Keighly (price includes breakfast) tel: 08702430500

Premier Lodge, Bingley (Price excludes breakfast) tel: 08702428000.

Nominated LAG members will be able to claim the cost of this accommodation for the Tuesday night together with expenses to cover overnight meals up to a maximum of £30 from the CA. Second class rail fare will be also be re-imbursed or mileage paid at 0.25p per mile. All other attendees will pay £10 towards the costs of lunch and refreshments. All attendees including nominated LAG members are responsible for making their own travelling and accommodation arrangements.

The nominations for attending this course together with the individual contact details should be sent by post or e-mail to:

LAG course
B A Keen
20 Grove Park
Knutsford
Cheshire
WA16 8QA

Contact info: tel 01565 632420 e-mail barry.keen1@ntlworld.com

Once the organiser has chosen the final attendees, a request for a cheque for £10 payable to the CA will be made to each individual club nominee.

All nominations should be made as soon as possible. The initial allocation for places will be made on 30 June. Requests for places after that date will be met on a first come first served basis.

A copy of the programme is attached to give guidance on the content of the course.