Checklist for Team Captains (updated 13/3/17- JG Dawson)

Team membership

Check availability of team membership a week before the match, call upon the nominated reserve or other players if necessary

Match arrangements

Obtain from the relevant Club league secretary (see below) the contact details for the captain of the opposing team.

Liaise with him or her in the event of uncertain weather or playing conditions or any other unexpected circumstances

For home matches,

Request team members to bring food and beverages for both teams (the usual format is for the captain to bring milk for coffee and tea and for one person to bring bread rolls, butter and/or sandwiches, one person to bring cold meats and savouries, one person to bring salad, and one person to bring desserts). Contact nominated volunteers who are available to help serve lunch and tea

Determine whether the lawns are playable

Ensure all team members arrive by 9 am to open pavilion, set out teas/coffees, the lawns and equipment, chairs and umbrellas and ensure security of pavilion during play

Greet members of the visiting team on arrival; introduce members of the home team, and offer coffee or tea.

For away matches,

Check location and start time of away matches and plan route

Arrange meeting point and time for team members, agree who will drive (passengers are free to contribute to travel costs; if they do want to contribute, suggest 7p per mile per head)

Introduce members of the team and thank hosts at the end of the match.

Last minute Cancellations.

Agree cancellation with opposing captain

Tell your team and for home matches the helpers

Tell relevant Club league secretary

Handicaps, order of play and rules

Bring a suitable scoresheet for the match (available from the relevant Club league secretary or from the NW Federation website at www.croquetnw.co.uk)

Check team members' handicaps, determine order of play and doubles partnerships. Ensure up to date handicap cards are available for inspection.

Agree numbers of bisques/ free turns for doubles and singles matches, lawns, any double banking and colour vision deficiency issues, and the duration of matches with the captain of the opposing team within the relevant league rules

Bring a copy of the relevant laws of croquet and agree who shall act as referee (a qualified referee if available - or the most experienced player from either team) in the event of any ruling being necessary

Results and press report

Complete and agree results and scoresheet with the captain of the opposing team

Report match results to the relevant Club league secretary (John Dawson - Mid-Week, David Boyd – Weekend, Maureen Corrigan - Short, Jerry Guest- Advanced B, Maureen Ivens- Handicap Golf and Pat Clare (Chariots) and Jayne Taylor (Centurions) -Level Golf) for onward communication to the NW Federation league secretary

Pass on results and any highlights of the match to the Club publicity officer (Sally Slater) for local press coverage. Sally will pass on the relevant details to Hugh Bray for the website.

And last but not least ... Inspire your team to win!