

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**  
**WACA AGM 2009**

It is my pleasure to submit the Presidents Report to the WACA 2009 AGM.

- The Management Committee has had a turbulent year with changes to personnel and the introduction of new ideas into the funding of the Association.
- The Management Committee has been working on a strategic plan to chart a course for the future of the Association. One issue that rose out of our initial discussions on strategy was the burgeoning influence of Golf Croquet and the introduction of competition in Ricochet.
- Accepting that change is inevitable I am putting forward a proposition for consideration at our next AGM that the Association change the name to “The Mallet Sports Association of WA”.
- As you will see from our Treasurers Report and the Sub Committee Reports on Club Development, Coaching, Handicapping, Match, Refereeing and Selection we are getting our structure in shape and we are looking good for the coming years.
- We face a number of challenges in the future not the least being the retirement of our current Secretary to take up other roles within the Association. Brian has done a tremendous job in dealing with the issues that arise regularly, some of which have more to do with egos rather than croquet.
- The Management Committee is a small group (not by choice) and as a result have multiple roles to cover everything that needs to be done. I would like to use this forum to appeal to all players to look at their skills outside of playing the sport and step forward to assist the Committee if they feel they can contribute.
- No report would be complete without my expressing thanks to Susan for a huge job of work in Match and as webmaster, Eleanor in working long hours making sure our accounts reflect our financial position, Brian for being Mr Golf Croquet and Maureen and Merryl for Trophy Day.
- To finish, you would be aware that the Department of Sport and Recreation contribute funds to the running of the sport and they are having a cut in the amount they have to distribute to Clubs through Government belt tightening. As a result we will be engaged in a fight to minimise the amount lost to Croquet.
- I would suggest that everyone who has the interests of the sport at heart devote their energies to ensuring that the amount cut from our part of the cake is the absolute minimum.

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