

Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Saturday 1st November 1986 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley. K. Holroyde, J. Jeeves, E. Kitchener

Minutes of the Last Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising With reference to the funding of the Lawn Improvement Programme the Chairman said that his enquiries at the A.G.M. had resulted in promises of donations amounting to £800 + and an average supplement of £7 to the subscription for 1987. Approval was given to the supplement which would then be put to the Management Committee. It was agreed to apply to the E.D.D.C. and the Sidmouth Town Council for grants.

Allocation of Duties The Chairman made the following proposals which were approved unanimously:

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| Vice-Chairman | Iris Dwerryhouse |
| Representative on Management and Ground Committees | John Hatherley |
| Equipment | Jack Jeeves |

The remaining duties to continue as before (see Minutes of Committee meeting held on 17/10/85)

Club Conference at Hurlingham 6/12/1986 The Chairman said he would invite Bill Scarr to attend as the Club's representative.

S.W. Federation - A.G.M. The representatives would support the following suggestions: no change in the number of matches; 7 bisque system in the B league to continue; time limits even if format of games requires adjustment; It was decided to leave open the matter of supplying a list of high handicapped players to the Federation but the representatives would suggest raising the limit of the B League handicap to 16.

Reports E. Kitchener Croquet would be responsible for the cake-stall at the Coffee Morning on 22nd November. K. Holroyde would arrange this.

D. Barwick Cost of the H. Hicks' display was £54. 37 members had contributed to the Groundsman's benefit. It was agreed that, in future, a notice requesting members to make their contributions to direct to D. Barwick should be placed in the Mallet Room at the end of August.

I. Dwerryhouse Suggested that two training sessions on the Laws for present members should be held before Christmas and this was agreed.

Any Other Business

1. A report of a recent Ground Committee meeting which I. Dwerryhouse had attended was read. Improvements to the lawns in general would be made; reference was made to the re-laying of Lawn II; it was emphasised that Lawn IV was still only on loan.

It was agreed that a winter lawn should be made as before but that it must not be used at weekends.

2. The Chairman said that Mrs H. Mabon had offered to give a trophy in memory of Humphrey Hicks. It was agreed to accept this kind offer and to discuss details at a later date.

3. The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 3rd December 1986 at M. Hardman's house.



Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd December 1986 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, J Jeeves, E. Kitchener.

Minutes of the Last Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising 1. Funding of Lawn Improvement Programme. Applications for grants for 1987 had been made to the Sidmouth Town Council and the Sports Council; the closing date for applications to the E.D.D.C. had passed. The temporary levy had been approved by the Management Committee and the Chairman would send a letter, setting out the facts, to all members before the Club A.G.M. 2. Club Conference. Bill Scarr had withdrawn and the representatives would be Philip and Iris Dwerryhouse. 3. S.W. Federation A.G.M. The report of the meeting included reference to the alteration of Federation Rules viz: B. League minimum handicap 16; matches to be played on the Bray system with handicap differentials. Sidmouth was asked to consider arranging a Short Croquet Tournament.

It was agreed that E. Kitchener should offer a 2-day mid-week Tournament on Wed/Thurs 3rd/4th June 1987.

Spring Programme The following arrangements were approved:

Whist Drives on 13th Jan: ,10th Feb: ,10th March. 2 p.m.
Prospective Players' Meeting Wednesday 4th March 2 p.m.
First of six lessons for prospective players 18th March 2 p.m.
Annual Lunch Thursday 2nd April at The Royal Glen Hotel. Tickets £6.00

Membership It was agreed that the following application should be forwarded to the Club Management Committee for approval: Mr H. E. Ovens

Waiting List 1987 It was agreed that the list should close on 31/12/86 and that applications made after that should be put on a list for 1988 on the understanding that if circumstances permitted before then the applicants would be informed of training programmes.

Tournaments Entries had already been made for the Senior and B Leagues of the S.W. Federation and it was agreed that a team should be entered for the Longman Cup and that the Club should participate in the All-England Handicap.

Reports

J. Jeeves Reported on maintenance of equipment which included oiling of mallets and general tidying in the mallet room.

I. Dwerryhouse The training sessions on the Laws had been attended by 24 and 31 members respectively. She suggested a weekend training session in the spring similar to the one held in April.

Any Other Business

1. Club Trophies. The Secretary said she would ask P. Dwerryhouse to arrange for the engraving of these as before. I. Dwerryhouse suggested that an assessment of the value of the trophies should be made and that the possibility of re-placing them with smaller ones should be considered.

2. The next meeting was arranged for 10 a.m. on Wednesday 4th February 1987 at M. Hardman's house.



SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, HOCKEY & CROQUET CLUB

Goodrich House Cheese Lane

SIDMOUTH

DECEMBER 1986

Dear

At our recent AGM I revealed plans for the relaying of Lawn 2 after the 1987 playing season; these plans have now been approved by the Management Committee.

The cost will be between £2,500 and £3,000 and we cannot expect all this to be funded by the General Club Funds. We are making application for grant aid from various bodies, but owing to the nature of this work I do not anticipate much help from this direction; it will, therefore, fall upon all members of the Croquet Section to make whatever contribution they feel able to afford.

Those members who attended the AGM will recall that I explained the possibility of applying a temporary supplement to the 1987 subscriptions, thus enabling everyone to make some contribution to the cost, and in order to assess the response of members, you were asked to complete a questionnaire the result of which was as follows:

"I am in favour of a temporary supplement to the annual subscription for 1987 of -

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| Nil | £3 | £5 | £7 | £10" |
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Fifty completed forms were returned and the results are summarized thus:

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| Nil - 2 | £3 - 6 | £5 - 19 | £7 - 4 | £10 - 19 |
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This enthusiastic response reflects the desire of members to support this long overdue project and I am personally very grateful for your support. Consequently, your Committee have agreed to recommend a supplement of £7. You will be asked to agree this figure at the Club's ACM when all subscription rates are put forward for approval.

It is expected that this supplement (which will not apply to - Juniors, nor to Country Members) will bring in over £600.

The questionnaire which was distributed at our own AGM also asked members to indicate what amount, if any, they would be prepared to donate (in addition to the supplement). I am delighted to tell you that donations have been promised in excess of £800.

This is a wonderful start towards our target and I look forward to similar support from those members who were not able to attend our last meeting. When the tennis courts were re-laid in 1984, the tennis section raised over £10,000 by way of private donations alone and I am sure we will meet our much smaller target without too much difficulty.

A special "Croquet Lawn Improvement Fund" has now been opened and I will be happy to receive donations, large or small. In this connection please note that it is not intended to publish a list of donations.

The Tennis Section now have hard courts, much of the fencing around the ground has been renewed, further fencing will be renewed within the next few months, the improvements to the pavilion are well on the way to completion and now it is the turn of the croquet players to have improved playing surfaces.

In anticipation of your support. My thanks to you all.

Sincerely,

SIDMOUTH CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB

CROQUET SECTION

Spring Programme 1987

WHIST DRIVES will be held at 2.00 p.m. in the Pavilion on the following TUESDAYS:

13th January

10th February

10th March

Lunch

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held at the ROYAL GLEN HOTEL

at 12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m. on

THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd

TICKETS: £6-00

LAWNS OPEN ground & weather permitting

SATURDAY, APRIL 4th.

When the new subscription rates are announced please pay yours promptly. If you do not wish to continue as a Member, please notify the Hon. Secretary, Mary Hardman. (Tel: Sidmouth 4131),

Although Croquet is your game, the Club as a whole needs your help with various jobs, e.g., cricket teas, bar, deck-chair money, etc.

Will you please offer to help once or twice during the season? Ring the Chairman of the Croquet Section, John Hatherley (Tel * Sidmouth 3589)

Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 1987 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, J. Jeeves, E. Kitchener

Minutes of the Last Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matter Arising Club Conference. I. Dwerryhouse reported on this; points of interest: marked increase in number of Clubs and training facilities; demand for week-end in preference to 5-day tournaments; availability of three videos for hire.

Lawn Improvement Fund The levy of £7 per member for this year, being the average sum suggested by members at the A.G.M., should be paid separately to the Club and not included in the subscription. Country, Junior and new members would be excused payment of the levy.

Tournaments E. Kitchener said that the suggested Short Croquet tournament would not be organised by the SW Federation and that it was intended that the Sidmouth Club would be responsible for arranging this. It would be open to players from Clubs in the Federation. The following arrangements were approved:

Open Tournament - Short Croquet - 2 groups according to handicap

Date: Wed/Thurs 27/28 May

Joint Managers: I. Dwerryhouse and E. Kitchener

No: of entrants: 24 (maximum)

Entrance fee: £5 (Sidmouth members £3)

Club Tournaments It was agreed to adopt the Bray System and 3 hour time limit for the Belmont Cup, Fermor Bowl and All England Handicap. All finals games to be played to a finish.

Prospective Players' Meeting. 20 had accepted, 7 had withdrawn and 9 had not replied. It was agreed that the training fee of £5 for 6 lessons should be paid into the Lawn Improvement Fund.

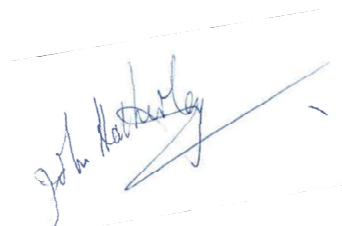
Reports J. Jeeves It was unlikely that a winter lawn would be arranged.

After discussion it was agreed that Lawn 4 should be divided into two lawns for the whole season. It was hoped that the relaying of Lawn 2 would begin in early September.

K. Holroyde The January Whist Drive had been cancelled because of bad weather.

I. Dwerryhouse Suggested that training sessions would be arranged for those willing to play in Federation and B League teams. A general discussion followed on Club afternoons resulting in agreement to follow last year's plan.

Any Other Business The next meeting was arranged for Monday 9th March 1987 at 10 a.m. at M. Hardman's house.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th March 1987 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, J. Jeeves, E. Kitchener

Minutes of the Last Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Tournaments

1. Short Croquet - 27/28 May. Further arrangements were approved as follows: an advertisement having been placed in SWAN it was agreed to accept the first 24 applicants; Sidmouth applicants would be limited to 8; prizes 1st £5, 2nd £3 in each section.

2. Club. Hicks Cup. After discussion it was agreed that this should be awarded for open handicap level, advanced play. It was also agreed that entrants for the Devonia Cup should have a handicap of 16 and over. Fees and closing dates for entries were agreed as follows:

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| Fermor Bowl, Belmont Cup, Hicks Cup and Doubles | 10/5/87 |
| All-England | 10/5/87 |
| Devonia Cup | 31/5/87 |
| Golf Croquet | 14/6/87 |
| Two-Ball | 4/7/87 |

Entry fees: All-England £1

All other club tournaments 30p per entry

Programme for the Season The following was approved:

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| Association Croquet Club afternoons | Mondays beginning | 25/5/87 |
| Golf Croquet Club mornings | Wednesdays | 6/5/87 |
| Finals Day | | 1/9/87 |
| Golf Croquet Finals Day | | 2/9/87 |

The remainder of the programme was also approved; copy attached.

Association and Golf Croquet semi-finals to be played by 29/8/87

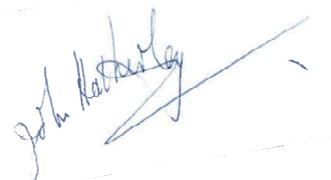
Membership It was agreed in principle that the following application should be forwarded to the Club Management Committee for approval: Mr and Mrs R. Russell.

Reports J. Jeeves Expenditure not exceeding £30 was authorised for new checkboards and clips.

E. Kitchener. With reference to team selection he proposed to put notices in the Mallet Room inviting members to volunteer for League and B League teams indicating when they would not be available for play. He would arrange for training of teams when selected.

I. Dwerryhouse Reported on current training arrangements for new members. An assessment of the current value of the Club trophies had shown that it would not be an economic proposition to sell them and replace with smaller ones.

Any Other Business The next meeting was arranged for 10 a.m. on Thursday 23rd April 1987 at M. Hardman's house.



PROGRAMME - 1987

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| APRIL | 4 | Saturday | Lawns open |
| | 20 | Monday | Club Table Sale |
| | 25 | Saturday | Club Coffee Morning |
| MAY | 6 | Wednesday | Golf Croquet Club mornings start |
| | 13 | Wednesday | Spring Lunch |
| | 22 | Friday | Soup and pasty supper |
| | 25 | Monday | Association Croquet Club afternoons start |
| | 27/28 | Wed/Thurs | Open Tournament - Short Croquet |
| JUNE | 7 | Sunday | SW Federation of Croquet Clubs. B League match against Bournemouth; at home |
| | 7 | Sunday | SW Federation of Croquet Clubs. League match against Bristol; away |
| | 14 | Sunday | SW Federation of Croquet Clubs. B League match against Exeter; away |
| | 26 | Friday | SW Federation of Croquet Clubs. Federation and B League matches against Budleigh; at home |
| | 12 | Sunday | SW Federation of Croquet Clubs Federation match against Bath; at home |
| JULY | 10 | Friday | Club Garden Party |
| | 20/21 | Mon/Tues | 2 - Ball Tournament |
| | 28 | Tues | SW Federation of Croquet Clubs. Federation and B League match against Parkstone; away |
| AUGUST | 21 | Friday | SW Federation of Croquet Clubs; B League match against Cranford at home. |
| | 21 | Friday | Salad Bowl Supper |
| SEPTEMBER | 1 | Tuesday | Association Croquet Club Tournament Finals Day |
| | 2 | Wednesday | Golf Croquet Club Tournament Finals Day |
| | 4 | Friday | St Leger Supper |
| | 5/6 | Sat/Sun | All-England Area Finals |

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Closing dates for tournament entries:

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| Fermor Bowl, Belmont Cup, Doubles and Level Advanced | 10/5/87 |
| Devonia Cup (now handicap 16 and over) | 31/5/87 |
| All-England | 10/5/87 |
| 2 - Ball Tournament | 4/7/87 |
| Golf Croquet Singles and Doubles | 14/6/87 |

Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 1987 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde

Apologies were received from I. Dwerryhouse, J. Jeeves and E. Kitchener

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matter Arising Hicks Cup. Sheila Scarr would collect this from Mrs Mabon when it was completed.

Correspondence The Spring circular from the SW Federation had been received; the AGM would be held at Tracy Park on Sunday 1/11/87.

1987 Training Course A report from I. Dwerryhouse said that training had been delayed owing to bad weather but was now proceeding normally and all trainees were attending regularly and were keen to join the club. It was agreed that the following applications be forwarded to the Management Committee for approval: Mrs P. Alexander, Mr and Mrs W. Canby, Mrs M. Chattey, Mr P. Furness, Mrs P. Gill, Mr K. Hollinshead, Miss J. Kennedy, Mr and Mrs L. Kennedy, Dr and Mrs W.V. Smekal, Mr I. Wilson, Mrs M. Wilson. Also Mrs M. Milner and Mr and Mrs R. Sims who are already members of the main club.

Reports K. Holroyde 65 members attended the lunch at the Royal Glen. The annual Golf Croquet matches against Budleigh would be held, here in June and at Budleigh in September; dates to be confirmed. Catering arrangements for the Longman Cup match on May 3rd and the Short Croquet tournament on 27th/28th May were in hand.

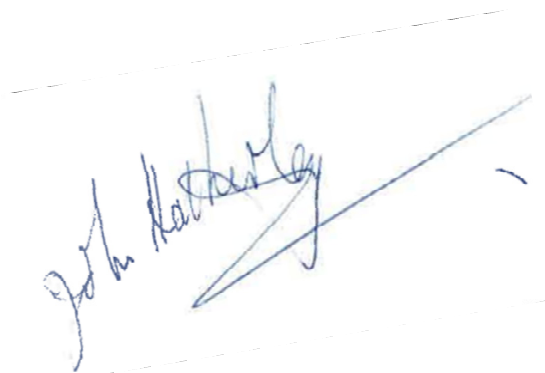
D. Barwick £13 had been paid out for checkboards leaving a balance of £22.

Any Other Business 1. Winter 1987/88 dates. It was agreed that the tearoom would be required on the following afternoons:

Whist Drives. 1st Tuesday in the month i.e. 3rd Nov., 1st Dec., 5th Jan., 2nd Feb., 1st March.

2. Lawn Improvement Fund and Re-laying of Lawn 2. The total raised so far was £1,317.79 It was agreed to close Lawn 2 on 30th September so that a firm date could, be given to the contractors.

3. The next meeting was arranged for 10 a.m. on Tuesday 9th June 1987 at M. Hardman's house.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 1987 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J Hatherley, E. Kitchener

Apologies were received from K. Holroyde and J. Jeeves

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising. Training. Mrs M. Wilson had withdrawn her application for membership after the fifth lesson. 2. The Golf Croquet matches against Budleigh had been arranged for June 17th at home and September 9th at Budleigh. 3. Lawn Fund. This amounted to £1600 plus including the profit of £109 resulting from the Short Croquet Tournament. It was agreed that Lawn 2 should be cut for the last time on September 4th but that it could be used after that until the contractors came which would be after the middle of the month; no bookings to be made after September 19th.

Club Afternoons Following the large attendance at two recent Club afternoons the Committee discussed at length how these should be organised and it was agreed that they should begin at 1 p.m. and continue in 2-hourly sessions when Association Croquet Doubles and Singles were played.

Membership It was agreed that the following application for membership be forwarded to the Management Committee for approval: Mrs D. Jenkinson. Owing to the size of the present membership, it was agreed that in future applications from potential members who had handicaps, including those applying for Country Membership, must be referred to the next Croquet Committee meeting before being forwarded to the Management Committee.

Reports I. Dwerryhouse The Short Croquet Tournament had been very successful and thanks to K. Holroyde for arranging the catering were expressed.

E. Kitchener In the SW Federation matches Sidmouth had won 4-3 against Bournemouth in the 'B' league and lost 3-4 against Bristol in the Federation League.

Wellington Club would like to play a friendly match here; the second week in August was suggested and he would arrange a date.

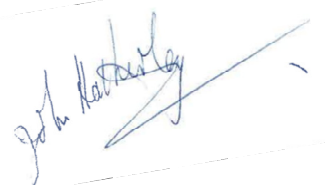
D. Barwick Funds in hand amounted to £23

J. Jeeves A written report referred to the unsatisfactory state of some mallet heads; 2 new hoops had been ordered; gaps in the stop netting between Lawns 2 and 4 would be filled in with chicken wire; protective material was being supplied to stop netting stanchions to prevent damage to balls.

Any Other Business 1. Club Garden Party 10/7/87. J. Hatherley and E. Kitchener would arrange for side-shows as before and M. Hardman would ask K. Holroyde to arrange for a Cake-Stall.

2. The next Committee meetings were arranged as follows at M. Hardman's house:
Tuesday 7th July 1987 at 7 30 p.m.

Friday 28th August 1987 at 9.45 a.m.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 1987 at M. Hardman's house

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, J. Jeeves, E Kitchener

An apology was received from D. Barwick

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising 1. The Golf Croquet match on June 17th resulted in a win for Budleigh 10-5. 2. The Lawn Improvement Fund amounts to £1663 +.

Annual General Meeting It was agreed that this should be held on Thursday 8/10/87 at 2.30 p.m. in the Pavilion. The following arrangements were also approved:

1. that P. Dwerryhouse, in his capacity as President of the main Club, should be invited to present the trophies
2. that agendas should be circulated to members one month before the meeting
3. that a notice requesting nominations for Chairman, Secretary and five Committee members should be posted in the Mallet Room on 1/9/87 and remain there until 30/9/87.

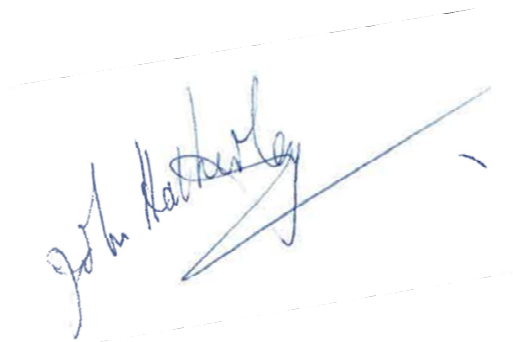
The following committee members, who had served for three years, would not seek re-election: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley.

Reports J. Jeeves At the next Ground Committee meeting he would ask for a Lawn Improvement programme in the autumn which would also include fence maintenance.

E. Kitchener The Federation team had won one match and lost one and the B team had won all three matches played. L. Toye had offered to give a trophy in the event of another Short Croquet Tournament being arranged next year.

I. Dwerryhouse Would arrange games for beginners where participants would have "leaders".

Any Other Business None

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Friday 28th August 1987 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, J. Jeeves, E. Kitchener

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matter Arising P. Dwerryhouse had accepted the invitation to present the trophies.

Manor Pavilion Carpark Keys New keys had been issued to the six members who held the previous, now obsolete, keys. A list of conditions to be observed by key-holders had been made and the Chairman said that, in future, a copy should be given to each key-holder. See copy attached.

Finals Day As some finalists were not available on the original date it was agreed that finals should be played as follows:

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| Devonia and Belmont Cups | Tuesday | 1/9/87 |
| Handicap Doubles | Wednesday | 2/9/87 |
| Fermor Bowl and Hicks Cup | Tuesday | 8/9/87 |

All-England Area Finals 5th/6th September The following appointments were approved:

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| Manager | I. Dwerryhouse |
| Secretary | E. Kitchener |
| Referees | P. Dwerryhouse, R. Peirce |

Annual General Meeting With reference to the award of cups for the Most Improved Players, it was agreed that last year's sub-committee of I. Dwerryhouse, J. Hatherley and E. Kitchener should again select names which would be announced at the meeting.

Reports I. Dwerryhouse Club afternoons had been well supported but she suggested that in future, members should achieve a handicap of 18 and below before participating. The Shot Game would be held on Monday 31/8/87 and it was agreed that after Wednesday 2/9/87 there would be no further Association Club afternoons and Golf Croquet mornings.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to I. Dwerryhouse for her work in training new members, many of whom had expressed appreciation for the time she had given to this and for her patience. This was cordially endorsed by the Committee.

E Kitchener In the SW Federation matches the A team had played all matches, winning one and losing three. The B team had won all matches and would play in the semi-final at Cranford. on 13/9/87.

D. Barwick He proposed to discontinue split time bookings on Lawns 4 and 5 as they were not required.

J. Jeeves After discussion on lawn improvement approval, was given for the recommendation to the Ground Committee at its meeting on 4/10/87 that £250 should be spent on the appropriate top dressing for lawns 1,2 and 3.

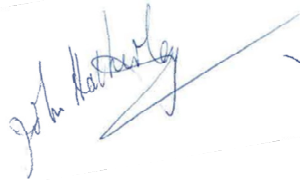
2 sets of balls and 5 sets of clips would be required next year and enquiries would be made about a hoop-maker.

Any Other Business 1. The Chairman said that the Sidmouth Club would be re-building its bar in Feb/March 1988 which would involve some encroachment on Lawn 1. It was agreed that no further bookings of lawns should be made after 26/9/87.

The Lawn Improvement Fund amounted to £1700.

The Chairman then expressed his thanks to all Committee members for their work during the year.

2. The next meeting was arranged for 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 1st October 1987 at M. Hardman's house.

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USE OF MANOR PAVILION CARPARK

Members of the Croquet Section who have keys to the carpark are asked to note the following conditions:

1. A Season Ticket for EDDC carparks must be obtained and its number and the car registration number must be given to the Secretary of the Croquet Section.
 2. The carpark may only be used by the keyholder when playing croquet and for no other purpose e.g. shopping, social calls.
 3. The carpark must not be used when events are being held at the Manor Pavilion and/or Arts Centre. This restriction is very important.
 4. When the padlocked chain is in use at the carpark key holders must replace it after parking and on leaving.
- . The key is not transferable,

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The retention of six keys by the Croquet Section is a valuable concession and is conditional upon the members obeying the above rules laid down by the EDDC.

All keys must be returned to the Secretary of the Croquet section in the autumn as soon as the lawns are closed.

Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st October 1987 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, E. Kitchener

An apology was received from J. Jeeves.

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising 1. The Lawn Improvement Fund amounted to £1780 and the Management Committee would make up a reasonable shortfall. 2. With reference to the re-building project at the Sidmouth Club, the Chairman said that he had had discussions with the Treasurer of the Sidmouth Club who had been unable to give a definite date but had suggested that there should be a meeting between three members of the Sidmouth Club and three members of the Cricket Club.

S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs A letter had been received from the Secretary congratulating the club on the efficiency of the arrangements for the All-England Area Final and the success of the Short Croquet Tournament. Details of the A.G.M. had also been received and it was agreed that this matter should be referred to the new committee.

Annual General Meeting The Report, having already been circulated to Committee members, was unanimously approved for presentation at the meeting.

Membership Through the Secretary, David and Marie Purdon, now of Otter Holt, 37 Granary Lane, Budleigh Salterton (Tel: Budleigh Salterton 6235) expressed appreciation for the welcome they had received as Country Members during the summer. David Purdon, a C.A. Coach, was willing to help with training if required.

Reports D. Barwick. Gave a summary of his report for the A.G.M. and referred to the satisfactory financial-position.

E. Kitchener The B League had lost the semi-final match against Taunton 1-3.

I. Dwerryhouse Gave a summary of her training report for the A.G.M.

K. Holroyde Said that some dissatisfaction had been expressed concerning the arrangements for the preliminary heats of the Golf Croquet Tournaments and she proposed to ask those involved, present at the A.G.M. to indicate by a show of hands what method should be adopted.

Any Other Business 1. K. Holroyde said that a visitor who had seen the Hicks display had drawn her attention to the omission of one of his successes and that she would arrange for its inclusion.

2. The Chairman then thanked the Committee members for all their support which had contributed to a very successful year.

E. G. Kitchener

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Section held on Thursday 8th October 1987 at 2.30 p.m. in the Pavilion

The meeting opened with a welcome from the Chairman to Margaret Clark, Secretary of the main Club, and to all members. He then asked members to stand in memory of Marian Holt who had died during the year.

65 members attended the meeting

Apologies for absence were received from Bill and Beryl Canby, Mavis Chattey, Pat Dawes, Mac Dawson, Margaret Isard, Fred and Betty Moores Jocelyn Page, Buzz Palmer, Reg Peirce, Len Sage, May Stephenson, Freda Tovey, Tom and Joan Ward

The Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 21st October 1986 were read, approved and signed

Matter Arising With reference to the Club Conference held at Hurlingham in December 1986, the Chairman said that Philip and Iris Dwerryhouse had attended as the section's representatives.

Committee's Report The Secretary read the Report which gave details of activities in general and this was unanimously approved.

Lawn Improvement Programme The Chairman said that work had begun on Lawn 2 and an area on Lawn 1 was also being levelled. Grants had not been forthcoming from expected sources but levies, donations and sundry fund-raising projects had yielded £1900 + to date and any reasonable shortfall would be made up by the Club Management Committee. He thanked the members for their whole-hearted support of the project.

Reports

Donald Barwick

Cashier A successful financial year had resulted in substantial contributions to Club and Lawn Funds.

Booking-Sheets Very little double-banking; Lawns 4 and 5 frequently available at short notice.

Eric Kitchener

Tournaments The B team had again done particularly well. The Open Short Croquet Tournament had yielded over £100 for the Lawn Fund. Alfred Verity asked that consideration be given to co-ordinating tournament games of 3 hours duration with timed bookings of 2 hours as he had found inconvenience caused by this as well as pressure on bookings as the result of matches. In the discussion which followed these points were made by several members: that the present arrangements were satisfactory; that the Draw and Process system, instead of the present American Block system, be considered; that Lawns 4 and 5 should be made into one; that more members should be prepared to double-bank.

Iris Dwerryhouse

Training A charge had again been made for a training course of six lessons for beginners, seventeen of whom had joined the Club. She thanked the coaches and others who had assisted in training. Several members then spoke on matters allied to training and coaching and the following points were referred to the new Committee for consideration: that coaching for middle bisquers should be arranged with emphasis on single aspects such as cannons as well as on tactics; that members should be encouraged to attend as spectators and to take part in C.A. Tournaments; that the 2-Ball Game was particularly appropriate for Club afternoons.

Pat Alexander said that she, and other new players, had been most impressed with the encouragement and time given by the coaches and others in training sessions and expressed thanks for this.

Katherine Holroyde Social Whist afternoons had been well supported and she thanked members who had helped with whist and tournament teas

Golf Croquet With reference to the playing of preliminary heats of the Golf Croquet Tournaments, she asked those present who were involved in these to indicate by a show of hands which of the methods adopted in the previous three years was preferable. The majority was in favour of two whole days being set aside for this purpose. Gwen Hewitt thanked Katherine Holroyde for her organisation of Golf Croquet mornings and for her encouragement.

Jack Jeeves Equipment/Ground Improvements to the lawns would involve expenditure on top dressings and lawn sprinklers. Checkboards had been provided and further improvements would follow.

Election of Officers and Five Committee Members The following nominations had been received and in the absence of any others the nominees were duly elected for the coming year:

Chairman Eric Kitchener Secretary Ian Wilson
Committee Members Cecily Garrick, Katherine Holroyde, Jack Jeeves, Bill Kennedy, Esme Owen.

John Hatherley, the retiring Chairman, thanked the retiring Committee members for their work during the year and the members for the support given to himself and the Committee.

Votes of thanks to the retiring Chairman and the retiring Secretary were then proposed by Sheila Scarr and Sue Rawkins respectively and these were endorsed by the meeting.

Any Other Business None


Following this handicap reductions were announced by Iris Dwerryhouse.

The Chairman then introduced Philip Dwerryhouse, the President of the main Club, and invited him to present the section's trophies. These were as follows:

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| Hicks Cup | Advanced Play | John Hatherley |
| Belmont Cup | Handicap Singles | John Wasdell |
| Fermor Bowl | Ladies Handicap Singles | Sheila Scarr |
| Colclough & Sidmouth Cups | Handicap Doubles | Leslie Toye & Jack Jeeves |
| Devonia Cup | High Handicap Singles | Ted Owen |
| Most Improved Player | | |
| Longworth Cup | Handicap 13 & under | Leslie Toye |
| Sidmouth Croquet Club Cup | Handicap 14 & over | Donald Barwick |
| Corbett Spoons | High Bisquers | Ted Owen |
| | Low Bisquers | John Hatherley |
| Cunningham Salvors | Golf Croquet Singles | Gordon Bamford |
| | Doubles | David & Sue Rawkins |

Eric Kitchener proposed a vote of thanks to the President during which he referred the President's long connection with the main Club, the work he had done for it and the support he gave to the Croquet Section. This was cordially endorsed by the meeting.

The meeting then closed and tea was served.


Oct 10/88

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

In the spring the section congratulated Philip Dwerryhouse on his election as President of the main Club, a position which had not been held previously by a member of the Croquet section.

Mrs Hilary Mabon, a god-daughter of the late Humphrey Hicks, presented a trophy to the section to be called the "Humphrey Hicks Cup". This will be awarded annually to the winner of a section tournament for Level Advanced Play.

The Committee, having considered the state of the lawns, decided on a Lawn Improvement Programme beginning with the re-laying of Lawn 2 in the autumn of 1987. This is due to the energy and initiative of the Chairman, John Hatherley, who also organised the funding of the project which will cost about 2,500 most of which has been donated by members of the section.

An innovation this year was an open 2-day Short Croquet Tournament in May which proved to be most successful.

In the S.W. Federation League matches the section won one of the four matches played. In the B League the section reached the semi-finals but lost 1-3 to Taunton. The Committee congratulates all those who played in the matches which contributed to this result.

A team was entered in the Longman Cup but lost its match in the first round which was against Nailsea.

In the All-England Handicap the section was represented at the Area Finals, held this year at Sidmouth, by John Hatherley and Eric Kitchener, the latter reaching the semi-finals.

Golf Croquet Friendly Matches against Budleigh resulted in a win for Budleigh and a win for Sidmouth.

Twelve members have played in C.A. Tournaments at Budleigh, Cheltenham, Parkstone and Southwick. At the Budleigh Tournament in May Leslie Toye won the L.G. Walters Long Handicap Trophy and Alan Harding was the runner-up; Mary Hardman and John Hatherley were the runners-up in the Handicap Doubles at the same tournament. Philip and Iris Dwerryhouse won the Open Doubles Handicap event at Southwick in June for the second year in succession. In the Open Tournament at Budleigh in September, Katherine Holroyde emerged as winner in Group F and Philip Dwerryhouse was runner-up in Group A.

Section tournaments were well supported with the following results:

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| | Low Bisquer | John Hatherley |
| Cunningham Salvagers | Golf Croquet Singles | Gordon Bamford |
| | Doubles | David & Sue Rawkins |

Two sessions on the Laws for present members were held during the winter and seventeen new members attended six training sessions in the spring. Further training assistance was given during the evenings in the summer.

Club sessions have continued each week during the playing season when Association Croquet, including the 2-Ball Game and the Shot Game, was played on Monday afternoons and Golf Croquet on Wednesday mornings. These have been well attended.

The main Club fund-raising efforts have again been supported by taking charge of the cake stalls at Coffee Mornings, organised by Betty Moores and Connie Verity, and arranging for side-shows at the July Garden Party when several members were responsible.

Alan and Joan Reid arranged monthly Whist Drives during the winter and our thanks are due to them for these pleasant social occasions. There was an attendance of 65 for the Annual Lunch at the Royal Glen Hotel. Our especial thanks are due to Katherine Holroyde for arranging this and also the catering for the Short Croquet Tournament and the other matches played at the Club.

The section has 104 members. There is a Waiting List of 26 for 1988.